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## Trick-or-treaters in Luverne move to 'Street of Treats' for Halloween candy

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's popular Trunk 'N Treat event typically draws hundreds of costumed children and parents downtown where businesses and organizations set up Halloween displays and hand out candy.

This year the pandemic makes that type of gathering unsafe, but the Luverne Area Chamber has plans to make Halloween special.

"Our children have missed out on so much this year," said Chamber

Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"We're going to try to make Halloween as special as possible."

With the "Street of Treats," trick-or-treaters will experience Halloween, drive-through style.

From 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, the one-way street along the east side of the high school will be lined with costumed businesses and organizations who will display their Halloween spirit and wave to passing vehicles.

Car radios can be tuned in to

Halloween music and spooky sounds from a special short wave broadcast station.

At the end of the "parade route," the Luverne Fire Department members will hand out pre-packaged bags of candy donated by and assembled by community businesses and volunteers.

Lanphere said the plan meets Covid-19 health and safety protocols. "They'll be wearing face shields and gloves," she said. "It's about the

safest thing you can do for your kids."

And, she said, trick-or-treaters on the "Street of Treats" may end up with more candy than ever, given the donations of candy and cash the Chamber has received for the event.

"They'll have at least 50 pieces of candy, if not more," Lanphere said.

She said mostly Chamber members and organizations are involved, but local residents are helping, too.

"We've had individuals come in to donate," Lanphere said.

"They've said they can't open their doors to trick-or-treaters, so they wanted to bring their candy here to give to the kids."

Included in the candy bags will be Halloween booklets with games and coloring pictures that list sponsors who helped with the Street of Treats.

Businesses and organizations have until Thursday, Oct. 22, to sign up to participate. See the Chamber website or call 507-283-4061.

## Easements in wellhead area protect local water

*Native grasses replacing row crops dramatically reduce nitrates in Rural Water wells*

Three recent easements within the wellhead protection area that supplies 75 percent of Rock County with drinking water are expected to result in the biggest drop in nitrate levels in decades.

At 294 acres, the John and David Piepgras' Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) enrollment accounts for more than 10 percent of the highly vulnerable wellhead protection area bordering the Rock River.

It was seeded into permanent cover this spring, and final agreements are in the works. Two more landowners each enrolled 40 acres in Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) wellhead easements. That land will be seeded this fall.

The total acreage — and location adjacent to two of the highest-producing wells — is significant, according to Rock County Rural Water director Ryan Holtz.

"This is where most of our water that we produce comes from. We believe it is a huge impact," he said.

Arlyn Gehrke, engineering technician for the Rock Soil & Water Conservation District, said permanent native grass cover is the key.

"Planting perennial vegetation was what really dropped the numbers in the wells," he said of past work — including different types of easements and changes in farming practices.

### Measurable progress over time

The first conservation easements within the wellhead protection area were recorded in 1994, and 20 years later the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Minnesota Department of Health offered cash incentives for reduced nitrogen application.

Farmers successfully changed the way they applied nitrogen fertilizer. They planted cover crops, and collectively it made a difference.

Replacing row crops with native grasses remains the fastest and most effective way to decrease nitrate levels.

The Piepgras brothers' first easement, a 40-acre CREP enrollment seeded with native grasses in 2006, reduced Well 14's nitrate levels by about one-third, from about 11 ppm to 7 ppm.

After their second easement, a 20-acre RIM enrollment in 2010, testing showed Well 14's nitrate levels between 4 ppm and 5 ppm, roughly half of the original levels. Over the course of a year, nitrate levels now average 6 ppm to 8 ppm.

"Ever since, we've been working

Wellhead grassland/see page 3A



Mavis Fodness photo/1015 Walleye Wind Decommissioning

Permitting plans submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission include the removal of the seven non-functioning wind turbines (five pictured above) located northwest of Beaver Creek. NextEra is proposing a 111-megawatt wind farm in Beaver Creek Township and in portions of Springwater, Luverne and Martin townships. If the 40 turbines are approved, construction will begin late next summer.

## NextEra: turbines to be properly decommissioned

By Mavis Fodness

Walleye Wind Farm developers have assured Rock County Commissioners they will not abandon the renewable energy source at the end of its life expectancy.

A decommissioning agreement states that they will remove turbines and related equipment.

Mike Weich, project manager for NextEra Energy and owners of Walleye Wind Farm, based out of Juno Beach, Florida, addressed county commissioners via phone during their Oct. 6 meeting.

NextEra project development manager Tom Von Bischoff joined Weich on the call about the agreement and decommissioning plan required by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

"Essentially what it says is we're required to remove all the facilities — not just the turbines — but the cables below ground down to the level of 48 inches below grade and return the entire area to conditions comparable to conditions

today prior to us even installing it," Weich said.

"We wanted to have complete transparency with you on how we will do this years from now."

Funding of the possible decommissioning in 2030 will be completed through a bond NextEra plans to purchase next year. The bond amount, held by the state of Minnesota, is based on the wind farm's fair market value and is reviewed every few years.

Included in NextEra's requested construction permit submitted to the PUC is the removal of the seven non-operational wind turbines in Beaver Creek Township. NextEra purchased the wind rights from previous Walleye Wind Farm developer Renewable Energy Systems (RES) in 2019.

"We recognize in the last two years other developers in the region have irresponsibly disposed of their blades in landfills. We do not do that," Weich said.

"There is a bunch of environmental regulations that MPCA regulates and we have to docu-

ment that to the state."

NextEra plans to remove the defunct turbines in the summer of 2021, at the same time construction is tentatively scheduled to begin on the 40 new turbines in western Rock County.

Preliminary maps are currently available on the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website. A final turbine site map will be unveiled later this year.

NextEra will oversee the dismantling of the turbines to salvage and sell certain components for reuse. "The blades themselves cannot be salvaged; they must be recycled," Weich said.

NextEra works with certified Fiberglass recyclers.

Commissioners have received numerous questions about what happens to the turbines once they are no longer operational.

"No matter what you tell some of these guys, they do not believe in this decommissioning,"

NextEra proposal for Walley Wind/see 8A



Lori Sorenson photo/1022 snow

## Snow falls on pumpkins

Rock County and most of Minnesota experienced a first round of winter weather Tuesday as temperatures lingered in the low 30s and steady precipitation dropped a mixture of snow and rain with only modest accumulations. While it was cold, it could have been worse. Much of central, northern and eastern parts of the state saw upwards of 4 inches of snow throughout the day.

## Luverne COVID test site yields 26 positive cases out of 585 tests administered

By Lori Sorenson

After three days of free COVID-19 testing at Grand Prairie Events last week, 545 people received nasal swab tests.

Of them, 26 were positive and 519 were negative.

According to Shawn Schloesser of the State Emergency Operations Center, the event accomplished what it was supposed to.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," he said. "Anytime we can provide barrier-free testing to our community members, it is a huge help to preventing the spread of COVID."

The results of Luverne's test site likely won't be reflected in the official Minnesota Department


of Health website for two weeks, though it's possible some are already processed.

Also, it's possible that the positives are from people who live outside of Rock County, because everyone was invited to participate. Results will be split into their home counties when processed and released officially in MDH data.

The state is in its fifth week of offering free, "no barrier" tests in communities around the state for anyone who wants one, regardless of symptoms or circumstances.

The goal is to test as many residents as possible to isolate those who are positive and quarantine close contacts and, ultimately, control the spread of the virus.





County	Total Cases	New cases in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	297	52	+20.4%
Pipestone	326	21	+7.1%
Nobles	2,140	83	+4.8%
Minnehaha (SD)	9,163	1,127	+10%
Lyon (IA)	515	40	+8.1%

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

Date Range	8/30-9/12	9/6-9/19	9/13-9/26	9/20-10/3
Rate	29.75	47.81	47.81	34.00

**According to Minnesota's Safe Learning Plan guidelines:**

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

**Based on this data, plans for area schools are:**

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

Current data as of October 20, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Assuming the persona of his great-great-grandfather Haaken Moen, Hills farmer Eugene "Pucky" Sandager shows sixth-grade students from nearby Hills-Beaver Creek High School the dried manure Haaken and his family would burn as they crossed Iowa by covered wagon in the early 1870s. The students visited the Sandager Century Farm Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 14. Mavis Fodness photos/1022 HBC Grave Talker

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Caregivers Support Group**, sponsored by A.C.E. of SWMN Rock County, will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 for meeting location. Meetings are open to all.

**Grief Support Group** meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 22 at Sanford Luverne for five weeks. Preregister at Sanford Hospice Luverne, 507-283-1805.

### History Center hours return to normal

The Rock County History Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Some safety precautions — with masks and gloves available — will be in place to protect against the spread of coronavirus. The phone number is 507-283-2122.

### Help Rock the Edge with Oct. 24 project

Rock The Edge is partnering with Orphan Grain. Train from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24, to load two semi-trailers with donated furniture in storage at the former Kawasaki building on Maple Street. The local volunteers with Rock the Edge are seeking firm commitments from at least 30 community members, youth or adult, to assist with the effort.

Sign up with your local church leader or call 507-227-1978. Gloves, water, snacks and lunch will be provided.

### Garms Family performs Oct. 25

The Garms Family will perform a concert, "Night of Encouragement," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Social distancing and masks encouraged.

### Donate to 'One Warm Coat' by Oct. 31

Rock County's "One Warm Coat Project" will accept new or clean and gently used coats and winter apparel from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at ATLAS for Life, 201 E. Main Street in Luverne through Oct. 31. Donations may also be brought to the Luverne Elementary School during the month of October.

Distribution dates will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at ATLAS for Life. Contact Destiny Ripka at 507-220-0030 with questions.

### Dental Clinic in Luverne Oct. 29

Luv!LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force will host the next dental clinic on Thursday, Oct. 29, for ages 0 to 26 at Rock County Health and Human Services. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment or stop by Health and Human Services for assistance in scheduling. Exams, X-rays, cleanings and more will be provided. All forms of insurance accepted.

### Operation Christmas Child boxes

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available for pick up at American Reformed Church at the south entrance starting Monday. Filled boxes may be dropped at the church during the week of Nov. 16-22. Boxes are sent to children who otherwise would not get a gift.

Call Karen at 605-413-9676 or Charla at 507-227-1722 with questions.

## Real-life history lessons

### Sixth-graders experience early settler life near Hills

By Mavis Fodness

Renee Edmundson's sixth-graders didn't travel far from the Hills-Beaver Creek High School Wednesday, Oct. 14, to experience a history lesson they won't soon forget.

The 25 students and three chaperones traveled a mile west of Hills to the Eugene "Pucky" and Shirley Sandager farm, where Pucky assumed the persona of his great-great-grandfather, Haaken Moen.

"They really enjoyed how he got into character," Edmundson said. "They were impressed by the wagon."

The wagon, a 1900s John Deere High Mountain Iron Clad Wagon, was similar to the one that brought Haaken and other families from Davenport, Iowa, to northwest Iowa. Haaken and his family eventually developed a homestead near Inwood, Iowa.

Sandager shared stories about travel in a covered wagon, the blizzard where Haaken's toes were frozen, and the year grasshoppers wiped out entire fields. Each tale came from diary entries.

"It's like a movie," he said. "Around every turn of events that is bad — they turned it around and survived."

Also at the Sandager farm, students toured the small wooden depot that used to be located in Bruce, a former train stop in northwestern Rock County, among



Greasing wagon wheels was a never-ending task, according to Eugene Sandager who said it was done dozens of times as his ancestors traveled across Iowa in the early 1870s.



other antiques that fascinated the students. At left, he signaled the change of persona with his change of hats — the modern day farm cap as himself and the pioneer cap as his great-great-grandfather Haaken Moen.

"They loved going in the depot, pumping the well and seeing the water flow was a high interest," Edmundson said. "The kids talked a lot about how fun he told the story."

Sandager first developed his role as Haaken about three years ago when he participated in the Rock County History Center's annual program called "Tales from the Grave."

He has since tailored his persona to various groups, each pointing to the importance of recording history.

"If you don't know where you've been, you don't know where you should go," he said.

"If you have a chance, write down your family history."

Edmundson said prior to visiting the Sandager Century Farm she encouraged students to talk with parents and grandparents about migrating to Minnesota.

"Some of my kids were somewhat interested when I mentioned it, but after listening to Pucky, I have kids who are now excited to find out more," she said.



A 1900s John Deere High Mountain Iron Clad Wagon provided the perfect illustration for Eugene Sandager as he talked to Hills-Beaver Creek sixth-graders about how his ancestors used the small wagon to travel across Iowa and homestead in Lyon County.

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## Grassland easements protect Rock County Rural Water vulnerable wellhead areas/from page 1A

on getting permanent easements on the rest of these wells," said Doug Bos, assistant director of Rock County SWCD/Land Management.

The coarse and porous soils cause any nitrogen that does leach to reach the aquifer quickly. Taking the land out of production meant nitrogen was no longer being applied. The grasses buffered the well from runoff.

Gehrke said he expected nitrate levels to drop within two to three years as a result of the most recent easements.

"We need to make sure that these wells stay at the level they're at or drop in nitrates because our demand is always going up," Holtz said.

Some of that demand comes from younger farmers attempting to get their start in farming by raising livestock. Bos said their first step is to see if RCRW can supply enough water.

"The economic impact for Rock County Rural Water to our county — I don't want to say it's immeasurable, but we have difficulty finding good quality water for our young farmers," Bos said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's standard for nitrate in drinking water is 10 parts per million. Nitrate levels are more than twice that in some of the 11 wells serving Rock County Rural Water's 3,000 customers. Levels in individual wells range from 1 ppm to 25 ppm.

Last year RCRW supplied its customers with about 300 million gallons of water. The three wells capable of producing half of the water can't be used because their nitrate levels are too high. RCRW mixes water from the wells to keep nitrates at acceptable levels.

