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## Chamber makes plans for lighted Christmas

Community urged to be part of lighted displays with 'Polar Express' train theme

By Lori Sorenson

A Christmas lighted train engine will join the 2021 community holiday plans, which kick off with fireworks Nov. 28 in Luverne City Park.

Ellis and Eastern Railroad will transport Santa and Mrs. Claus through several communities on Sunday, Nov. 28, ending in Luverne in time for the grand lighting of decorated city park.

"We really want this to be special for kids and the community," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

She's encouraging individuals, businesses and organizations to start planning now to be part of the effort.

"Anyone is welcome to be part of the fun," Lanphere said.

The city park will be open on Nov. 1 for people to start putting up displays. Security cameras will be in place to deter vandalism, or at least record activity for restitution.

All displays should be in place and ready to turn on by Nov. 26.

"If everyone does a little bit, we can have every tree and bush decorated in the park," she said. "We're doing everything we can do to make it extra festive."

The theme this year is trains, along the lines of the "Polar Express" children's story, and people are encouraged to follow the theme, but may use any theme they would like.

Prizes will be awarded for displays in the categories of "Polar Express" theme, brightest display

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Luverne's Ryan Johnson addresses flag football teams following their final Saturday morning games Oct. 9 west of the Luverne School campus.

## Young athletes learn football basics, guidance for teamwork and life skills

Photos and story by Lori Sorenson

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13 was the Bible verse of the day for young flag football players who gathered after their recent Saturday morning games.

Every Saturday morning since Sept. 11, the west edge of Luverne would come alive with hundreds of elementary-age flag football players in jerseys touting team names like Broncos, Vikings, Falcons and others.

Softball diamonds, soccer fields and grassy areas in between were divided into kid-sized football fields surrounded by parents, grandparents and other fans in lawn chairs and on blankets.

More than 300 players on 28 teams come to Luverne from five different communities — Luverne, Edgerton, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Rock Rapids. Teams are organized by age in grades 1-6 through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Assistant coach Gavin Reick prays with his Edgerton team following their game.

### 'Humbling' growth

FCA is an international non-profit Christian sports ministry with chapters in nearly all sports for all ages and incorporates Christian principles into team playing. The Luverne FCA Flag

Football league started six years ago when Ryan Johnson was looking for an FCA flag football team for his son.

"I learned that if I wanted a team, I should start one," Johnson said.

That first year 120 local players participated, and the program has tripled in numbers since then.

"I've been blown away — and humbled — by the growth of it and how it has reached so many people and how it has benefited so many kids," Johnson said.

Coaches and teams work on the fundamentals of football, teamwork and physical conditioning. And they learn what it means to be an athlete and a Christian.

"They learn the message of Christ and they learn how to grow and become better people," Johnson said. "They learn how to be patient, how to be a teammate and how to be a competitor."

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## Rock Ranch joins Arenas For Change

Program expands local use of horses in mental health therapy

By Mavis Fodness

Rock Ranch, located west of Hills, recently expanded its equine-assisted psychotherapy services (EAP) and joined the nationwide organization Arenas for Change.

The therapeutic process uses horses as tools for improving mental health.

Rock Ranch founder Marie LaRock said Arenas for Change is a promising new resource to support and expand the Ranch's EAP services.

"Therapy in this program is for everybody," she said. "It is a matter of creating your story and working through it."

The Ranch is already certified in EAGALA equine therapy (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association), which uses horses as a safe place for clients to overcome specific trauma issues.

Arenas for Change is a network of mental health professionals who share

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Mavis Fodness photo/1007 Rock Ranch Joins ARCH

Rock Ranch, located west of Hills, recently joined 15 other therapeutic riding facilities in Arenas for Change and formed a local equine-assisted therapy team of (from left) barn manager Jessica Richters, office manager Staci Bundesen, Natasha Kellenberger, Lynne Hunter, Marie LaRock, Carissa Palmberg, Dolores Bundesen, Patti Swenson and Jill Jonnes-Kuca.

## Driver sentenced to 30 days in crash that took life of 22-year-old Brooke Thompson

By Mavis Fodness

A South Dakota circuit court judge sentenced 36-year-old Nicholas Floyd to 30 days for his reckless driving conviction in the 2019 crash that took the life of 22-year-old Brooke Thompson, Luverne.

Floyd initially faced a second-degree manslaughter charge, a felony with a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. However, a plea agreement earlier this year reduced the charges to reckless driving.

Floyd was the driver of the 2011 Peterbilt Conventional box truck that struck Brooke's vehicle in an I-90 construction zone near Brandon on July 23, 2019.

Floyd's reckless driving conviction is a misdemeanor that could carry a maximum penalty of 365 days in jail.

In a letter to court, the Thompson family wrote, "Any possible sentence for a misdemeanor reckless charge is a mere slap on the wrist compared to the

Sentencing/continued on 5A





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Town and Country Garden Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Lois Petersen's home. The topic will be "Fall and Winter Decorating" using items from your garden or kitchen. Call Linda at 507-597-6378. Gardeners welcome.

**Parkinson's Support Group** will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at Poplar Creek Care Center. Masks are required. Call Diane Karlstad, 507-530-3307, with questions.

### Free food offered Oct. 21

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, 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 receive pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366.

### Bloodmobile in Luverne Oct. 27

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will accept donations from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Grand Prairie Events on South Estey Street. Donors can save time by scheduling an appointment through RapidPass® and completing screenings ahead of the donation. To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in.

### Mobile Dental Clinic Oct. 27

A mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room. These clinics provide dental care for adults and children of all ages. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance accepted. Organized by #Luv1Luverne's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

### Trick or Treat at MJB Nov. 1

The Good Samaritan-Mary Jane Brown Nursing Home will offer trick-or-treats from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, in the form of a parade outside the front windows so residents can view from safely inside the building. Candy will be handed out at the end of the decorated path. Call 507-283-3117.

### SWCC business meeting Nov. 1

The Southwest Crisis Center annual business meeting is Monday, Nov. 1, at the Worthington Events Center. In-person attendance begins with a 5:30 p.m. meal and Zoom attendance begins at 6 p.m. The event will feature highlights from the staff, a financial report and information about the SWCC's program and services. To RSVP email Alejandra at alejandra@mnsbcc.org or call Sara at 507-376-4311.

### Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection week is Nov. 15-22, and boxes can be ordered online at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) or picked up at the American Reformed Church where they can be dropped off Nov. 15-22. Call Karen Bosch, 605-413-9676, or Charla Sandbulte, 507-227-1722, with questions.

### One Warm Coat donations

The Rock County One Warm Coat Project is collecting clean, reusable coats of all shapes and sizes (children's coats are especially needed) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 31 at ATLAS for Life. Drop-off bins are on the west side of the building. Coats may also be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School during the month of October. Call Destiny, 507-220-0030, Atlas of Rock County, 507-449-5777, or Lisa Dinger at school, 507-283-4497. Coat drive dates are from 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 4 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6.

### Hospice volunteer training

Sanford Luverne Hospice is in need of men and women volunteers at The Cottage and for patient visiting. An application and orientation is required and will be offered in October. If interested, contact Helen Saum at 507-283-1805 or email: [helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org](mailto:helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org)

### SHARE applications accepted

Rock County S.H.A.R.E applications are due by Nov. 24. Forms are available on the Luverne Chamber website home page (in English and Spanish). Distribution is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 8. The S.H.A.R.E. program distributes groceries, clothing and toys to Rock County residents who are in need of support. Donations of used items are not accepted. Monetary, tax-deductible donations can be mailed to SHARE at PO Box 792, Luverne, MN 56156.



Barb Bork (left) accepts her award from Chamber Vice President Becky Walgrave during the ceremony recognizing Outstanding Chamber Members. Above right, Sam Berghorst (left) accepts his award from Chamber Board President Robyn Wessels.

# Outstanding!

## Luverne Chamber recognizes Barb Bork and Sam Berghorst as 'Outstanding Chamber Members'

### By Lori Sorenson

Retired Luverne Building Center owner Sam Berghorst and retired Sewing Basket owner Barb Bork were named "Outstanding Chamber Members" for 2019 and 2020.

They were recognized Monday night at Sterling's restaurant in Luverne where they were presented with Sioux quartzite stones etched with words recognizing their honors.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere joked that people were getting a "two for one" with the joint ceremony recognizing the past two years' honorees.

### Sam Berghorst

The 2019 honoree, Berghorst, would have been recognized a year ago, but the event was canceled due to the pandemic.

Monday night, Chamber Board President Robyn Wessels presented him with his award and read from a prepared biography listing his accomplishments.

"Sam brought his passion for this community into his business," she said. "Luverne Building Center became a generous sponsor and supporter of many organizations and events throughout the community. When building or construction expertise was needed on a project, people came to Sam to ask for help."

Much of his volunteer time went into the Blue Mound Ice Arena where he helped with the bleacher system, locker room, the larger lobby and concessions and space for dry-land training.

When the First Presbyterian Church voted to renovate, remodel and re-configure the church, Berghorst was the first contact for the builder on the \$1.1 million construction project.

"Sam has always been



Brittany Loosbrock, who is starting a bakery business in Luverne, provided layered cakes and frosted cookies for the Outstanding Chamber Member event Monday night. Pictured are (from left, and some off camera) Hallie, Brylie and Cambrie Bork, grandchildren of honoree Barb Bork, Chamber staff Amber Lais, Sterling's server Lisa Turbes and (off camera) Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

an active supporter of the Chamber by offering his equipment and resources to support community events," Wessels said. "He stepped up to the plate to volunteer his time and financially support the programs and services we offered."

He served for decades as a volunteer fireman and he volunteered and served on the boards of local organizations and institutions. Currently he is an active member of the Luverne Optimist Club, Rock County Fair Board and Luverne Eagles Club.

### Barb Bork

Chamber Board Vice President Becky Walgrave presented Bork with the

2020 Outstanding Chamber Member award Monday night.

"No one has given more to the Main Street retail community than Barb, and we are thrilled tonight to publicly thank and honor her for her commitment to our community," Walgrave said.

She said Bork and the Sewing Basket were partners with the downtown community.

"Barb served on countless marketing/promotion groups as Main Street businesses worked together to bring shoppers and visitors to the community," Walgrave said.

"When the opportunities came up to make Luverne a better place to

live, work and play, Barb would lend a hand."

Throughout her 41 years in business, the Sewing Basket became a retail hub for Main Street, attracting business downtown.

"Charter buses and carloads of quilters would pull up to the store to shop," Walgrave said.

"Many of those quilters became longtime customers and would come back to the store time and time again for their supplies."

Other retailers recognized the Sewing Basket as a downtown draw as quilters shopped other stores in the community.

"From special events like the 'Shop Hop' and 'Row by Row' promotions with other quilt shops – thousands of visitors would stop in Luverne every year for the unique experience they would have at the Sewing Basket," Walgrave said.

"We thank Barb for building a business that has grown into a quilting/ sewing machine destination and creating a client base of visitors from throughout the tri-state region."

### Background

The Outstanding Chamber Member Award was developed in 2005 to honor retired persons who have made and are making significant contributions to the community through their time, actions, talents and dedication.

Past honorees are:  
2005 – George Golla, 2006 – Margaret Vegge, 2007 – Dave Smith, 2008 – Merlyn and Lynn Lopau, 2009 – The Dispanet Family, 2010 – Betty Mann, 2011 – Terrie Gulden, 2012 – George and Corrine Bonnema, 2013 – Curt Bloemendaal, 2014 – Gary Papik, 2015 – Greg Burger, 2016 – Glen Gust, 2017 – Mike Engesser and 2018 – Mike Cox.

