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Efficient for whom?

State discovers 'efficiencies' in pandemic closures while hundreds of motorists drive hundreds of miles for licensure testing

By Lori Sorenson

More than 100 local student drivers were licensed in the past year, and they all had to travel outside the county for their written and behind the wheel exams.

That's because the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) closed all 93 testing stations around the state in March 2020 during the pandemic.

A few months later, it reopened 14 consolidated stations, and few months later 23 test sites were open.

However, 70 test sites, mostly in rural areas of the state, remained closed, forcing rural drivers to travel hundreds of miles to get licensed.

Luverne's Tyler Arends and his family were among the Rock County drivers affected by the DVS closures. He turned 16 on June 22, and his mom, Kim Arends, planned ahead.

On May 13 she scheduled Tyler's behind the wheel test for June 22 in Marshall, which was the test site closest to Luverne. That would allow him to drive on his 16th birthday.

The plan fell apart, however,



Lori Sorenson photo/0902 DVS test stations

Luverne's Tyler Arends and his family were among hundreds of Rock County drivers affected by DVS closures. He turned 16 on June 22, and he and his mom, Kim, traveled to Willmar for his behind-the-wheel test.

on June 2 when a rained-out golf meet got rescheduled and they had to reschedule the driving test for June 24, two days after Tyler's birthday.

"The next closest place was Willmar," Kim said. "I heard from other families who drove to Fairmont."

It took a day of travel, but she's

counting their blessings.

"Luckily he passed on the first try," she said. "And he's a summer birthday; he didn't have to miss school." They traveled to Marshall in June 2020 for the written test to get his permit.

"It's a bummer for the kids,

DVS testing sites/see page 3

Rock the Edge brings message of encouragement and motivation to students at start of school year

By Mavis Fodness

Reactions to life events can often be motivating or devastating, depending on one's mindset.

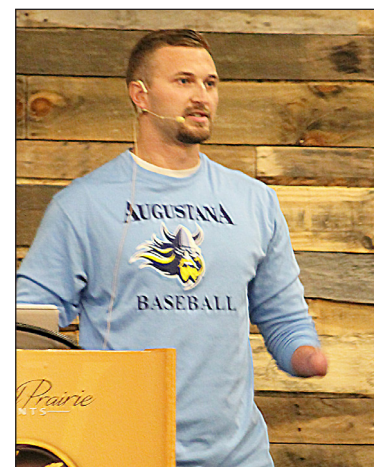
Parker Hanson, 24, chooses to rise above adversity and embrace the life he was given.

"God doesn't want you to look back in your life," he said. "He wants you to look forward to tomorrow."

Hanson, a former Augustana University baseball standout and Sioux Falls Canaries player, spoke at the inaugural Rock the Edge prayer breakfast Wednesday morning, Sept. 1, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Hanson encouraged the 100 students, parents and community members to "Rise Above Adversity: There's No Excuses in Life," to set the tone for the upcoming school year.

The Hawley, Minnesota, native was born without a left hand, yet he excelled at sports, rose to be a top pitcher in high school and college,



Mavis Fodness photo/0909 prayer breakfast

Parker Hanson speaks about being born without a left hand and how he spent years hiding it to avoid ridicule. He encouraged audience members at the Rock the Edge prayer breakfast Sept. 1 to think more positively and accept themselves.

and fulfilled his childhood dream of playing professional baseball.

However, he said the achievements were "fake happiness," while inside

Parker Hanson/see page 3

County, ACLU settle stop and search lawsuit

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County has agreed to a settlement of all claims asserted in a federal lawsuit against Rock County and its deputies related to the Nov. 27, 2018, stop and search of Kelli Jo Torres.

Named in the suit are deputies Dallas Hamm and Shelley Douty, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge and Rock County for "violating the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures, as well as state law."

Under the terms of the settlement, Torres along with her attorney will receive payment of \$140,000. The settlement funds will be paid through the county's coverage with the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT).

The County has also agreed to make minor changes to its policies, including conducting additional training on searches and auditing traffic stops and arrests made by its deputies for the next two years.

In her lawsuit, Torres alleged she was subjected to an "invasive" roadside search when she as a passenger was asked to exit the vehicle so it could be inventoried following the arrest of the driver.

The driver was initially pulled over for a dangling air freshener.

According to Rock County officials,

Rock County settles lawsuit/see page 5



Dallas Hamm



Evan Verbrugge

New stars and stripes greet students on first day of school

Local donation funds classroom flags, outdoor flag and new pole

By Mavis Fodness

Tuesday marked the first day of the 2021-22 school year for Luverne Public School students.

Waiting for them were gifts from local veterans — American flags for each classroom and a large, new flagpole outside the new entrance to Luverne Middle-High School.

Glen Gust, a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and retired Luverne business owner, and his wife, Barb, funded the gift of 110 flags for the elementary, middle school and high school classrooms.

They also partnered with the Hardwick and Luverne American Legions and the Rock County Veterans Fund with the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

At a small event Friday afternoon under the new flagpole, the veteran groups and the Gusts were recognized and thanked for their donations. Twenty-five veterans and their spouses attended.

"What a wonderful gift," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, whose grandfathers were both World War II veterans.

"We couldn't have public schools without your service

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Mavis Fodness photo/0902 Veterans at School

Local veterans were invited to the Luverne Public Schools campus Friday, where school officials thanked them for the new flag pole installed at the new middle-high school entrance on Dodge Street. Pictured (from left) are Pat Baustian, Wes Pierson, Glenda Schomacher, Jay Mann, LeRoy Schomacher, Wayne Biever, Don Bryan, Fred Cook, Lorna Bryan, Glen Gust, Dave Banck, Jerry Hoff, Jim Klosterbuer, Ed Stearns, Paul Aukes, Patti Pierson, Bruce Wilson, Kyle Oldre and Marv Laackman.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the township hall.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet 7:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the home of Justin Prins.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Kenneth Community Center.

Hospice memorial service Sept. 9

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host a memorial service at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Luverne City Park to remember those who died under the hospice program August 2020 through August 2021. Call 507-283-1805 with questions.

Library book sale starts Sept. 16

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

Free food offered Sept. 16

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building where volunteers will load groceries into cars. Walkers should receive their groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.

Free food for seniors Sept. 16

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, as a drive thru distribution in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln, Luverne. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information. Pre-registration is required.

'Out of the Darkness' walk and Kevin Hines speaker Sept. 18

Out of the Darkness suicide prevention walk will be at Saturday, Sept. 18, on the Luverne High School track with registration and open comments at 7 a.m. and walk starting at 8. Suicide survivor Kevin Kines event was postponed until Sept. 18 when he will speak that evening in the new Luverne High School performing arts center. It's free and open to the public.

Register for the walk at afsp.org/luverne. Money raised through the event will be used for community education and training about suicide prevention research.

Historical Society Sept. 20 event features story of Dick Wildung

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

The 7:15 program at the Palace Theatre features author and journalist Danny Spewak who shares the story of the 1941 Gopher National Championship football team. His book, "From the Gridiron to the Battlefield," chronicles Minnesota's March to a college football title and into World War II.

Two-time All-American and Gopher great Dick Wildung, a Luverne High School grad, is part of the program. Reserve banquet tickets by Sept. 17 at the History Center, 507-283-2122, or email rcmuseum@gmail.com. The program at the Palace is free.



Luverne Student Council helps with kitchen move



Student council members help Luverne High School custodial staff on Aug. 25 move kitchen items from the basement cafeteria storage room upstairs to the new kitchen area. The construction of the new kitchen area was completed in time for the 2021-22 school year.

At left, food service director Ann Rigney (far left) directs student council members (from left) Elizabeth Wagner, Griffen Jarchow, Luke Thorson, Averill Sehr and Christina Wagner as they place kitchen supplies in the new kitchen area.

Mavis Fodness photo/
0902 LHS Kitchen Move

Kelm's design chosen for band festival button

By Mavis Fodness

A design by a Luverne High School junior will be used on this year's Tri-State Band Festival button.

Katharine Kelm's design features four band members, two musical notes and words noting the upcoming event.

The band members include a drum major, instrumentalist, drummer and a color guard member.

"I like that the image had a flag girl," she said. "A lot of images didn't include them."

Kelm and the other students in Bill Thompson's graphic design class this spring were challenged to create a button design, practicing skills learned working with a computer program.

"We got to be more creative instead of being told what to do (in the



Katharine Kelm, a Luverne High School junior, is this year's designer of the Tri-State Band Festival button.

design program)," Kelm said.

The students searched for suitable graphics and works to position the necessary verbiage on the round button. Kelm kept her design simple, easily readable and chose only three colors: Red, white and black.

"I liked the cleanness of



the straight lines," she said.

Band festival committee members thought so, too, awarding Kelm the \$50 for the winning design.

"I was surprised," said Kelm, who is not a band student. "I didn't think I would win."

Kelm is the daughter of Joel and Sandra Kelm of

Luverne.

The band festival is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25.

Parade competition begins at 9:30 a.m. on Main Street Luverne, and the field competition begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Luverne High School football field.

One button costs \$10 and is necessary for entrance to the field competition. A \$2 coupon is included with the button, redeemable at the Luverne Music Boosters' concession stand at the field competition.

The price is an increase from previous years.

"Button prices haven't increased in over 20 years," said Jane Wildung-Lanphere, Luverne Area Chamber director and band festival committee member.

"The committee needs to generate revenue to cover the increasing costs of the competition."

This is the 70th year of the band festival.

The festival was canceled in 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Buttons are available at the Luverne Area Chamber office.

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Parker Hanson: 'Your only disability is your bad attitude'/continued from page 1

he was dealing with his parents' divorce, his step-dad's cancer and years of ridicule he experienced for his physical deformity.

The pressure built through Hanson's late teens. After Tommy John surgery on his right pitching arm, he was kicked off the baseball team and his step-father died. The lack of purpose and the depression led Hanson to start binge drinking as a college freshman.

"This is where I hit rock bottom," Hanson said.

The turning point came when a friend invited him to church on Sunday. Hanson said he regularly attended services as a youth, but when the pastor talked about suicide, the message hit home.

He heard about the importance of mental health and the downfall of negative thoughts, and he found more meaning in life by moving forward with God's help.

Hanson realized his



Mavis Fodness photo/0909 Prayer Breakfast

Motivational speaker Parker Hanson (behind podium) poses with youth Sept. 1 after his message of moving beyond adversity and enjoying one's life.

negative thoughts were his worst enemy.

Among his most ardent supporters is his mother, Barb Hanson. "My mom says, 'Your only disability is a bad attitude,'" he said.

The self-realization

led Hanson to share his experience, and he found others who shared the same obstacles in life and needed to combat negative thoughts.

Hanson shared six tips to rise above adversity: Be

yourself, trust in God, look forward not backward, build a positive mindset, accept failure, and (his favorite) always lend a helping hand.

He uses his missing hand as an illustration to go forward. "If I can make one

person smile — make one person's day — I had a good day," he said.