It also purchases water from the South Dakota-based Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

### Making a difference

"It was a bona fide opportunity to contribute something meaningful to wildlife and soil and water protection," John Piepgras, 82, said of the 2006 enrollment.

He and his brother, David, followed their 2010 RIM easement with the most recent, recorded in 2018, which put all but 80 acres of the farm into easements.

"Clearly, our No. 1 objective was to participate in a meaningful program of conservation," John Piepgras said. He ticked off the benefits: "It was an opportunity to improve the water supply, prevent soil erosion, increase wildlife diversity and preserve hunting land."

John Piepgras, whose career was in engineering and business, lives in the Chicago area. David Piepgras, 80, a consulting neurosurgeon at Mayo Clinic, lives in Rochester.

The Piepgrases grew up in Luverne. They inherited the land from their father, Elmer, whose boss at the grain elevator left him a farm in the 1980s.

The longtime renter, who with his family has lived on and farmed the land since the Piepgrases acquired it, suggested the initial easement, and will



The Minnesota Department of Health mapped the 4,500-acre drinking water supply management area, which borders the Rock River and includes a 2,706-acre highly vulnerable wellhead protection area. Grassland easements now protect the water supply from nitrates.

### Water Sources:

Rock County Rural Water serves about 75 percent of Rock County, including the towns of Beaver Creek, Hills, Kanaranzi, Magnolia and Steen.

It pumps water from 11 shallow wells to 800 connections serving about 3,000 people.

Last year RCRW produced about 300 million gallons. It mixes water from its wells to ensure nitrate levels remain below the limit of 10 parts per million.

That Minnesota Department of Health risk limit is based on the concentration deemed safe to consume daily over a lifetime.

Protection area: The Minnesota Department of Health mapped the 4,500-acre drinking water supply management area.

It borders the Rock River and includes a 2,706-acre highly vulnerable wellhead protection area.

### MN CREP:

The voluntary Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program targets environmentally sensitive land in 54 counties in southwestern Minnesota.

Landowners enroll in the federally funded Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), administered by the USDA's Farm Service Agency for 14-15 years.

They simultaneously enroll that land in a state-funded, BWSR-administered perpetual conservation easement. The land remains in private ownership. It is not open to public hunting.

*"For my brother and me and the farmer who's on (the land), the environmental considerations as well as realities of markets and farming and what's happened in recent years in terms of flooding — it just made sense,"*  
 David Piepgras said about their reasons for enrolling land within the wellhead protection area into a MN CREP easement.  
*"I suppose if it was all about money, and you wanted to sell it in parcels, that would have been a consideration. ... I think the environmental gain, protecting the water, the state of farming now — we'd had a couple of floods a year or two ago when the corn crop flooded out; another year the beans flooded out. Some of it was outstanding farmland and some of it was becoming more marginal related to environmental changes, the weather, more rain, 100-year floods."*



The Piepgrases and their families still hunt on the land, usually with a crew of 11 ranging in age from teens to 80s.

## 'It's getting back into agriculture. It's the people'

The Piepgrases grew up in the shadow of the Depression when pheasant hunting was important for food and sport.

John Piepgras said hunting and being involved with the renter and his family on the farm reawakened a connection with the land.

"I'd been gone for 30 years or

more. It's brought me back home in a way," John Piepgras said.

"I have this deep connection to it that I never understood. ... It's an important part of aging, to go back to one's roots. I never would have thought that."

While the Piepgrases weren't farmers, they lived in Luverne

where their father was a bookkeeper at the grain elevator and they always had a connection to farming.

"It's how it looks. It's how it feels. It's how it smells. There's a culture that goes with a place like Rock County," David Piepgras said.

"It's getting back into the agriculture. It's the people."

continue to live onsite and manage the property.

David Piepgras said he was concerned about nitrates, especially after seeing aquifer maps.

Over time, changing farming practices and intensive row-cropping had exacerbated nitrogen-carrying runoff. A couple of years of unusually heavy rains, low

yields caused by flooding and low commodity prices prompted the brothers to take stock.

"John and I started to get the message that maybe we

could do something better with that land than planting corn and beans on it," David Piepgras said.

The easements compensate farmers for land taken

*"It was an opportunity to improve the water supply, prevent soil erosion, increase wildlife diversity and preserve hunting land."*

— John Piepgras

out of production.

Bos said conservation programs have also motivated landowners to do more.

"Without RIM and CREP we would not be able to offer adequate financial dollars," Bos said. We looked at a couple of other easement options and there wasn't enough dollars per acre to make it attractive."

In the case of the two 40-acre easements, RCRW agreed to buy the land after it was enrolled.

Forty-two people own land within the highly vulnerable wellhead protection area. Ten easements totaling 667 acres, made possible by nearly \$2.5 million in state funds, have been enrolled to date.

The three most recent and pending easements are made possible by a combined total of \$4.4 million in state and federal funds.

"Our goal is (to enroll) enough area in permanent grass to provide clean water," Bos said.

*This information was shared with the Star Herald by Ann Wessel, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).*

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## 'Landmark birthdays' defined more by the year than the number

On Friday I'll turn 52.

It's not a landmark birthday, but it feels like more of a landmark than birth-

days 40 and 50 combined.

My dad died in August within a year of my mom's death last fall.

It has been "quite a year," as a friend noted in the grocery store last week.

Yes, it has.

In more ways than one.

I contemplated my reply when she asked how I was doing. "You've sure had a lot," she said sympathetically. She's a family friend who knew my parents well.

It has been "a lot," and that's saying nothing of the arduous task of sorting through family possessions at the farm.

When I say arduous, I mean it in the sense of emotional energy required to sort mostly worthless "stuff" that represents priceless memories.

My sisters and I and our husbands are deciding on stuff to keep, stuff to sell and stuff to throw. Dad was a "keeper," which means the "throw" pile has been much, much larger than the "keep" and "sell" piles.

Obviously we wouldn't keep a partially rebuilt table fan or rusty auto parts, but each item that hits the dumpster feels like letting Dad go, a bit at a time.

And pieces of our childhood along with them — a childhood spent marveling at how Dad could fix or build anything.

The stuff will soon be gone, but our memories will last as long as we do.

Which is why the past year has been "a lot."

It's been a reminder of how fleeting time is.

Last weekend I came across original documents and signatures from 1970 when my parents bought the farm.

The yellowed documents conjured images of a young



## ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

*Actually, it's been a landmark year for everyone, considering pandemic circumstances, missed opportunities and lost lives.*

couple investing everything they had into a down payment on their dreams.

I imagined their leap of faith and high hopes for their future together.

Fast-forward 50 years, five daughters and dozens of grandkids later, and the next generation — with dreams of our own — carries on where they left off.

Fifty-two isn't a landmark year, but it sure feels like one.

Actually, it's been a landmark year for everyone, considering pandemic circumstances, missed opportunities and lost lives.

"I miss them, but I wouldn't wish them back," I told my friend in the grocery store.

Mom died in hospice before the virus hit, and Dad died peacefully at home in his sleep. Now they're together again on the other side.

"Time stands still for no one," I told her. "And I'm OK with where I'm at in this moment in time."

## Minnesota Department of Public Safety: Seatbelts save lives

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

We get a kick out of recalling the "good old days" of wrestling with our siblings in the back seat or sleeping in the rear window of the family sedan on long road trips.

And we survived to tell the tale. ... Well, most of us did.

In 1987 more than 4,000 people suffered severe injuries in traffic crashes. Today that number is roughly 1,000.

Why? Seatbelts.

Belted motorists often walk away from crashes that cause debilitating injuries or death for unbelted drivers or riders.

Seatbelts save lives.

That's why more than 300 law enforcement agencies statewide participated in the "Click It or Ticket" extra enforcement and awareness campaign from Sept. 18-30.

During those two weeks officers, deputies and troopers reported 2,664 seat belt citations and 64 child seat violations (compared with 4,415 seat belt citations and 96 child seat violations during the 2019 campaign).

Their goal is to have everyone buckled, and the enforcement campaigns are designed to remind

motorists that it's for their own good and that seatbelts are required by law.

Minnesota law states that drivers and passengers in all seating positions must wear seat belts or be in the correct child restraint.

Officers can ticket unbelted drivers or passengers. Occupants must correctly wear seat belts low and snug across the hips, and they should never tuck straps under an arm or behind the back.

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

Rear-facing seats - All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car seat until they have reached the height and weight limits allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

Forward-facing seats with harness — Toddlers and

preschoolers who have reached the height and weight limits of the rear-facing car seat should use a forward-facing seat with harness until they reach the weight limit of the harness allowed by the car seat manufacturer.

Booster seats - School-age children who have reached the height and weight limits of the forward-facing seat can sit on a booster seat. It must be used with a lap and shoulder belt.

Seat belts - Children 8 years old or have reached 4 feet 9 inches tall can buckle up with seat belts.

Children are ready for adult seat belts when they can sit with their back against the vehicle seat, knees bent comfortably and completely over the vehicle seat edge without slouching, and feet touching the floor.

For more information, see dps.mn.gov.

## Harnack shares original poem, 'Blown Away'

### "Blown Away"

How did we get, to where we are?  
How did it ever get this far?

Death threats to scientists  
for not liking what they say.  
Believing politicians over doctors  
just blows me away.

We learned stories from the Bible  
when we were just small.  
They now seem outdated,  
do not matter at all.

The Good Samaritan  
taught us what to do,  
In helping somebody  
who isn't like you.

Christ said, "Let the little children

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come unto Me."  
It is now, "Stop them at the border;  
They don't deserve to be free."

There was another day, at another  
time,  
When calling people names could  
be considered a crime.  
Now, it seems that's our leader's  
favorite thing to do;  
I'm sure he even has one  
for me and you.

I am frightened for my grandkids,  
and their children to come.  
What we were taught in the past is  
being undone.  
The bullying, the bragging,  
the lying each day;  
What Bible are you reading that  
says it's okay?

Alan Harnack  
Beaver Creek

## Preuss: 'No human is illegal ... but their acts are'

### To the Editor:

Here are some thoughts after reading a sign that read "No human is illegal." True, but their acts are.

Does abortion prove they are unwanted? Abortion is a woman's right to do what she desires with her body. Does that allow prostitution and drugs?

Should people decide what statues should be removed, not mobs?

Our politicians represent the people, yet they tell us what they plan to do. Shouldn't the people tell them what to do? Politicians say they represent us, so why do they vote along party lines?

White supremacy infers all other

racism are inferior and therefore cannot think or act for themselves. Do you believe that?

Finally, why would you lead a horse to water if you can't make it drink?

Bill Preuss  
Luverne

## Honoring our veterans through donation

We are kind of entering the holiday season with Halloween just around the corner and Thanksgiving and Christmas already on some of our minds.

But sandwiched between Halloween and Thanksgiving is Veterans Day. For me the Mt. Rushmore of holidays would be #1 Christmas, #2 Memorial Day, #3 Veterans Day and #4 would be Thanksgiving.

So seeing how Veterans Day is about three weeks away, that is my column topic this week.

If I were granted one do-over in life, mine would be to have served in the United States Military.

If you are like me and are looking for a way to show the men and women that have served this country in the military your appreciation, the Luverne Area Community Foundation has a way that you can do just that.

Please consider honoring our



## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

veterans by making a donation to the Rock County Veterans Fund. This fund was established to support organizations within our county committed to honoring the legacy of those that have served in the United States Armed Services.

Donations can be named in honor or memory of a person who has served or is currently serving.

It's really simple to donate. Just write a check to LACE, include a note with the person's name and branch of service, and mail it to P.O. Box 623,

Luverne, MN 56156; or go to [www.luvacf.org](http://www.luvacf.org) and make a credit card donation. Go to "donate now," click on the Rock County Veterans Fund and follow the prompts.

Please make your donation before Nov. 7. The Luverne Area Community Foundation will publish the names of the veterans honored in the November 12 edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

If you have questions about the Veterans fund, please call Emily Crabtree at 507-220-2424.



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# Free Movie Night in 1940s at the Palace

By Lori Sorenson

This black-and-white image of the Palace Theatre recently surfaced in the negative file at the Rock County History Center.

The photo by Jim Herreid shows crowds of people wrapped around the block along Freeman Avenue along the west side of the Palace building during a Wednesday Night Free Movie Night sometime during the 1940s.

Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann was excited about the image, which she had never seen before.

The side stairs and awning lead to upstairs living quarters of the building and former ballroom.

Many have fond memories of going downtown to pick up a free movie ticket from a business and enjoying a film at the Palace.

"The 4 and 7 p.m. shows were generally packed, and I often remember sharing a seat with my sister," Jane Wildung Lanphere recently shared with the Luverne Alumni News. "They weren't first run movies but they were free. That meant that my quarter allowance could be spent on one of those candy case favorites."



## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Oct. 9**  
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Beaver Creek, reported a state worker throwing debris over the fence.

•Complainant requested tint check on vehicle.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported debris in the roadway.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported vandalism.

•Complainant on 21st Street, Hills, reported a barn fire.

•Complainant on 81st Street, Beaver Creek, reported a burn barrel near a field burning.

•Complainant on 2nd Street, Kanaranzi, reported illegal burning.

•Complainant on 141st Street and 170th Avenue reported illegal burning.

•Driving complaint was reported at location eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Valley Springs.

•Deputy assisted state patrol at location westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Beaver Creek.

•Fire was reported at location on 21st Street, Hills.

**Oct. 10**  
 •Sudden death was reported on N. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant on S. East Park Street reported a theft.

•Complainant on N. Cottage Grove reported signs stolen.

•Complainant reported destruction of property.

•Complainant south of Kenneth reported a disturbance.

•Report of deputy out with vehicle at location west of Luverne.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported active theft occurring at location.

**Oct. 11**  
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported two people sleeping in a car at location.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported four people trying to get in his phone.

