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## Trunk 'N Treat returns to Main Street

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's popular Trunk 'N Treat returns to Main Street for 2021 after the 2020 pandemic drive-through "Street of Treats" at the school campus.

Because Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, the event will be on Monday, Nov. 1, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Main Street.

The event typically draws hundreds of costumed children and parents downtown where businesses and organizations set up elaborate Halloween displays and hand out candy.

In 2019, the Luverne Chamber estimates more than 1,000 little "ghosts, goblins and super-heroes" participated.

This year will likely be no different as Main Street will be closed off for dozens of businesses and organizations that signed up to host Trunk 'N Treat displays.

"It is a great event to see the excitement on the faces of children," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

This year will be the ninth year the Chamber has hosted a Trunk 'N Treat in Luverne. Prizes are awarded in several categories for the best displays.

Friday was the deadline to sign up for a display, but for those who want to support it, donations can be made to the Chamber to buy and distribute candy.

All businesses, individuals and organizations were invited to participate, and there was no registration fee.

If weather is bad, it will be moved to the elementary school commons. A decision will be made by noon Monday and announced by radio and social media.

The Chamber can be reached at 507-283-4061 or [luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us).

## Luverne Veterans Home gets help for Covid outbreak

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne managed to stay Covid-free during the height of the pandemic, but now an outbreak in the local facility is prompting state attention.

According to the latest information as of noon Tuesday, there are 36 positive cases among residents and staff, and the state is sending back-up nurses and assistance to help.

Luverne administrator Scott Buchanan wasn't able to confirm if there have been fatalities, but he commended workers for their dedication.

"Staff and leadership are doing a remarkable job responding to this situation, and we are confident in the response we are providing," he said Tuesday.

According to local public health officials, Rock County's 14-day COVID case rate on Tuesday was 57.

Jason Kloss of Southwest Health and Human Services said county cases are declining but still high.

"Even though this case rate has decreased since the high of 93 on Sept. 29, COVID continues to maintain a foothold in the community, and the outbreak at the VA is indicative of that," Kloss said.

He said Sanford Luverne continues to

**Covid in Veterans Home/see page 5A**



City leaders, private investors and local developers celebrated the groundbreaking of PrairiE Loft apartments Wednesday, Oct. 13, on Hatting Street. They are (from left) Mike Bourquin, Mike DeBates, Dave Sternborg, Pat Baustian, Holly Sammons, Cris Oeltjenbruns, Barb Berghorst, David Dempster, LaDonna Van Aartsen, Don Jahnke, Darren Stover, Stan Williamson, John Call, Alvin Johnson and Aaron Smith.

## City leaders, developers, lenders celebrate PrairiE Loft groundbreaking

City leaders, private investors and local developers celebrated the groundbreaking of two new apartment buildings Wednesday, Oct. 20, on Hatting Street near the Highway 75 intersection.

The apartments will be known as PrairiE

Loft 1 and PrairiE Loft 2, with the capital E representing "environmental sustainability and smart building practices" in the design and construction

Construction will use "Extreme Structural Insulated Panels," high performance

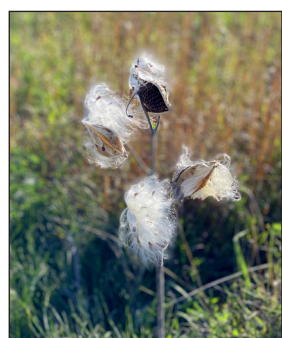
heat pumps, in-floor heat, LED lighting that qualifies for Energy Star, and the Net Zero Ready Program.

The two buildings will have one- and two-bedroom units on three floors with elevators and off-street parking.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Kim Emerson (left) harvests seeds with volunteers Cary Radisewitz, Chris Nowatzki, Don Dinger and (not pictured) Lori Sorenson on Oct. 12 at Touch the Sky Prairie.