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# Hills council proposes 4.9 percent levy increase

By Mavis Fodness

In a special Sept. 21 meeting, the Hills City Council set the preliminary amount received from local property taxes at 4.9 percent higher than last year's amount.

In 2022 the city will collect \$139,701, up \$6,845 from the previous year.

The total 2022 city budget will be \$354,141.

The extra levy amount covers the increase in the law enforcement contract with the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Hills will pay \$14,771 more or \$39,026 for services in 2022.

Council members discussed the 2022 budget at their Sept. 14 meeting before adopting the preliminary levy percent at the Sept. 21 special meeting.

Each line item in the city's budget was discussed, including those of city utilities.

They approved increasing water rates \$1 per increment plus another \$1 for garbage pickup to \$19 per month. Sewer rates remain the same.

Council members also plan to replace equipment (\$15,000) in the parks department as well as the continued improvement of the city's infrastructure.

For 2022 Hills will have \$68,355 from the federal government's American Rescue Plan to spend on water and/or sanitary sewer improvements. Cities have until 2024 to spend the ARP funds.

Council members will conduct a Truth-in-Taxation meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, to finalize the 2022 budget and set the final levy amount. Council members can reduce the current preliminary 4.9 percent increase. They cannot increase the percentage.

## Auditor: 'Pretty healthy fund balance'

Amy Mollberg, a certified public accountant with Meulebroek, Taubert & Co. in Luverne, recently presented the 2020 City of Hills audit report.

Overall she gave the city an "unqualified clean opinion," the best rating the city could receive.

Mollberg commended city officials for their healthy general fund balance of 23 months.

"If you got zero more dollars, you could sustain (the same level of businessness) for 23 months without any more revenue," she said.

"The state recommends five to six months — you guys have a pretty healthy fund balance."



Photo courtesy of Ryan Johnson

The final games of the FCA Flag Football league in Luverne were played Saturday night under the lights of Cardinal Field. There were 325 players on 28 teams in grades 1-6 from five different communities involved in the local league, which teaches principles of the game and Christian living.

## FCA Flag Football League in Luverne/continued from page 1A

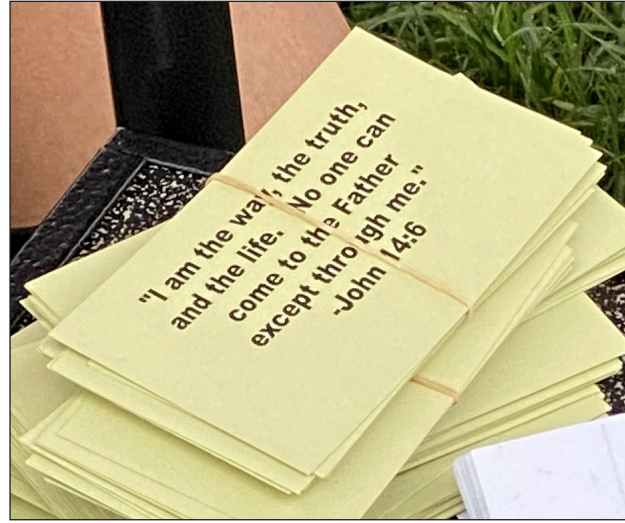
Following their 9:30 a.m. Saturday games, players huddled with their teams to review play highlights and to bow their heads in prayer.

Then all the teams gathered for a final huddle to review their Bible verse of the week and what it means for them as athletes and as Christians. Players who could recite the verse from memory when called on were rewarded with T-shirts or footballs.

Guest speakers (some from the NHL and NFL) each week addressed the group huddles about what it means to be a Christian both on and off the field.

At their final Saturday morning game on Oct. 9, they heard from Greg Loy, a pastor in Rochester who played college basketball.

He used a boomerang as a "greater than" or "less than" math symbol and encouraged the athletes to think "less than" themselves and put others



Each week, the players learned Bible verses. The final verse was John 14:6, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

before themselves.

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less," Loy said. "The Bible says it this way: Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought, but honor one another above yourself."

He said it's true in relationships, families, marriages, church congregations, neighborhoods, at work, in school and also on athletic teams.

## For the love of the game ... and love for the kids

The flag football season wrapped up Saturday night on Cardinal Field in Luverne. "It was really neat for the kids when the lights came on," Johnson said.

He and Charlotte have three children (second, sixth and eighth grade) and he's the Luverne High School principal. Organizing the FCA flag football league makes his life busier, but he said it's worth his time.

"I do it because I love football, and I love the message that FCA provides," Johnson said.

"But mostly, I love working with kids. It's a joy to see kids learning to be part of a team ... the thrill of winning and the sting of defeat and learning how to be a competitor and how to respond to coaches and referees."

Registration for the 2022 season begins in June at southdakotafca.org. There is a flag football tab where the Luverne link can be found in the list of communities.

## Lighted Christmas plans in Luverne City Park/continued from page 1A

and most creative display.

The Palace Theatre may be able to show the popular computer animated "Polar Express" movie that weekend, and community members are encouraged to decorate lighted displays in the park under the theme of trains.

On the night of Nov. 28, the park will open at 6 p.m. to let cars into the park to watch the fireworks, which will begin at 7 p.m.

"We're hoping we can get 100 cars in there. The south berm is the greatest place to see the fireworks," Lanphere said.

Each car will be charged \$10 to enter, and children will receive a treat and locomotive bell.

When Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at the park, people in cars will be instructed to roll down their windows and ring their bells.

"They'll be told that if Santa hears the bells, the park will light up," Lanphere said.

"When the lights come on, those cars inside the park will get to circle the displays first, and then we'll open up the park to everyone."

Lanphere said the lighted park evening is a solid plan, regardless of pandemic shifts.

"This will totally be a fun thing to experience for families," she said.

"It's been another trying year for families and individuals, and if the pandemic flares up again,

we'll be safe. Everyone will be in their cars with their own families."

### Timeline:

On Nov. 1 the park will open for decorating to start.

On Nov. 26 decorating will be done with all displays ready to be plugged in.

On Nov. 28 the community will celebrate the holiday kickoff at the park.

At 5 p.m. the train will arrive with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the holiday-decorated Luverne Depot on Freeman Street.

From 5 to 6:30 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will pose for photos with children at the depot, where people can tour

the station.

At 6 p.m. the park will be open for cars to enter for viewing the fireworks.

At 6:30 p.m. the train will return Santa and Mrs. Claus to the city park for fireworks.

7 p.m. — Fireworks start

After fireworks are over, children will be instructed to ring their bells and the park displays will light up simultaneously.

To reserve a space at the park to decorate a holiday display, call the Chamber, 507-283-4061.

Lanphere said participants will get all the information they need about electrical hookups and other details when they sign up.

## Rock Ranch in Hills joins Arenas for Change program/continued from page 1A

insightful ways horses can improve health and facilitate discussion within organizations like Rock Ranch that assist therapists with clients' personal growth.

The recent in-person EAP training showed four local mental health practitioners how combining horses and storytelling can be a useful tool in getting clients to discover and work through challenging areas in their lives.

Four Rock Ranch volunteers were also trained in horse selection and how to keep clients and therapists safe during the therapy sessions.

Not a horseback riding program, clients and their therapist safely watch from a distance as four to five horses interact freely in the arena or a pasture. The horses' natural herd behavior provides opportunities for stories to be discovered and told. And, over time, for healing to begin.

Clients are asked to make up stories from the

horses' behaviors, and this can open doors to discussing actual mental health issues. The trained therapists and certified equine specialists are there to help guide clients through the process.

"We believe our stories change," LaRock said. "And we change through working through those stories."

ARCH founder Lynn Thomas and co-facilitators Amanda Graham and Lynn Moore spent two days training Ranch staff and local mental health professionals.

She said the technique offers clients an opportunity to step back, examine their stories and find deeper meaning and understanding to issues the clients need to overcome.

"Horses are the best story editors," Thomas said. "They have a way of bringing out stories in a deeper way."

As clients create stories from their observation of the horses, they begin to feel emotionally safe. "The

magic (of healing) begins," Thomas said.

Rock Ranch is one of 16 to join Arenas for Change, which formerly organized in July, after a year of planning.

The training is supported by various monetary gifts including the Southwest Initiative Foundation, Luverne Area Community Foundation and individual donors to Rock Ranch's education fund.

"If we are going to have talented people on our team, we feel it is important to provide training," said Dan LaRock, who began Rock Ranch in 2016 with Marie.

The Ranch allocates \$8,000 a year for EAP training that includes a

scholarship fund to help clients afford the cost of care.

Mental health practitioners completing the training at Rock Ranch include Natasha Kellenberger (LMFT), Lynne Hunter (MSW CSW-PIP), Carissa Palmberg (MS, LPC, LAC) and Jill Jonnes-Kuca (MC, MACL, FFT).

Equine specialists include Marie LaRock, Dolores Bundeson, Patti Swenson and Jessica Richters.

LaRock, Palmberg and Jonnes-Kuca are also EAGALA certified.

Staci Bundeson was recently hired as the Ranch's office and

operations manager, and Richters is the Ranch's barn manager and instructor.

In addition to EAP, Rock Ranch offers beginning riding lessons

and a senior saddle program.

For more information, visit the Ranch's website, [www.riderockranch.org](http://www.riderockranch.org).



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## Do the 'Sunday scaries' affect you? They certainly have been affecting me

A recent Star Tribune article pointed to a phenomenon that has ruined plenty of Sunday "fundays" for me. It's called the Sunday "scaries."



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

**Instead of getting a sense of vacation vibes from a weekend, the pandemic made every day the same.**

about the looming work week ahead.

- Create a Sunday routine to prep for the week ahead. A sense of empowerment is created when a routine is set up on Sundays such as doing laundry, selecting clothes for the week, grocery shopping or planning the weekday meals. Completing some Monday tasks on Sunday tamps down those scaries.

- Plan to wind down on Sunday evenings. Watching TV, exercising or playing games for an hour helps you to come off the weekend and transition into a calm state of mind. Don't check your work email unless you know it will help you feel prepared. Getting plenty of sleep helps curb anxiety.

- Plan something fun for midweek. Thinking about enjoying leisure activities only on weekends puts a lot of pressure on those two days. So why not have some fun during the week, too. It's a way to spice up the week and gives us a chance to relax during the week.

The "Wednesday scaries" sounds a lot less intimidating, doesn't it?

Sunday scaries is the tendency to overthink the work-week ahead.

The mind busily runs through everything that needs to be accomplished during the upcoming week. Worst-case scenarios of the imposing tasks creep into the mind, and before you know it, the weekend is over ... and it's Monday again.

The article points out that the Sunday scaries worsened during the pandemic. As we sheltered in place and worked from home, we began sleeping in the "office" and repurposing our kitchen counters as board rooms. Because we were home 24/7, the work week blended into what should have been personal time.

Instead of getting a sense of vacation vibes from a weekend, the pandemic made every day the same.

So how do you combat the Sunday scaries?

Luckily the article offers some helpful tips.

- Aim to have a truly recharging weekend. Find those activities and obligations that are recharging and do not overextend yourself. This eliminates the resentment of not having had time for yourself when Sunday night rolls around, which can exacerbate the dread of returning to work.

- Write a to-do list for Monday – and for the rest of the week, if necessary. Getting ideas and tasks out of your head and onto paper minimizes the anticipatory anxiety

*Let's end the abuse*

## #Every1KnowsSome1 highlights commonality of domestic violence

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Kari Voss-Drost,  
Southwest Crisis Center assistant director

Each year the Southwest Crisis Center joins advocates, survivors and supporters across the nation to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM).