•Complainant on 21st Street, Hills, requested the fire department.

•Complainant on Interstate 90 and 200th Avenue, Magnolia, reported a gas smell in the area.

•Complainant on 3rd Street, Kanaranzi, reported a possible fire.

•Severe thunderstorm watch was in effect.

•Complainant on 161st Street and 170th Avenue reported an erratic driver.

**Oct. 12**  
 •Complainant on 180th Avenue, Edgerton, reported harassing communication.

•Complainant at Main Street and S. West Park Street reported a hit and run killed a dog.

•Complainant on 61st Street requested the fire department.

**Oct. 13**  
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported possible suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Eugene Street, Kanaranzi, reported found property.

•Complainant on Oak Drive requested deputy for death at location.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported scam phone calls.

•Complainant on W. Maple Street reported suspicious object found.

•Assistance from the state on Interstate 90 at the Nobles County line, Magnolia.

•Property damage was reported at Redbird Field.

**Oct. 14**  
 •Complainant on W. Warren reported a bike was stolen.

•Complainant on County Road 35 and Chaney Avenue, Adrian, requested mutual aid.

•Complainant on 74th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported an accident.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on 231st Street, Edgerton, reported a fire.

•Complainant on County Road 13 and County Road 17, Hills, reported a road closed sign missing and debris in roadway.

•Complainant on 61st Street and 100th Avenue reported skid loader on fire.

•Complainant at 500 block on Rock River Drive reported vandalism.

•Complainant on E. State Street, Magnolia, reported someone trying to break in.

•Harassing communications were reported at location on S. West Park Street.

**Oct. 15**  
 •Complainant on 171st Street reported theft.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported finding a check.

•Complainant on Main Street and Central Avenue, Kenneth, reported trucks running stop sign.

•Complainant on Church Avenue, Steen, requested a deputy for property exchange.

•Complainant reported a lost wallet.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on 200th Avenue, Edgerton, reported a bus accident.

•Reported miscellaneous public assist with property at location on 150th Avenue, Edgerton.

In addition, officers responded to 3 vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 transport, 8 escorts, 16 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 1 background check, 3 alarms, 3 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 3 traffic stops, 7 abandoned 911 calls, 2 welfare checks, 2 reports of cattle out, 1 O/P.

# Work begins on Luverne Counseling building



Chantel Connell photo/1022 Luverne counseling work

Workers with Superior Caulking (from left) Keegan Westen, Amanda Den Herder and Dave Niessink have started on the facelift and repairs that will result in a brand new look and needed upgrades at the Luverne Counseling building.

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Counseling building downtown will be improved through the city's Historic Facade Improvement Program.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority approved funds for the building at 118 W. Main Street.

The project is estimated to cost \$76,800 and Luverne Counseling is applying for the maximum grant and loan allowed through the program — a \$21,000 grant and a \$21,000 loan. The business will invest \$29,800 in owner equity.

The loan, at 2-percent interest, will be repaid over a period of seven years.

The scope of work includes removing the shingled roof front facade; repairing brick and joints; tuck pointing existing brickwork; washing, priming, and painting; installing built-up composite trim and dentils; replacing windows and doors; removing and rerouting AC from front facade; installing four awnings; and electrical work for three exterior lights.

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One treasure was unearthed recently in the Russell and Doris Wenzel grove. The military dog tag has the name "Orville T Iveland" stamped in the metal.

## Unusual 'treasures' located on Wenzel farm

*Rock and military medal find a home with Luverne couple*

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Russell and Doris Wenzel have a treasure collection of sorts at their farm in Springwater Township near the Touch the Sky Prairie.

The first treasure was unearthed two years ago when their son, Kurt, was installing drainage tile in a nearby farm field. The large gray-colored stone wasn't like the common red Sioux quartzite outcroppings that dot the area.

"Right away, when they said they found an unusual rock, we knew we should move it somewhere," Russell said.

That somewhere turned out to be the Wenzels' backyard.

Since its placement, weather has roughened the gray boulder to reveal specks of red, and Mother Nature has deepened the bands of gray stone around the rock.

The couple is unsure what kind of rock has become a familiar lawn ornament at the Wenzel home.

"They dug it out and it turned out to be an odd ball," Russell said.

The second treasure was found recently buried in the Wenzel grove.

When brush was cleared from under the trees, a piece of small metal caught Russell's eye.

The object turned out to be something familiar to Wenzel, a military veteran and longtime member of the Hardwick American Legion — a metal dog tag.

Russell speculates that the grove used to be a former trash pile by the former farm occupants.

The Wenzels moved to the 171st Street location in the late 1990s. The couple doesn't recognize the name on the tag: Orville T Iveland.

Wenzel speculates Iveland was related to the former property owner.



Russell and Doris Wenzel stand near the unusual stone unearthed from a nearby farm field and placed in their backyard in Springwater Township as an ornament.



## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

**Dave and Donna Connell** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Oct. 15. Greetings may be sent to them at 1190 N. River Road, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Alvin Blom** will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Greetings may be sent to him at 203 Oak Drive #205, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, Oct. 26:** Sloppy Joe, potato salad, baked beans, bun, pineapple chunks.

**Tuesday, Oct. 27:** Italian chicken, brown rice, vegetables, pear halves, fruit crisp.

**Wednesday, Oct. 28:** Lasagna, lettuce with dressing, mandarin oranges, bread, gelatin.

**Thursday, Oct. 29:** Glazed turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoliflorets, stuffing, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

**Friday, Oct. 30:** Pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, breadstick, pudding.

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

## COMMUNITY ED

(To register, contact Cindy Arends at Community Education: Phone - 507-283-4724; Fax - 507-283-2413; email - [C.Arends@isd2184.net](mailto:C.Arends@isd2184.net); Website: [http://www.isd2184.net/Community\\_Ed/index.html](http://www.isd2184.net/Community_Ed/index.html))

**Defensive Driving beginning class** is Nov. 5 and 12 (4 hours each evening.) **Refresher classes** will be offered Oct. 22 or Dec. 3. The program allows adults 55 years of age or older to save on insurance premiums. After the Beginning 8-hour class, every three years drivers take a 4-hour refresher class.

New session of **Men's Basketball** will begin Wednesday nights in November through February. Register by Oct. 28. Fee is \$35 for the four months.

**Canvas and Cocoa** on Nov. 2 is for students in grades 1-3 to create a fall painting and enjoy hot cocoa with snacks. Class meets at Coffey Contemporary Arts on Main Street Luverne. Fee is \$33.

Students grades K-8 may learn **How to Play Chess** after school in three sessions beginning Nov. 3. Fee is \$15.

## 1885: First permanent house of worship opens in Beaver Creek

The following appeared in *The Rose History* in 1911.

Rock County Village (continued from 10-15-20 edition of the *Star Herald*.)

### Churches (continued)

The first permanent house of worship was the school house erected in the Grout neighborhood during the spring of 1875. Services were later held in a newer school building closer to Beaver Creek village. The present church edifice was erected during the summer of 1886. It was dedicated free of debt by Rev. J. N. Liscomb, presiding elder of the Mankato districts, on Sunday, June 19, 1887.

The Presbyterian church



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County Historical Society

of Beaver Creek dates from May, 1878. During that month, at the solicitation of a number of followers of that denomination who had settled in the young village and vicinity, services were conducted in the old school house west of town by Elders D. C. Lyon and Edward Savage. Several weeks

later Rev. Charles Thayer, who had been assigned as state synodical missionary for Rock county, made arrangements for services at Beaver Creek at stated intervals. It was through Rev. Thayer's efforts that a deputation from the Mankato presbytery came to Beaver Creek and organized

the Presbyterian church on June 5, 1880, with about a dozen members.

In November of the same year it was decided to erect a church edifice. To this end of a board of trustees, consisting of James Marshall, J. H. Stearns and J. D. Campbell, with Harrison White as treasurer, was elected. Within a few months a sum sufficient to build and furnish a church costing in the neighborhood of \$1400 was subscribed, and the railroad company donated a site of three blocks. Building operations were commenced early the next summer. The corner stone of the church — the first erected in Beaver Creek — was laid on June 27, 1881. The first service in the church was con-

ducted by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Munro, on Sunday, October 9, and the formal dedication occurred December 14.

The Baptist church of Beaver Creek was also established early. Rev. A. W. Hilton, the first pastor of the Luverne society, during the closing years of the seventies, organized a branch of that church. A formal organization was later perfected by Rev. Cyrus Thomas, and in 1886 the Beaver Creek Baptists erected a church edifice. The society was for many years in a flourishing condition, but in 1902, because of great loss in membership, principally by removals, it was deemed advisable to give up the organiza-

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## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2010)

•Karen Roberts has been a nurse for more than 40 years. And with the professional precision of a registered nurse, she counts her nursing career years as in the high 30s.

"They made you quit when you had children back then," she said.

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, Roberts was honored by Sanford Health network with the prestigious DAISY Award.

It recognizes "her excellent interpersonal skills and her ability to establish special connections with the patients and families she cares for."

The non-profit DAISY Foundation was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at the age of 33 in 1999 from an autoimmune disease.

The care Barnes and his family received from nurses inspired the family to establish the award to thank nurses for making a difference in the lives of patients and their families.

"Karen exhibits the values and attributes that are highly valued by Sanford nurses, including teamwork, collaboration, leadership, and enthusiasm," said Bonnie Barnes of the DAISY Foundation.

### 25 years ago (1995)

•If school activities and colder weather don't keep young people off the streets of Luverne, a new, tougher city ordinance will.

City council members voted unanimously Monday to approve a new city ordinance that will tighten restrictions on curfew and loitering in town.

The ordinance, which becomes effective Thursday, Nov. 2,

prohibits loitering of any kind anywhere in the city by anyone at anytime. Until now, there has been no ordinance on loitering in Luverne.

It also imposes an earlier curfew for 16- and 17-year-olds. The current curfew ordinance requires them to be off the streets by 1 a.m. The new ordinance requires them to be in by midnight.

Curfew for those younger than 16 remains the same: 10 p.m. on weeknights and 11 p.m. on weekends.

### 50 years ago (1970)

•Minnesota duck hunters had a very successful opener according to a weekend bag check by game managers of the Conservation Department's game and fish division.

The average bag on Saturday was 1.9 birds, equaling the success of the good opening in 1969.

The opener this year, as well as in 1969, brought the highest opening day successes since bag checks started in 1961. On Sunday the average bag was one duck per hunter, about the same as last year. As usual some marshes produced good results and others very little.

On Saturday, game managers checked 3,436 hunters in all parts of the state. On Sunday 1,545 hunters were checked. Hunting pressure was noticeably up from last year.

### 75 years ago (1945)

•Tomorrow, Friday, October 26, will be "V-8 Day" in Luverne. Fred Herman, of the Herman Motor Company, announced that the new 1946 Ford, with many advancements would be on

display in the Herman Motor Company display rooms tomorrow, and that the public is invited to come in and see the first new post war car in Luverne.

"It's the smartest Ford ever built," Mr. Herman declared this week, "and it has more new developments than most prewar yearly models. It will give greater economy, longer life and finer performance."

"A Ford owner now has his choice of a 100 horsepower V-8 engine, or a 90 horsepower 6-cylinder engine."

"The new car engine come equipped with big hydraulic brakes for quick quiet stops, and a full cushioned ride is provided by the addition of new spring and chock absorbing features."

### 100 years ago (1920)

•Seven cents per bushel was decided upon as fair remuneration for picking corn this fall, at a joint meeting of corn growers and pickers, held Saturday evening at the Luverne Commercial clubrooms.

Over a hundred interested persons were present at the meeting and a considerable percentage of them took part in the discussions to a greater or less extent.

On account of the cost of husking gloves, clothes, etc., the pickers in presenting their side of the case urged that the price set be high enough to insure them a good wage in keeping with the wages being paid in town.

On the other hand the corn growers called attention to the fact that corn picking is not worth anywhere near as much as it was last year because the price of corn is much lower.



Photos courtesy Lisa Nath, Luverne Community Education

### Fall Time Fun at Harmony Gardens

Fifteen parents and children ages 0-5 enjoyed animals and activities during "Fall Time Fun" at Harmony Gardens on Highway 75 north of Hardwick on Oct. 13. They painted pumpkins, ate snacks and played with kittens and goats during the event organized through Luverne Community Education.

**Above:** Lauren Fitzer and her boys, Harrison and Leon, cuddle with a fuzzy kitten during their visit to Harmony Gardens.

**Below, right:** Marty Rigney paints a pumpkin with his father, Damon.

**Below, left:** Storm Christensen applies more color to her painted pumpkin.



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tion. The church building was sold to a Valley Springs congregation and moved to that place. The proceeds of the sale were donated to the Luverne church, with whom most of the remaining members allied

themselves, and were used for building purposes.

*The story of the village of Beaver Creek will continue in the Oct. 29 edition of the Star Herald.*

*Donations to the Rock*

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

*Mann welcomes correspondencesenttomannmade@iu.net.*

## OBITUARIES

### Viola Uithoven

Viola M. Uithoven, 87, in January of 1952, and Viola Luverne, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at her home at Good Samaritan Communities — Poplar Creek Estates in Luverne.

A private family service was Saturday, Oct. 17, with burial following at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Memorials may be directed to Client Community Services Inc. — Hamilton House in Worthington (son Glen's care facility) or to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Viola Mae Van Roekel was born on April 24, 1933, to Abraham and Martha (Van Wyk) Van Roekel on the farm near Sioux Center, Iowa. When she was in third grade, her family moved to a farm her father had purchased located two miles west of Beaver Creek. She attended school in Beaver Creek and graduated with the class of 1950. Following high school, she worked as a Realtor for a year in Luverne.

Viola married Marcus "Mike" Uithoven on Dec. 18, 1951, at the Valley Springs Reformed Church.