Hanson closed out his message by sharing that he spent one week as a professional baseball player. Doctors said the pain in his

right arm could be relieved through another surgery.

He's declined, instead opting to leave professional baseball behind and move forward. "I want to be able to hold my (future) children," he said.

Drivers license test sites/continued from page 1

too," Kim said. "This is something they look forward to for a long time."

Efficient for whom?

During the pandemic closures, state DVS officials reported "major efficiencies" from the consolidations and centrally locating staff.

Those efficiencies, however, came at the expense of the taxpaying public which picked up the extra miles, time and fuel.

Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre lamented the inefficiencies of so many people traveling for the tests, when a handful of DVS personnel could travel to the outstate locations to test drivers.

"Do they think it's more efficient for 100 people to drive east, in our case, rather than two people to drive here?" he said. "It just doesn't make any sense. But that's the state for you."

Cindy Arends handles driver's education registration for families in the Luverne School District.

Between March 2020 and March 2021, she said more than 100 students were affected by the state's test station closures.

Many of them traveled 70 miles to Marshall's driving exam station or more than 90 miles to Fairmont's station. Others drove 140 miles to Willmar when they learned the wait was too long in Marshall and Fairmont.

And they made these trips twice, once for the written test and another trip later for the driving test. They made return trips if students didn't pass their tests.

If all the students licensed last year went to Marshall, the closest option during that time, they made the 140-mile round trip twice (once for the written test and once for behind the wheel), totaling 280 miles.

In many cases, the accompanying adults took a day off work, and the student drivers missed a day of school.

Pre-pandemic, exam stations were in each county operating at least one day per week, and students missed only an hour of school to take the test and then return to class.

Hardships and challenges

Brian Snyders is the driver's education instructor in Luverne High School.

He said the absence of an exam station in Luverne has been a challenge for local families.

"They had to travel to take the test and then travel again for the driving test," he said. "At first they were driving to Fairmont and Marshall."

He said some families scheduled driving tests in northern Minnesota, timed with family vacations to save time and miles.

Snyders said Worthington, which recently reopened its test station, is a closer option, but it's still an hour round trip, and it's an unfamiliar place for local students to drive.

To prepare them with their test streets, he said he'd take the student drivers to Worthington at least once during behind-the-wheel training.

"They have four-way stops and roundabouts that we don't have here," he said.

Further, when DVS examiners

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— Kyle Oldre, Rock County Administrator

tested in Luverne, Snyders said he worked with the examiner to learn what the students would need to know for the tests.

Without an exam station in town, Snyders said, that's not possible.

And students aren't the only ones facing hardships by test site closures. Farmers who hire seasonal drivers faced delays and extra costs, and rural transit drivers were having difficulties getting commercial licenses.

Seeking solutions

The Legislature recently ordered the reopening of all 93 stations in Minnesota, saying the distance and time for rural residents to reach larger cities for driver's exams was unacceptable.

State law requires DVS to offer knowledge and road tests for Class D licenses either in or adjacent to every county in the state.

Similarly, statute ensures that customers obtain road tests with 14 days of requesting one, a requirement that is also not being met.

As of Aug. 10, the DVS has 26 exam stations open, including one in Worthington, and the goal is to reopen all 93 by Jan. 31, 2022.

To get to that point, state officials say they'll need to:

- Renew leases or find new spaces to lease.
- Hire and train enough staff to cover testing at each location currently open.
- Hire 34 additional examiner positions.
- Set up an appointment schedule at each location.

Oldre said "finding" test sites shouldn't be an issue, since many of the pre-pandemic locations are still available.

"Rock County stands receptive," he said. "We want them back. It's about serving the public, which is what we do."

Legislators also approved nearly \$5.2 million over the next two years to improve staffing and resources to accomplish the task.

Ultimately, the goal is to ensure the public is getting services it pays for and to make it fair for all drivers, whether they live in a metro area or in outstate Minnesota.



Chris Ashby Memorial Bike trail connects with Luverne Loop through City Park

Workers (from left) John Homandberg, Josh Meyer and Jered Smith with Musch Construction of Pipestone place barricades across the recently completed bike path through the Luverne City Park on Sept. 1.



The cement path will connect the Luverne Loop bike path with the Chris M. Ashby Memorial Bike Path, a 1.35-mile path currently under construction from the city park east to County Road 9.

The project is expected to be completed this fall.

Mavis Fodness photo/0909 Bike Path Update

Donated flags at school/ from page 1

and your sacrifice."

Prior to the middle-high school remodeling project, each classroom had a flag, some dating back to 1956.

The new 2021 flags were on display Friday in each classroom as the veterans toured the remodeled facility.

The Gusts said they hope the flags lead to an understanding and the meaning behind being a U.S. citizen.

"We need to teach patriotism," Barb said. "Because freedom isn't free," added Glen.

A new flag is also located in the new middle-high school commons. The school board room has two new flags, an American flag and a flag of the state of Minnesota.



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RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Over the years there have been ducks, geese, chickens and guineas. Of all the poultry, guineas by far exhibit the strangest behavior.

They scamper silently from location to location. Frequently they come up behind you in the yard or in the barn and utter a noise that I can only describe as a well pump in need of oil. If you're not prepared, the high-pitch squawks and hiccups scare you out of your shoes.

While they are good at scaring people, guineas are not very good at hatching their chicks. Very few of the guinea females will sit on a nest for the 28 days required for hatching. Chickens are, by far, better suited as incubators.

I recently had a front-row seat as one of the white laying chickens sat on a dozen guinea eggs for one 28-day period only to have no chicks hatch.

The hen made a nest behind the large floor fan in the horse barn, out of the way of the cats and any other creatures who venture through the barn.

When she was sitting, she was all business and didn't move from the nest except for an occasional drink of water.

The second batch of eggs yielded five guinea chicks so small they looked like one-inch puffballs on sticks. That white hen would protectively gather the chicks under her with only 10 little legs visible under her feathered body.

The hen proved to be a good mom.

She would lead those guinea chicks on day trips between the horse and cattle barns, scratching at

the ground and showing her "children" how to feed themselves. Each night she would bring her brood back to the horse barn, tucking them under her as she sat behind the fan.

I also found she was pretty protective of those chicks.

One evening, when a barn cat tried to make an entree out of one of the chicks, a fight between the hen and the cat rivaled any WWF match. Feathers flew, wings pummeled the cat with a flurry before the attacker suddenly ran away.

I admit I laughed at the fight. I'm glad it wasn't my foot (which she often pecked as I walked too close to her chicks).

The developing cornfield south of the barns seemed to be a favorite place for the hen to search for food – until she became food for something that hides in the cornfield.

One morning, just hours after I saw the hen and chicks walking along the cornfield's edge, a large area of white feathers covered the ground, more than what was lost when the hen fought the cat.

I suspected the worst, which was confirmed when the white hen didn't return to the nest in the barn.

Fortunately, the white hen's legacy does live on.

Those five guinea chicks are now mothered by a young guinea hen who often strolled nearby while the chicken had the chicks out on a walk. They frequently scamper around the farm and are developing the telltale "squeaky pump" noises that only a poultry mother can love.

School is now in session

Drive carefully in school zones and around school buses

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Schools in Rock County resumed classes Tuesday, and that means students will be crossing streets and driveways, school buses will make stops for pickups and drop-offs, and there will be increased traffic at intersections near the school campus.

What that means for the rest of us, especially the motoring public, is that we need to be hyper-vigilant in school zones and nearby neighborhoods.

Further complicating school roadway safety is the fact that harvest is starting soon and the farm and school traffic are both creating the need to drive cautiously.

Students, bus drivers, teachers and student motorists are settling into new fall schedules. Farmers will soon start hauling on the same roads as motorists and buses travel on.

We hope they reach their destinations safely every day, no matter how many times a day, or what the schedules may be.

And we hope the rest of our motoring public does its part to slow down and be alert, especially ahead of the 8 a.m. school start

and 3 p.m. dismissal.

Stop for school buses: It's the law

Minnesota state law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended.

Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.

Drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus on the right, passing when a child is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.

Motorists

Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school

children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

The best way to be aware of your surroundings at all times is to put the distractions away.

Students

When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.

Wait for the bus driver to signal that it's safe to cross.

When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

Farm equipment operators

Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.

Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.

Consider using a follow vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night.

Stroeh: Sept. 17 is Constitution Day

To the Editor:

Sept. 17 is Constitution Day. A day which I feel is more important than ever in our country. My biggest fear is that we have already given up so many of our precious freedoms that I wonder if we will ever get them back.

Why is our Constitution so important? Why did our founding fathers work so hard to make sure everyone in America would be able to have all the same rights?

The first three words of our Constitution are "We the people ..." which is so important because it means our government is for us, the people. Our Constitution has seven main principles:

1. Sovereignty – a government the people rule.
2. Separation of powers – how is the power divided.
3. Checks and balances – the power of government is evenly distributed each branch needs the other to perform the work of government.
4. Federalism – power is shared by states and federal government
5. Limited government – every-

one alike must obey the law, no one is above the law.

6. Individual rights – we are guaranteed personal rights in the first 10 amendments.

7. Republicanism – citizens exercise their power by voting.

Our founding fathers wanted to assure the people that the new government would not trample on our freedoms that they considered natural and inalienable rights. The rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

These natural rights can't actually ever be taken away, we have them regardless of any government decree, past or future. But governments can take away the exercise of the rights we have. When they do this they are violating our rights.

Today we are letting our government take away more and more of our natural rights. They decided when we could worship, who was considered essential and non-essential workers, which businesses could be open or that we had to wear a mask. And now we are concerned that we will have to prove that we have been vaccinated. At one time

that was a personal choice and now it is becoming a requirement.

We have been failing to teach about civics in school, so our young people are losing a sense of what freedom really means. Did you know that our schools have to talk about the Constitution to students on Constitution Day?

There is a national grassroots movement going on right now in each state to propose amendments that restores limits on the power of all three branches of the federal government. It is called the Convention of States.

Our forefathers were so wise that they put in an amendment in case the government got too big and powerful that the states could call a convention to get the power back to the people and to the states where it belongs.

If you want more information go to ConventionOfStates.com. You can learn about the goal of COS and sign a petition to help have your voice heard. Made by possible by our Constitution of the United States of America.

Kristi Stroeh, Luverne

History quiz: Do you remember where you were when ... ?

I would imagine every one of us remembers exactly where we were when we first heard the news of the attacks on the World Trade Center building.

I was walking down Second Street in Redwood Falls on my way to the Redwood Gazette office.

It was about 9:30 in the morning, and from across the street Jay Eykyn yelled over, "Hey, Rick, did you hear about the plane that flew into the World Trade Center building?" I said I hadn't but guessed it to probably be no big deal. Boy, was I wrong.

Until that day, in my world at least, Sept. 11 meant it was my dad's birthday.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

There are only a handful of days in our history that are forever imbedded in our minds like 9/11. I suppose besides the horrific events of the day, the fact that the day is commonly known as 9/11 helps us remember the month and date it happened.