## Volunteers harvest prairie wildflower seeds



A paper bag of seeds is at left, above are milkweeds in the wind.

Volunteers spent several hours earlier this month collecting wildflower seeds at Touch the Sky Prairie northwest of Luverne.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Kim Emerson supervised the harvest, which yielded nearly 25 pounds of seed from nearly a dozen different species. Wildflower seeds are expensive to buy in seed mixes, and native seeds have a better survival rate.

The seeds will be tested for viability and will be used to restore land recently acquired by the Brandenburg Prairie Foundation. Touch the Sky Prairie now comprises roughly 1,200 acres is part of the Northern Tallgrass Prairie.

## Railway eyes industrial sites in Rock, Nobles counties

### Study shows three of four top parcels for future development in Rock County

By Mavis Fodness

A study recently identified 25 potential industrial sites along the Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad with the best transportation connection to the railway.

Three of the top four properties along the 41-mile railway in Nobles and Rock counties are in Rock County.

Two are located near Luverne and two are located near Magnolia (one on the county line).

"They are ideal from a layout and topography perspective," said Dan Kippley, economic development director with Ellis & Eastern Railroad, which operates the railway.

"They are flat, offer great connect ability with a siding, and have access to paved roads, offering access to Interstate 90 in equal distance in each direction."

He presented the information in a joint meeting with commissioners in Rock and Nobles counties.

The top parcels will be stud-

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— Dan Kippley, Ellis & Eastern

ied further to determine conceptual layouts and cost estimates for development.

ISG Inc. of Sioux Falls began the study in January. Will Kraft, ISG transportation and practice group leader, said the study concentrated on properties within one mile of the railroad.

**Railroad study/see page 5A**



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

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

**People First Group** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

**Blue Mound Quilters** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at the library. Bring a sack lunch and beverage. The program will be the Wool Challenge Project. Members will be contacted on what to bring. Call 935-2560 with questions.

### Donate blood Nov. 1

Sanford Luverne and Good Samaritan Society will host a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at Sanford Luverne. Donors will receive free McDonald's gift cards. Donors can schedule an appointment at [www.cbblifeblood.org](http://www.cbblifeblood.org), select "events" and Nov. 1. Or, call 605-331-3222.

### Trick or Treat at MJB Nov. 1

The Good Samaritan-Mary Jane Brown Nursing Home will offer trick-or-treats from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, in the form of a parade outside the front windows so residents can view from safely inside the building.

Candy will be handed out at the end of the decorated path. Call 507-283-3117 with questions.

### SWCC business meeting Nov. 1

The Southwest Crisis Center annual business meeting is Monday, Nov. 1, at the Worthington Events Center. In-person attendance begins with a 5:30 p.m. meal and Zoom attendance begins at 6 p.m.

The event will feature highlights from the staff, a financial report and information about the SWCC's program and services. To RSVP email Alejandra at [alejandra@mnsbcc.org](mailto:alejandra@mnsbcc.org) or call Sara at 507-376-4311.

### Operation Christmas Child

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

### One Warm Coat donations accepted through Oct. 31

The Rock County One Warm Coat Project is collecting clean, reusable coats of all shapes and sizes (children's coats are especially needed) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 31 at ATLAS for Life.

Drop-off bins are on the west side of the building. Coats may also be dropped off at the Luverne Elementary School during the month of October.

Call Destiny, 507-220-0030, Atlas of Rock County, 507-449-5777, or Lisa Dinger at school, 507-283-4497. Coat drive dates are from 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 4 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 6.

### Hardwick Legion hosts

#### Veterans Day event Nov. 11

A Veterans Day Banquet will be Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Legion Hall in Hardwick. Social Hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker is Vietnam veteran Keith Schmuck. Patriotic music is by Madi Oye. The event is sponsored by the Hardwick American Legion Post #478. Open to the public.