Mike left for the service



in January of 1952, and Viola Luverne, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at her home at Good Samaritan Communities — Poplar Creek Estates in Luverne. A private family service was Saturday, Oct. 17, with burial following at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne. Memorials may be directed to Client Community Services Inc. — Hamilton House in Worthington (son Glen's care facility) or to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. Viola Mae Van Roekel was born on April 24, 1933, to Abraham and Martha (Van Wyk) Van Roekel on the farm near Sioux Center, Iowa. When she was in third grade, her family moved to a farm her father had purchased located two miles west of Beaver Creek. She attended school in Beaver Creek and graduated with the class of 1950. Following high school, she worked as a Realtor for a year in Luverne. Viola married Marcus "Mike" Uithoven on Dec. 18, 1951, at the Valley Springs Reformed Church. Mike left for the service

home and they lived and farmed near Valley Springs for the next eight years. The couple then moved to Beaver Creek where they farmed for six years before settling in Luverne in 1968. Viola was a homemaker for her family and later began a home day care that she continued to operate for the next 22 years. Mike and Viola both retired in 1996 and began spending winters in Mesa, Arizona, and summers at their lake place in Lake Benton. Viola was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. She taught Sunday School and helped with youth programming in her younger years. She enjoyed sewing, golfing, listening to music, entertaining, and traveling. She and Mike traveled extensively, and she especially enjoyed a trip to Holland where she

met members of her extended family. She also cherished the times she and Mike shared with other families on his softball team outings.

Viola is survived by her husband, Mike, of Luverne; five children, Gary (Marcia) Uithoven of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Greg (Marilyn) Uithoven of Magnolia, Leanne (Jim) Zarling of Fairmont, Glen Uithoven of Worthington, and Lisa Uithoven of Omaha, Nebraska; 10 grandchildren, Heather (Jeff) Andre, Shannon Uithoven, Megan (Chad Sieddel) Uithoven, Marcus Uithoven (fiancée Ashlee Placencio), Adam (Linda) Uithoven, Annie (Nick) Bork, Aric (Cassie) Uithoven, Kathryn (Billy) Moses, Tom Siebert, and Zeven Sanders; 20 great-grandchildren; three siblings, Robert (Jenny) Van Roekel of Brandon, South Dakota, Donald (Verlys) Van Roekel of Surprise, Arizona, and Roger (Mary) Van Roekel of Beaver Creek; and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandchildren Amanda Uithoven and Shawn Uithoven.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1022 F)

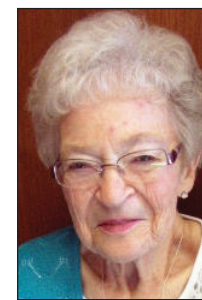
### Henrietta Haak

Henrietta Haak, 85, Hills, died Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A private funeral service was Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills. Burial followed at the United Reformed Cemetery in Hills.

Henrietta Veltkamp was born on Feb. 6, 1935, to Albert and Rolena (Moorlag) Veltkamp in Rock Valley, Iowa. She was raised in Rock Valley and attended the Christian School. She worked in the Rock Valley Bakery for five years.

Henrietta married Gerald Haak on Dec. 3, 1954, at the Christian Reformed Church in Hills. They moved to Hills, and Henrietta worked at Fikse's Produce in Hills from 1954 to 1956. She worked part time in the Hills Locker which was owned by her husband and her brother-in-law Albert Haak. Henrietta was a homemaker and provided



child care for others. After her children were grown, she began working at Tuff Memorial Home in the housekeeping department, retiring after 20 years.

When Henrietta's husband, Gerald, died on March 16, 2012, she moved to the Tuff Memorial independent apartments for a couple of years. Due to her health, she then lived in the Tuff Village assisted living for a couple of years before moving to the Tuff Memorial Home in January of 2017.

Henrietta was a member of the Christian Reformed Church of Hills and was active in the Esther Circle and Willing Workers. She also volunteered at the Christian School where she helped with the Cash for Trash program. Henrietta enjoyed crocheting names and crafts for craft shows, baking apple pies for the Farmers Market, and traveling.

Henrietta is survived by

her four children, Charlene (Doug) Leuthold of Rock Rapids, Iowa, Larry (Deb) Haak and Darla (Brian) Kraayenhof, both of Hills, and Rhonda Haak (special friend Mitzie) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; six grandchildren, Brad Haak of Hills, Derek (Erin) Haak of Brandon, South Dakota, Christopher (Erica) Leuthold of Rock Rapids, Sara Leuthold of Ellsworth, Adam Leuthold and Brent Leuthold, both of Rock Rapids, Nicole Kraayenhof of Sioux Falls, and Kaitlyn Kraayenhof of Little Rock, Iowa; three great-grandchildren, Emersen and Elliree Haak and Lucas Leuthold; and many nieces and nephews and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Grace Jacobsma and Jean Vande Kamp; brother Dick Veltkamp; and brother-in-law Peter Jacobsma.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhome.com. (1022 F)

## DEATH NOTICE

### Harold Etrheim

Harold G. Etrheim, 90, Hardwick, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper. A private family funeral service will be Thursday, Oct. 22. Interment will be in the Trosky Cemetery.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Pipestone, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1022 DN)

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## NextEra/ from page 1A

said Commissioner Stan Williamson. "They say, 'Thirty years from now these companies will be broke and bankrupt — they won't have any money and they (turbines) will never come down.'"

NextEra has developed wind farms in 47 different states over the past decade. "We've experienced a lot and we have learned along the way how to become good neighbors," Welch said.

An office opened on East Main Street in Luverne where people can stop or call with questions. Weich's phone number is 561-694-3987.

### Chamber spotlight

NextEra was the featured business during the Luverne Area Chamber's Oct. 15 virtual business spotlight.

"The big takeaway is the economic impact that they will have in this community next summer," Chamber director Jane Lanphere said after the meeting. "What we have to do is leverage that into dollars within Luverne by making sure our businesses do what they can to make these visiting workers welcome."

Rock County's \$150 million project is the first of five wind farms NextEra plans for Minnesota. Preliminary maps showing turbine placement are available on the Minnesota PUC website.

A road maintenance agreement calls for roads returned to the current or a better condition prior to construction.

•There will be no blinking lights atop the turbines. A radar system will activate red warning lights when an aircraft approaches the wind farm.

•Electricity will be directed to Northern States Power and delivered to Minnesota Municipal Power Agency for use in the southwestern part of the state.

•U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Minnesota DNR is surveying the area for impact on birds.

The PUC is expected to issue a ruling on NextEra's permit in mid-2021 when construction on the wind farm would begin.

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



I would like to thank the hundreds of people that took time out of their busy schedules to take advantage of the No-barrier free COVID test. As of Wednesday, over 400 people, young and old participated in the testing. Many of have already received their results. Depending on the results of their test they will be given guidance as how to proceed with the appropriate actions. The COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. Rock County's positive numbers continue to rise so now more than ever we need to follow the COVID-19 protocol.

- ▶ Wear a mask in public
- ▶ Avoid large gatherings
- ▶ Stay 6 feet away from others
- ▶ Wash your hands
- ▶ Stay home when you are ill
- ▶ Get tested if you have symptoms



## Managing coronavirus within the schools



Excerpts from the Oct. 15 Star Herald: It's been a challenging start to the 2020-21 school year for the Luverne district where learning resumed amid a major construction project and a pandemic health threat. With personal health a top priority, school nurse Phil Paquette and administrators faced a myriad of unknowns. In the first four weeks of school, 135 staff or students were not in school due to a COVID-related absence. The low numbers are attributed to following state health guidelines, Paquette said. "The students have been truly amazing in following the guidelines of wearing their masks, working on the social distancing piece and they are truly and honestly excited to be here," Paquette said. "The staff has been great too about following the guidelines, working with their students through these issues and just settling into a good routine." Luverne implemented state protocols "to a T," Superintendent Craig Oftedahl told board members at the Sept. 24 meeting. Paquette has helped implement those protocols. "Teachers and students are able to use the space that we do have to properly social distance in classrooms," he said. "Having the students and staff masked while in the building has been huge and working normal hand hygiene into the daily routine as well has been very good." Elementary principal Stacy Gillette told board members that modified hallway transitions have reduced student congestion between class periods. Hand sanitizer is available in every classroom, and additional cleaning occurs throughout the day.

This includes wiping tables after lunch sessions, which have doubled. "We now have six lunch periods and that gets to be a lot," Gillette said. Paquette attends weekly Thursday meetings with a local incident response team of county officials, health professionals, teachers, administrators and parents. The team shares information about the latest COVID-19 numbers and addresses school and community questions within the group. "Coming into the school year, you feel at times like you're on your own and trying to work through these problems," Paquette said. "So between our local health care providers and regional health team in the Department of Health, we've had a lot of great resources out there to make you feel you're not alone in this — you're not the only school district dealing with it." Oftedahl said the weekly dialogue focuses on "what makes sense" to keep students, staff and school safe.



Oftedahl

Gillette

Paquette



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



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Mayor Patrick T. Baustian







Brennen Rupp photo/1022 cross country

The Luverne girls' cross country team took home first place in the Section 3A meet Thursday, Oct. 15, in Luverne.

## Luverne girls win section; boys' team places in Top Five

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals girls' cross country varsity squad was one of the best in Section 3A all season.

They put an exclamation mark on that strong season Thursday, Oct. 15, by winning the section meet in Luverne. The boys' team took home fifth place.

"I thought all our kids

raced their hearts out," Luverne head coach Pete Janiszewski said. "They had their best performance on our home course this season."

Tenley Nelson placed fifth with a time of 19:42.94. Jenna DeBates finished right behind Nelson in sixth place with a time of 19:46.62.

Brooklyn Ver Steeg

made it three Cardinals inside the Top 10 with an eighth-place finish. She crossed the finish line with a time of 20:25.46.

Regan Feit finished just outside the Top 10 with an 11th place finish. Feit finished with a time of 20:34.59.

Elizabeth Wagner was 12th with a time of 20:37.01.

"The girls had an out-

standing team effort and raced with passion and purpose," Janiszewski said.

"Each and every one of them stepped it up a notch knowing they were missing one of their teammates (Grace Ingebretson). Their drive and determination was a blessing to watch."

Camden Janiszewski led the way for the boys with an

eighth-place finish. Janiszewski crossed the finish line with a time of 17:52.43.

"The boys ran an extremely determined race," Janiszewski said. "Camden was a medalist and would have qualified for the state meet."

Griffen Jarchow fin-

**Luverne, see page 4B**

## Cardinals suffer first loss of season to Blue Earth

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals were handed their first loss of the football season on Friday, Oct. 16, against Blue Earth Area 41-10. With the loss the Cardinals drop to 1-1 on the season.

During the first possession of the game Blue Earth took the ball down the field on six plays to score a touchdown. The Buccaneers never took their foot off the gas.

Zack Kruse put an end to another potential scoring drive on Blue Earth's second possession of the game. Kruse picked off a pass with the Buccaneers inside the Cardinals' 20-yard line.

Following Kruse's interception, the Cardinals went three and out on the ensuing offensive possession.

The Buccaneers scored on the opening drive of the second quarter to go ahead 14-0 following the extra point.

Luverne's Casey Sehr was tackled by a Buccaneers defender on the Cardinals' next possession.

Two plays later Luverne's LaShad Smith picked off an attempted pass and returned it for a touchdown to get the Cardinals on the board. The extra point gave the Cardinals 7 points, but they still trailed by 7.

With 3:56 left in the first half, Blue Earth scored their third touchdown of the game to go ahead 21-7.

**Cardinals, go to page 4B**

## Volleyball team drops matches against Pipestone Area and Windom

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals girls' volleyball team failed to break into the win column last week, dropping a pair of matches.

The Cardinals were swept by the Pipestone Area Arrows on Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Luverne. They then lost a tight contest to Windom, 3-2, on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The Cardinals were overpowered during their home opener against the Arrows. Luverne dropped the first set of the match 25-14.

It was all Arrows in the second set of the match. The visiting team bested the Cardinals 25-11.

In the third and final set the Arrows came out on top 25-15.

Kamryn VanBatavia and Elise Ferrell both recorded

**LHS Volleyball, page 4B**



Brennen Rupp photo/1022 luverne volleyball

Elise Ferrell goes up for a kill against the Pipestone Area Arrows on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The Cardinals fell to the Arrows 3-0.

## Patriots route Edgerton 56-6

**By Brennen Rupp**

Adapt and adjust. That's what Covid-19 has required of everyone, and that's what the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots had to do this week.

The Patriots were set up to play Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda on Thursday, Oct. 15, but just before the game began, it was called off due to quarantine requirements for the HLOF team.

"With our game getting canceled on Thursday, there were a lot of disappointed people," H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said.

So, he said H-BC shifted gears and instead scheduled a game with Edgerton on Saturday, Oct. 17.

"We knew Edgerton didn't have a game, so we reached out to them to see if they wanted to play Sat-

urday."

The Patriots prepared to play HLOF all week but adapted and turned in an impressive outing en route to defeating Edgerton 56-6. With the win the Patriots improved to 2-0 on the young season.

The Flying Dutchmen struck first on a 56-yard touchdown pass to go up 6-0. Unfortunately for the visitors, that's all the Patriots would give up as the defense put the clamps on the Flying Dutchmen's offense the rest of the game.

"I thought our defense played a physical game," Metzger said. "They responded after giving up an early touchdown in the first quarter. Edgerton is a big physical team and is difficult to prepare for defensively with them running the double-wing offense."

Following the Edgerton touchdown, the Patriots re-

sponded by scoring 24 points in the first quarter.

Gavin Wysong got the Patriots on the board with a 91-yard rushing touchdown. Ty Bundesen converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 8-6.