I have compiled a list of

months and dates of a handful of events in our country's history. Let's see whether you can recall what happened on those dates without the help of Google.

The first one is easy: Dec. 7, 1941.

Now how about these?

Nov. 22, 1963

April 15, 1865

Sept. 2, 1945.

Nov. 11, 1918

March 30, 1981.

Give up? Keep trying. (The answers are at the end of this column.)

This Saturday is 9/11, or Sept. 11, now known as Patriot Day, which frankly hasn't really caught on.

Sept. 11 is a day for so many of us in which we will pause and remember the horror of the day, the bravery of the first responders, and the heroics of people in the towers, at the Pentagon and on the planes.

So much of it we will never

really know. So let's continue to remember this day and so many other days that have affected our country and in many cases our way of life.

Answers:

Dec. 7, 1941: Attack on Pearl Harbor.

Nov. 22, 1963: President Kennedy assassination.

April 15, 1865: President Lincoln assassination.

Sept. 2, 1945: Victory over Japan; end of World War II.

Nov. 11, 1918: Armistice Day and end of World War I, now more commonly known as Veterans Day.

March 30, 1981: Assassination attempt on President Reagan.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Aug. 27

- Phone outage was reported.

- Reported a pedestrian light at crosswalk is possibly out.

- Complainant on W. Adams Street reported a civil property issue.

- Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on 91st Street, Luverne.

- Complainant reported a camera outage.

Aug. 28

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and Dodge Street reported a suspicious vehicle.

- Complainant on 21st Street, Steen, reported a vehicle fire at location.

- Complainant on W. Maple Street reported a parking complaint.

- A tornado watch was issued for Rock County.

- A tornado warning was issued for Rock County.

- Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported storm damage.

- Complainant on 21st Street, Hills, reported debris on road with possible power lines down.

- Report of flash flood warning in Rock County.

- Complainant on N. Spring Street reported suspicious activity.

Aug. 29

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly male.

- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Beaver Creek, reported plywood in the lane of travel.

- Complainant reported harassment.

- Complainant reported harassment by subject.

- Complainant north-bound on Highway 75, south of Luverne, reported an erratic driver.

- Complainant on Highway 75, north of Luverne, reported a vehicle almost ran several cars off the roadway.

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

Aug. 30

- Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported a break-in and theft from location.

- Complainant reported a subject threatened him.

- Motorist needed assistance on Highway 23 and County Road 4, Valley Springs, South Dakota.

- Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported damage to property.

- Complainant on U.S. Highway 270 and County Highway 6, Hills, reported a speeding driver.

- Complainant on S. East Park Street reported

a vehicle has been parked in front of her house for a long time.

- Complainant reported fraud.

- Complainant on E. Luverne Street requested deputy for property exchange.

- Complainant on Main Street and Warren Street reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reported out of state emergency.

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a transient at location.

Aug. 31

- Complainant on County Highway 4, Beaver Creek, reported a scam caller who made sexual statements.

- Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on Kniss Avenue and Main Street reported a traffic jam.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported trespassing.

- Complainant at Red-bird Field reported smoke.

Sept. 1

- Complainant on Highway 75, mile marker 8, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on 41st Street, Hills, reported cross arm was stuck.

- Complainant south-bound on Highway 23, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant in Rock County requested siren testing.

- Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90 from Worthington, reported speeding vehicles.

Sept. 2

- Complainant in Steen reported motor vehicle theft.

- Complainant on W. Warren Street reported motor vehicle theft.

- Complainant on N. Oakley Street requested a residence check.

Sept. 3

- Complainant on N. Spring Street reported a vehicle running for hours.

- Complainant on 101st Street, Luverne, requested Nobles County deputy to assist in locating subject.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 transport, 6 escorts, 8 ambulance runs, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 4 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 4 alarms, 13 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 6 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 1 OFP and 3 follow-ups.



Lori Sorenson photo/0902 electric car charger

Luverne electric workers Mike Buss and Brian Remme recently installed a car charger at the trailhead in Luverne.

City installs electric car charger

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne recently installed an electric car charger at the East Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue intersection.

The Level 2 charger is approved by Luverne's electricity provider, Missouri River Energy Services, and city workers installed it in late August.

It's capable of charging two cars at a time and takes up to two hours per charge, as opposed to the "fast chargers" that are more expensive and require more electricity.

The fast chargers are commonly

installed at bars and restaurants where drivers can plug in their vehicles and have lunch while they charge.

The city is planning a fast charging station at a location closer to I-90, but for now the Level 2 charger will attract motorists with more time to stop. Plus, they can plug in for free.

The charging station on East Main Street costs the city just over \$11 per charge, but for now it's being offered free of charge as an economic development tool.

"At the trailhead, you can check out a bike, walk uptown or go across

the street to the brewery," Mayor Pat Baustian said at a recent council meeting.

"It's placed strategically where there is a high demand."

Motorists with electric cars have apps on their cell phones showing the locations along their traveled route where they can charge their vehicles.

The city of Luverne purchased the Level 2 charging station for \$11,000, which includes a five-year warranty, through MRES and received a \$3,000 rebate from MRES to install it.

Rock County settles stop-and-search suit/continued from page 1

Torres complied, and a female deputy proceeded to pat her down for officer safety before intending to secure her in a squad while the vehicle was inventoried.

The ACLU in a press release described the stop differently. "For more than 30 minutes the deputies yelled at Torres and tried to perform a vaginal search on the I-90 on-ramp — even though Torres was the passenger," the Sept. 1 press release stated.

The information quotes Torres as saying, "I felt very violated by the whole situation. I repeatedly asked them to do the right thing. I hope this settlement sends a message to law enforcement everywhere that public strip searches are not OK, and they can't treat anyone like this."

ACLU-MN attorney Clare Diegel weighed in. "Rock County deputies used a dangling air freshener as an excuse to stop the vehicle, and had no reason

to search passenger Kelli Jo Torres, let alone shamefully conduct a body cavity search on the side of a road," Diegel said.

"We expect that the training, discipline and policy reforms that our client so bravely fought for will prevent this terrible situation from ever happening again."

The county report states Torres resisted the pat-down when an object, later determined to be a methamphetamine pipe, was felt through her pants

protruding from between her legs.

At her request, Torres was transported to a hospital where she removed the meth pipe from her body in an examination room in the presence of a nurse. County officials state that no roadside body cavity or strip search occurred.

The Rock County Administrator's Office released a statement following the ACLU's announcement.

"While the county

believes it is likely they would have prevailed at trial, this settlement allows the parties to avoid the protracted litigation involved with adjudicating federal civil rights claims, which may have taken years to resolve, and avoids the uncertainties of trial, including a potentially costly verdict with substantial attorney's fees to Ms. Torres' attorneys," the statement read.

"The settlement does not assume fault by any of the named parties."

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Rock County 4-H'ers shine at State Fair

By Mavis Fodness

Thirty-six Rock County 4-H'ers exhibited livestock and general projects during the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 26-Sept. 6.

Seven local youth came away with high honors.

In the livestock competition, Christian Kruse received champion middleweight market lamb and reserve champion overall market lamb during the first week of the state fair. Due to his placing, Kruse was invited to participate in the Purple Ribbon Auction. (See related story.)

Two other 4-H'ers received reserve champion ribbons.

Drew Fick earned a reserve champion ribbon for his Duroc barrow, and judges awarded Fick with a reserve champion purebred market barrow title. He was also invited to participate in the Purple Ribbon Auction.

Justin Mente earned a reserve champion with his Maine-Anjou breeding heifer.

A purple ribbon was given to Mallie Fick for her market gilt. She also was invited to the Purple Ribbon Auction.

Tory Knobloch also received a purple ribbon for his market heifer.

In the static or non-livestock projects, a purple ribbon is the highest placing a 4-H'er can achieve through the conference judging setting.

Two 4-H'ers came away with purple ribbons.

Zachary Uhl received a purple for his restored 1/16th Oliver tractor.

Candace Porter earned a purple for her photograph of a giant horse fly.

An option for 2021 is that 4-H'ers could have their livestock and static projects judged virtually. For the livestock shows, all Rock

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Christian Kruse

Local 4-H'ers earn spots in Purple Ribbon Auction

By Mavis Fodness

Three Rock County 4-H'ers were among the 115 youth who earned entry into the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction Aug. 28 at the Minnesota State Fair.

Christian Kruse's sheep was selected by judges as the reserve champion market lamb after being crowned the champion middleweight market lamb.

His high ribbon placing earned an invite to the auction.

Kruse's sheep brought a high bid of \$3,750 when the Rock County Purple Ribbon Club made the purchase.

Also invited to the auction was Mallie Fick and her market gilt and Drew Fick and his market barrow. Both 4-H'ers received bids of \$3,650 for each of their hogs.

This year's event was the 42nd annual parade of champions for market beef, lambs, goats, swine and poultry. This is the first year market chickens and market turkeys were included in the auction and parade.

Proceeds from the auction go to the 4-H'er, with 20 percent of the winning bid designated to Minnesota 4-H, state 4-H foundation and



Tommy Lindquist, Tucker DeGroot, Rock County 4-H'er Drew Fick, Brendan Kroksh



Brendan Kroksh, Tucker DeGroot, Rock County 4-H'er Mallie Fick, Drew Fick

auction scholarships.

Forty-eight Purple Ribbon Auction scholarships, totaling \$88,000, were awarded in 2021. Recipients were chosen on leadership experience and personal growth achievements. Youth must be active 4-H members and exhibit during the year of application.

No one from Rock County was a 2021 scholarship recipient.

CELEBRATIONS

Bridal Shower

An open house bridal shower for Jenna Leslie, bride-to-be of Brandon Boeve, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

MENU

Monday, Sept. 13: Sloppy Joe on a bun, broccoli, baked beans, cookie.

Tuesday, Sept. 14: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, California Normandy, bread.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, Sept. 15: Ham pasta salad, creamy cucumbers, fresh fruit, bar.

Thursday, Sept. 16: Sub sandwich, peas and cheese salad, fruit, dessert.

Friday, Sept. 17: Chicken Alfredo, fettucine pasta, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, Rice Krispie bar.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

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.

This year's drought, heat, pests prove frustrating for local gardeners; grateful for rain

By George Bonnema
Luverne Horticulturist

This summer has been one of the more frustrating summers for gardeners in recent years. Persistent drought, heat, and pests have presented challenges that were not encouraging. I am grateful for the abundant rain we



sub soil moisture can be a

have been blessed with in the past week because going into winter with limited top and

critical factor for survival of many of our trees, shrubs, and perennials.

This is the perfect time to spray your lawn to eliminate weeds. The herbicide is most effective when weeds are growing actively, and the moisture and cooler temperature have encouraged that

growth. Persistent weeds like creeping Charlie will take more than one application for control, and spraying now gives enough time to hit it a couple of times this fall.

This is also the best time to move or divide perennials. The cooler air and warm soil encourage rapid re-

establishment before winter so in the spring there is no growth set back because of root disturbance.