Pictured in Luverne City Hall on Oct. 20 are (from left) Rep. Jay Xiong, Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian, Rep. Joe Schomacker, Rep. Greg Davids, Rep. Esther Agbaje, Rep. Liz Reyer, Rep. Kaela Berg, Rep. Donald Raleigh, Chair Fue Lee, Rep. Dean Urdahl, Rep. Leon Lillie and Troy Larson with the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System.

## Luverne makes case for bonding funds

By Lori Sorenson

Council chambers in Luverne City Hall were filled Oct. 20 with Minnesota House legislators who serve on the House Capital Bonding Committee.

The House Capital Investment Committee was in town to gather information about Luverne's \$1.5

million House bonding request and about Luverne's proposed second LCRWS connection this morning in city council chambers.

If it is included in the 2022 Senate, House, and Governor's bonding bill and a bonding bill is approved by all three, Luverne would see

it around fall of 2022 or spring of 2023 for a spring/summer construction project of 2023.

This would connect to the 24-inch main line south of town and connect to the south water treatment plant.

Total project cost estimate is \$3 million; Luverne

is seeking a \$1.5 million bonding request.

If approved, the connection would allow the city to fully utilize the south filtration plant that has been mothballed since 2016 when Luverne connected to LCRWS and provide redundant connections to LCRWS.

## Financing available to improve safety on Minnesota farms

*Cost-share, rebate programs offset purchase, installation costs for farmers who qualify*

Minnesota farmers who want to improve safety on their farms can now apply for funding through two programs from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) that help with the cost of buying, shipping and installing eligible safety equipment.

"There's very little that can comfort a family who has lost someone due to a preventable accident on the farm," Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "Fortunately small safety improvements can prevent that from being necessary, and we're grateful to offer support so farmers can make those changes."

Now in its second year, the Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share program reimburses up to 75 percent

of the cost to buy, ship and install eligible safety equipment for on-farm grain bins or silos. The program will pay up to \$400 per bin or silo, with a limit of \$2,400 per farm per year.

The first year of the program reimbursed 91 farmers an average of \$831 to install guardrails, platforms, auger shields, safety harnesses and more.

For more information and to apply, visit the MDA's [Grain Storage Facility Safety Cost-Share](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) webpage at [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us). Follow the "Business Dev. Loans/Grants" tab, then under "Grants", "View all Grants & Funding".

The Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) Rebate Program makes tractor safety equipment afford-

able and simple to order. Minnesota's program reimburses farmers and schools at least 70 percent of the cost to purchase, ship and install a rollover protection kit, limiting the cost to no more than \$500 per tractor.

The National ROPS Rebate Program (NRRP) works with farmers to identify and price the appropriate rollover protection kits for their tractors.

For more information and to apply, visit the MDA's [ROPS Rebate Program](http://www.mda.state.mn.us) webpage listed above.

Both programs are accepting applications through June 30, 2022, or until all funds are exhausted. Funding for these programs comes from the Minnesota Legislature and private donations.

## Nominations sought for Rock County Hall of Fame

The Rock County Historical Society's Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2022 induction of current and former residents.

Nominees must have a significant identity with Rock County and have made an exceptional contribution to society, achieved exceptional success, and brought honor and prestige beyond the borders of Minnesota.

Nominations are accepted now through Feb. 28, 2022. Forms are available at The History Center, Luverne Area Chamber or online at [www.rockcountyhistorical.com](http://www.rockcountyhistorical.com) or [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com).

An awards presentation is scheduled for July 17, 2022.

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# U.S. News and World Report: H-BC Elementary ranks in Minnesota's top 50 schools

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary is among the Top 50 elementary schools in Minnesota.

The U.S. News and World Report recently released its annual education report, ranking schools on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare their students for high school.

The report used public assessment data from the 2018-19 school year.

"Each state gives standardized tests measuring student proficiency in subjects related to mathematics and reading/language arts ... to determine whether learning in core subjects is achieved and to review how well schools are educating our students," the report stated.