More prevalent than most realize, one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes.

Last year, the Southwest Crisis Center served over 500 individuals, families and children, providing nearly 5,000 services.

Domestic violence goes beyond the visible black eyes and bruises to encompass all forms of power and control such as isolation, a ruined credit score to keep a partner dependent, gaslighting, and threatening the safety and well-being of kids.

Anyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual identity or orientation, socio-economic status or religious affiliation, can experience domestic violence.

This year's national campaign theme, #Every1KnowsSome1, strives to highlight how common domestic violence is.

No community is immune from domestic violence and its effects.

Whether we are aware of it or not, we all have friends, family members, co-workers and acquaintances who are experiencing/have experienced abusive behavior in a relationship. Therefore, we all can be that person of support and encouragement because we all know someone.

While supporting someone, it is important to note that ultimately it is the person experiencing the violence who is the expert in their own life and in the behavior of their abuser; therefore, a support person should never push their thoughts

and ideas on the person they are trying to support.

Purple ribbons have been placed throughout area towns in recognition and support of those impacted by violence and to continue to raise awareness about this important issue.

For free and confidential services and information, individuals who think they may be experiencing domestic violence or who would like to know how they can help be the support person for someone can call the Southwest Crisis Center 24/7 safe line at 800-376-4311 or send a message through our website [www.mnswcc.org](http://www.mnswcc.org).

## Radisewitz: Retirement is really not that fun

### To the Editor:

Isn't retirement fun! So many days I feel like it's summer and I'm a nine-year-old with nothing to do but look for adventure. Maybe go fishing or build a fort.

For seniors October is like going back to school. That's because it's time to get serious and make the important decision on what health insurance plan to have in 2022.

Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 is open enrollment period for Medicare, where we decide on which health insurance plan to have Jan. 1st. Should we keep the supplement we had for years or look at the Medicare Advantage plan?

How do we get the information we need to make the right decision? So often sharing around the coffee table is all the information we have to make this important decision. We find ourselves asking if there is anywhere to get good, honest advice.

The answer is yes. A couple of resources for Minnesota seniors are the Senior Linkage Line and local

retirement advisers.

The Senior Linkage Line 800-333-2433 is a service offered by the Minnesota Board on Aging and is the first place seniors should turn to with questions about health care, housing, legal services, etc. You might have to spend a few minutes on hold waiting for help, but the operators are very helpful. They take the time needed to answer all questions seniors have.

Local retirement advisers are also available to answer questions. They can educate you on the details of senior health plans in our area.

In 2021 health plans came to Rock County that pay for dental, vision, hearing, chiropractors, prescriptions and gym memberships for seniors. Might that plan be the best? Good question; you need to ask.

For retirees that are living check to check, you need to ask for help. Local advisers can help to see if you qualify for the Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help with prescriptions offered by Social

Security and the State of Minnesota.

Some companies use TV ads with ex-NFL players or movie stars encouraging you to call the number on the screen to find out if you qualify and to get \$1,782 Medicare payment back. My advice is to NOT call that number. The TV ad company will sell your name to hundreds of insurance companies and your phone will ring off the hook until you'll want to turn it off, or you'll quit answering.

It is better to shop local. Find a retirement adviser to help, or apply on your own at [SSA.gov](http://SSA.gov) under the Medicare tab. Sixty percent of the seniors that qualify for assistance don't ask for help. They pay \$148.50 each month to Social Security that they can't afford.

Are some of the programs for seniors confusing? Yes, but there are free resources available to help. Now get your homework done and get back to building that fort. Enjoy retirement!

Cary Radisewitz  
Luverne

## Remember to give to 'Max Your Community' in November

The Luverne Area Community Foundation (LACF) is organizing the MAX YOUR COMMUNITY fund drive from Nov. 1-11.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, there will be a live KQAD radiothon broadcast from the LACF's Main Street office.

Two of this area's longtime trusted organizations, the Luverne Area Community Foundation and Red Arrow have come together to raise \$100,000.

The Red Arrow organization was for many years the local version of the United Way.

A shortage of people power made it difficult for Red Arrow to continue its efforts to raise the much-needed funds for local charities.

Today, the LACF, with an en-



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

thusiastic endorsement from the retired Red Arrow organization, launched the MAX YOUR COMMUNITY fund drive.

Recently many of you, along with area businesses, received donor packets in the mail that will remind you of the great work Red Arrow had done for so many years and how to donate.

The \$100,000 goal may seem

optimistic, but the need is real. One hundred percent of the money raised stays in Rock County.

Rock County communities have a great opportunity to double down on their donation money to their community endowment fund.

If and when local Rock County communities (including Hills, Beaver Creek, Hardwick, Magnolia, Kenneth, Steen and Jasper) raise

\$5,000 for their community endowment fund, the LACF will match that amount. (FYI, Hills has already reached the \$5,000 amount and the extra \$5,000 for LACF.)

Ever since Mary and I moved to Luverne, we have always been amazed at how generous the people of Rock County are.

When the cause is right, you step up and write the check or use auto pay or round up your utility bill or Venmo or hand-deliver the money to the LACF office.

Today the cause has never been more right.

For more information on how you can help reach the \$100,000 goal, contact Emily Crabtree at the LACF office: 507-220-2424 or email [emily@LACF.org](mailto:emily@LACF.org).

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Oct. 8**  
 •Complainant on Highway 75 reported pedestrian is on roadway.  
 •Complainant on W. Dakota Street, Beaver Creek, reported trespassing.  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a deputy conducted patrol of area.  
**Oct. 9**  
 •Lyon County Sheriff's Office requested RCSO assistance.  
 •Complainant on W. Main Street, Hardwick, reported someone on his property.  
 •Subject in Casper arrested on Rock County warrant.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a stolen vehicle.  
**Oct. 10**  
 •Complainant on S. Boone Street, Rock Rapids, reported subject with Rock County warrant.  
 •Report of no parking sign was run over on Cedar and Main.  
 •Complainant on E. Main Street reported vehicle parked at dam for several days.  
 •Complainant in Spring, Texas, reported emergency out of county.  
**Oct. 11**  
 •Complainant on Highway 75 and 51<sup>st</sup> Street, reported an obstruction on the roadway.  
 •Complainant on S. Cottage Grove Avenue reported lost saddle bags.  
 •Complainant on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Steen, reported subject driving without a valid license.  
 •Complainant on 161<sup>st</sup> Street, Luverne, reported smoke sighting.  
 •Complainant on Koehn Avenue reported found billfold.  
 •Complainant on 131<sup>st</sup> Street and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported a field fire.  
 •Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported theft at location.  
 •Complainant on 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported manure on roadway.  
**Oct. 12**  
 •Complainant on County Road 20 and State Highway 23, Jas-

per, reported vehicle ran stop sign.  
 •Complainant on N. Prospect Street and E. Main Street, Hardwick, reported park vandalism.  
 •Complainant on W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hills, reported received threats.  
 •Complainant on Edgehill Street reported a lost wallet.  
 •Complainant on 41<sup>st</sup> Street and 50<sup>th</sup> Railroad Crossing, Hills, reported a train malfunction.  
 •Complainant on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported theft of vehicle rims and tires.  
 •Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported suspicious activity.  
 •Repairs on County Road 4, railroad crossing west of Manley.  
**Oct. 13**  
 •Complainant on E. Main Street requested to speak to a deputy.  
 •Complainant reported a stolen vehicle.  
 •Complainant on E. First Avenue, Beaver Creek, requested information on driving status.  
**Oct. 14**  
 •Complainant on E. Brown Street reported someone shattered a window.  
 •Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a vandalized window.  
 •Complainant on Mag Road reported break-in/theft.  
 •Complainant on 171<sup>st</sup> Street, Luverne, reported a road rage incident.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported buckets of chicken guts dumped at location.  
 •Complainant on W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, reported subject with Rock County warrant.  
 •Complainant on 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Luverne, reported a runaway child.  
 •Complainant on W. Interstate Drive requested assistance with a warrant.  
 In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 11 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 5 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 1 burn permit, 1 alarm, 8 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 7 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 1 welfare check, 2 OFPs and 1 follow-up.



Lori Sorenson photo/1021 towne square prairie loft apartments

### Groundbreaking to start ... finally

Heavy equipment moved into place Monday on the site of the future "Prairie Loft" apartment buildings and a groundbreaking ceremony is planned for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the corner of Hatting Street and South Highway 75. The \$8 million project will be known as Prairie Loft 1 and Prairie Loft 2 apartments, with the capital E representing "environmental sustainability and smart building practices." Construction will use "Extreme Structural Insulated Panels," high performance heat pumps, in-floor heat, LED lighting that qualifies for Energy Star, and the Net Zero Ready Program. The two buildings will have one- and two-bedroom units on three floors with elevators and off-street parking.

### Reward offered in vandalism cases

On Thursday, The Rock County Sheriff's Office took reports of vandalism to the Rock County Courthouse glass door as well as the Rock County Attorney's Office.

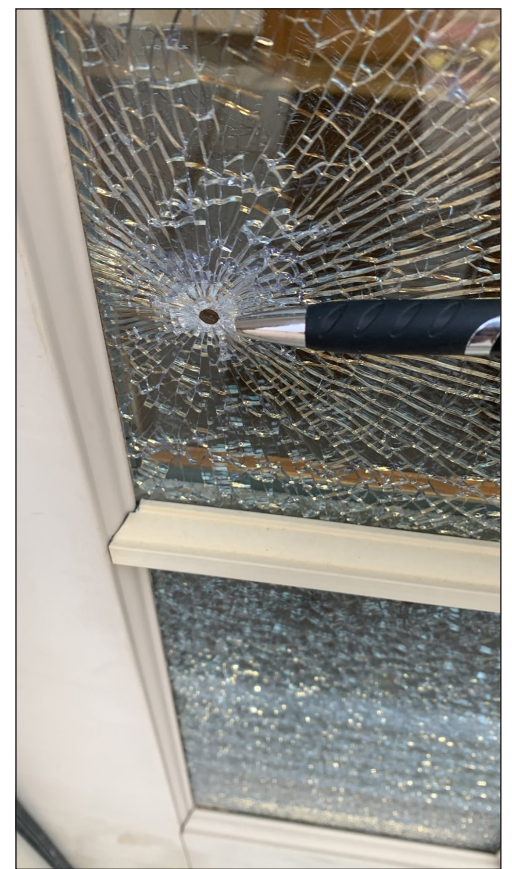
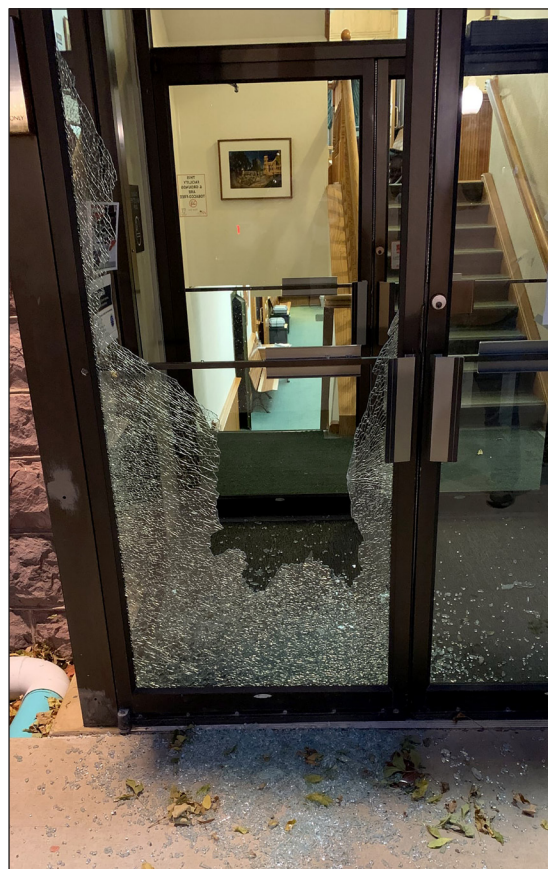
Damage was caused by someone shooting a BB gun at the windows, causing several thousand dollars in damage to both locations.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in providing information about the vandalism.