I've mentioned before that daylilies in particular benefit from division every four to five years. After that, the clumps get so crowded that the quantity and quality

of blooms declines dramatically.

Additionally, in looking at your garden layout, if you want to rearrange or reposition perennials to make combinations more appealing or heights adjusted, you

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

•Gary Holmgren held up a training manual the size of a big phone book and said, "This is the basic EMT training manual."

Holmgren has spent the past 19 years making sense of that manual for emergency medical technicians (and several other manuals) during his tenure as the director of the Rock County ambulance program.

His job has included everything from driving an ambulance and quickly assessing a patient's condition to understanding state and federal laws and doing payroll. In addition, he coordinated monthly training sessions and stayed current on ambulance technology.

After Friday, Sept. 2, Holmgren said his "job" will be to spend time with his wife and grandkids doing "whatever they want."

25 years ago (1996)

•Though the lease agreement has not been finalized, several city sources have confirmed Pamida's plans to relocate and expand south of Interstate 90.

Luverne Economic Development Authority and the Luverne City Council approved early steps for the project, which is being developed by Virgil Christensen of The Christensen Corporation.

The current Pamida store on East Main street is about 22,000 square feet, and the new facility will be about 45,000 square feet with parking for about 200 cars.

50 years ago (1971)

•Rock County will have one of its earliest corn harvests in years, due to the dry weather the past month.

David Wessels combined 66 bushels of corn Tuesday, Sept. 7, on the Fred Wessels farm in Clinton township, and already the moisture content is down 27 per cent.

Scattered showers have fallen here the past week, bringing .27 inches of moisture. Only .49 inches of moisture was recorded in August. Since July 10, total rainfall recorded in Luverne is .88 inches.

The lack of moisture will have serious effects on both the corn and soybeans. One farmer said that the absence of rain the last two weeks in August will cut the yield of his corn by 25 bushels to the acre.

75 years ago (1946)

•Bob Westerbur, who has been employed at Marty's Market for the past eight months, has purchased the business from Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jensen. He was given possession Monday. The business will hereafter be known as Bob's Market.

He and his wife will operate the business and will be assisted by Holger Westergard, who has also been employed by the Jensens. Both Mr. and Mrs. Westerbur have had previous experience, Mr. Westerbur having been employed in the meat department at the Worthington Creamery and Produce company, and Mrs. Westerbur having worked in the grocery department at Nelson Brothers store.

100 years ago (1921)

•The Luverne public schools will open for the fall term next Monday, Sept. 12. During the forenoon of that day the teachers will hold a meeting and organize for the work of the term, and all pupils who expect to attend school this fall are to report at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The task of moving and refinishing the old Central school building was completed by the contractors, Loeffler & Jensen, the fore part of the week, with the exception of a few minor details, such as covering the pipes and refinishing the radiators, and it was expected that the building would be accepted by the school board either yesterday or today.

While the building has no better light or ventilation nor more convenient arrangements than heretofore, it is otherwise in much better shape for occupancy than it has been for a number of years.

The interior of the building has been refinished and repapered, and the rooms in both the Central and high school buildings will be in good condition for occupancy by the opening day.

1932: Luverne public park adds raccoons to zoo annex

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on May 20, 1932.

Raccoons are Latest Addition to Park Zoo

Alderman Peschon Secures Pair from Arnold Schoon to be Exhibited with Deer and Bear at Park

An important addition to the zoo annex at Luverne's public park was made the first of the week by Park Commissioner Frank Peschon, when he secured a pair of raccoons, which are now on exhibit there with the bear and the deer that have been domiciled at this popular recreation grounds for a few weeks. The latest addition was secured from Arnold Schoon, of Steen.

Mr. Schoon has had the 'coons in captivity since last fall, having purchased them in Iowa with the intention of raising a colony. They do not appear to be much inclined to cultivate an intimate acquaintance with the public and since they took up their new residence they appeared bewildered.

Mr. Peschon procured a securely built wire enclosure with the raccoons from their owner, and this is the only reason why they are still habituating at the park, for from the very outset they have shown a pronounced dislike for human associates and



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

are inclined to crawl into their box and remain out of sight whenever anyone approaches. Mr. Peschon outguessed them, however, by attaching a wire to one end of the box that represents their home, and by raising this the little animals are prevented from remaining out of sight. As time goes by they will likely get used to being on daily exhibition, but so far they have persisted in showing a very unfriendly attitude toward everyone.

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 mannmade@iw.net.



Submitted photo

H-BC Homecoming activities next week

On the first day of classes, Hills-Beaver Creek High School announced candidates for the upcoming 2021 Homecoming Week, Sept. 13-17. Coronation takes place at 6 p.m. Monday at the high school in Hills. The Homecoming game against Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda begins at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17.

Students electronically selected Homecoming king and queen candidates last week. Candidates include (front row, from left) Kenadie Fick, Tara Paulsen, Mackenzie Voss, Mistress of Ceremonies Samantha Moser, Danette Leenderts, (back) Austin Allen, Cole Baker, Oliver Deelstra, Master of Ceremonies Casey Kueter, and Andrew Harris.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Education
Phone: 507-283-4724
website: http://www.isd2184.net/Communit_Ed/index.html

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes designed for parents and children birth to age 5 begin meeting for their Fall Session on Sept. 12. Choose from three morning classes and one evening class. Meet other families and learn more about child development and tips to help you as a parent.

Fall gymnastics for participants ages 4 through grade 6 will be Sept. 13-16. Fee is \$50 for K-6 and \$36

for preschool.

Vinyasa Flow Express yoga meets at 5:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 13 for 6 weeks. Fee is \$48.

Junior Cardinal Cross Country Team for students in grades K-6 is from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on Sept. 14. Participants will run their own race at the end of the home cross country meet on their last day.

Grades 1-4 Volleyball will teach basics of volleyball on Sept. 20, 23, and 27. Fee is \$15.

Pick up your chunk of

clay the week of Sept. 27 for **Distance Learning with Clay**. Take it home with instructions to create your bowl, plate, animal, cup, etc. Then schedule your appointment at Deuschle Studio from Oct. 4-16 to color and fire your project. Fee is \$20 which includes all materials.

Parents with children ages 0-5 will enjoy the animals and activities at **Fall Time Fun at Harmony Gardens** Tuesday, Sept. 28. Registration is required by Sept. 21. Fee is \$9/child.

Grades 5-6 Volleyball begins Sept. 30 for eight after-school sessions. Fee is \$25.

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know exactly what is where so it is easier to make those moves now.

September is also a great time to plant new trees, shrubs or perennials, provided you can find the varieties that you want. Selection is always more limited at the end of the season, but growers really make an effort to maintain reasonable availability.

September and October are also the months to plant spring-blooming bulbs. I've been receiving mail order catalogs since June, and those companies start shipping later this month. The big box stores will have pre-packaged bulbs available now also. Daffodils prefer to get planted before the end of September, but the other bulbs can be planted into October.

There are three main classes of tulips: early, mid and late bloomers. The latest-blooming are the Darwin varieties, and they have the largest blooms, the longest stems, and are the most reliable for blooming year after year.

Mid-season tulips are the triumph varieties. This is the tulip bulb we use for indoor forcing as well as outdoor planting. The bulbs are not quite as hardy as the Darwins but usually do pretty well in our Zone 4 climate.

There are several varieties of early tulips, with the emperors being the most common. Stems will be short and they do well in a protect-

ed area, but the fact of their blooming early makes them vulnerable to late freezes. A protected area close to the foundation will help with that threat in addition to be-

ing an area where the ground doesn't freeze quite as hard.

Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowergb@iw.net.

Volunteer In Your Community

Lutheran Social Service of MN is seeking volunteers in your area to provide companionship to older adults as well as helping school age children as a mentor. Volunteers of the program qualify for tax free stipends and travel reimbursement. Please contact Gail at 507.530.2295 or gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org for more information and to make an impact in your community!!



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If you are worried about your Family, Country, and your Future...then you need to attend this meeting in which you will learn the truth about our government and how they can do what they want without listening to we the people.

You will hear some things that we the people can do to save our country and things you can do for you and your family.

If you are really concerned about your Country and Family this will be the most important meeting you will ever attend! Questions call 507-220-1802.

Meeting Place: Jasper Memorial Hall, 101 Wall St., Jasper MN

When: Saturday, September 11, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Directions:

From Pipestone, MN go South on Hwy 23 for 11 miles.

From I-90 go North on Hwy 23 for 25 miles.

Turn East on Main St. and go 2 blocks, big building on corner, go up stairs or use ramp.



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OBITUARY

Delores Schmidt

Delores Audrey Schmidt, 86, Pipestone, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021, at the Pipestone Medical Center.

A funeral Mass was Saturday, Sept. 4, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Interment was in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery in Pipestone.

Delores Staeffler was born on Feb. 14, 1935, to Alfred and Rosa (Wahlert) Staeffler in Luverne. She was raised on a farm east of Hardwick and attended school in District No. 55. She then attended Luverne High School, graduating in 1953. Following graduation she worked for an insurance agency in Luverne. In 1955 she became employed at the Rock County Extension Office.

On June 29, 1957, Delores married John Schmidt at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. They lived on a farm in Sweet Township in Pipestone County. She worked at the Pipestone

County Extension Office until the birth of her first child. She then became a homemaker and also raised poultry and sold eggs. In 1968 she began working as a secretary at the Pipestone Insurance Agency and earned her insurance license in 1982. When Latham Insurance purchased the business, she joined the Key Agency in Pipestone until her retirement in 1999. In retirement she worked part time for Farm Bureau Insurance Agency, Pipestone Vet Clinic and D's Sanitation.

Delores was baptized June 2, 1935, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Luverne and was confirmed in 1947 at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. She was currently a member of St. Leo Catholic Church and was a member of Ladies Aid and a circle leader. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Hi Neighbor Birthday Club and the Pipestone Se-



nior Citizens. She enjoyed following the Minnesota Twins, baking, and playing solitaire on the computer. She especially enjoyed time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, John E. Schmidt, of Pipestone; three children, John A. (Joyce) Schmidt of Pipestone, Joan (Barry) Kelley of LeRaysville, Pennsylvania, and Jacqueline (Danny) Schaefer of Marshall; six grandchildren, Jenna (Patrick) McGunegill, Amber (Brad) Seiss, Brittney Schaefer, Shelby (Steven) Buchholz, Addy Schaefer, and Jason (Rebecca) Kelley; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Virgil Staeffler; her sister-in-law Marjorie Staeffler; and her niece Sandra Vander Beek.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Pipestone, hartquistfuneral.com. (0909 F)

USDA designates 17 Minnesota counties as primary natural disaster areas, including Rock

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through emergency loans

Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation, or the refinance

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of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, several western and southwestern counties in Minnesota suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2

Drought-Severe for eight or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

• Impacted area: Minnesota.

• Triggering disaster: drought.

• Application deadline: April 11, 2022.

• Primary counties eligible: Chippewa, Faribault, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Meeker, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sherburne, Wright, Yellow Medicine.

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County 4-H'ers participated in person.