Wysong then hooked up with Zander Wysong on a 40-yard touchdown. Gavin Wysong converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 16-6.

Tyson Bork got in on the fun by scoring on a 29-yard rushing touchdown. Gavin Wysong converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 24-6 at the end of the first quarter.

"We were able to put some nice drives together," Metzger said. "We had a couple of big runs early by Gavin and Tyson to take control of the game."

Gavin Wysong scored his

**Patriots, see page 4B**

## Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots conclude busy week of volleyball games by going 1-2

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' volleyball team had a busy week of matches. The Patriots competed in three matches and went 1-2 to push their record to 2-2 on the season.

H-BC opened the week by playing host to Red Rock Central on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The visitors got the best of the Patriots, winning the match 3-1.

RRC won the first set of the match 25-19. The Patriots bounced back to win the second set 25-20.

In the third set it was the Falcons coming out on top 25-19. RRC put the match away by winning the fourth set 25-15 to win the match 3-1.

Abby Knobloch and Taryn Rauk both recorded five kills to lead the attack. Kenadie Fick finished with four kills.

The Patriots got back into the win column by sweeping

Edgerton on Thursday, Oct. 15.

H-BC won a competitive first set 25-22. The second set was another close affair, with the Patriots coming out on top again 25-22.

The third set was all H-BC. The Patriots completed the sweep by winning the third set 25-13.

Knobloch led the Patriots with nine kills. Rauk recorded seven kills. Taylor Durst finished the match with five kills and three blocks. Annie Bos recorded 11 assists.

The Patriots concluded the busy week with a loss to Westbrook-Walnut Grove on Monday, Oct. 19. The visiting team swept the Patriots to drop the Patriots' record to 2-2.

The first set of the match set the tone for the match as WWG defeated H-BC 25-13. The second set was more of the same as WWG defeated

the Patriots 25-15. In the third set, it was all WWG with the visitors completing the sweep with a 25-10 victory.

Knobloch led the Patriots with five kills. Kenadie Fick and Rauk both recorded four kills. Bos recorded 10 assists.

**HBC 19 25 19 15**  
**RRC 25 20 25 25**  
**Kills:** Knobloch 5; Rauk 5; K. Fick 4  
**Aces:** VanMaanen 3; Koden 2; K. Fick 1  
**Assists:** Bos 9; VanMaanen 6  
**Digs:** Kodet 5; Knobloch 4; Rauk 3

**HBC 25 25 25**  
**Edgerton 22 22 13**  
**Kills:** Knobloch 9; Rauk 7; Durst 5  
**Aces:** Knobloch 2  
**Assists:** Bos 11  
**Blocks:** Durst 3

**HBC 13 15 10**  
**WWG 25 25 25**  
**Kills:** Knobloch 5; Rauk 4; K. Fick 4  
**Assists:** Bos 10



(Photo courtesy of Velocity Studios)

Abby Knobloch goes up for the kill during H-BC's home match against Westbrook-Walnut Grove on Monday, Oct. 19. The Patriots lost the match 3-0. Knobloch led the team with five kills.

# Election 2020 — Local candidates for Minnesota Legislature respond

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County ballots for the 2020 election include candidates for District 22 Minnesota Senate and District 22A Minnesota House of Representatives.

Shawna Marshall, rural Luverne, is the DFL candidate challenging incumbent Bill Weber (R-Luverne) for the District 22 Senate seat.

DFL candidate Chris Baumberger, Slayton, is challenging Republican incumbent Joe Schomacker, Luverne, for the District 22A seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

The Star Herald reached out to all four legislative candidates with the following questions:

**Top priority:**

If elected, what is your top priority for the 2021 Legislature? Why are you running for office? What specifically do you see as important for Rock County?

**COVID-19:**

How do you grade the state government's response to the pandemic? Are additional measures necessary? If so, what?

**Gridlock:** What specific measures do you support to reduce the increasing partisanship of the lawmaking process and resulting gridlock? Do you support reforms that would prohibit consolidating multiple subjects into a single omnibus bill?

**Budget:**

The Legislature will be tasked with adopting a two-year budget in 2021 with a looming shortfall due to the financial impact of COVID-19. What will be your approach to balancing the budget in terms of reducing spending and/or raising taxes and fees? Be as specific as possible.

**Health care:**

Affordable health care remains a concern to many Minnesotans. Do you support expansion of government-run health insurance plans? If not, what options do you support to stabilize health insurance premiums?

**Workplace regulations:**

Mandated paid family and medical leave for all Minnesota employers was debated in 2020. It passed the House but failed in the Senate. Do you support such a mandate?

Why or why not?

**Transportation:**

What is your preference for raising additional money for roads and bridges? Or is current funding sufficient?

**Energy:**

Should Minnesota increase its renewable energy mandates on utilities? Or are market forces sufficient to promote sustainability?

**Emergency Powers:**

Do you believe the emergency powers act should be changed to alter the governor's peacetime emergency powers? If so, how?

**Other issues:**

Are there other issues you want to address?

**Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.**

What's on your ballot? See page 8B of this edition of the Star Herald for a sample ballot of candidates seeking election this year. Also visit the Minnesota Secretary of State website at sos.mn.us for answers to voters questions.

## Minnesota House of Representatives District 22A

DFL candidate Chris Baumberger, Slayton, is challenging Republican incumbent Joe Schomacker, Luverne, for the District 22A seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

### Chris Baumberger, Slayton

DFL candidate Chris Baumberger, Slayton, is seeking election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 22A.

He is challenging Republican incumbent Joe Schomacker, Luverne.

He did not respond to a questionnaire by the Star Herald, but on his website he offers the following information:

I grew up on a small farm 60 miles down the road from Slayton, across the Minnesota border, in South Dakota.

I spent six years in the Army National Guard to help pay for the degree I earned from Minnesota State, Mankato.

I am married with four children and work



as a property assessor for Murray County. I also officiate a variety of sports.

I love to meet people, listen to their stories and try to understand their point of view. I hope to work with both parties to find compromise and

serve the good people of southwest Minnesota.

**Healthcare**

I will work to make sure healthcare is affordable and accessible to all in Minnesota.

**Education**

I will work to boost teacher pay and increase funding for pre-K - 12.

**Criminal justice reform**

The system needs to work for everyone. I will work toward this goal.

**Term limits for state legislators**

I support term limits for state legislators.

**Renewable energy and the Environment**

I will work to support and expand wind, solar and ethanol as alternative sources of energy.

### Joe Schomacker, Luverne

**Top priority:**

The top priorities for Rock County are to get our economy back up and running, support law and order throughout the state, Section 179 conformity (which we have now passed), and balancing the state budget.

**COVID-19:**

The state is at a C. Making mandates as if Rock County is like downtown Minneapolis hasn't worked. We should be incentivizing responsible behavior instead of focusing on penalizing irresponsible behavior.

**Gridlock:**

Until you can find a way that stops groups from profiteering off misleading information about legislation, you won't be able to get to what's driving gridlock today.

I've always felt that Southwest Minnesota sends me to St. Paul to get a job done - not make the fiery speeches that grab headlines. That's the approach I take and it's earned me endorsements again this year from both the Minnesota Chamber (business) SIEU (unions).

I stand ready to work with anyone willing to work with me.

**Budget:**

Government needs to pivot like we all had to. We can't collect more taxes from the same people who were shut down and deemed non-essential this year.

Joining 48 other states in our health care privacy laws would start significant savings immediately, and we can continue from there.

**Health care:**

We started to see how government-run insurance would go. Gov. Walz's health care proposal allowed Minnesota to utilize cost-saving measures like prior authorization. In the same session, he signed a bill restricting private insurance companies from doing the very same thing.

We need to continue the effective reinsurance



would have led to fewer inconsistencies in the executive orders, because we would have been made to work these issues out in a public forum.

**Other issues:**

Last week the legislature passed, with my support, a public infrastructure bill.

The bill included funding for the new Ellsworth City Hall, a dental clinic for low-income families in Pipestone, and water treatment for Murray County to get the arsenic out of their tap water.

We also put \$700 million into roads and bridge repairs and finally conformed to Section 179 accelerated depreciation for taxes.

These are important for our region.

Unfortunately, a Minneapolis Rebuild hoax claims this bill had \$8 million to rebuild Minneapolis after the riots. It does not. That money paid law enforcement.

Most of that \$8 million comes from the Trunk Highway Fund which has the State Troopers' budget. No rioting destroyed state highways that the money could otherwise be used for.

Since June, the No. 1 thing I hear from people around town is to not see our tax dollars going to rebuild Minneapolis. I have not and will not support your dollars being used for that.

**Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.**

I'm lifelong Rock County. My parents, brother and I run Schomackers Home Galleries, providing products and services locally. It's a great opportunity to hear from people every day and keep me connected.

The last 10 years have been an honor to serve Southwest Minnesota in the House. The working on important issues like better funding for nursing homes and Section 179 tax conformity, among many other issues, have been a pleasure to fight for, and I am humbled and grateful for the support.



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## Minnesota Senate District 22

Shawna Marshall, rural Luverne, is the DFL candidate challenging incumbent Bill Weber (R-Luverne) for the District 22 Senate seat in the Minnesota Legislature.

### Shawna Marshall, Luverne

**Top priority:**

The first priority in 2021 is going to be balancing the budget and making the difficult decisions on how to do that while also protecting our people and communities.

I am running for office because I believe our district deserves a voice that will listen to the people, advocate for their needs, and bring communication and bipartisanship back to the state government.

The state legislature needs to hear the needs of the local communities and act accordingly. We have strong competent leaders in our county who know how to help their communities thrive. State government only needs to work toward making those paths available to them.

**COVID-19:**

We need to create a plan going forward that has a tiered system of criteria that deals with each district separately. What is appropriate for the cities is not always what is appropriate for rural Minnesota.

**Gridlock:** We must again learn to listen, to have the humility to serve, to have the grace to compromise, and to have the wisdom to know what is worth fighting for. I believe that our people, their interests, and their welfare is worth fighting for.

I support reforms that would prohibit consolidating multiple subjects into a single omnibus bill.

**COVID-19:** There will be difficult decisions made. We will also need to keep in mind that this last year has been hard on our people and small businesses, so raising their taxes will add to that turmoil. With that being said, the budget will need to be balanced.

We cannot reduce funding that would cripple our local or rural economies or communities. What may be needed is the approach to deficit taken by Governor Dayton.

He marginally raised taxes (to the level of the average citizen) on the top income bracket, which allowed him to balance the budget without creating a crippling burden on small businesses or middle- and working-class Minnesotans.

**Health care:**

I support expanding Minnesota's MNSure program with the end goal being to see that all Minnesotans are medically covered. That will be a process that will take several years. I would propose we begin with covering farmers and small business owners who are self-employed and so have to buy into high premium plans, covering small busi-



ness and agricultural workers to ease the burden on the individual and the small business themselves from having to provide insurance coverage, and to cover mental health needs that private insurance falls short on.

**Workplace regulations:**

Yes, I support this mandate. I believe that providing a mandated paid family leave will support the families of Minnesota, will support the working class of Minnesota, will promote a higher quality of life and greater sense of stability for our communities and families, and will assist in decreasing abortion and post-partum depression rates.

**Transportation:**

I would like to see our state legislature pass a comprehensive bonding bill that will address some of these concerns. Of course, that doesn't solve the whole problem. We will have to look at alternative sources of funding for these projects, such as the gas tax or even reserving a portion of sales tax from transportation vehicles and equipment going toward this funding.

**Energy:**

We should continue to push toward renewable energy while providing training and education for workers who are changing fields into clean energy work.

**Emergency powers:**

The state legislature should hold itself accountable for having a plan to address the Covid-19 crisis before seeking to end emergency powers. The governor's office and state legislature are co-equal entities of the Minnesota state government.

The governor's emergency powers could have been ended by the state legislature if they took equal responsibility toward addressing the health emergency occurring.

**Other issues**

Agriculture: I would fight for the agricultural community through working toward passing a

comprehensive bonding bill, holding Washington accountable for compensating farmers who have been hurt by the tariff laws, passing a Buffer Strip Tax Credit to compensate farmers who have lost land that they can earn a living off of due to buffer strip regulations, and work toward legislating full conformity for Section 179 which will assist farmers in being able to update equipment easier and with less red tape between state and federal taxes.

**Education:** Work on finding alternative sources of funding education so it is not so reliant on property taxes. Work toward fully funding education. Increase support staff and school counselors. Introduce more trade class curriculum in high school that works on hands-on projects in the communities.

**Community Growth:** Support needs of local city governments to address their own needs that will increase the quality of life of their citizens - primarily regarding housing, jobs, and child care. Hear their needs and advocate for legislation that opens doors for them to pursue the pathways to better their communities.

**Inequality and Justice:** Create citizens review board for police departments in every county to hear ethics case brought against police officers. Pass legislation so officers terminated for ethical violations cannot be rehired by another department. Provide mental health support and training for police officers.

**Personal background and qualifications:**

I've been with my partner Jesse for a little over five years. He works for Research and Development at Raven Industries and teaches at Luverne Street Music. We share two sons and I also have three stepchildren.

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Sioux Falls in psychology, and my Master of Arts from the University of South Dakota in clinical mental health, where I graduated with honors and as vice president of my honor society.

I have been working for Southwestern Mental Health Center for a little over six years now, serving the mental health needs of our local communities and families.

I am a first-generation college graduate and the first female state senate candidate from our district.

My background provides me with the insight and character to care about the needs of the communities and populations within our district.

### Bill Weber, Luverne

**Top priority:**

My top priority for the 2021 legislature is to work out the projected deficit in a manner that causes the least damage to rural Minnesota and SD-22.

I am running for office to make sure that SD-22 has a strong, common sense, conservative voice in the Senate. Rock County, with its strong agriculture and agricultural based job market needs to have state policies that support and enhance rural Minnesota, its economy, job base and housing and transportation needs.