A reward is available to anyone giving information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

Call the Sheriff's Office at 507-283-5000 or email [verbrugge@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:verbrugge@co.rock.mn.us) or email investigator [jeff.wieneke@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:jeff.wieneke@co.rock.mn.us).

"Your assistance is greatly appreciated," the Sheriff's Facebook page posted.



### Sentence hearing/ from page 1A

devastation Floyd caused our family. He gave us a life sentence without her and our sweet Brooke paid the ultimate price for his actions. She had so many plans. There are no words to describe how insanely much we miss her."

Nearly 50 people supported the Wayne and Mary Thompson family Monday afternoon during the sentencing hearing at the Minnehaha Courthouse in Sioux Falls.

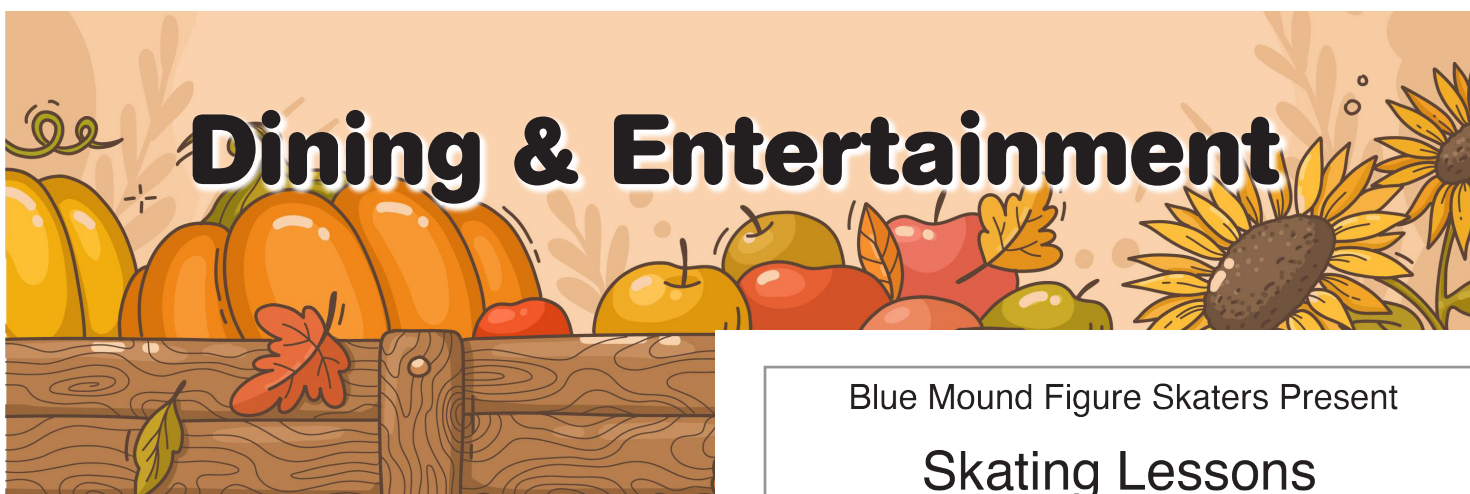


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## LIVERNE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL BENEFIT

**SHOWTIMES**

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**  
 1st movie at 7:30 pm-  
 2nd movie to follow


**Thursday, Oct. 21**  
 1st movie at 7:30 pm-  
 2nd movie to follow

**Friday, Oct. 22**  
 1st movie at 7:30 pm-  
 2nd movie to follow

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Mavis Fodness photo/1021 Theater Returns to H-BC

The curtain at Hills-Beaver Creek High School will open this spring to a local production thanks to Britton McKenzie, a junior, who asked if the performing arts option can be reinstated this school year. H-BC board members unanimously supported the idea at their Oct. 11 meeting. The district is seeking a director/adviser.

## Theater returns to Hills-Beaver Creek at student's request; interest high

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board members will hire a theater director/adviser, at the request of a student.

Junior Britton McKenzie requested a spring theatrical performance at the school. High School Principal Andrew Kellenberger brought the request to the board's Oct. 11 meeting.

"I am a big believer in opportunity," Kellenberger said. "Having another art opportunity will allow more of our students to be active in our extracurricular activities and develop more student-leaders."

When McKenzie expressed his interest in theater, Kellenberger encouraged him to poll his fellow students to gauge the interest in theater.

"Thirteen said 'yes,' with 18 'maybes,'" Kellenberger said.

The theater option returns after a year off during the pandemic, and that's good news to McKenzie.

"I am extremely excited for there to be a theater program at H-BC again," he said.

"I love theater because it gives everyone a chance to express themselves even if they're not being themselves — you could let out your own emotions by portraying someone else's."

McKenzie has been involved in the arts through the Green Earth Players theater group in Luverne

*'I love theater because it gives everyone a chance to express themselves even if they're not being themselves — you could let out your own emotions by portraying someone else's.'*

—Britton McKenzie,  
H-BC junior

since he was 1. His father, Casey McKenzie, is a frequent actor in GEP productions and introduced him early on to other GEP members.

"They (GEP) feel like a family to me," the younger McKenzie said.

Bringing theater back to the familiar walls of H-BC and connecting with another group of art-minded individuals also appeals to him.

"Hopefully the familiar space will make a space that fosters creativity," McKenzie said.

The last H-BC theatrical production was 2019 when students performed "High School Musical."

With the school board's ap-

proval, the district is looking for a director/adviser for the spring play.

In the meantime, McKenzie encourages students to cast aside any preconceived judgments about theater.

"Theater is not widespread especially in rural communities," McKenzie said.

"The biggest and most successful schools have theater programs. With the addition of a theater program (locally) I believe we are taking a step toward being one of those bigger, better schools — a school with ideals that embrace the arts."

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card Shower

Joyce Hansen will celebrate her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Greetings may be sent to Box 197, Hardwick, MN 56134.

## SENIOR MENU

### Monday, Oct. 25:

Chicken stir fry with brown rice, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges.

### Tuesday, Oct. 26:

Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad with dressing, Texas toast, pineapple, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

### Wednesday, Oct. 27:

Creamy chicken, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, bread, warm fruit crisp.

### Thursday, Oct. 28:

Pork loin, candied yams, broccoli florets, bread, des-

sert.

**Friday, Oct. 29:** Meat loaf, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, dessert, bread.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

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

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

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at [www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).

## 1932: Area firemen meet in Luverne

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on Oct. 5, 1932.

### Luverne Firemen are Hosts to 300 Visitors ...

(Continued from last week)

The remaining topics up for discussion were each handled in equally as interesting a manner, and the afternoon meeting adjourned at about five o'clock to prepare for the parade. The procession was formed at the city hall and the line of march extended from Lincoln street to McKenzie, down to Main street and along to Freeman avenue, and thence to the Armory where the banquet was held. Two hundred and fifty firemen were served at the banquet, which had been prepared by the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church.

The first attraction for the evening was the free movie at the Palace theatre, showing the National Board of Underwriters' Film, "Fire." Owing to so many objections being made to these plans, they were changed, and the event was held at the Armory instead. An immense crowd gathered for this occasion, and the festive spirit was everywhere apparent.

More excitement was



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
president Rock County  
Historical Society

added to the evening when shortly before nine o'clock a fire alarm was turned in for a blaze in a small shed in the rear of the Hinky garage. The Luverne firemen responded immediately, but the fire had been allowed to gain too much headway before the alarm was turned in, and the building was almost totally destroyed.

The arrangements for the convention were in charge of a general committee composed of Chief Geo. W. Cotrell, C. J. Martin and H. H. Hagedorn, of the Luverne fire

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## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

•A 9-foot grand piano will permanently grace the stage of Luverne's Palace Theatre, compliments of Gary and Janine Papik.

Janine Papik said the piano's history began in the old Luverne High School building sometime in the 1920s or 1930s where it stood on the stage in the school's theatre and was featured in the school's music programs.

When the high school building was remodeled into an elementary school in the 1960s, the grand piano was stood on end and placed in storage.

It was rediscovered by high school music instructor Tom Haugen who bought it and moved it to his home.

When Haugen left Luverne in 1971, Bonnie and Harold Jordahl bought the piano for their daughter, Janine (Papik), as a wedding gift.

Papik said the piano stayed in the Jordahl home at 211 West Dodge until it was donated to the Papik Motors car dealership, where it stood in the showroom until January.

Papik said, "It was probably the only car dealership in the country with a grand piano."

A few months ago, salesmen at the car dealership noticed a wobbly leg on the piano and worried the piano could fall and hurt someone or be ruined.

Gary decided the piano should be refurbished and donated for community use.

Janine said, "You can't just repair a leg on a piano like this. The more you look, the more repairs it needs." To say the piano has been refurbished would be an understatement.

It's been undergoing a complete transformation at Bob's

Piano in Sioux Falls, where thousands of parts have been cleaned, repaired and replaced.

At 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, the piano will make its debut during "A Grand Celebration of Music" at the Palace Theatre.

Papik said part of the motivation behind donating their grand piano to the Palace was to help reduce piano rental costs.

### 25 years ago (1996)

•City boundaries may extend farther west to include IBP. The push behind annexation is the company's need for extra wastewater treatment. The plant used a temporary line to the city treatment plant during spring 1996.

To connect to the city's wastewater system, the plant must be part of the city, according to city policy. The plant already purchases city power and water. ...

Under the current proposals, IBP would pay for installing the line and the city would maintain it with the understanding it could tap into the line and use it for future expansion in the area.

IBP's wastewater treatment system uses four lagoons before direct discharge to the Rock River and irrigation.

### 50 years ago (1971)

•Robert Artley's cartoon, "The setting may be different — but the mood is the same," was singled out by the Minnesota Education Association for a merit award in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Minnesota School Bell Awards competition.

The cartoon, drawn by the Star-Herald's staff cartoonist, was published in the Sept. 2, 1970 issue.

The award was one of 21 given by the MEA this year. It was one of three entries in all categories which were accorded honors in the Southwest district of the MEA.

### 75 years ago (1946)

•Cedric Adams has consented to return to Magnolia for its school carnival again this year.

Superintendent Brynson announced Monday that arrangements have been made to hold the carnival and program either the night of November 6 or November 14, and that Adams, who claims Magnolia as his home town, has consented to present his night news broadcast from the stage of the high school auditorium. The exact date, however, will be announced as soon as arrangements have been completed.

### 100 years ago (1921)

•Under a new ruling by the postoffice department at Washington, all patrons of rural mail delivery routes must, on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, have their mail boxes erected on the ride side of the road, according to the direction from which the mail carrier arrives. ...

The order further specifies that patrons must place the boxes so that the carriers can reach them without driving over ditches, or through places where there is danger of their vehicles becoming mired or lodged in wet weather. ...

All mail boxes must have lids on them so they can be closed easily in order to protect the mail matter against inclement weather, the order provides. Failure to comply with these requirements lays the patron liable to discontinuance of mail delivery service.