In 2020, with the state fair canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 4-H program conducted an all-virtual state showcase for livestock and general projects. Participants in 4-H earned a chance to enter the virtual shows by qualifying at their local 4-H showcases conducted throughout the state in place of county fairs.

Other local 4-H participants at the 2021 State Fair event, category entered, and ribbon placing earned include:

- Nathan Kinsinger, sixth, commercial spring calf.
- Leah Kruse, sixth, registered Hereford.
- Lanae Elbers, fourth, crossbred steer.
- Claire Knobloch, fourth, market heifer.
- Danette Leenderts, third, crossbred steer.

- Donavon Leenderts, third, market heifer.
- Peyton Blom, blue, crossbred fall dairy calf.
- Caleb Raak, blue, Guernsey Junior Yearling.
- Jacob Raak, blue, grade 2-year-old Holstein.
- Grace Sandbulte, red, mini rex senior buck; blue, food and nutrition grades 9+.
- Dennie Sandbulte, blue, mini rex senior doe.
- Brenna Reker, blue, clothes you make grades 6-8; fashion revue clothes you make grades 6-8 participant.
- Wyatt Fey, fashion review clothes you make grades 6-8 participant.
- Joy Fey, Fashion review clothes you make grades 9+ participant.
- Andrea Honken, blue, crafts grades 6-8.
- Ashlyn Johnson, red, crafts grades 9+.
- Lucas Madison, blue, fine arts grades 6-8.

- Grace Ingebretsen, blue, fine arts grades 9+.
 - Myles Trimble, blue, fine arts grades 9+.
 - Fox Forrest, blue, indoor gardening grades 6-8.
 - Krista Burkman, blue, needle arts grades 9+.
 - Ava Steinhoff, blue, photography grades 6-8.
 - Larissa Steinhoff, blue, fine arts grades 9+.
 - Joshua Honken, blue, shop grades 6-8.
 - Jacob Madison, red, biology, grades 9+.
 - Gracie Eagerness, blue, market barrow; interview finalist.
 - Brianna Kinsinger, blue, performing arts grades 6-8.
 - Egypt Forrest, blue, performing arts grades 9+.
 - Aisha Porter, blue, photography grades 9+.
- The Magnolia Juniors 4-H Club competed in the banner competition. Club members received a blue ribbon.



Candace Porter



Tory Knobloch

Oct. 16 marks opening of Minnesota's pheasant season

Minnesota's pheasant opener this year is Oct. 16, a week later than the normal opening weekend, cutting the season short by seven days.

I have attended the Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener for the past 10 years or so, but the jury is still out as to whether this is actually going to happen in 2021, so I made other plans.

My Pheasants Forever chapter and I are now hosting a ladies-only mentor hunt on the opening weekend. All lady guides and all lady participants. This should offer up a really good time to all who are involved.

Hunting on opening weekend is certainly a tradition many hunters look forward to. The real deal here is that hunting on opening weekend usually results in less than perfect conditions, as crops are often not out and you have to share the field with other others. These are two legitimate issues. The issue that ranks higher for me is how hot it might be that weekend.

It was about eight to 10 years ago that over 200 dogs died of heat exhaustion in South Dakota over opening weekend when temperatures were in the 80s. For the vast majority of dogs that had done nothing but sit on the couch the previous nine months and because dog owners either did not pay attention or did not understand, the signs of heat stroke resulted in many dogs perishing as a result.

Last year on Sunday I was all ready to go and when the 9 a.m. opening bell rang, I headed out with a diligent and conscious intent to worry more about my dogs than the number of birds harvested. I was able to hunt for exactly 15 minutes on opening weekend Sunday. I dropped off a friend and drove to the other side of the spot, but before I could get out of the truck, my phone rang. It was the same guy who had downed a bird and could not recover it.

I got back in the truck, drove back to the original spot, and after only a few minutes the bird was in hand ... and I was out of dog. "Out of dog" means I had a dog with more than enough desire but no ability to hunt safely any more that morning. I had no birds, but I did get out for the last 15 minutes that day and had some success.

Sportsmen and women really need to adjust their calendar for best results. Hunting pheasants after the opening weekend rush is gone results in more crop out, less hunting pressure, and temperatures that allow a dog to hunt longer.



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

Snow on the ground is a great advantage to both dog and hunter.

Those same pheasant hunters that go gung-ho the first two weeks of pheasant season will be readying their deer rifles when the best pheasant hunting presents itself. Those same deer hunters will put the rifle away and start ice fishing during the best days of pheasant hunting.

I never hunt in big groups. Hunting with two others would be about as big a group as I am comfortable with. A few seasons back I hunted a federal waterfowl production area by myself near my home on a Thursday. I left tire tracks in the snow that day. I went back for three weeks in a row and each time mine were still the only tire tracks in the parking area. I shot two birds each of those four trips.

Be ready when the opening bell rings on the 2021 pheasant hunting season, but don't use up all of your vacation in October. Save your free time and travel money for after the firearms deer season is over. This is usually the middle of November when the roosters are older and fully colored.

This makes for a better mount if you ever want to take one to the taxidermist. You will have a higher quality outing, your dog can hunt safely, and you can roam the planet all by yourself. Adjust your calendars to the later part of the season. Your harvest will increase, and so will your satisfaction.

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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Luverne's Ashton Sandbulte fights his way through Redwood Falls defenders during Thursday night's home game on a wet Cardinal Field. Luverne lost the game 20-6.

Luverne falls to Redwood Falls in clash of Cardinals Thursday

**By John Sichmeller,
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinals fell to the Redwood Valley Cardinals 20-6 in the season opener Thursday night at Cardinal Field.

The game featured a matchup of last year's 3AA section champions (Redwood Valley) versus last year's 3AAA section champions (Luverne).

Taking a 7-6 lead into halftime, Redwood Valley scored 13 unanswered points in the second half to win the game by 14 points.

"Redwood Valley is a very good team that returned many players from last year's team that we played in an overtime game with," said Luverne head coach Todd Oye.

"We played very well defensively in the first half but we weren't able to continue that into the second half."

Luverne received the opening kickoff, but just three plays into their opening drive the Cardinals fumbled and the

ball was recovered by Redwood Valley at the Luverne 20-yard line.

Redwood Valley wasted no time taking advantage of the turnover and scored the game's first touchdown just three plays later with a 5-yard touchdown run from quarterback Alex Lang.

After a successful extra point kick, Redwood Valley took the early lead 7-0 with 10:22 to go in the first quarter.

Luverne bounced back in their next possession when LHS junior Gavin Baum returned the kickoff to the Luverne 24-yard line.

After one failed play the Cardinals got their first touchdown of the season from senior Ashton Sandbulte. Taking the handoff from senior quarterback Casey Sehr, Sandbulte avoided the tackle of a Redwood Valley defender and sprinted for a 76-yard touchdown run. After a missed extra point, Luverne

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Patriots start season with lopsided home victory

**By Dan Ellingson,
For the Star Herald**

Hills-Beaver Creek defeated Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman 56-0 on Saturday afternoon in the season opener in Hills.

Heavy rain and poor field conditions on Thursday pushed the game to Saturday afternoon, which presented perfect playing conditions — sunny skies, temperatures in the 70s and a well-groomed Patriots home field.

H-BC players, coming off a Section 3 nine-man championship in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, didn't miss a beat when they opened the 2021 season Saturday.

The Pates scored early and often in the lopsided win, despite losing nine seniors to graduation from last year's successful team.

After an opening game three and out for the visitors, senior Patriot Cole Baker capped a four-play, 34-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown run.

Fellow senior Ty Bundesen tacked on the two-point conversion for a quick 8-0 lead in the first quarter.

After another three and out by the Patriot defensive unit, quarterback Oliver Deelstra threw a touchdown pass to a wide-open Casey Kueter for the first passing touchdown of the season.

The same passing combination resulted in a successful 2-point conversion for a 16-0 lead



Samantha McGaffee photo/0902 HBC football
H-BC's Casey Kueter makes a play during the Patriots' 56-0 win over Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman Saturday afternoon in Hills. The game was rescheduled from Thursday due to rain and wet field conditions.

with 6:21 left in the first quarter.

On the very next Jaguar offensive possession, senior Drew Leenderts scooped up a fumble and took it 37 yards to the end zone for the first Patriot defensive touchdown of the young season. Cole Baker plunged into the end zone to widen the Patriot lead to 24-0 with 5:25 left in the first quarter.

The second quarter was more of the same as the Patriots scored another 24 points.

The first score came on a Deelstra 21-yard pass to Bundesen. The next touchdown was a 20-yard run by Cole Baker, and the

final score of the quarter was an 11-yard pass from freshman Sawyer Bosch to senior Andrew Harris.

Harris momentarily juggled the ball, and eventually outmuscled a Jaguar defender to score the touchdown for the Patriots.

All three second quarter conversions were good. A run by Deelstra, a run by Bosch and a successful run by sophomore Justin Roelfs made the score 48-0 in favor of the Patriot squad.

With a 48-point lead at halftime, the game clock only stopped for scores during the second half.

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Lady Pates have strong volleyball opener

**By Joni Deelstra,
For the Star Herald**

The Lady Pates got to test the waters for their upcoming volleyball season at the Adrian Tournament Saturday, Aug. 28, in Adrian, winning one and losing two.

They traveled to Viborg Tuesday, Aug. 31, and beat Viborg-Hurley 3-2, and they'll face the Luverne Cardinals in Luverne Thursday.

The Patriots are returning seven seniors to the roster. Coach Dylan Gehrke said this season has felt more normal for himself and the players after dealing with the COVID-19 restrictions.

"Considering last year we didn't start the volleyball season until the

middle of September, it was very nice to be able to have our fall camp this year," Gehrke said.

"Two weeks of three-hour practices has helped coaches and players with preparedness."

Adrian Tournament

The Patriots played three tough teams in the Adrian Tournament, beating tournament winner Adrian/Ellsworth 2-0 and losing to Martin County West 2-1 and to Central Minnesota Christian 2-0.

Coach Gehrke's confidence in his team shows in his final statement.

"The girls showed on Saturday that we can

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Luverne cross country girls capture team title

**By Sara Schmuck
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cross Country boys and girls had a strong showing at their cross country meet Friday, Sept. 3, in Mountain Lake.

The LHS girls varsity runners earned a team championship, and the Luverne varsity boys earned a third place.

Girls junior high runners also took first.

Coach Pete Janiszewski said he was pleased with the Mountain Lake outing.

"I thought we did an outstanding job of getting out and competing hard,"

he said.

"The kids raced smart and tested their limits, which is what you have to do if you want to improve in our sport."

He said 17 Cardinals finished in the Top 15, and of those, 10 were Top 5 finishes.

"We had one individual champion in Ella Schmuck, running the junior high 2,000 meter," Janiszewski said.

The varsity girls had six of the top 20 runners in their 5k. Tenley Nelson got

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Canaan Petersen photo imagesbycd/0902 LHS volleyball bork
Reghan Bork set the pace for the Cardinals volleyball squad Thursday afternoon when she completed a setter dump en route to a 4-0 serving run.