**COVID-19:**

The state would get a C- for a grade in Covid. The fact that active Covid patients were put into nursing homes while our hospitals were empty is beyond understanding.

The governor's shutdown of Main Street businesses forced more people into the big box stores, thus accomplishing what he said he was trying to avoid. In a conversation with him, I said our main street businesses would love to have customers standing every 6'. Most of our businesses have further spacing than that - even without Covid.

**Gridlock:**

There is already a prohibition on the combining of different subjects. What has happened over years is that definitions are broadened and so many areas are included in a single finance bill. I would gladly work on reducing gridlock.

Right now there are many people on both sides who will not budge and fail to reach a compromise. I am willing to achieve part of my goal and work another day to get the rest but there needs to be a similar sense of compromise on the other side as well.

**Budget:**

The budget crisis will no doubt create a need to shift-delay some payments. It will be challenging to keep schools, local governments, nursing homes, etc whole



**Emergency Powers:**

Emergency powers should be limited to 60 days. Then the legislature should have to give a positive vote to allow a governor to keep them. The current dictatorship the law has created in Minnesota should not be continued. It has wasted money, created hardships and violated basic rights of the people.

**Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.**

I am a lifelong resident of Rock County having graduated from Luverne High School in 1974. In 1979, I married the former Barb Jessen and we are the parents of Christina and Will. Christina is married to Chris and they are the parents of Isla and Emmy. Will is married to Beth and they are the parents of Liam.

My business has been in the real estate appraisal, brokerage and management field for the 44 years I have worked in Luverne. I am a member of St. John Lutheran Church where I have served in various offices as well as being a former choir director. I have also belonged to the Luverne Rotary Club for 44 years. Local politics saw me as a councilman and mayor for 16 years.

I am finishing my second term as State Senator and currently serve as Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Rural Development and Housing Policy Committee. I also serve on the corresponding finance committee as well as both the policy and finance committees in the area of Environment and Natural Resources. I previously served on the E-12 Education Committee, served as the co-chair of the GOP Rural Caucus for 4 years and am currently a MN appointee to the International Legislator's Forum made up of legislators from MN, SD, ND and Manitoba Province which meets annually to discuss issues we share with our mutual borders.

and functioning. When we have people losing their jobs and businesses due to the governor's shutdown, we cannot raise taxes.

**Health care:**

I do not support expanded government-run health care. The only way you can contain costs in government-run health care is to ration health care. There needs to be a fostering of greater competition and transparency in the markets. The actions taken by the state have helped to contain health insurance costs.

**Workplace regulations:**

Mandated employer requirements will cost us jobs and businesses. The restaurants and bars in the metro area were already closing due to such actions of local government before Covid hit. A state-run mandate will pass the burden to the rest of the state.

**Transportation:**

With the proposed bonding bill, we are adding well over \$600 million for roads and bridges between GO Bonds and Trunk Highway bonds. We do not need to raise the gas tax in order to provide needed funding for roads and bridges.

**Energy:**

We should not increase renewable energy mandates on utilities. The renewable market is increasing and we must let it do so on its own. Increased mandates produce increased costs to the consumer.

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## Luverne/from page 1B

ished in 30th place with a time of 18:51.19.

### Varsity Girls

(5). Tenley Nelson 19:42.94  
 (6). Jenna DeBates 19:46.62  
 (8). Brooklynn Ver Steeg 20:25.46  
 (11). Regan Feit 20:34.59  
 (12). Elizabeth Wagner 20:37.01  
 (34). Kayla Bloemendaal 22:06.93  
 (37). Tiana Lais 22:09.04

### Boys

(8). Camden Janiszkeski 17:52.4322  
 (30). Griffen Jarchow 18:51.19  
 (38). Brady Bork 19:01.29  
 (43). Owen Janiszkeski 19:06.56  
 (46). Camden Hoven 19:24.35  
 (54). Pierce Cunningham 19:41.67  
 (57) Sage Viessman 19:46.27

## Cardinals/from page 1B

On Blue Earth's opening possession of the second half, the Buccaneers scored their fourth touchdown of the game on a 41-yard rushing touchdown on a fourth and one. The extra point attempt was no good.

With 3:10 left in the third quarter, the Buccaneers crossed the goal line again to go up 34-7.

Blue Earth scored another touchdown early in the fourth quarter to build a 41-7 lead.

Luverne's Shaid Shearer got the Cardinals on the board again by nailing a 38-yard field goal. Shearer's field goal closed out the scoring as the Cardinals fell 41-10.

Bailey Cowell led the Cardinals with six receptions for 66 yards.

Zach Ahrendt led the

Cardinals in tackles with 6.5. Ahrendt also recorded one tackle for a loss.

Ethan Beyer recorded five tackles. Kruse and Cade Wenninger both recorded 4.5 tackles.

The Cardinals will be back in action for their Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 23, when they'll play host to Jackson County Central.

Luverne 0 7 0 3 10

Blue Earth 7 14 13 7 41

Passing: Sehr 6-12, 66 yards  
 Rushing: L. Smith 7-37-0; A. Sandbulte 5-30-0

Receiving: Cowell 6-66-0  
 Tackles: Z. Ahrendt 6.5; Beyer 5; Kruse 4.5; C. Wenninger 4.5; McLaughlin 4; L. Smith 3.5; Cole-Kraty 3; Ripka 3  
 Interceptions: L. Smith 1; Kruse 1

## LHS Volleyball/ from page 1B

corded four kills to lead the Cardinals.

Trista Baustian recorded two blocks. She also led the team with 10 digs.

In the second match of the week Luverne fell to Windom 3-2.

The Cardinals won a back-and-forth affair in the opening set, 25-23. The second set was more of the same with the Eagles taking the second set 28-26 to tie the match at 1-1.

Windom won the third set 25-17. It was all Luverne in the fourth set, as the visiting team won 25-13 to force a fifth set.

Windom won the fifth set 15-12 to drop the Cardinals to 0-3 on the young season.

Baustian recorded 26 assists for the Cardinals.

VanBatavia and Gracie Zewiske both recorded 11 kills to lead the Luverne attack. Zewiske also recorded six solo blocks.

Macy Stratton and VanBatavia both finished the match with 21 digs. Stratton led the Cardinals with three aces from the service line.

Luverne 14 11 15

PAS 25 25 25

Kills: VanBatavia 4; Ferrell 4  
 Digs: T. Baustian 10  
 Blocks: Baustian 2

Luverne 25 26 17 25 12

Windom 23 28 25 13 15

Kills: VanBatavia 11; Zewiske 11  
 Setting: T. Baustian 26 assists  
 Digs: Stratton 21; VanBatavia 21  
 Aces: Stratton 3; Bork 1  
 Blocks: Zewiske 6; Wagner 2



(Photo Courtesy of Valocity Studios)

Gavin Wysong looks to evade a defender during H-BC's home football game against Edgerton on Saturday, Oct. 17. The Patriots defeated the Edgerton Dutchmen by a final score of 56-6.

## Patriots remain undefeated in 2020/from page 1B

his second rushing touchdown of the game in the second quarter. He then converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 32-6.

Bork scored H-BC's second touchdown of the second quarter on an 85-yard run. Gavin Wysong connected with Casey Kueter to put H-BC up 40-6 at halftime.

In the third quarter, it was the Wysong connection hooking up again. Gavin Wysong and Zander Wysong got the Patriots on the board with a 50-yard receiving touchdown. Gavin Wysong passed to Chase Bosch to put the Patriots up 48-6.

"They were packing the box against our run game," Metzger said. "We were able to hit Zander Wysong on a couple of seam routes."

Dewell Rauk wrapped up the scoring with a 38-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter. Luke Fuerstenberg scored the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 56-6.

Gavin Wysong passed for 90 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 133 yards and two touchdowns.

Bork rushed for 154 yards and two touchdowns. As a team the Patriots rushed for 372 yards.

Zander Wysong caught two passes for 90 yards and two touchdowns.

Calvin Erickson led the team with 11 tackles. Erickson also recorded one sack.

Gavin Wysong and Casey Kueter both recorded seven tackles.

Ty Bundesen recorded five tackles. Donovan Leenderts recorded five tack-

les and one sack.

Oliver Deelstra recorded one interception.

The Patriots will look to stay undefeated when they play host to Westbrook-Walnut Grove on Friday, Oct. 23.

HBC 24 16 8 8 56

Edgerton 6 0 0 0 6

Passing: G. Wysong 2-3, 90 yards, two touchdowns

Rushing: T. Bork 10-154-2; G. Wysong 7-133-2; Rauk 1-38-1

Receiving: Z. Wysong 2-90-2

Tackles: Erickson 11; G. Wysong 7; Kue-ter 7; Bundesen 5; Leenderts 5; Knobloch 4; Bosch 4; Baker 4

Sacks: Leenderts 1; Erickson 1

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Luverne Football**  
 10/09 @Pipestone Area  
 10/16 @Blue Earth Area  
 10/23 vs Jackson County  
 10/30 @Windom  
 11/06 vs Redwood Valley

W (22-0)  
 L (41-10)  
 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

10/20 vs Jackson County  
 10/22 vs Worthington  
 10/29 vs Marshall  
 11/02 vs Redwood Valley

7:15 p.m.  
 7:15 p.m.  
 7:15 p.m.  
 7:15 p.m.

### HBC Volleyball

10/8 vs Mountain Lake  
 10/13 vs Red Rock Central  
 10/15 @Edgerton  
 10/19 vs Westbrook-WG  
 10/20 @Murray County  
 10/27 @Adrian-Ellsworth  
 10/29 vs Murray County  
 11/02 vs SW Christian  
 11/10 @Mountain Lake

W (3-0)  
 L (1-3)  
 W (3-0)  
 L (0-3)  
 7:15 p.m.  
 7:15 p.m.  
 7:15 p.m.  
 7:15 p.m.

**Luverne Volleyball**  
 10/08 @Redwood Valley  
 10/10 @Fairmont  
 10/13 vs Pipestone Area  
 10/15 @Windom

L (1-3)  
 Cancelled  
 L (3-0)  
 L (3-2)

**HBC Football**  
 10/9 @Sleepy Eye SM  
 10/15 vs HL-O-F  
 10/17 vs Edgerton  
 10/23 vs Westbrook-WG  
 10/30 @Edgerton  
 11/06 @GHec-Truman

W (36-0)  
 Cancelled  
 W (56-6)  
 7 p.m.  
 7 p.m.  
 7 p.m.



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## With COVID meat locker demands, now's good time for do-it-yourself processing

For nearly 40 years I've purchased a deer license, but in that time I've harvested only about five deer.

That's because I get more enjoyment from watching others being successful than harvesting a deer for my personal use. Last year alone on a property I own, I mentored five kids 12 years of age or younger to their very first successful deer hunt. That makes my day and my season a success.

One of the conditions of hunting on my property is that the person who shoots the deer needs to be the one who field dresses it. They can have help but this is an integral part of deer hunting and is something every deer hunter should be able to do.

The majority of deer hunters will field dress their deer and then at some point take it into the local locker to have it processed into their favorite products. These include steaks, roasts, jerky, meat sticks, summer sausage and venison hamburger. Others will do all of this work on their own in a garage or kitchen somewhere.

This year might very well be the first time this option is no longer available in all areas of the state to the rank and file. As a result of COVID-19, many commercial pork and beef processing plants were either shut down or operating at far less than 100 percent capacity.

This left thousands of hogs and cattle unable to be brought to market. You could buy a whole hog in my county for as little as \$50 a few months ago, and hundreds of folks did just that.

The backlog at local locker plants is such that many of these small businesses are not taking any



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

deer for processing this fall. I did call around and learned that in your area the processors are not following this trend.

The lockers in Leota, Hills, Lismore, Worthington and Pipestone are all processing deer if you bring it in with the bones removed. The locker in Ellsworth is the only one not taking deer at all. Some of those businesses accept deer that are quartered and some have limited the products you can choose from.

Depending on where you live, this processing issue is one that you need to address before you have a deer field-dressed and hung in the garage.

Processing your own deer is not all that hard, but you do need the proper tools and equipment to do so. There are all kinds of do-it-yourself processing equipment available like meat grinders, slicers and vacuum sealers. They range greatly in price and will cost you far more than your deer license to purchase.

If you have never done it before, I am sure that the learning curve might take a little time to master, but I can say that some of the best hunting memories in my memory bank include the socialization with family and friends while processing deer in the days that followed the hunt.

If you start process-

ing your own deer, I can guarantee there have to be hundreds of videos on YouTube that will show you the basics.

There are more and more people that are paying attention to where the food they eat comes from. Eating a deer that has never been treated with antibiotics like many commercial meats contain will bring you that back to understanding the most basic of man and nature interaction.

There is a measurable segment of new hunters joining the ranks that are taking up hunting primarily to consume the game they kill because of its pure origin. Don't get me wrong, I love deep fat fried everything but more and more folks will harvest their own game and process it themselves to achieve the goal of knowing its origin.

Current hunters already know this, but if you take up processing your own game, it will bring you a little closer to the roots of harvest. Lockers do great work but you could spend those same dollars on an additional license in another state. That could be a good trade.