## OBITUARIES

### Charlotte Kuechenmeister

Charlotte E. Kuechenmeister, age 94, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at Good Samaritan -Luther Manor in Sioux Falls.



Her funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Hope Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, with graveside services to follow at Hills of Rest Cemetery, Sioux Falls. Visitation will be on Friday, October 15, 2021, at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory, Sioux Falls, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Visit [www.georgeboom.com](http://www.georgeboom.com) for an online guest book and a link to live stream the funeral.

Charlotte Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Harry Smith and Margaret (Dohlmann) Smith, was born on June 17, 1927, in Steen (Rock County), Minnesota. She grew up farming with her family and attended country school.

She was united in marriage to Orville Kuechenmeister on September 8, 1949, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick, Minnesota. Her daughters remember her

saying they were the first couple married in the newly built church. After they were married, they made their home in Sioux Falls, where Orville worked as a laborer and Charlotte spent most of their married life as a homemaker. They were blessed with three daughters, Alvina, Debra and Gail. In later years she held jobs at Harold's Photography and in the housekeeping departments of both McKennan and Sioux Valley hospitals.

At the age of 80 she sold her house in Sioux Falls and moved to a townhome in Brandon, South Dakota. In 2019 she returned to Sioux Falls to live at Luther Manor.

Charlotte enjoyed crocheting and embroidery and inspired in her daughters a passion for the same. Through the years she loved having rummage sales where she also sold her doilies and homemade banana bread. Someone told her once that she was known as "the doily lady on 26th Street." She always had her radio tuned to KXRB listening to her favor-

ite disc jockeys and old time country music. And she never missed watching episodes of "Polka Time" on PBS.

Grateful for sharing her life are her daughters, Alvina Knode and her husband, Stan, of Sioux Falls, Debra Tangeman of Sioux Falls, and Gail Boever and her husband, Kevin, of Sioux Falls; her granddaughter, Beth Regener and her husband, Scott, of Mantorville, Minnesota; great-grandchildren Ben and Joel Regener; sister Margaret Swenson and her husband, Robert, of Luverne, Minnesota; brother Harry Smith and his wife, Carol, of Slayton, Minnesota; many nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Kuechenmeister; her parents, Harry and Margaret (Dohlmann) Smith; sister Ann Hoven; and her son-in-law, Kenny Tangeman.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the wonderful staff of Luther Manor nursing home for the loving care they provided to Charlotte, especially during this time of COVID.

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### Joyce Sandbo

Joyce Elizabeth Sandbo, 79, Luverne, died Sunday, Oct. 13, 2021.

A celebration to remember Joyce's life will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at The Lake in Luverne. A private burial will be at a later date.

Joyce Sarvela was born March 7, 1942, to Theodore and Henrietta Sarvela.

Following high school graduation in Barnum, Joyce married Jerry Peter-

son. Together they had three daughters, Sharon, Donna, and Lisa.

In 1994 Joyce married Kim (Sam) Sandbo in Luverne, where they made their home.

Joyce is survived by her children, Sharon Engen (Ken Lade), East Bethel, Donna Peterson (Larry Rix), Lake View, Iowa, and Lisa Hieronimus (Dan Probst), Adrian; her grandchildren, Matthew, Stephanie, Eric, Marc, Ethan, Kyle, Houston and Cole; her

great-grandchildren, Austin, Tanner, Brayden, Connor, Mya, Clayton James, Haidyn, Josie and Anessa; and her siblings, Darlene, Linda, Dorothy, Wally and Bonnie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings Georgiann and Kenneth; and a great-grandson, Cayden.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, [dingmannandsons.com](http://dingmannandsons.com).

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### John Anderson

John Allen "Jack" Anderson, 83, Nevis, died at home on Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021.



A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Park Rapids. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

John was born on July 13, 1938, to Elmer and Darlene (Moon) Anderson in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He grew up and attended country school near Steen and then in Hills, where he graduated from high school in 1956. He attended college at Augsburg where he earned his education degree in 1960.

He married Doris Hengeveld on June 19, 1959,

in Hills. He taught biology and physical education and coached at Atwater Schools for two years. He then took a position at Willmar Junior High School for 30 years, serving mostly as the school principal. He later worked at the Prairie Lakes Detention Center in Willmar prior to his retirement. In 2003 the couple moved to Lake Belle Taine near Nevis, where they have resided since.

Jack was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Park Rapids. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, reading and nature. He had a lifelong love of nature and could name just about any bird he saw. He loved to read the daily newspaper. His greatest joy was time spent with family. He loved to cook as well. He and Doris enjoyed wintering in Rockport, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Anderson, of Nevis; son John Anderson of Eden Prairie; two daughters, Laura (Todd) Erickson of Milwaukie, Oregon, and Christine (Arthur Curren) of St. Anthony Village; two sisters, Judy (Melvin) Elbers of Round Rock, Texas, and Victoria Troop of Homer, Alaska; his grandchildren, Dylan (Ashlee) Erickson, Noah Erickson, Chloe Erickson, Liam Erickson and Hayes Anderson Unze; his sister-in-law, Bonnie Hengeveld of Sioux Falls; and his brother- and sister-in-law Les and Linda Hengeveld of Valley Springs, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents and many aunts and uncles.

Arrangements are provided by Cease Family Funeral Home of Park Rapids, [ceasefuneralhome.com](http://ceasefuneralhome.com)

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Jepperson named National Merit semifinalist

Christian Jepperson, a Brandon Valley High School senior, is among the 16,000 semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship program.

He is now eligible for the finalist portion of the

program, where 7,500 students will be selected as finalists next spring.

The ranking is based on scores from the 2020 preliminary scholastic aptitude test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test that measures litera-

cy, numeracy and writing skills needed for academic success in college.

Jepperson is the son of Ryan and Gretchen (Papik) Jepperson of Sioux Falls, and the grandson of Gary and Janine Papik, Luverne.

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department; Ias. Horne, F. C. C. Smith and Chas. Merrill, of the Commercial club, and Wm. Kartrude, Ben Pelstring and Dr. C. H. Haggard, of the Kiwanis club. The sub-committees consisted of F. C. C. Smith and Chas. Merrill on fianance; Jas. Horne and Wm. Kartrude as banquet committee; and C. J. Mar-

tin as a committee of one in charge of the music. The Luverne band donated their services free of charge for the concerts and the use of the Armory was also donated for the dance. The business men of the city had contributed liberally to defray all other expenses incurred in putting on the several attractions.

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@iu.net](mailto:mannmade@iu.net).



### Volunteers 'Adopt a Highway'

DFL volunteers gathered on Saturday, Oct. 16, to complete a local Adopt-a-Highway service project. Pictured are Barb Antoine in front, (middle, from left) Carol McDonald, Carol Serie, Suanne Ohme, Lona Klosterbuer, Shirley Klosterbuer, Rhonna Jarchow, Pam Hommen, (back) Al Stoakes, Keith Erickson, Greg Antoine, Larry Nelson, Rich Morgan and Dave Svingen. Not pictured is Carol Svingen.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Jim Harner celebrates 50 years as Rotarian

By Gregg Gropel

Former school principal Jim Harner celebrated his 50th year as a member of the Luverne Rotary club on Tuesday, Oct. 19. He joins two other 50-year members who have attained Rotary's golden anniversary status: Walter Tofteland and George McDonald.

Jim was proposed for membership by the late postmaster Arlo Bierkamp in 1971 and became a member of the club on Oct. 16, 1971.

Jim hails from Kossuth County, Iowa, graduating from Swea City High School. Upon high school graduation Jim entered the Army. Later, he returned to Iowa where he continued his education in Fayette, Iowa, graduating from Upper Iowa University.

With his degree in education, he landed his first teaching job in Grundy Center, Iowa.



During the next three summers Jim attended school in Greeley, Colorado, where he earned a master's degree from Colorado State University.

While in Grundy Center, Jim married college sweetheart Delores Schultz, a Mason City, Iowa, native.

With his master's degree in school administration, Jim and his family left Grundy Center and moved into Minnesota where Jim served

as school principal in Wycoff.

After four years in Wycoff, the Harner family moved to Zumbrota. In 1971 the Harner family moved for the last time to Luverne, where Jim served 22 years as middle school principal before retiring from the local school system.

As Jim slowly approaches the celebration of his 89th November birthday, he remains active in the Rotary Club.

For many years Jim was the leader in the club's Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, navigating young Luverne school students safely into a foreign land for a year of education and cultural awareness, as well as finding caring host families to open their loving hearts and warm home to a foreign exchange student to attend school in Luverne.

## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

For more information about library happenings, call 507-449-5040 or email at [rockcountystaff@gmail.com](mailto:rockcountystaff@gmail.com)

**Story Time with Bronwyn** is at 10:30 a.m. Fridays through Nov. 19. As the weather permits, the event will in one of Luverne's city parks. See the library's social media page for specific locations.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

### Joyce Sandbo

A celebration of life for Joyce Sandbo will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at The Lake in Luverne. (1021 DN)

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## Patriots defeat Red Rock Central 24-6 in home game for Parents Night

By Dan Ellingson  
For the Star Herald

Hills-Beaver Creek's last regular season home football game Oct. 14 was an important one.

It was Parents Night and a chance to end a two-game losing skid, so the Patriots needed to play well in front of the home crowd.

The home team responded with a 24-6 win over the Red Rock Central Falcons, lifting their record to 5-2 and putting an exclamation mark on Parents Night.

The Patriots, in their red-on-red uniforms, took the ball on their opening drive and went 62-yards in 10 plays to score on an option pitch.

Quarterback Oliver Deelstra optioned the defensive end and pitched the ball to running back Cole Baker who scooted 14-yards around the right end and into the north end zone at Patriot Field.

The two-point conversion run by Deelstra was good, and the Patriots' lead was 8-0 early in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, the kick coverage team pinned the Falcons deep on their own 15-yard line on a big hit by senior Austin Allen.

After each offense exchanged fumbles, the Falcon offense sputtered again and faced a fourth and nine from their own 9-yard line.

The Falcons' snap soared over the punter's hands and out of the endzone. The Patriots held a 10-0 lead after the safety because of the bad snap.

In the second quarter, the Patriots turned the ball over on



Samantha McGaffee photo/HBC Football

Red Rock Central linemen try to bring H-BC's Ty Bundeson down at the line. The Patriots won the game.

downs at the Falcons 36-yard line. However, H-BC's defense held and forced a punt, and the offense started a drive at their own 18-yard line.

Another 10-play drive that covered 82 yards ended with a Cole Baker run from the 4-yard line. A completed pass from Deelstra to Andrew Harris extended the lead to 18-0 for H-BC going into halftime.

The third quarter saw neither team reach the end zone, but the Patriots defense, led by seniors Donovan Leenderts, Ty Bundeson and Cole Baker, shined the entire game.

In the third quarter alone, the Patriots "D" forced a punt and a turnover on downs by the Red Rock Central offense.

The Patriots offense drove for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, but that drive started during the third quarter and covered 61 yards in 12 plays.

Deelstra connected with Austin Allen on a four-yard touchdown pass, extending the Patriots' lead to 24-0.

The Falcons finally found the end zone in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard run. The extra point was no good, and the Patriots came away with the

24-6 home victory.

In reflecting on the game, Head Coach Rex Metzger said, "We did a nice job controlling the game with our run game," he said. "With our 19 first downs we were able to keep our defense off the field for the majority of the game."

The Patriots record stands at 5 wins and 2 losses, while the Falcons dropped to 3 wins and 4 losses on the season.