The report, available on the U.S. News.com website, examined and ranked the 102,610 K-12 schools for parents and guardians to find the right school for their children.

The report also ranked the 1,171 elementary schools in Minnesota.

H-BC Elementary ranked 47<sup>th</sup> in the state. The school scored 94.71 out of a possible 100.

Stillwater Gate 4/5 Elementary topped the state with a score of 100.

Other local elementary schools in the top 150 and their scores included:

- Luverne, 141<sup>st</sup>, 83.91;
- Lake Benton, 134<sup>th</sup>, 84.71;
- Canby, 82<sup>nd</sup>, 90.69;
- St. James, 63<sup>rd</sup>, 92.87;
- Minnetonka, 62<sup>nd</sup>, 92.99;

•Springfield, 26<sup>th</sup>; 97.13.

In 2019 Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary was designated a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for achieving high levels of student achievement or made significant improvements in closing the achievement gap among student groups.

## H-BC Secondary ranked 172nd in state

The U.S. News and World Report also ranked Minnesota high schools, examining advance placement examination rates, passing percentages on the AP exams, math and reading assessments and graduation rates.

Scores were again based out of a possible 100.

Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary school ranked 172 out of the state's 877 high schools with a score of 50.36 out of 100.

The Math and Science Academy in Woodbury was the top Minnesota high school with a score of 99.45.

Other area high schools ranking in the top 175 in the state included:

- Adrian Secondary, 175<sup>th</sup>, 49.89;
- Edgerton Secondary, 102<sup>nd</sup>, 67.43;
- Redwood Valley, 132,
- New Ulm, 107<sup>th</sup>; 65.93
- Luverne, 106<sup>th</sup>, 66.05;
- Fairmont, 99<sup>th</sup>, 67.84;
- Marshall, 54<sup>th</sup>, 83.1;
- Red Rock Central, 28<sup>th</sup>, 89.59.

## USDA announces October lending rates

# The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced loan interest rates for 2021, which are effective Oct. 1.

### Operating, ownership and emergency loans

FSA offers farm ownership and operating loans with favorable interest rates and terms to help eligible agricultural producers, whether multi-generational, longtime or new to the industry, obtain financing needed to start, expand or maintain a family agricultural operation.

FSA also offers emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters or quarantine.

Interest rates for operating and ownership loans for Oct. 2021 are as follows:

•Farm Operating Loans (Direct): 1.750 percent.

•Farm Ownership Loans (Direct): 2.875 percent.

•Farm Ownership Loans (Direct, Joint Financing): 2.500 percent.

•Farm Ownership Loans (Down Payment): 1.500 percent.

•Emergency Loan (Amount of Actual Loss): 2.750 percent.

FSA also offers guaranteed loans through commercial lenders at rates set by those lenders. Producers can find out which of these loans may be right for them by using the Farm Loan Discovery Tool.

### Commodity and storage facility loans

Additionally, FSA provides low-interest financing to producers to build or upgrade on-farm storage facilities and purchase handling equipment and loans that provide interim financing to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are low.

Funds for these loans are provided through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and are administered by FSA.

Commodity loans (less than one year disbursed): 1.125 percent.

Farm storage facility loans:

- Three-year loan terms: 0.375 percent.
- Five-year loan terms: 0.750 percent.
- Seven-year loan terms: 1.125 percent.
- Ten-year loan terms: 1.375 percent.
- Twelve-year loan terms: 1.500 percent.

## FSA NEWS

### Pandemic and disaster support

Due to recent outbreaks of the COVID-19 Delta variant, USDA has extended the deadline for producers to apply for the COVID-19 Disaster Set-Aside (DSA) loan provision to Jan. 31, 2022.

FSA will permit a second DSA for COVID-19 and a second DSA for natural disaster for those who had an initial COVID-19 DSA. Requests for a second DSA must be received no later than May 1, 2022.