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

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

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne

**St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; [www.stscl.org](http://www.stscl.org)**  
**Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor**

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

**Luverne Christian Reformed Church**  
605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
**Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982**  
**[www.luvernecrc.com](http://www.luvernecrc.com) — [office@luvernecrc.com](mailto:office@luvernecrc.com)**  
**Roger Sparks, Pastor**

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

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

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

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 507-283-4431; [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)**  
**Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor**

Thursday, Oct. 22: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Oct. 24: 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service in Sanctuary. Sunday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. Worship Service with 4-year-old Milestone. Limited seating is available. 10-10:45 a.m. Sunday school for 3-year-olds. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. 4:30 p.m. Confirmation service for confirmands and their families. 7:30-9 p.m. Youth activity for 6th-8th grade. Tuesday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 9 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. Wednesday, Oct. 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7-7:45 p.m. Confirmation classes for 6th-9th grade. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still 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 6:30 p.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834**  
**[pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com)**  
**Andrew Palmquist, Pastor**

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

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
**Ph. 283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)**  
**Mike Altana, Pastor**

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Friday, Oct. 23: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. pillow cleaning. Sunday, Oct. 25: 9:30 a.m. service. 3 p.m. Gospel Jubilee (The Garms Family). Tuesday, Oct. 27: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Tribe; Prayer meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 28: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; youth groups.

**First Assembly of God Church**  
1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 283-4529; email: [luverneumc@iw.net](mailto:luverneumc@iw.net)**  
Thursday, Oct. 22: 11 a.m. Rock the Edge meeting. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, Oct. 24: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Sept. Oct. 25: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Monday, Oct. 26: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 27: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Oct. 29: 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

**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**

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 9:30 a.m. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
**Ph. 283-2316; email: [stjohn@iw.net](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)**  
**[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)**

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

**Living Rock Church**  
500 E. Main St., Luverne  
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**Billy Skaggs, Pastor**

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**[igtwlb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwlb@WOW.net)**  
**Bill Bates, Pastor**

**First Lutheran Church**  
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211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
**Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)**  
**Laura Phillips, Pastor**

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**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)**

Thursday 10 a.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom. 7 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m. worship service viewed live on First Presbyterian Church Facebook page. Tuesday 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship service on VAST and Mediacom.

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
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**Ph. 605-215-3429**  
**email: [magnoliamnumc@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliamnumc@gmail.com)**  
**Nancy Manning, Pastor**

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

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

**Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor**

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

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

Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Sunday School during worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org). Sunday, Oct. 25: 10 a.m. Worship Service with Confirmation. Monday, Oct. 26: 7 p.m. Mission Profile Committee meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 27: 2 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study at Tuff Memorial Home. 3:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible study at Village.

**Hills United Reformed Church**  
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**Alan Camarigg, Pastor**

## A thankful person tastes joy twice

As the people of God came into the land that God had promised, God first instructed them to bring to the holy place a first fruits offering. A portion of what God had first given them was to be shared with the Levites (Priests), foreigners, orphans, and widows. As God had blessed them, they were to bless others. (Deuteronomy 26ff)



### BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Ron Nichols  
Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

*This is the true meaning behind Thanksgiving.*

God also commanded the people to "celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given you and to your house." (v.11) They were instructed to celebrate and remember all that the Lord had done. Certainly this is a form of what we celebrate in the holiday of Thanksgiving, isn't it?

It has been said that "a thankful person tastes joy twice - once when it happens, and again when gratitude is expressed to God for the joy." I've always liked the idea that we can taste joy twice - once when it happens and a second time when we thank God. This is the true meaning behind Thanksgiving.

On this Thanksgiving holiday, as difficult as it might be, let us first share a portion of what God has given us. Let our Thanksgiving be

shared. Secondly, let us give thanks to God who is bringing us through these difficult times. Celebrate all the good the Lord has done in our lives. Be thankful and taste joy twice.



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**Edward Salzer**  
(The Silverfox)  
(10.17-10.22)

Thanks for the cards, flowers, phone calls, texts and gifts for my 80th birthday. It made my day special!  
**Marlys Henry**  
(10.17-10.22)

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**BackPack Board**  
(10.22-10.25)

### Thank you



The children of Emily Kramer extend our heartfelt gratitude to the staff and volunteers at the Minnesota Veteran's Home - Luverne, who made our Mother's 90th birthday a memorable event, despite the constraints of our current coronavirus pandemic. Marble cake with raspberry filling was served, and a video of the "Happy Birthday" song was made for friends and family to enjoy. Mom was lovingly bedecked to celebrate: hair done, nails painted, and dressed up for our Zoom party. All five of Emily's children attended the event, and precious memories were reshaped with much laughter. A special thanks to her sisters June and Mary and brother John for their loving care. Many thanks to all her friends and extended family, who sent cards from many places, including California, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington, Nebraska and Canada.

**Sharon, Doug, Margie, Sandra and Dan**

### CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Jim Lafrenz would like to thank everyone that expressed their sympathy and cards received at the time of his passing.  
**Wanda Kafka and family**  
(10.17-10.22)

Thank you so much to everyone for your thoughtfulness, prayers, gifts, and food following Gauge's untimely death. We are so fortunate to live in such a caring community.

**Thank you again,  
The Sprik Families**  
(10.22-10.24)

### EMPLOYMENT

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(10.10-10.29)

### EMPLOYMENT

Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for the following positions: Full-time Paraprofessional Substitute Paraprofessionals Applications can be found on the school website at <https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm> or by calling 507-967-2242. (9.26-10.22)

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ADRIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL is seeking applicants for a full-time afternoon shift (2-10 p.m.) Building and Maintenance Custodian. Applicant's should have a boiler license or be able to obtain one, can operate equipment, able to lift 50 lbs., custodial and maintenance experience, enjoys working in a team environment, and has excellent references. Applications are available at [www.isd511.net](http://www.isd511.net) or by calling 507-483-2266. Please submit applications to Adrian Public School, District Office, PO Box 40, Adrian, MN 56110. Position will remain open until filled. ISD 511 is an equal opportunity employer. (10.17-11.5)

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**City of Luverne notice of general election**

**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that regarding the City Election, which shall be held in and for the City of Luverne, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the following offices shall be filled:

- One Mayor for one four-year term
- One Council Member, North Ward, for one four-year term
- One Council Member, South Ward, for one four-year term

All polling places will be at the Luverne Middle-High School Gymnasium, 709 N. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN.

Qualified voters planning to be absent on Election Day may obtain absentee ballots from the office of the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, until 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2020. Please make an appointment to vote early by calling 507-283-5060.

Jessica Mead, City Clerk (10-15,10-22)

**Rock County sets public hearing for Nov. 3**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF COUNTY OF ROCK FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR MOMADIC PROPERTIES LLC DBA A-1 JET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Rock County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on at 9:00 a.m. on November 3, 2020, at Herreid Board meeting room in the Annex of the Rock County Courthouse located at 204 E. Brown Street; Luverne, Minnesota, to consider the request of Momadic Properties LLC dba A-1 Jet for the abatement of certain real property located in City of Luverne and described as follows, to wit:

Greenvale Addition, E166' of Block 2, all of vacated street & W72.77' of S191.5' of Block 3

For abatement of real estate taxes for a period of up to ten years pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §469.1813. That the estimated amount of the abatement, on annual basis, for the County of Rock is

- 1st year (2021 payable 2022) - \$1,262.70 (100%)
- 2nd year (2022 payable 2023) - \$1,010.16 (80%)
- 3rd year (2023 payable 2024) - \$ 757.62 (60%)
- 4th year (2024 payable 2025) - \$ 505.08 (40%)
- 5th year (2025 payable 2026) - \$ 252.54 (20%)
- Total abatement - \$3,788

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at the hearing or present written comments to be presented at the hearing by delivering the same to the Rock County Administrator at 204 E. Brown Street; Luverne, Minnesota.

Kyle Oldre, County Administrator (10-22)

The County Board was in receipt of the Walleye Wind Decommissioning Plan and a request to approve the decommissioning plan which includes dismantling turbine components and transporting offsite and salvage and resale values; all decommissioning costs are the responsibility of Walleye Wind, LCC. There was a question of the decommissioning plan for the (7) MinnWin turbines purchased by Walleye Wind; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to table action until next meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve a 1-year law enforcement contract extension with the City of Luverne with a 5% increase, declared carried on a voice vote. The County Board requested the County Attorney to draft that contract.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Rock County has been selected by the Minnesota Department of Health to conduct community testing on October 13-15 in an effort to find new positive cases to help prevent community spread.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Community Library, Southwest MN Opportunity Council, bike path.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Southwest Regional Development Commission, AMC Fall Policy meeting, Southwest Health & Human Services, Private Industry Council Chief Elected Officials Board.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rural Water, One Watershed One Plan, Southwest Mental Health.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Luverne Township, Southwest Health & Human Services, MinnWest Lenders Farm Crisis event

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Magnolia Township, AMC Environmental Policy meeting, Kenneth City Council, Bike path meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to adjourn, declared carried on a voice vote. (10-22)

**Rock County Commissioners meet Sept. 8**

**Rock County Board of Commissioners 9:00 A.M. Herreid Board Meeting Room/Zoom Video Meeting Sept. 8, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Overgaard with all Commissioners present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, County Administrator Kyle Oldre, County Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who were in attendance. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the September 08, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August 18, 2020, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded Overgaard, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Axon Enterprise - Annual maintenance for (13) Tasers - \$3,432.00

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for payment; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,486.90
ALADTEC INC	2,426.00
AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC	12,212.00
BROCK WHITE	29,346.00
BURLINGTON-NORTHERN/SANTAFE RAILWAY COM	8,939.31
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	5,000.00
DAVIS/MIKE	5,000.00
EQUIPMENT BLADES INC	4,726.57
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,034.42
GONNERMAN/PAULA	5,000.00
JD DRAFTING AND DESIGNS LLC	5,000.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	12,113.66
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING LLC	2,012.80
LUVERNE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH	5,000.00
LUVERNE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY	5,000.00
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	17,212.62
NICHOLAS DOMAGALA AGENCY	3,200.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	7,870.13
OCV LLC	2,995.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	4,000.00
RAILPROS FIELD SERVICES INC	32,756.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,405.33
SANFORD HEALTH	5,441.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	18,892.87
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	3,588.15
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	69,076.90
TWO SISTERS CLEANING	3,600.00
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	14,050.00
WEX BANK	2,198.99
91 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	41,718.83
TOTAL	\$340,303.48

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report. The Auditor/Treasurer stated that (2) certificates of deposits were due and that she cashed them in and the funds are currently in a savings account until the rates improve; also reviewed the balance status of the CARES Act fund, as to date the remaining balance is \$455,000. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator led a discussion regarding 2021 Budget and proposed levy. The Administrator was directed to provide additional tax information prior to setting the preliminary levy at the next board meeting.

The Auditor/Treasurer informed the County Board that she is in receipt of a Rock County Home Initiative application for Colin Lyndorff and Ashley Nye and requested action to set a public hearing date; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to set the public hearing date for October 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Herreid Board meeting room of the Rock County Courthouse, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented an update of CSAH funding stating that funding for 2021 will reflect a 15% decrease from 2020; the amount will resemble the funding amount from 2019 and will impact maintenance activities on CSAH roads.

The Engineer requested approval of final contract payment to Central Specialties for \$58,746.19 for SAP 067-038-001, Koehn and Walnut Street projects; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed of an employee resignation from Seth Gombel effective September 18, 2020. The Administrator stated they would begin advertising for the vacant position.

The Engineer also presented a brief construction update regarding various street projects in Hardwick, Magnolia and Hills and that things progressing as scheduled.

The County Board also discussed dump truck and motor grader equipment replacement schedule and a plan to fund those purchases; the Engineer identified that a portion of the wind tax revenues are designated for those expenditures.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison, Community Corrections, BRRRA Open House event.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: BRRRA Open House event, Southwest Health & Human Services and Hospice fundraiser event.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: BRRRA Open House event and Rock County Opportunities.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Community Corrections

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: AMC Regional Extension, BRRRA Open House event, Lyon Co. Landfill, City/County Liaison; also stated that construction for the Elk Creek Solar project has been delayed.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to adjourn the meeting, declared carried on a voice vote. (10-22)

**Rock County Commissioners meet Sept. 22**

**Rock County Board of Commissioners 9:00 A.M. Herreid Board Meeting Room/Zoom Video Meeting September 22, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Overgaard with all Commissioners present. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich, County Administrator Kyle Oldre and Star-Herald Reporter Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who were in attendance.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the September 22, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve the September 08, 2020, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Raycom Maintenance contract - \$7,771.76

2. Hildi Contract - \$3,800 for actuarial reporting including all information required by the GASB Statements for January 01, 2020 - December 31, 2021

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the claims, declared carried on a unanimous vote.

A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
ASHBY/STEVE	\$2,257.20
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	3,432.00
BUFFALO RIDGE CONCRETE	16,942.36
CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES	24,918.70
CHS	7,560.01
COLTER DEUTSCH TRUCKING INC	5,000.00
CONNELL CAR CARE INC	5,000.00
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,491.00
ELLIS & EASTERN	12,304.34
ERICKSON ENGINEERING	3,468.00
I & G RAAK INC	5,000.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	12,981.19
L & M HOUSING	3,865.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MN	3,500.00
LUVERNE FAMILY DENTAL	5,000.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	10,533.14
LYLE G ANDERSON	5,000.00
M & R TRAILERS	5,000.00
PATTEN ROOFING CO	2,150.00
POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	2,686.96
ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS INC	2,956.97
S & S CAR WASH	3,738.00
SMOOK TRUCKING	5,000.00
TITAN MACHINERY-SIOUX FALLS	2,798.75
51 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	19,299.47
TOTAL	\$176,883.09

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented Resolution No. 17-20, authorizing a previous property owner to repurchase the tax forfeited property as per Minnesota Statutes 282.241. The property is located in the City of Hills and identified as parcel 15-0136-000; the County Administrator also stated that the City of Hills Mayor also supported the request. Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve Resolution No. 17-20, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve an additional expenditure from the CARES Act funds to the Jasper First Responders up to \$7,500 for equipment upgrades in response to COVID-19, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve lost warrant #97859 for \$960.00 payable to MN Pollution Control Agency, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator led a discussion regarding setting the preliminary levy for 2021. After discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to set the preliminary levy at \$6,345,106, a 2.5% increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Melissa Schmidt and Jerome Duehr, representatives of the Elk Creek Solar LLC, presented a review of the development agreement between Elk Solar LLC and Rock County; purpose of the review was meant only to be introductory and will request approval at a later date. Comments from Eric Hartman, Planning & Zoning, Mark Sehr, Engineer, and Jeff Haubrich were that there are no initial issues with the development agreement as most of the conditions are regulated through the conditional use and state permitting process. There was also a request to make available the road agreements with Vienna and Magnolia townships.