Hills-Beaver Creek travels to Edgerton to take on the 4-3 Flying Dutchmen on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

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## Luverne competes in Section 3A tennis tournament

### Wenzel advances to semi-finals for a shot at state

The LHS girls' tennis team competed in the first two rounds of the Section 3A individual tournament in Sioux Falls Thursday, Oct. 14.

Luverne had two individuals playing singles and two doubles teams competing for the right to move on to semi-finals and finals that were scheduled to be played Tuesday, Oct. 19, in St. Peter.

In singles competition Thursday, Mia Wenzel, the No. 1 section seed, defeated Malinda Peterson from MACCRAY COOP 6-1, 6-0 in the first round and Cameron Myers of Montevideo 6-2, 6-1 in the second round.

The second singles player for Luverne was Sarah Stegenga, who lost to Madelyn Matthies of Lac Qui Parle Valley 6-1, 6-3 in the first round.

"Mia played great in both of her matches, and I think she has a great shot at making it to the state tournament," said LHS coach Jon Beers.

In doubles play, Kristin Rud and Olivia Wieneke beat Annie

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Images by CD photo/LHS Football

Luverne's Nathaniel Cole-Kraty and Conner Overgaard (53) take down a Fairmont runner behind the line of scrimmage Friday night in Luverne's home loss to the undefeated Cardinals. Luverne plays its next game Wednesday.

## Luverne falls to undefeated Fairmont

By John Sichmeller  
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinal football players knew they had a big challenge this week as they faced off against undefeated Fairmont.

The Cardinals played a strong first half, as they trailed by a score of just 16-14 at halftime. In the end, Luverne could not pull off the upset as they ultimately lost by a final score of 28-18.

"I am proud of how our team played against an undefeated Fairmont team," Cardinal coach Todd Oye said.

"If we can continue to improve, we will start winning these close games."

It looked like the Cardinals were in for a long night when Fairmont marched down the field quickly on the first drive.

Starting with the ball on their own 48-yard line, Fairmont quarterback Zach Jorgensen completed a pair of 23-yard passes to get his team into the end zone. After a successful extra point, Fairmont took a 7-0 lead just 2:37 into the game.

In its first possession, the Luverne offense quickly picked up the first down but couldn't get any farther and was forced to punt the ball back to Fairmont.

The Luverne defense fared much better on the next Fairmont possession.

With Fairmont facing third and 10 from their own 45-yard line Luverne senior Nathaniel Cole-Kraty broke through the Fairmont offensive line and sacked Jorgensen for a 15-yard loss.

Fairmont would look to punt

on fourth down but a bad snap forced the kicker to run and Cole-Kraty was there again to make the tackle, which gave Luverne the ball back on the Fairmont 27-yard line.

The Cardinals capitalized on the excellent field position just two plays later.

After a short run on first down, the Cardinals took to the air on second down. Junior wide receiver Gannon Ahrendt beat his man down the left side of the field, and quarterback Casey Sehr hit him in stride in the end zone for a 25-yard touchdown reception.

The two-point conversion was no good and the Fairmont lead was now 7-6 with 3:37 to go in the first quarter.

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## Cardinals take breath out of Dragons, 3-1

By Reva Sehr  
For the Star Herald

A highly attended competitive match between the Luverne Cardinals and Adrian Dragons did not disappoint as both teams went to battle Friday night.

The Cardinals got down to business right away, putting the first two points on the board.

The Dragons soon caught up, but their momentum was cut short when Anja Jarchow passed to Reghan Bork who set it back to her for the kill, giving Luverne the serve.

Luverne entered a 10-point lead when Macy Stratton executed a dig to Bork who set it to Elise Ferrell for the point.

Adrian tried to come back, but after an extended volley between the two teams, Van Batavia passed to Bork for a set to Ferrell to get the point.

Ferrell helped seal the deal with an ace serve and a back-row attack followed by a Stratton dig to Bork to Van Batavia for a kill. Luverne won the first game on an Adrian net serve with a score of 25-16.

Adrian scored first in Game 2 after some Luverne errors, but the Cardinals offense when to work when an Adrian error gave Luverne the serve.

At one point, Luverne was ahead by eight points after a Christina Wagner dig to Trista Baustian who set to Morgan Ahrendt for the kill.

Adrian came back on a series of kills, block-

ing Luverne, and getting through some tough Luverne blocks to come within a point of the Cardinals, prompting a Luverne time-out with the score at 23-22.

The game resumed with an Adrian error that gave the Cardinals control of the serve. A great volley and an outstanding save by Adrian put the score at 24 to 23.

Luverne got the winning point when Van Batavia executed a dig to Bork who set to Ferrell for the kill. The final Game 2 score was 25-23.

The first six points of Game 3 were a series of alternating points on the scoreboard.

The Dragons powered through some Luverne blocks after a long volley to pull ahead by four points.

Down by five after a Luverne time-out, the Cardinals got to work with Ferrell and Wagner delivering attacks to narrow the Dragons' lead to two points.

Adrian responded with a couple of kills and ball placements into the holes on the Cardinal side along with some Luverne errors. Adrian won Game 3 with a score of 25-19.

Luverne was in the lead most of Game 4, but it became a nail biter at the end.

The Cardinals let an 8-point lead slip away with a series of Adrian kills and blocks that tied the game at 22.

When play resumed

LHS volleyball/see page 9



## Cardinal cross country girls take first, make progress as a team

**By Sara Schmuck  
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinals Cross Country team traveled to Adrian Tuesday, Oct. 12, and brought home a girls' varsity title and a boys' varsity fourth place along with some successful individual races.

"We had another good day of racing with some great competition to push us," said Assistant Coach Jodi Nelson.

"Ella Schmuck and Sage Viessman had big races for us, with Sage getting a PR and Ella racing with a couple of our varsity girls to make a pack of three for our third, fourth and fifth spots."

The team was headed to the Big South Championship Tuesday at Pipestone.

Those results will be reported next week.

"It is nice to see our younger kids gaining confidence and experience racing," Nelson said.

### Girls' varsity 5k

Tenley Nelson placed second in the girls' varsity 5k with a time of 19:02.98. Jenna DeBates recorded a fifth-place finish with a time of 20:08.72. The LHS varsity girls had



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Ella Schmuck runs her first variety cross country competition Tuesday, Oct. 12 in Adrian.

six finishing in the top 25. Other varsity girls' finishes were:

- Grace Ingebretson, 9<sup>th</sup> (21:37.68)
- Ella Schmuck, 10<sup>th</sup> (21:53.05)
- Kayla Bloemendaal, 11<sup>th</sup> (22:00.19)
- Khloe Visker, 24<sup>th</sup> (23:28.14)
- Kianna Winter, 45<sup>th</sup> (25:05.17)
- Brynn Boyenga, 50<sup>th</sup> (25:34.07)
- Mariah Knorr, 57<sup>th</sup> (25:52.28)
- Andrea Luitjens, 93<sup>rd</sup> (28:50.70)

### Boys' varsity 5k

Griffen Jarchow placed 13<sup>th</sup> as the top scorer for the boys' varsity with a 5k time of 18:15.76.

Sage Viessman came in 19<sup>th</sup> with his personal best time of 18:48.22.

Other varsity boys' finishes were:

- Leif Ingebretson, 26<sup>th</sup> (19:28.03)
- Camden Hoven, 41<sup>st</sup> (20:06.36)
- Carsen Toffeland, 53<sup>rd</sup> (20:41.37)
- Ethan Rahm, 58<sup>th</sup> (20:50.88)
- Pierce Cunningham, 61<sup>st</sup> (20:56.59)
- Zach Brown, 80<sup>th</sup> (21:58.46)
- Eli McLendon, 81<sup>st</sup> (22:01.12)
- Logan Ommen, 87<sup>th</sup> (22:32.12)
- Junior high girls 2,100 meter: Olivia Lund, 8<sup>th</sup> (9:49.18) and Maddy Schepel, 33<sup>rd</sup> (12:22.34)
- Junior high boys: Riley Ripka, 31<sup>st</sup> (10:15.17)

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After a couple of defensive stops from each team, Fairmont pinned the Luverne offense on its own 4-yard line on fourth and 11 with 6:11 to go in the second quarter.

The Cardinals' punt gave Fairmont excellent field position going into their next drive.

Taking over at the Luverne 30-yard line, Fairmont pounded the ball on the ground three straight times to get to the 5-yard line. Jorgensen threw for his second touchdown of the game on the next play as he found teammate Hudson Artz in the corner of the end zone.

After they made the extra point, Fairmont had a 14-6 lead with 4:09 to go in the second quarter.

The Cardinals got a big play from Ahrendt on the kickoff as he broke through the center of the Fairmont kickoff team for a 43-yard return which brought the Cardinals to the Fairmont 41-yard line.

After a couple of nice runs by senior running back Ashton Sandbulte and a 10-yard reception from Sehr to

Eli Radtke, the Cardinals made their way to the Fairmont 18-yard line.

Sehr then found Sandbulte in the air on the next play, and Sandbulte ran over a couple of Fairmont defenders on his way into the end zone. The Luverne two-point conversion attempt was no good, and the score was now 14-12 with 1:55 to go in the second quarter.

Neither team was able to score the rest of the half, and the teams went into halftime with Fairmont leading 14-12.

The Cardinal offense couldn't get anything going in the third quarter, but the defense held strong for nearly the entire quarter.

With just 38 seconds to go in the third quarter, Fairmont's Eli Anderson took a short pass from Jorgensen and was able to break through the Cardinals defense for a 57-yard touchdown. The point after was good and Fairmont took a 21-12 lead.

Luverne couldn't answer back and was forced to punt on its next possession.

Fairmont took advantage and put together another



Images by CD photo/LHS Football

Henry Hartquist carries the ball for Luverne and lunges for the first down in the third quarter Friday night against the Fairmont Cardinals.

scoring drive to pad the lead. Once again it was Jorgensen throwing for a 3-yard touchdown, his fourth of the game. After another successful extra point, Fairmont had a 28-12 lead with 6:06 to go in the game.

The Cardinals would not give up and put together a nice drive of their own in response to the Fairmont touchdown.

Sandbulte led the Cardinals down the field as he racked up 30 yards of rushing on the drive.

Facing a first and 10 from the Fairmont 20-yard line, Sehr found Radtke in the end zone to give the Cardinals their third touchdown of the game. The 2-point conversion attempt was no good and the score was now 28-18 in favor of Fairmont with just 2:18 to go in the game.

Fairmont was able to run the clock out on its next possession to take the victory.

The Luverne Cardinals will look to get back on track Wednesday night when they travel to Waseca. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

### Team statistics:

- Luverne: 133 rushing yards, 105 passing yards, 238 total yards, 13 first downs, 2 penalties for 20 yards, 0 turnovers.
- Fairmont: 116 rushing yards, 169 passing yards, 285 total yards, 18 first downs, 3 penalties for 25 yards, 1 turnover.

### Individual statistics:

- Rushing: Ashton Sandbulte 21-99, Zach Kruse 2-14
- Passing: Casey Sehr 8-15 for 105 yards (3 TD)
- Receiving: Eli Radtke 3-35 (1 TD), Gannon Ahrendt 1-25 (1 TD), Ashton Sandbulte 1-18 (1 TD)
- Defense: Nathaniel Cole-Kraty 7.5 tackles, Ashton Sandbulte 7 tackles, Anyuon Atem 5.5 tackles, Jamie McCarthy 5 tackles

## LHS volleyball/ from page 8

after a Luverne time-out, Stratton executed a dig to Baustian who set to Ahrendt who put it over the net, and Adrian touched the ball before it went out of bounds.