Last year FSA broadened the use of the DSA, normally used in the wake of natural disasters, to allow farmers with USDA farm loans who are affected by COVID-19, and are determined eligible, to have their next payment set aside.

The set-aside payment's due date is moved to the final maturity date of the loan or extended up to 12 months in the case of an annual operating loan. Any principal set-aside will continue to accrue interest until it is repaid. This will improve the borrower's cashflow in the current production cycle.

FSA also reminds rural communities, farmers and ranchers, families and small businesses affected by the year's winter storms, drought, hurricanes and other natural disasters that USDA has programs that provide assistance.

USDA staff in the regional, state and county offices are prepared to deliver a variety of program flexibilities and other assistance to agricultural producers and impacted communities.

Many programs are available without an official disaster designation, including several risk management and disaster recovery options.

Producers can explore available options on all FSA loan options at [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov) or by contacting a local USDA Service Center.

The Rock County FSA office can be reached at 507-283-2369.



For two days in 2018, University of Virginia media studies professor Christopher Ali (in this file photo with his dog, Tuna) spent time in Luverne interviewing local officials about a broadband access book he was writing. "Farm Fresh Broadband: The Policies of Rural Connectivity" (below) was published last month and is available at the Rock County Library.

## Rock County's broadband story shows 'just good enough' is not acceptable

By Mavis Fodness

A college professor's two-day stop in Luverne in 2018 resulted in Rock County taking centerstage in his book, "Farm Fresh Broadband: Rural Interventions in Communications Policy."

Christopher Ali, a media studies professor at the University of Virginia, includes the story of Rock County being an unserved internet area that becomes a leader in the state in fiber-to-the-home connectivity.

"The story of Rock County and what came to be known as the Rock County Alliance both embodies and engenders my broadband localism thesis," Ali wrote.

"It speaks to the importance of community champions, partnerships, municipalities, cooperatives, states and fiber."

Ali completed a two-week, 4,000-mile road trip from his home in Charlottesville, Virginia, with his dog, Tuna. He made stops in Kentucky, Missouri and Minnesota.

He stopped in Rock County in July 2018.

He details Rock County's journey to provide fast and reliable internet access at a local level, a task the large communications companies wouldn't tackle because the return of investment would take decades to achieve.

Current U.S. policies and grants to large telecommunications companies seem to support the rural

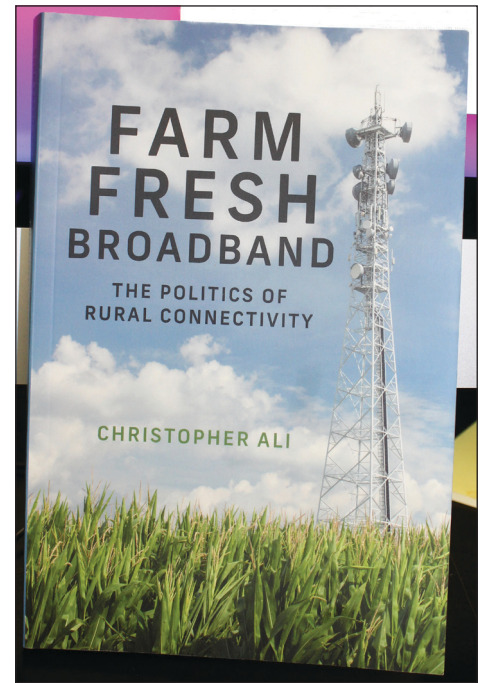
notion that the existing dial-up or wireless services in rural areas is "just good enough" for those rural areas.

Ali begs to differ.

He wrote that partnering with a telecommunications cooperative, like Rock County did with Alliance Communications out of Garretson, is a model that should be replicated across the U.S. and that current policies should support.

"They have been more successful than the major telecommunications companies at connecting their communities, educating their populations, and keeping prices affordable," he wrote.

The book, which features interviews with several local "broadband champions" is available at the Rock County Library.