Cardinal netters undefeated after Sept. 2 triangular play

**By Jaqueline Johnson
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team improved its record to 5-0 with a pair of wins in its home triangular Thursday, Sept. 2.

The Cards put away Murray County Central 2-0 and West Lyon 2-1 in the best-of-three competition.

Luverne beat Redwood Valley 3-0 on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at home (see related story).

The Cards were scheduled to play Tuesday in Marshall for a Big South Conference matchup and they'll travel to Westbrook Walnut Grove on Thursday.

Luverne 2, MCC 0

Reghan Bork set the pace for the Cardinals volleyball squad Thursday afternoon when she completed a setter dump en route to a 4-0 serving run.

This put Luverne in a commanding position in the opening set of a triangular, which included the Murray County Central Rebels and

the West Lyon Wildcats.

The Cards maintained a demanding lead in the first set, concluding with an 8-5 run marked by two consecutive Kamryn VanBatavia kills and ace serves by both Christina Wagner and Macy Stratton for a 25-15 finish.

In the best of three set matchup, Luverne fell behind early in Set 2, but quickly rallied with a 21-5 run, which included aces by Morgan Gonnerman and Christina Wagner and a tip kill by Madee Schmuck.

Despite some errors late in the set, the Cards were able to secure a 2-0 victory with a kill by Grace Sandbulte to conclude the set at 25-19.

**Carly Olson 6 digs
Trista Baustian 9 set assists;
Reghan Bork 10 set assists;
Christina Wagner 2 ace serves, 100% serve percentage, 4 solo blocks and 4 block assists;
Kamryn VanBatavia 6 kills, 4 block assists;
Elise Ferrell 6 kills**

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Luverne tennis wins one, loses one on road

**By Jon Beers
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinals received their first tennis setback of the season when they dropped a 6-1 decision to Fairmont Tuesday, Aug. 31, in Luverne.

LHS was able to bounce back on Friday, Sept. 3, with a 5-2 decision over Lac Qui Parle Valley in Madison.

Two games were postponed due to weather.

Luverne started a match with River Valley on Monday, Aug. 30, but stopped due to lightning.

The Cardinals were also scheduled to play a second match on Friday in Montevideo, but that match was postponed due to rain.

Luverne 1, Fairmont 6

LHS went 1-3 in singles competition and went 0-3 in doubles to suffer their first loss of the season Aug. 31 in Luverne.

The lone win on the day came at No. 4 singles. Roselynn Hartshorn was able to win the match in a third set tiebreaker over Abi Peyman 6-3, 6-7 (0), and 10-7.

At No. 1 singles, Mia Wenzel lost to Claire Nemmers 2-6, 4-6. Kristin Rud playing No. 2 singles was defeated by Briana Joseph 3-6, 0-6, and Hope

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Luverne football falls to Redwood Valley/continued from page 9

trailed Redwood Valley 7-6 with 9:52 to go in the first quarter.

Both teams' defenses settled in after the action-packed first few minutes.

Luverne's best opportunity to score came on fourth and 10 from the Redwood Valley 15-yard line with 5:13 to go in the second quarter.

Casey Sehr's pass to fellow senior Eli Radtke was ruled out of bounds in the end zone. Both teams would each have one possession after the near touchdown, but the defenses held strong and the teams went into halftime with Redwood Valley leading 7-6.

Coming out of halftime, Redwood Valley put together a 12-play, 61-yard scoring drive that ended with a 1-yard rushing touchdown for quarterback Alex Lang with 8:22 remaining in the third quarter. After a failed extra point attempt, Redwood Valley held a 13-6 lead.

Luverne's next possession saw the Cardinals gain only three yards in three plays, and they were forced to attempt a punt on 4th and 7 from their own 30-yard line.

Unfortunately for the Luverne Cardinals, a bad snap forced punter Jordan Friedrichsen to fall on the ball



Luverne quarterback Casey Sehr tosses a pass during Thursday night's home contest with Redwood Valley. The Cardinals lost the season opener 26-6 during a rainy game on Cardinal Field.

at the team's own 13-yard line.

Redwood Valley took advantage of the Luverne mistake and scored two plays later on a 4-yard touchdown run from running back

Maverick Goblirsch. After a completed extra point, Redwood Valley led 20-6 with 5:25 to go in the third quarter.

Neither team could gain offensive

momentum the rest of the half as the game ended with the final score of 20-6.

"Offensively we had good field position and multiple opportunities to score," Oye said. "But besides Ashton Sandbulte's long run, we weren't able to capitalize on those opportunities."

The Luverne Cardinals are looking to bounce back from the loss when they travel to Jackson Friday night.

"JCC is traditionally a very good team," Oye said. "They also return many key players, and for our team to be successful we need to eliminate the mental mistakes from Week 1."

Team statistics:

Luverne: 114 rushing yards, 35 passing yards, 149 total yards, 6 first downs, 5 penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.

Redwood Valley: 200 rushing yards, 47 passing yards, 247 total yards, 18 first downs, 5 penalties for 45 yards, zero turnovers.

Individual statistics:

Rushing: Ashton Sandbulte 10-95, Zach Kruse 5-10, Gannon Ahrendt 1-5, Casey Sehr 7-4.

Passing: Casey Sehr 5-16 for 35 yards.

Receiving: Ashton Sandbulte 2-14, Connor Connell 1-11, Gavin DeBeer 1-11

Defense: Riley Sneller 10.5 tackles, Braydon Ripka 7.5 tackles, Zach Kruse 5 tackles, Ashton Sandbulte 4 tackles, Micah Anderson 4 tackles, Jamie McCarthy 3.5 tackles.

Luverne volleyball wins third match in three games

By Reva Sehr, For the Star Herald

The Cardinals went head to head with the Redwood Valley Cardinals Tuesday, Aug. 31, in Luverne and prevailed in three games, 3-0.

If there were a theme to the night's match, it would be the No. 3 and "come back kids. The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team won their third match in three straight games, winning by three points or fewer, coming from behind in each game.

Luverne put the first two points on the board in Game 1 but quickly fell to an eight-point deficit.

Slowly the Cardinals inched their way up on the scoreboard with Trista Baustian setting up Christina Wagner for a kill, along with a series of Redwood Valley errors.

Luverne tied the game when Elise Ferrell delivered a light tap with the ball touching the net but falling on Redwood's side.

After that, it was alternating points on the scoreboard until Anja

Jarchow and Ferrell delivered successive kills to put the game at 25-24. Redwood delivered a serve that looked like it was out but landed on the edge to tie at 25.

Needing two more points for the win, Luverne received a back row attack by Macy Stratton and a kill by Ferrell to seal Game 1 27-25.

Redwood Valley came back in Game 2 with a seven-point lead.

The energy shifted when Jarchow and Ferrell teamed up to block

Redwood three times in a row.

The duo of Wagner and Kamryn Van Batavia went to work, each delivering a light tap over the net. Then Wagner put up a solo block, followed with another alongside Van Batavia, making the game even.

Luverne would go on to win Game 2 25-22 after four kills by Ferrell, one by Morgan Ahrendt and another by Baustian.

Needing to win Game 3 to stay alive, Redwood came out determined,

eventually putting Luverne behind by six points.

Re-energized after a time-out, Luverne fought back with a kill by Ahrendt and three kills by Baustian to put them at close range.

A block by Wagner and subsequent kill by Ahrendt tied the game.

Not giving up, Redwood continued to attack until Luverne gained the upper hand with Ahrendt and Jarchow trading a series of five kills.

Within one point of the win, a nail-biting volley between the two teams

ended with a surprise tap over the net by Baustian to secure Game 3 25-22 and the 3-0 win for Luverne.

Throughout the match defenders Carly Olson and Macy Stratton played an alert back row, helping Luverne remain undefeated.

Stat Highlights:

Serves: Reghan Bork 20/20 with 3 Aces; Macy Stratton 13/13
Digs: Carly Olson 23; Macy Stratton 16

Set Assists: Trista Baustian 15; Reghan Bork 9

Blocks: Morgan Ahrendt 1 solo and 3 assists

Attacks: Elise Ferrell 8 kills; Morgan Ahrendt 7 kills

Luverne volleyball runs record to 5-0/continued from page 9

Luverne 2, West Lyon 1

In the triangular finale Luverne went up against fierce contenders at the net in the Wildcats.

Sporting their new Cardinal red jerseys, Luverne got off to a strong start with two kills by senior outside hitter Elise Ferrell.

Providing a set assist to Ferrell and marking a kill of her own, co-captain Trista

Baustian put the Cards ahead 4-1 early in Set 1.

After several dominating kills and a few hitting and passing errors from the home team, the visiting Wildcats took the lead with a 12-9 score.

Following two set assists from Reghan Bork and kills by Trista Baustian and Ferrell, Luverne tied it up at 12 all.

Senior Stratton racked

up a string of serves, including an ace, to put Luverne in position at 22 all. The teams traded points to a nail-biting finish, which ended with a receiving error from the home team for a 24-26 loss in Set 1.

Set 2 pushed the Luverne team to step up to the challenge, taking control early and never letting up.

Anja Jarchow supplied two ace serves to put the

home team up 4-1. After a resounding Morgan Ahrendt kill, Luverne's lead continued at 11-8.

The Cardinals dominated with a 13-6 run off several of Baustian's serves to complete the set with a Christina Wagner kill to make it 25-18.

In the third and deciding set, the teams traded points until Luverne got an opportunity to

break away with a kill from VanBatavia and a service ace from Ferrell.

Baustian capped the short run to 15 with her final serve and a setter dump that the Wildcats were unable to return for a Cardinal 2-1 win.

Coach Sarah DeBeer said she felt a noticeable momentum building through the matches and noted that she was pleased

the team.

"The team took control today," she said. "We needed that."

The Cardinals are now 5-0 on the season.

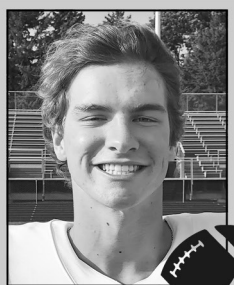
Stat highlights

Reghan Bork 7 digs, 14 set assists, 12/12 serving; **Trista Baustian** 7 set assists; **Elise Ferrell** 11/12 serving, 2 ace serves, 12 kills; **Christina Wagner** 5 block assists, 2 solo blocks, 5 kills

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Ashton Sandbulte

Sport: Football
Parents: Curt and Jessie Sandbulte
Favorite subject: Any History class
What I like most about Football: Team bonding/friendships
Other extra-curricular activities: Track, choir, student council



Olivia Wieneke

Sport: Tennis
Parents: Jeff and Patti Wieneke
Favorite subject: Math
What I like most about Tennis: The unending support and positivity. Tennis is truly a safe place where everyone is welcome.
Other extra-curricular activities: Choir

Macy Stratton

Sport: Volleyball
Parents: Amy and Jeff Stratton
Favorite subject: Math
What I like most about Volleyball: Hanging out with my teammates
Other extra-curricular activities: Peer helping, student council



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During the third quarter, the stout Patriot defense allowed the Jaguars only three plays and two yards.