Soon thereafter, Van Batavia passed to Baustian for a set to Ferrell for a kill to put the score at 24-22.

Adrian called a time-out to regroup, and the Dragons returned to play by delivering a hit. Luverne responded with a hit out of bounds, and the score was tied at 24.

With Luverne on the defense, Ahrendt put up a block that prompted a "carrying" call on Adrian to give the serve back to Luverne. A steady serve by Bork was returned by Adrian, but Ahrendt and Baustian teamed up on the block to stop the Dragons and Luverne won Game 4 with a score of 26-24.

The Cardinals' overall record is 16-6, with their last regular season match on Thursday in Hills-Beaver Creek.

### Stat highlights:

- Serves: Macy Stratton 17/17, Reghan Bork 18/19
- Set assists: Reghan Bork 30, Trista Baustian 20
- Blocks: Morgan Ahrendt 5 assists; Christina Wagner 1 solo & 4 assists
- Attacks: Elise Ferrell 22, Kamryn Van Batavia 19

## HBC football/ from page 8

Coach Metzger said he looks forward to playing Edgerton in the regular season finale. "It is always a big week when you play Edgerton," he said. "We've had some great games over the years, and we expect it to be another fun game again this week."

Since 1965, Hills-Beaver Creek and Edgerton have met 71 times in football and HBC has won 44 games and lost 27.

### Team statistics

HBC: 236 rushing yards, 138 passing yards, 374 total yards, 19 first downs, four penalties for 35 yards, one turnover.

RRC: 140 rushing yards, 48 passing yards, 188 total yards, nine first downs, three penalties for 15 yards, one turnover

### Individual statistics

- Rushing: C. Baker 30-135, Ty Bundesen 7-55, O. Deelstra 8-37, Drew Leenderts 1-9.
- Passing: O. Deelstra 14-24 for 138 yards.
- Receiving: T. Bundesen 8-64, Andrew Harris 3-49, Drew Leenderts 1-24, A. Allen 1-4, C. Baker 1-minus 3.
- Defense: Donovan Leenderts 11 tackles, C. Baker seven tackles & one QB sack, T. Bundesen seven tackles & one fumble recovery, Brayden Metzger five tackles, A. Allen five tackles, Drew Leenderts three tackles & one fumble recovery.

## H-BC hosts Southwest Minnesota Christian

**By Joni Deelstra  
For the Star Herald**

The Patriots volleyball team fought hard to get a win for Senior Night Monday, Oct. 18, but the Eagles were able to hold on to win in three close sets, 25-19, 25-21 and 25-23.

Sophomore Lanae Elbers had a great night in the front row and started the Patriots out with three kills to come within a point of the Eagles at 6-5.

The Eagles were able to widen the gap to 13-7, but kills by Leanna Gaugler, Elbers and Larissa Steinhoff got the Patriots within four at 20-16.

The Eagles would go on to win the set 25-19.

Set 2 was tied 5-5 early on, but the Eagles went on a run pulling ahead by eight points.

A push by Tess VanMaanen to the back row corner made it 20-13, Eagles.

The Patriots fought back and, with some good serving by Brynn Rauk, came within two, 22-20. A kill by Gaugler kept the Patriots in the game, behind again by only two,

23-21, but the Eagles finished the set 25-21.

The two teams went back and forth in the third set and the score was tied several times.

A kill by Kenadie Fick started the Patriots out with the lead 2-1.

The score was tied at 7-7 and 10-10, and kills by Elbers and Steinhoff gave the Patriots the lead again, 14-12.

The Eagles fought back and tied the game at 19-19.

An ace serve by VanMaanen and a tip by Elbers pulled the Patriots ahead 22-21.

The score tied again at 22-22 and 23-23. An ace serve by the Eagles and a final kill by Rylie Fey gave the Eagles the win in the third set, 25-23.

The Patriots play Tuesday night in Hills against Adrian/Ellsworth.

**Serves: Tess VanMaanen 12/12 with one ace serve**

**Attacks: Lanae Elbers 11 kills, Taylor Durst and Larissa Steinhoff 4 kills**  
**Set Assists: VanMaanen 24**

## Patriots volleyball loses two on the road

**By Joni Deelstra  
For the Star Herald**

The Patriots were on the road this past week hoping to get their first conference win.

On Tuesday they traveled to Ellsworth, and on Friday they played at Lambertton.

The Lady Pates fell short and lost both games in three sets.

They will finish their regular season with three home games.

### HBC v Adrian/Ellsworth

H-B C fell to Adrian by scores of 25-16, 25-17, 25-18. The individual statistics

are as follows:

Serves: Kenadie Fick 9/9 with 2 ace serves

Attacks: Kenadie Fick 7 kills, Larissa Steinhoff 5 kills, Taylor Durst 3 kills

Set assists: Tess VanMaanen 12

### HBC v RRC

H-BC lost to RRC by scores of 25-7, 25-13, 25-13. Player results are as follows

Serves: Tara Paulsen 7/7 with 2 ace serves

Attacks: Lanae Elbers 5 kills

Set assists: Tess VanMaanen 6, Brynn Rauk 6

## Tennis/from page 8

Marquardt and Brooke Hilden from Montevideo 6-1, 6-2 in the first round and lost to Elise Duncan and Hannah Helms of Benson 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-2 in the second round.

Hope Thorson and Katharine Kelm also competed in doubles for LHS and were beaten by Eleanor Habben and Bella Quisberg of Benson 6-3, 7-5.

"Kristin and Olivia lost

a heartbreaker in their second match of the day, but I could not be more pleased with how they played," Beers said. "The first two sets of the match were some of the best tennis they have played this year."

Wenzel will continue her season on Tuesday in St. Peter with a chance to represent LHS in the State Tournament in Minneapolis on Oct. 28 and 29.

## SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

### Tenley Nelson

**Sport:** Cross Country  
**Parents:** Jodi and Corey Nelson  
**Favorite subject:** Biology  
**What I like most about Cross Country:** It teaches you to push yourself to the limit and how to keep working even when you are tired.  
**Other extra-curricular activities:** Track, spending time with family, friends and teammates and reading.



### Reghan Bork

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Parents:** Susan Remme and Randy Bork  
**Favorite subject:** Biology  
**What I like most about Volleyball:** The team aspect and playing with my team that feels like my second family!  
**Other extra-curricular activities:** Hockey, softball and peer helping.

### Michael Aning

**Sport:** Football  
**Parents:** Dustin Aning and Angie Shelton  
**Favorite subject:** Advanced weight training and other Phy-Ed classes.  
**What I like most about Football:** Being around teammates and getting closer to the other seniors.  
**Other extra-curricular activities:** Playing basketball with family and friends, fishing, camping and anything outdoors.



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Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Thursday, Oct. 21: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10 a.m. NO Sunday school. NO Confirmation class. 5 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 6:30 p.m. Worship practice. Tuesday, Oct. 26: 7 a.m. Dorcus Circle meets at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Oct. 27: Youth Wreath sales start. 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5 p.m. Youth supper. 6:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 8:30 p.m. Voices of Grace rehearsal. 7:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. Pizza Ranch tip night. Thursday, Oct. 28: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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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.

## American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)

Thursday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. Cookie crew. Friday, Oct. 22: 6:30 a.m. Community men's Bible study. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Oct. 23: Jenna Leslie and Brandon Boeve wedding. Sunday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 12 p.m. Youth room reserved. 3 p.m. Gospel jubilee. Tuesday, Oct. 26: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting. Youth room reserved. Wednesday, Oct. 27: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and youth groups. Thursday, Oct. 28: 5:30 p.m. Reserved—Tumbling Tikes. 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.

## Rock River Community Church (formerly First Assembly of God)

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4  
Ph. 612-800-1255; email: [info@rockrivercommunity.church](mailto:info@rockrivercommunity.church)  
Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

Sundays, 9 a.m. Sunday school; 10 a.m. Worship service. Children's church for ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade and nursery for ages 0-3 provided during our services. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Worship service. All services are in-person and all are welcome.

## United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529  
Dorrie Hall, Pastor

Saturday, Oct. 23: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Wednesday, Oct. 30: 5 p.m. Community Meal. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

## First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: [Firstpc@iw.net](mailto:Firstpc@iw.net) — [www.fpcluverne.com](http://www.fpcluverne.com)  
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Monday, Oct. 25: Quilting. Wednesday, Oct. 27: Circles meet. 5:30 p.m. Bell choir. 6:15 p.m. Cancel choir. 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: [stjohn@iw.net](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)  
[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)  
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, Oct. 23: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study. Wednesday, Oct. 27: 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](http://cityofluverne.org).

Living Rock Church  
500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; [www.livingrockswmn.org](http://www.livingrockswmn.org)  
Billy Skaggs, Pastor

## New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: [newlifecelebration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelebration@gmail.com)  
Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. (507) 669-2855; [zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)  
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Wednesday, Oct. 20: 6 p.m. confirmation. Sunday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. Worship service with communion. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable. Wednesday, Oct. 27: 6 p.m. Confirmation.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church  
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
[igtwlb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwlb@WOW.net)  
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

Sunday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday school. 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=LHdQwVxFU4>

## Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Wednesday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. Quilting—Every Wednesday. 6:30 p.m. Palisade Men and Women will meet for a second brainstorming session. All Palisade members are welcome to provide input during this meeting. 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=LHdQwVxFU4>

First Presbyterian Church  
201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025  
email: [lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org). Tuesday, Oct. 19: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation class. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship.

## Chosen

A few years ago, our daughter wanted to purchase a car we advised against.

"But Dad, it's a Lexus, and it has new tires," she said.

She did purchase the car and had nothing but problems with it, of course, except for the tires. The vehicle progressively got worse, and she started looking for a new car.

My wife would send her pictures of affordable vehicles, and it drove her crazy because she was only looking at certain ones.

However, there was one which caught her eye, one she had previously overlooked; it was a 2016 Ford Fiesta. It had everything she wanted and more.

Have you ever felt like a Ford Fiesta, like you've been overlooked? Maybe not noticed or chosen? Asking questions to yourself, "Why can't I be good at sports?" "Why do I feel like such a failure?" "Do I have any value at all?" Or, maybe you've even asked the question, "Why is God so unfair?"

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 9:14-16 and 19-21: "Are we saying, then, that God was unfair? Of course not! "For God said to Moses, "I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose." "So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it. ...

"Well then, you might say, "Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven't they simply

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By Pastor Bob Junak  
Rock River Community Church, Luverne

done what He makes them do?"

<sup>20</sup>No, don't say that.

Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, "Why have you made me like this?" <sup>21</sup>When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into?

Paul is trying to get his point across here by saying it is God who chooses.

Paul then poses the question, "Who are we to question God?" Doesn't God have the same right that any Creator has over his creation? Just like a potter with his clay.

God doesn't overlook anyone, or even small cars! Our daughter loves her car, and she would have overlooked it.

There are times we may feel overlooked; we feel like a Fiesta instead of a Lexus. But God can make the beautiful out of the ugly. Stop comparing and let God direct you. He will place you exactly where you are needed.

He chose you for a specific purpose. It's up to you to find and fulfill your purpose. It's up to you to say, "I am chosen, I am a child of God!"

## Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
[hillsure@alliancecom.net](mailto:hillsure@alliancecom.net)  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 671  
(HILLS-BEAVER CREEK)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

**School District Question 1  
Renewal of Expiring Referendum Revenue Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) has proposed to renew the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$897.15 per pupil which is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2022. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2023, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- Yes** Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 671 be approved?
- No**
- BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE.**

**School District Question 2  
Increasing Renewed Referendum Revenue Authorization  
By Rate of Inflation**

In School District Question 1, the board of Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) has proposed to renew the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$897.15 per pupil for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2023.