Star Herald  
**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**H-BC School Board meets Sept. 28**

**Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671 Minutes September 28, 2020**

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center/via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees - based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board Member Wysong was absent. Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve the agenda. Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald).

**PATRIOT PRIDE:**

- Back to Play--Football and Volleyball
- Community Partners, City of Hills and City of Beaver Creek
- Continued great return to school!

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve minutes 9/14/2020.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve bills. Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Student Account Balances.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Donations: City of Beaver Creek \$2,381.74 for Coronavirus Grant.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve identifying Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day, October 12, 2020 as a non-school district holiday and holding a board of education regular meeting on that day.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve preliminary 2020 payable 2021 District Levy Limit at the Maximum Allowed amount.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Setting Pay 2021 Truth in Taxation and Budget Hearing for 7 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve moving the first November regular meeting to Thursday, November 12 to add the Canvass Election results from Board Election - 11/3/2020.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve setting district smart boards as excess district property and direct the superintendent to sell. PERSONNEL:

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve assigning Brianna Leuthold as 1/2 Time FTE ESL/RTI/Elementary Teacher at the Elementary School.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve adding item 6.2 Memorandum of Understanding to the Agenda.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hills-Beaver Creek Education Association regarding Secondary Teacher Substitute Pay.

**DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Committee Meetings: Personnel/Finance 09/24/2020

Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting:

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 12
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 26

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk (10-22)

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# Luverne 2020 Homecoming



Lori Sorenson photos/1022-homecoming LHS

The 2020 LHS Homecoming Court includes (front, from left) queen candidates Rylee Gee, Roz Oye, queen Lauren Ver Steeg, king Cade Wenninger, queen candidate Ainslee Robinson, junior princess Mia Wenzel, sophomore princess Lauren Hansen, (back) king candidates LaShad Smith, Bailey Cowell, Zachary Ahrendt, freshman prince Henry Hartquist, sophomore prince Ross Bergman, junior prince Luke Thorson, freshman princess Tori Serie.

Junior princess Mia Wenzel (left) places the 2020 Homecoming crown atop Lauren Ver Steeg's head during coronation Monday afternoon. LHS 2019 queen Alexandra Hartman and king Colby Crabtree did not return to perform the honors, due to the pandemic restricted event setup.

Junior prince Luke Thorson (right) crowns Cade Wenninger the 2020 LHS Homecoming king.



Queen Lauren Ver Steeg



King Cade Wenninger



Luverne High School Principal Ryan Johnson addresses the sparse Homecoming coronation gathering Monday afternoon in the high school gym.

## Homecoming Week Fun...

## Class T-Shirts



Freshmen



Sophomores



Juniors

Seniors



# Football

Luverne vs. Jackson County Central



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The Luverne High School 2020 football team members include (front, from left) cheerleaders Brenn Siebenahler, Myles Trimble, Ryenn Stegenga, Mariam Alinzi, Syndal Pick, Bridget Thielbar, Phoebe DeBates, Anna Boltjes; (second row) Zach Overgaard, Matthauss Dobbe, Shaid Shearer, Casey Sehr, Jack Schlosser, Trygve Gangestad, Zach Kruse, Jamie McCarthy, Ashton Sandbulte, Andy Halverson, Jack Voorhees, Carter Sehr; (third row) coach Tony Sandbulte, Caleb Hein, Braydon Ripka, Luke Bosch, Ethan Beyer, Ayden Bonnett, Riley Cowell, Trevor Halverson, head coach Todd Oye, coach TJ Newgard, coach Brooks Maurer; (fourth row) coach Mike Wenninger, coach Jon Schomacker, Gannon Ahrendt, Peter Baustian, Ethan Teunissen, Jordan Friedrichsen, Justin Dohlmann, Zach Ahrendt, Connor Overgaard; (back row) Michael Aning, Gavyn Boll, Cade Wenninger, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Jayson Rops, Eli Radtke, Carlton Oftedahl, Camron Kopp, Bailey Cowell, Arekel McLaughlin, LaShad Smith and Brock Behrend.



2020 cheerleaders include (from left) Bridget Thielbar, Ryenn Stegenga, Syndal Pick, Anna Boltjes, Phoebe DeBates, Brenn Siebenahler, Mariam Alinzi and Myles Trimble.

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# Volleyball



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The Luverne High School 2020 volleyball team members include (front, sitting, from left) Grace Sandbulte, Christina Wagner, Kamryn VanBatavia, Elise Ferrell; (middle) Trista Baustian, Reghan Bork, Silvia Recuero, Gracie Zewiske, Paige Sandbulte, coach April Wallace; (back) coach Sara DeBeer, Macy Stratton, coach Avery Van Roekel, Crystal Sayavong, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Sadie Reisdorfer and Morgan Gonnerman.



Luverne vs. Worthington



# Cross Country



Photo by Jim Juhl, Myhre Studio

Luverne cross country team members include (front, from left) Eli McLendon, Leif Ingebretson, Grace Ingebretson, Jenna DeBates, Kayla Bloemendaal, Maddy Schepel, Levi Gonnerman, Kaleb Hemme, (second row) Owen Janiszski, Ryan Fick, Andrea Luitjens, Maria Rops, Makena Nelson, Tenley Nelson, Tiana Lais, Camden Hoven, Sage Viessman, Brady Bork, (back) Ethan Rahm, Griffen Jarchow, Brynn Boyenga, Pierce Cunningham (behind), Regan Feit, Elizabeth Wagner, Avarie Brecher, Camden Janiszski (behind), Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Ashton Eitrem and Carsen Tofteland.



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# Tennis

Luverne girls' tennis team includes (sitting, from left) Elisabeth Kelm, Elise Jarchow, Lauren Ver Steeg, Sarah Stegenga, Priscilla Muehr, (second row) Rylee Anderson, Brynn Thier, Chloe Schoeneman, Morgan Jonas, Jacey Smith, Solveig Tofteland, Mia Wenzel, Isabella Lanoue, (third row) Ainslie Robinson, Rayann Remme, Roselynn Hartshorn, Emma Lusty, Morgan Hadler, Averill Sehr, Lacey Saker, (back) Tori Hemme, Hope Thorson, Anya Jarchow, Kristin Rud, Olivia Wieneke, Coach Jon Beers, Rozilyn Oye, Katharine Kelm and Cassi Chesley.



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# Marching Band



Mavis Fodness photo

Members of the 2020 Luverne Marching Band include: Color Guard: (front to back) Morgan Hadler, Anna Boltjes, Hannah Baker, Sadie Kessler, Kristin Rud, (not pictured: Brenn Siebenahler and Rayann Remme); Drum Majors: (front row, left to right) Josie Golla, Griffen Jarchow; Band members: (second row, left to right) Jaydn Hart, Genna Rolfs, Solveig Tofteland, Julia Hoogland, Zoey Berghorst, Brynn Boyenga, Xavier Carbonneau; (third row, left to right) Grace Ingebretsen, Egypt Forrest, Anya Jarchow, Phoebe DeBates, Hope Thorson, Lauren Ver Steeg, Ava Loosbrock, Uriel Hernandez; (fourth row, left to right) Jocelyn Hart, Simon Boyenga, Emma Lusty, Ethan Rahm, Logan Ommen, Pierce Cunningham, Sophie Holmberg; (fifth row, left to right) Ainslie Robinson, Justin Dohlmann, William Johnson, Coulter Thone, Hunter Gaffaney, Eduardo Godines; (sixth row, left to right) Peter Baustian, Nathan Kinsinger, Ethan Nath, Hunter Cope, Xavier Carbonneau, Isaac Eidem, Travis Schempp; (back row, left to right) Cassi Chesley, Katia Jarchow, Katherine Pizel, Burke Johnson, Eric Somnis, John Miller, Brendan Eidem, Riley Sneller and Luke Bosch (Not pictured: Tori Hemme and Jordyn Cleaveland)



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# Football



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The 2020 H-BC football team consists of 36 members including (front, from left) Tory Knobloch, Thomas Dysthe, Dewell Rauk, Tryce Bennett, Gavin Wysong, Tyson Bork, Zander Wysong, Calvin Erickson, Chase Bosch; (second row) Cole Baker, Austin Allen, Oliver Deelstra, Andrew Harris, Max Scholten, Troy Durst, Ty Bundesen, Casey Kueter, Gideon Taubert, Robbie Drake; (third row) coach Rex Metzger, Cole Rozeboom, Alex Harris, Joshua Wiersema, Luke Fuerstenberg, Collin Schoneman, Brayden Metzger, Brock Harnack, Cody Moser, coach Jason Rauk; (fourth) coach Dalton Bass, Cooper Gehrke, Alex Dysthe, Riley Tatge, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Damion Meinerts and Justin Roelfs. Not pictured are Drew Leenderts, Donovan Leenderts and Logan Susie



H-BC vs. Westbrook/Walnut Grove

# Volleyball



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The 2020 H-BC volleyball team members are (front, sitting) Emma Kodetand (left) and Abi Olsen; (kneeling, from left) Hannah Fick, Tess VanMaanen, Kenadie Fick, Lauren Tatge, Annie Bos, Avery Vis; (back, from left) Jacey VandenHoek, Sam Moser, Taryn Rauk, Abby Knobloch, Taylor Durst and Allie LaRock.

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# H-B-C 2020 Homecoming



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Hills-Beaver Creek High School Homecoming Royal Court included (front, from left) master of ceremonies Gavin Wysong, king candidates Calvin Erickson, Zander Wysong, Tory Knobloch, king Chase Bosch, queen Annie Bos, queen candidates Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Lauren Tatge, mistress of ceremonies Taryn Rauk, (back) junior representative Conner Vande Voort, freshman representative Cooper Gehrke, sophomore representative Alex Harris, junior representative Mackenzie Voss, sophomore representative Sophia VanSurksun and freshman representative Layla Deelstra.



*King Chase Bosch*      *Queen Annie Bos*



Newly announced queen Annie Bos (left) receives assistance with her robe from fellow senior and queen candidate Lauren Tatge.



Fellow senior and king candidate Tory Knobloch (right) drapes the cape around the shoulders of newly announced Homecoming king Chase Bosch.

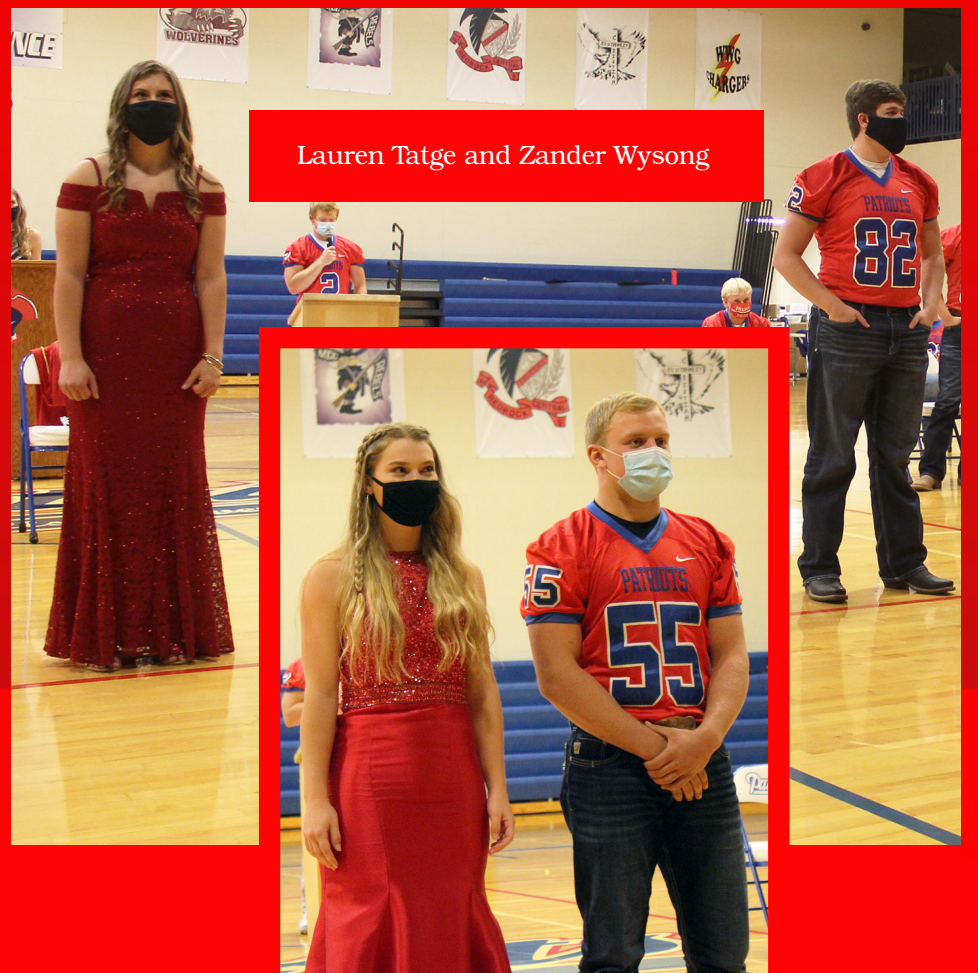
## The Candidates



Annie Bos and Chase Bosch



Abby Knobloch and Calvin Erickson



Lauren Tatge and Zander Wysong

Allison LaRock and Tory Knobloch