Meanwhile the home team was able to score when junior Brock Harnack was credited with a one-yard score after a nine-play, 55-yard drive.

Sawyer Bosch finished the game's scoring with a successful conversion run that made it 56-0 in favor of the Patriots.

The fourth quarter saw no scoring but was highlighted by an H-BC quarterback sack by freshman Beau Bakken and a fumble recovery by freshman Talon Steensma.

Coach Rex Metzger said he was pleased with his team's season-opening performance.

"To be able to get playing time for our inexperienced players is important, and to start the year off with a win is what we wanted," he said.

"The entire team played well in all three phases of the game — offense, defense and special teams."

The 1-0 Patriots travel on Sept. 10 to take on the 0-1 Madelia Blackhawks. Game time is 7 p.m.

Final statistics show



Samantha McGaffee photo/0902 HBC football

H-BC quarterback Oliver Deelstra takes charge of the ball during the Patriots' 56-0 win over Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman Saturday afternoon in Hills. The game was rescheduled on Thursday due to rain and wet field conditions.

all Patriots with playing time and most players in the stat book.

Team statistics

HBC: 250 rushing yards, 115 passing yards, 365 total yards, 18 first downs, six penalties for 58 yards, zero turnovers.

GHEC/T: 42 rushing yards, 28 passing yards, 6 first downs, six penalties for 25 yards, two turnovers.

Individual statistics

Rushing: S. Bosch 7-72, O. Deelstra 4-62, C. Baker 3-43, B. Harnack 3-22, L. Fuerstenberg 4-20, T. Bundesen 2-12, J. Roelfs 1-12, C. Allen 3-7, J. VandenBosch 2-3, J. Klosterbuer 1-Minus 3.
Passing: O. Deelstra 5-5 for 67 yards, S. Bosch 3-3 for 48 yards.

Receiving: T. Bundesen 2-27, C. Baker 2-20, Alex Harris 1-23, C. Kueter 1-20, B.

Leenderts 1-14, Andrew Harris 1-11.

Defense: S. Bosch six tackles, B. Bakken five tackles and QB sack, C. Kueter 4 tackles, C. Baker four tackles and QB sack, M. Scholten four tackles and QB sack, Drew Leenderts three tackles and fumble recovery, C. Moser two tackles for loss, Andrew Harris two tackles and QB sack, B. Metzger two tackles and two tackles for loss, T. Steensma fumble recovery.

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third with a time of 19:04.90. Jenna DeBates was fifth with a time of 19:17.00

Other rankings for girls varsity were:

Grace Ingebretson, 10th, with a time of 21:31.10

Kayla Bloemendaal, 11th, with a time of 21:38.20

Tiana Lais, 16th, with a time of 22:27.90

Makena Nelson, 18th, with a time of 22:49.80

Luverne varsity boys earned an overall third place at the meet.

Owen Janiszkeski had the best time for Luverne varsity boys in the 5k, placing seventh with a time of 17:37.50. Griffen Jarchow wasn't far behind, placing ninth with a time of 17:50.80.

Other rankings for boys' varsity were:

Sage Viessman, 21st, with a time of 18:51.80

Leif Ingebretson, 33rd, with a time of 19:45.00

Camden Hoven, 39th, with a time of 20:19.70

Junior varsity mixed 4k run:

Kaleb Hemme, 2nd (16:55.00)

Zach Brown, 3rd (17:22.70)

Brynn Boyenga, 3rd (21:20.10)

Ethan Rahm, 4th (17:31.20)

Logan Ommen, 5th (18:04.40)

Eli McLendon, 6th (18:13.00)

Andrea Luitjens, 9th (23:55.30)

Junior high girls 2,000 meter:

Ella Schmuck, 1st (8:32)

Kianna Winter, 2nd (8:38.60)

Khloe Visker, 4th (8:47.20)

Mariah Knorr, 11th (9:29.30)

Maddy Schepel, 42nd (11:52.10)

Junior high boys:

Riley Ripka, 38th (9:59.30)



Canaan Petersen photo imagesbycd/0902 LHS tennis

Luverne's Sarah Stegenga returns the ball during the Cardinals' 6-1 win over Fairmont in Luverne on Aug. 31.

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Thorson lost to Maggy Totzke 0-6, 0-6 at No. 3 singles.

In doubles play, Olivia Wieneke and Jacey Smith lost a three-set match to Lauren Davis and Ellie Hernes winning the first set 6-1, but losing the next two by scores of 2-6, 1-6.

At No. 2 doubles, Sarah Stegenga and Katharine Kelm lost to Libby Totzke and Hope Klanderud 0-6, 3-6. Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr were beaten by Anika Haugen and Johanna Petschke by scores of 4-6, 1-6 at No. 3 doubles.

"Fairmont is a very talented team. Many of the girls have been playing varsity matches for the last three to four years," said Luverne coach Jon Beers.

"I thought that Roselynn played a great match. She was able to come back and get the win in a super

tiebreaker for the third set after losing the second set in a tiebreaker. Mia at No. 1 singles and Olivia and Jacey at No. 1 doubles also had good matches with their very tough opponents."

LHS 5, Lac Qui Parle Valley 2

The Cardinals were able to take two of four singles matches and sweep the doubles matches to win 5-2 in Madison Friday.

"We switched our lineup for the LQPV match," Beers said. "I wanted to see some of the girls play with different partners in doubles and play some girls in singles that had only played doubles so far this year. I was really happy with the way all the girls played on Friday."

At No. 1 singles Wenzel defeated Katelyn Wittnebel in a great three-set match 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Smith lost a hard-fought three-set match at No. 2

singles to Maddie Matthies 6-2, 3-6, 2-6. Kelm, playing her first singles match of the year, lost to Hanna Oie 3-6, 4-6. At No. 4 singles, Hartshorn won easily over Kali Bormann 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles, Wieneke and Rud, playing together for the first time, defeated Sarah Halvorson and Claire Lowry 6-2, 6-3. At No. 2 doubles, Thorson and Stegenga, also playing for the first time this year, beat Kayla Jahn and Sadie Hacker 3-6, 6-3, 10-6. Hemme and Muehr defeated Taylen Jorgenson and Gertie Sieg by identical 6-1 scores.

Luverne was scheduled to return to action on Tuesday with a match at Blue Earth Area (after Star Herald press time) and a home match on Thursday against Marshall.

H-BC volleyball/from page 9

compete with the best teams in our conference," he said.

"But I continue to tell them we have to stay hungry and get better each and every day. ... There is still a lot of room for improvement."

H-BC 3, Viborg 2

The Patriots traveled into South Dakota on Tuesday, Aug. 31, to play the Viborg-Hurley Cougars in what proved to be an evenly matched competition.

The Cougars started out strong, taking the first set 25-22, and they would also take the fourth set 25-15.

The Patriots fought back and took the second and third sets 25-19 and 25-18.

The fifth set went back and forth, but the Patriots would hold on to win 15-13.

Three senior girls were key in the victory.

Setter Tess VanMaanen had 27 set assists and 10 digs. 6'0 Sam Moser had seven kills and three blocks, and Tara Paulsen added four ace serves.

The Lady Pates will head to Luverne on Saturday to take on the Cardinals.

Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

Petersen probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of:
Henry George Petersen
a/k/a Henry G. Petersen,

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

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

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

Date: August 24, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajrt
Judge of District Court

Attorney for Personal Representative
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STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.
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Marshall, Minnesota 56258
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(09-02, 09-09)

Van Wyhe probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT
DISTRICT COURT

Court File No. 67-PR-21-178

In Re: Estate of
Gracella H. Van Wyhe,
Decedent

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR
INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

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

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute any interest owned by the decedent.

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

Date: August 23, 2021

/s/ Terry Vajrt
Judge of District Court

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

(09-02, 09-09)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Diocese of Winona-Rochester
Chapter 11 Reorganization Proceeding
(Case No. 18-33707)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND OBJECTION DEADLINE FOR MOTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT WITH SETTLING INSURERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Diocese of Winona-Rochester ("Diocese"), the Debtor in the captioned bankruptcy proceeding, case number 18-33707, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota ("Court") and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors ("UCC") filed a joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization [Docket No. 316] ("Plan") and a disclosure statement for the Plan [Docket No. 317] ("Disclosure Statement") under Section 1125 of the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Bankruptcy Code"). On July 16, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Disclosure Statement.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Diocese has entered into a Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 363, & 365 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(l), 6004(c), and 9019(a) with Interstate Fire & Casualty Company, National Surety Corporation, and London Market Insurers ("Settling Insurers"), and on August 17, 2021, filed in the Court a motion to approve the Agreement ("Motion"). [Docket No. 339]. If the Motion and the Plan are approved, the Diocese will (a) sell, and the Settling Insurers will purchase, certain insurance policies and certificates issued to, or subscribed on behalf of or allegedly issued to or subscribed on behalf of, the Diocese ("Subject Insurance Policies"), by the Settling Insurers, as described more particularly in the Agreement, free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests, and (b) fully release any all claims against the Settling Insurers and certain related entities under or relating to the Subject Insurance Policies, including extra-contractual claims. In addition, there are other provisions in the Agreement that those set forth in the preceding sentence, which should be reviewed to understand completely the Agreement and its effect on your rights. IF THE MOTION IS APPROVED, FOR THE AGREEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE, THE PLAN MUST ALSO BE APPROVED AND PROVIDE FOR THE ENTRY OF AN INJUNCTION, PERMANENTLY BARRING ALL ENJOINED CLAIMS (AS DEFINED IN THE AGREEMENT), BY ANY PERSON OR ENTITY AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS AND CERTAIN RELATED ENTITIES; INCLUDING COMMENCING OR CONTINUING AN ACTION AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS; ENFORCING A JUDGMENT OR ORDER AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS; CREATING OR PERFECTING LIENS OF ANY KIND AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS; AND ASSERTING OR ACCOMPLISHING ANY SETOFF, RIGHT OF INDEMNITY, OR RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION AGAINST THE SETTLING INSURERS. FURTHER, THE AGREEMENT SPECIFIES THAT THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE AN INJUNCTION CHANNELING ALL THE CHANNELLED CLAIMS (AS DEFINED IN THE AGREEMENT) TO A TRUST, TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PLAN, WHICH WILL ADMINISTER AND RESOLVE THE CHANNELLED CLAIMS, AND THE HOLDERS OF ALL SUCH CLAIMS WOULD BE BARRED FROM TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR SETTLING INSURERS, INCLUDING COMMENCING OR CONTINUING AN ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ANY CHANNELLED CLAIM; ENFORCING A JUDGMENT OR ORDER AGAINST THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR SETTLING INSURERS WITH RESPECT TO ANY CHANNELLED CLAIM; CREATING OR PERFECTING LIENS OF ANY KIND RELATING TO ANY CHANNELLED CLAIM; AND ASSERTING OR IMPLEMENTING ANY CHANNELLED CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE PROTECTED PARTIES OR SETTLING INSURERS.

Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement and Motion are on file with the Court, 200 Warren E. Burger Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Copies of the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Motion may be obtained by (a) contacting the Diocese's counsel by mail, telephone or email at Bodman PLC, Attn: Robert J. Diehl, Jr., 6th Floor at Ford Field, 1901 St. Antoine Street, Detroit, MI 48226, Tel.: 313-259-7777, Email: rdiehl@bodmanlaw.com; (b) visiting the Diocese's website at <https://www.dowr.org>; or (c) visiting the website of United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota at <https://www.mnb.uscourts.gov>. A PACER login and password are required to access documents on the Bankruptcy Court's website and these can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing on the Motion will occur on [September 23, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.] before the Honorable William J. Fisher, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Courtroom 2A, 200 Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. Any response or objection to the Motion must be filed and served by September 17, 2021. Any written response must reference case number 18-33707, state the specific legal and factual basis for the objection, be accompanied by a proof of service, and conform and be served in accordance with the Local Rules for the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota. IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DIOCESE AS TO WHICH INSURANCE COVERAGE IS OR MAY BE AVAILABLE OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN ANY OF THE DIOCESE'S INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED.

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Keith would like to thank everyone who helped make his 90th birthday a happy event from the family get-together at the Pizza Ranch and to all those who sent cards.

Keith and Betty Luethje
(9.4-9.9)

I would like to thank my family, friends and the community for all of their support while I am receiving treatment for cancer. Thank you to everyone who has said a prayer, donated to help our family during this difficult time, reached out with advice, or delivered a meal. Special thanks to my employer, Sunshine Foods, for all of your support during this difficult time; the Green Lantern for organizing the bean bag tournament, meal and auction; Brian Fodness for being a great auctioneer; the city of Hardwick for the use of the community hall for the fundraiser. This event was a huge success and would not have been possible without the many friends and family who have organized the event. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auctions. I am so very humbled by the amount of support my family received. What an amazing reminder of the power of friendship, family and community. There are too many people and organizations to list individually, but please know that we truly appreciate what each and every one of you have done for us!

Thank you,
Bill and Janine DeBates
(9.4-9.9)

Thank You Friends—A heartfelt thanks to all our friends and family for the outpouring of special anniversary wishes as we celebrated 60 years together. It is amazing that so many of you were thinking of us on our special day. We will forever remember the thoughtfulness you have shown. The Lord has truly blessed us in our marriage. We are so appreciative for all of the well wishes from each one of you!

God Bless!
Ed and Joan Salzer
(9.4-9.9)

GARAGE SALES

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605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccrc.com – office@luverneccrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
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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
Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 9: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Sept. 11: NO worship service. Sunday, Sept. 12: Rally Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship service under the tent. 10 a.m. Congregational photo. 10:15 a.m. Carnival; Catered brunch. 7 p.m. Sr. High bonfire and s'more party. Tuesday, Sept. 14: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meeting. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 15: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors. 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible study. 6:30-7 p.m. Acolyte training. 7 p.m. 6th-9th grade Orientation. 8 p.m. 10th grade Orientation. Thursday, Sept. 16: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

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304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Friday, Sept. 10: 6:30 a.m. Community men's Bible study. Sunday, Sept. 12: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 11:30 a.m. Sr. High youth group kickoff. 11:30 a.m. Fall Kickoff and Patio Party. 3 p.m. Youth room reserved. Monday, Sept. 13: 7 p.m. Commons reserved. Tuesday, Sept. 14: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Youth room reserved. 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.

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Ph. 612-800-1255; email info@rockrivercommunitychurch.com
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United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529
Dorrie Hall, Pastor
Saturday, Sept. 11: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 12: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship service followed by Prayer Warriors. live streamed on Facebook and radio. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, Sept. 13: 2 p.m. PD and JL meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 15: 8 p.m. AA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com

Jason Cunningham, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 12: 9 a.m. Sunday school opening. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Wednesday, Sept. 15: 9:15 a.m. Circle. 1:30 p.m. Circle. 6-8 p.m. Feast and Fellowship. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor
Saturday, Sept. 11: 9:30 a.m. LWML Fall board meeting. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Sept. 12: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study. 2 p.m. 2nd Sunday Fun Day. Monday, Sept. 13: 1 p.m. Quilters meet. Wednesday, Sept. 15: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth group. 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
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 12: 9 a.m. Worship service. Blessing of the Backpacks. 10 a.m. Sunday school. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Tuesday, Sept. 14: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Council meeting. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 – firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Thursday, Sept. 9: 7 p.m. Palisade Lutheran Council meeting. Sunday, Sept. 12: 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor
Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
Nita Parker, Pastor
Sunday, Sept. 12: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, Sept. 14: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, Sept. 15: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation class. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship.

Hills United Reformed Church

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

Take God's 'moral high ground'

(Based on a book by Tim Keller titled, "Counterfeit Gods.")

The three definitions of the word "moral" from Merriam Webster Dictionary are interesting: 1) concerning or relating to what is right and wrong in human behavior. 2) based on what you think is right and good. 3) considered right and good by most people; agreeing with a standard of right behavior.

Agreeing on what is "moral" is challenging. The word "morality" by the standard of these definitions is either defined by "Me" or by the "Majority."

So if I don't think something is right, I feel no obligation to act in that way.

If the majority of people think something is right, and I don't, I am perceived as immoral for acting differently.

The challenge with the lack of an objective standard of morality is that morality is constantly shifting. If I can convince a majority of people something is moral, I feel empowered to shame those who don't agree. The ones who can claim the "moral high ground" can look down on those who disagree or act differently.

However, often those on the moral high ground succumb to blindness to their moral failures. They champion the one area in which they are doing well and condemn as judgmental those who would point out a moral failure, claiming the accuser has no right to impose their standard of morality on them.

Morality will always be a confusing issue as long as it is subjective and not objective.

That is why God, in his love for mankind, codified the moral code for the world in the Ten Commandments. He outlined not just for Israel, but for all people, what morality

BITS BY BETTY

By Pastor Mike Geiger, Cross and Crown Lutheran, Georgetown, TX

was. He outlined in ten statements what love for God and love for people entailed.

As Christ followers this is always our standard of morality.

But let me caution you not to make morality your idol. Don't allow the outward obedience of the law overshadow a humble heart before God's law. Morality becomes an idol when it leads us to overlook our sins and look down on others.

Remember that while you may be doing better at one area of Christian morality than others, you aren't comparing yourself to others; you're comparing yourself to God. When that happens, this truth from Romans 3:22 speaks to us: "There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Always remember that only God can claim the moral high ground. Yet even in that position, he chose to extend grace to you. You stand right with God only because God chose to make things right with you. He covered all your immorality (sin) with the perfect morality of Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for Jesus, my perfect substitute when I sin and act immorally. Lead me to pray, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." Lead me to live always in view of your mercy as a living sacrifice to you. Amen.

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MAPLEWOOD NOTICE

Maplewood Cemetery will be starting Fall Clean-up September 7th and continue until completed.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED OR WILL BE REMOVED FOR YOU.

This helps with a good Fall Cleanup from stone to stone. Spraying will also be done. Decorations can be put up for 3 days for special occasions and winter decorations can be put up after November 1 and will need to be removed by April 1st.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Minnesota Veterans Home – Luverne is currently seeking Request for Bids for the following contracted service:
Snow Removal Services 10/01/2021 – 9/30/2023

To receive a Request for Bid for this service contract, please contact:
Anne C. Stegenga-Business Manager
Minnesota Veterans Home – Luverne
1300 North Kniss Avenue
PO Box 539
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-6207

The deadline for the bid submission is 10:00am on Thursday, September 16, 2021, CST, USA.



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LUVERNE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Who can apply?
Not-for-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, academic and research institutions located within Rock County are among the organizations eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation invites applications that will enhance the quality of life in the following areas:

- Arts & Humanities •Community & Civic Affairs
- Social & Economic Growth •Nutrition •Environment
- Recreation •Education
- Support Programs - children to senior citizen
- Community Health & Wellness including physical & mental health

How to apply? APPLY ONLINE AT:
<http://www.luvacf.org/application-information.html>
or contact Emily Crabtree at 507- 220-2424 or emily@luvacf.org

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Rock County STAR HERALD

— Help Wanted — SPORTS REPORTER


The **Rock County Star Herald** in Luverne, Minnesota, is looking for the right person to help navigate the fast-paced world of **community sports reporting**. Our weekly award-winning newspaper covers two local districts and their high school sports teams, along with community outdoors and recreational activities. We're working to enhance our daily presence with social media posts, sports column/blog and occasional streamed coverage with athletes, coaches and fans. Our vision is to be on the local scene of whatever sports-related news is happening — whenever and wherever it occurs — and share that experience with sports fans to read and watch on social media and to enjoy in print and online pages.

If you share the same vision of a local sports news presence, and if you're passionate about sports with the ability to write about it and share it with others, you may be the person we're looking for.


We're accepting applications now for this **full-time position**. Sports reporting and photography experience is preferred, along with some knowledge of InDesign, PhotoShop and social media platforms.

Email cover letter, resume and work samples to Rick Peterson, general manager, at rick@star-herald.com.

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



Our schools are now opening and updated policy and procedures are in place to help ensure the safety of the students. I continue to encourage parents to consider vaccinating their age appropriate children. As we celebrate the working force of America on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, this year more than ever we must take a moment to thank those that continued to do their jobs under some of the most stressful conditions. The broad spectrum of our local work force helps to keep our community safe and our local economy up and running even in difficult times.




VAX TO SCHOOL

So our kids can be kids again.

Getting kids vaccinated for COVID-19 is the best way to keep them in school.

Minnesotans 12 years of age and older are eligible.




Happy LABOR DAY

Thank you to everyone that was willing and able to continue working throughout the COVID-19 pandemic - on site or from home!

We appreciate your dedication!




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

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Sincerely,

Mayor Patrick T. Baustian



LUVERNE SCHOOL STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Based on the CDC and MDH guidance, face coverings are **highly recommended for all people within the school building**.
Masks are available upon request.
The federal government requires that face coverings be worn at all times on all public transportation. This includes school buses and district vehicles.

LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE STATEWIDE TESTING PROGRAM

The District will offer three testing options for students and staff:

BINAXNOW OTC AT-HOME TESTING
This test is for **students only**. Families can request a test kit to have at home to use should symptoms appear. Results are displayed 15 minutes after the test is performed. Families should notify the school of positive test results.

CUE TESTING
This test is for **students and staff** in the school's health office. Nasal swabs are collected by the school nurse or trained staff. School staff will process the test in the health office. Results are typically available within 20 minutes.

VAULT TESTING
Vault tests are individual saliva tests. Individuals need to have a Vault account and Zoom technology to complete the test. Test kits can be picked up in the school offices. Samples are submitted to the school office and submitted for processing every Friday.