- Yes** If School District Question 1 is approved, shall the inflationary increase in the revenue proposed by the board also be approved?
- No**
- BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

Passage of School District Ballot Question 1 extends an existing operating referendum that expires after taxes payable in 2022 at the same amount per pupil as in the previous year.

Passage of School District Ballot Question 2 will result in an increase in your property taxes.

Passage of School District Ballot Question 2 is contingent on the passage of School District Ballot Question 1.

The annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, agricultural homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the school district are as shown in the table below.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land only. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of other agricultural lands and buildings. For seasonal residential recreational property (i.e. cabins), there will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum.

Market Value	Question 1		
	Pay 2022 Expiring Authority	Pay 2023 Renewed Authority	Net Change
\$50,000	-\$104	\$101	-\$3
\$75,000	-\$156	\$152	-\$4
\$100,000	-\$208	\$203	-\$5
\$125,000	-\$260	\$254	-\$6
\$150,000	-\$312	\$304	-\$8
\$175,000	-\$364	\$355	-\$9
\$200,000	-\$416	\$406	-\$10
\$225,000	-\$468	\$457	-\$11
\$250,000	-\$519	\$507	-\$12
\$275,000	-\$571	\$558	-\$13
\$300,000	-\$623	\$609	-\$14
\$325,000	-\$675	\$659	-\$16
\$350,000	-\$727	\$710	-\$17
\$375,000	-\$779	\$761	-\$18
\$400,000	-\$831	\$812	-\$19
\$425,000	-\$883	\$862	-\$21
\$450,000	-\$935	\$913	-\$22
\$475,000	-\$987	\$964	-\$23
\$500,000	-\$1,039	\$1,015	-\$24
\$550,000	-\$1,143	\$1,116	-\$27

The amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Owners of homestead property may qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This may decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for those property owners.

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

**COMBINED POLLING PLACE:** Beaver Creek City Offices, 311 E 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Beaver Creek, MN 56116

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 671 located in Beaver Creek Township; Springwater Township; the City of Beaver Creek; Rock County, Minnesota.

**COMBINED POLLING PLACE:** Hills American Legion, 207 South Main Ave, Hills, MN 56138

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 671 located in Martin Township; Clinton Township; the City of Steen; the City of Hills; Rock County, Minnesota

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be opened at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m., on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: July 28, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Tamara Rauk  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 671  
(Hills-Beaver Creek)  
State of Minnesota

(10-14, 10-21)

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 671  
(HILLS-BEAVER CREEK)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 2021, for the purpose of electing one (1) individual to fill a vacancy in term of a school board member expiring January 2, 2023. The ballot shall provide as follows:

**Special Election Ballot**

**Independent School District No. 671  
(Hills-Beaver Creek)**

**November 2, 2021**

**Instructions to Voters**  
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

**Special Election for School Board Member  
to fill vacancy in term expiring January 2, 2023  
Vote for One**

Harley Fransman

write-in, if any

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

**COMBINED POLLING PLACE:** Beaver Creek City Offices, 311 E 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Beaver Creek, MN 56116

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 671 located in Beaver Creek Township; Springwater Township; the City of Beaver Creek; Rock County, Minnesota.

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Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above. The polls for said election will be opened at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: August 9, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Tamara Rauk  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 671  
(Hills-Beaver Creek)  
State of Minnesota

(10-14, 10-21)

**City of Luverne seeks  
bids by Nov. 16**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of Luverne, Minnesota, at the City Offices, 305 E Luverne Street, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156-0659, until 1:30 p.m., on November 16, 2021, for the power plant generator installation work at said time and place. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The general nature of the work on which bids will be received consists of the demolition of an existing building and installation of two new diesel-fired generating units and auxiliary equipment and connection to the new power plant switchgear. The above work shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the office of the City of Luverne, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

A Prebid meeting will be held on October 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. in Luverne, MN at the power plant site. There will also be a virtual meeting on November 1, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. to allow for additional questions and project-related discussions.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

Contractors desiring a copy of the project documents for individual use may obtain them from www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$20 by inputting Quest project #8053989 website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union Street, PO Box 511, Rock Rapids, IA 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$100.00, none of which is refundable.

All bids shall be made on bid forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the City of Luverne, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Payment to the Contractor will be made on the basis of ninety five percent (95%) upon certification of work completed; five percent (5%) thirty-one (31) days after final completion and acceptance.

The construction shall be performed upon a Notice to Proceed issuance. Substantial completion of the project shall be no later than June 15, 2022. See the specifications for more details on construction timing requirements.

The City reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date bids are received and no bid may be withdrawn during this period. The City also reserves the right to waive irregularities, reject any or all bids, and enter into such contract as it shall be deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2021.

CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA  
By /s/ Jessica Mead  
(10-21)

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

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## Petersen estate hearing

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Probate Division  
Court File No. 67-PR-21-198

Estate of  
**Henry George Petersen,  
a/k/a Henry G. Petersen,  
a/k/a Henry Petersen,  
Decedent**  
**AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY,  
DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP,  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS**

It is ordered and notice is given that on November 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. a hearing will be held at Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, PO Box 745, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal 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 objections to the petition should be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, 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.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: September 30, 2021

/s/ Christina M. Wietzema  
District Court Judge

Attorney for Personal Representative  
Greg J. Bucher  
STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP, P.A.  
300 South O'Connell Street  
Marshall, Minnesota 56258  
Attorney Reg. No.: 299601  
Telephone: (507) 537-0591  
Fax: (507) 532-3498

(10-14, 10-21)

## H-BC School Board meets Sept. 27

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671  
Minutes  
Sept. 27, 2021

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Gehrke, Knobloch, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board members Bosch, Fransman and Harnack were absent.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve the agenda.

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness with Star Herald.  
-Presentation of MCA and World's Best Workforce Data  
-Social Emotional Learning Information  
PATRIOT PRIDE:  
-Homecoming Week Success  
Board Committee Meeting Reports:  
-Staff Development-9/15  
Motion by Rauk, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:  
-Minutes—09/13/2021  
-Bills and Imprest  
-Identifying Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day, October 11, 2021 as a non-school district holiday and holding a board of education regular meeting on that day.  
-Moving Oct 25, 2021 regular board meeting to Wednesday, Oct 27, 2021 at 7 p.m..  
-Assurance of Compliance with the MN Department of Education  
-Direct administration to advertise for 1/2 FTE ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education Teacher)  
INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:  
Motion by Knobloch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve preliminary school district levy 21 pay 22 to the maximum amount allowed.  
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Rauk, and carried to approve setting Pay 2022 Truth in Taxation and Budget Hearing for 8 pm on Monday, December 13, 2020.  
DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:  
•Secondary Principal Report  
•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report  
AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
DATES TO REMEMBER:  
-Operating Referendum Information Meeting at Elementary School 7:30 p.m. 10/7  
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, Oct 11, 2021  
-Operating Referendum Information Meeting at Secondary School 7:00 p.m. 10/12  
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk  
(10-21)

## ISD #671 will perform test of optical voting system

NOTICE OF TESTING OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 671  
(HILLS-BEAVER CREEK)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School District No. 671 (Hills-Beaver Creek) shall perform a public accuracy test of the optical scan voting system to be used in the District's November 2, 2021 special elections. The test shall be conducted at: Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota on October 26, 2021 at 2 o'clock p.m. Interested individuals are authorized to attend and observe. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Kurtz at 507-283-5060.

Dated: July 28, 2021

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Tamara Rauk  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 671  
(Hills-Beaver Creek)  
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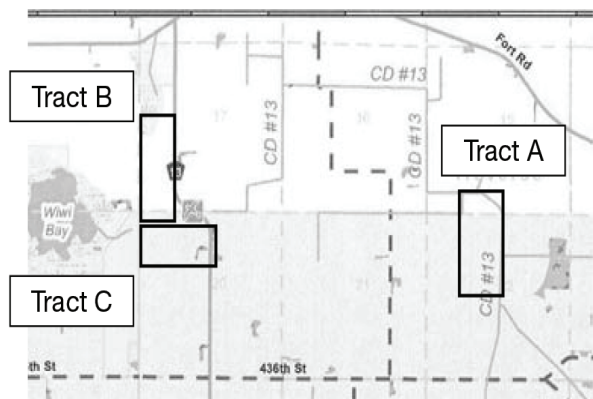
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## Four (dogs) is enough

### THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist



My household includes four Labrador retrievers, which some people think is a lot of dogs. It wasn't always this way for me.

I was volunteering at the Little Sioux Retriever Club Hunt test back in the mid-90s and I was sitting around five different dog trainers. I asked them as a group, "Why would anyone need more than one dog?" They all started laughing.

I figured you can only hunt one dog at a time so what good were three or four hanging around the house.

I answered that question on my own about 90 days later. I had one female yellow Lab named Scout. She hunted opening weekend for pheasants with me and the guy who trained her.

I took her out on my first solo hunt that following Monday when she ran full bore into a bent-over T-post and ended up with about 30 stitches.

She was out of the hunting game for three weeks, and by the time she was back to 100 percent, the hunting season that year was almost half over.

I knew right then and there that I needed more than one dog.

The following season I was out in South Dakota with two dogs. I hunted for about 30 minutes, and with super high temperatures, that was about all the dog could give without endangering its health.

I took out dog No. 2 with the same results, and by noon I was out of dog. Two dogs tucked out from high temperatures.

As life would have it, I ended up with four dogs.

Now, I am not your average pheasant hunter. Of the 60,000 pheasant hunters in Minnesota the average harvest is 3.7 birds per year

per person. I shoot way more than that. I hunt in several different states and only hunt birds.

I buy a deer license every year so I can legally mentor kids on my property. But I have never filled a deer tag. I could have most likely shot a deer almost every year, but I get all the venison I want or need from my friends and have never had a chance at a true trophy buck. If I ever get that chance, I would certainly take it. But I use my dogs primarily for hunting birds.

My fourth dog is 18 months old and getting ready to participate in his first wild bird season.

I completed all of the basic work with him and then sent him to my trainer friend in Bemidji so he could work him on some live birds.

Many dog owners can do this at a game farm, but there is no place within 100 miles of my home to do so. It is just not an option at that distance for a guy that still has a day job. This training is best started and done multiple days each week.

So, Ghost went to a pheasant preserve on Oct. 12 for about three weeks of actual on-the-ground pheasant hunting.

On a pheasant preserve they often shoot 100 birds or more in a morning. There is no place on earth that a new dog can get that amount of experience in that short a time.

If the average hunter harvests 1.7 birds per season, a more dedicated hunter might shoot 10-20 in a season. One

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If the dog does his thing for three weeks, it is an immeasurable benefit to both the dog and the owner. No place else could this be duplicated.

You do have the risk of the dog getting hurt or even killed by a customer of the preserve.

Even if my dog trainer friend is right on the spot, you can still have issues with unsafe hunters.

This method has been part of my training regime for the past 20-plus years.

Ghost is the son of my oldest dog Tracer. He has been gone for four months now and I really do miss him. If the dog lives 12 years, it is worth the four-month absence to end up with a stallion dog as a result. When he gets home, we will have a love em' up reunion.

With four stellar dogs between 18 months and 10 years of age, I have a bench deep enough to get me through just about any season of injuries or other issues.

Dogs are my life. Pheasant hunting is my life. They are unequivocally linked together.

The interdependent relationship between dog and hunter is one most folks will never understand, but it is one that I cherish almost more than anything else.


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