*"They (Rock County) have been more successful than the major telecommunications companies at connecting their communities, educating their populations, and keeping prices affordable."*

— author Christopher Ali

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## Life is like a pumpkin; you never know how long Jack's smile will last

Carson and Gracie carved a Jack-o-lantern one crisp autumn day in early October.



### ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

They selected a well-shaped, nicely textured pumpkin with a well-positioned flat spot for optimal display.

On a Saturday between college homework, they scooped out the innards, baked the seeds and carved a toothy smile that they illuminated with a battery-powered votive candle.

And life was good.

It grinned proudly on our front porch, as if to usher in the changing seasons.

The wind blew, the temperature dropped and brightly colored leaves littered the lawn and the porch.

And Jack smiled on.

Until Mother Nature changed her mind and returned to summer-like weather.

The humans enjoyed the Indian summer, but Jack did not. His expression fell and his teeth shriveled inward.

On the third day of sunshine and 70 degrees, he sank into himself and began to ooze.

The wicked witch after a bucket of water came to mind, as did Frosty the Snowman when he was trapped inside. In both cases, nothing remained but a hat in a puddle.

Not unlike the pumpkin stem on the porch.

It was sad.

And to think of how big and bold the expression was to begin with.

The pumpkin carvers eventually scooped the mess

into a bucket to dispose of in soybean stubble rows behind the grove. They never actually verbalized it, but the two were clearly deflated.

Not unlike the pumpkin.

It occurred to me there were life lessons to be learned from the gone-too-soon Jack-o-lantern.

For one, Halloween pumpkins should be carved closer to Halloween Day (when cooler fall weather preserves them better).

Old cliches also came to mind as Jack's happy face drooped day by day.

"All good things must end."

"Never trust a crooked smile."

"Mother Nature always gets her way."

Carson and Gracie didn't enjoy cleaning up the slimy mess, but the short-lived Jack-o-lantern served a purpose in its albeit short existence.

The young couple enjoyed an old tradition and the fruits of their labor (seasoned, baked pumpkin seeds).

I enjoyed their creative spirit and was momentarily wistful for the time when only Mom could operate the sharp tool to create pumpkin smiles.

Yes, the Great Pumpkin experience was a great lesson in life.

... for the 20-somethings, the 50-somethings and all who wish for Jack's smiles to last a little longer on the porch.

Happy Halloween, dear readers. May all your Great Pumpkin experiences be memorable.

## Don't wait for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to properly dispose of pills

A local drop box is available 24/7

Saturday, Oct. 23, was National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs.

Locally a drop box is available at the Rock County Sheriff's Office. The box is available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Last year 200 pounds of pills were collected from the drop box. Nationally 420 tons of medications were collected this spring.

That's 839,543 pounds of pills that didn't find a way into abusive hands or into the environment.

The Take Back Day is sponsored twice a year by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Take Back Day happens locally every day through the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

The drop-off box, located in the lobby, is only for pills. (No liquids are accepted.)

Disposal of the prescription pills through the law enforcement office has several benefits.

First, proper disposal lessens

the misuse and potential for deadly consequences from accidental poisoning, overdose or abuse.

The DEA found the majority of misuse came from prescription drugs obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. Teenagers, as an age group, are more likely to misuse prescriptions designated for someone else.

Secondly, proper disposal saves our environment. More specifically, proper disposal prevents harmful ingredients from reaching and contaminating our precious groundwater, rivers and lakes.

Also, prescription drugs thrown in the garbage can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold.

Proper disposal of unused pills saves lives and protects the Earth, and prevents the active ingredients from being made into something that is harmful and is no longer considered in safe medical use.

To ready pills for disposal, empty the bottles into a clear, sealable bag and drop the bag into the drop box. The plastic prescription bottles can be thrown in the garbage; they should not be recycled. Remove the label or scratch out personal information to protect your identity.

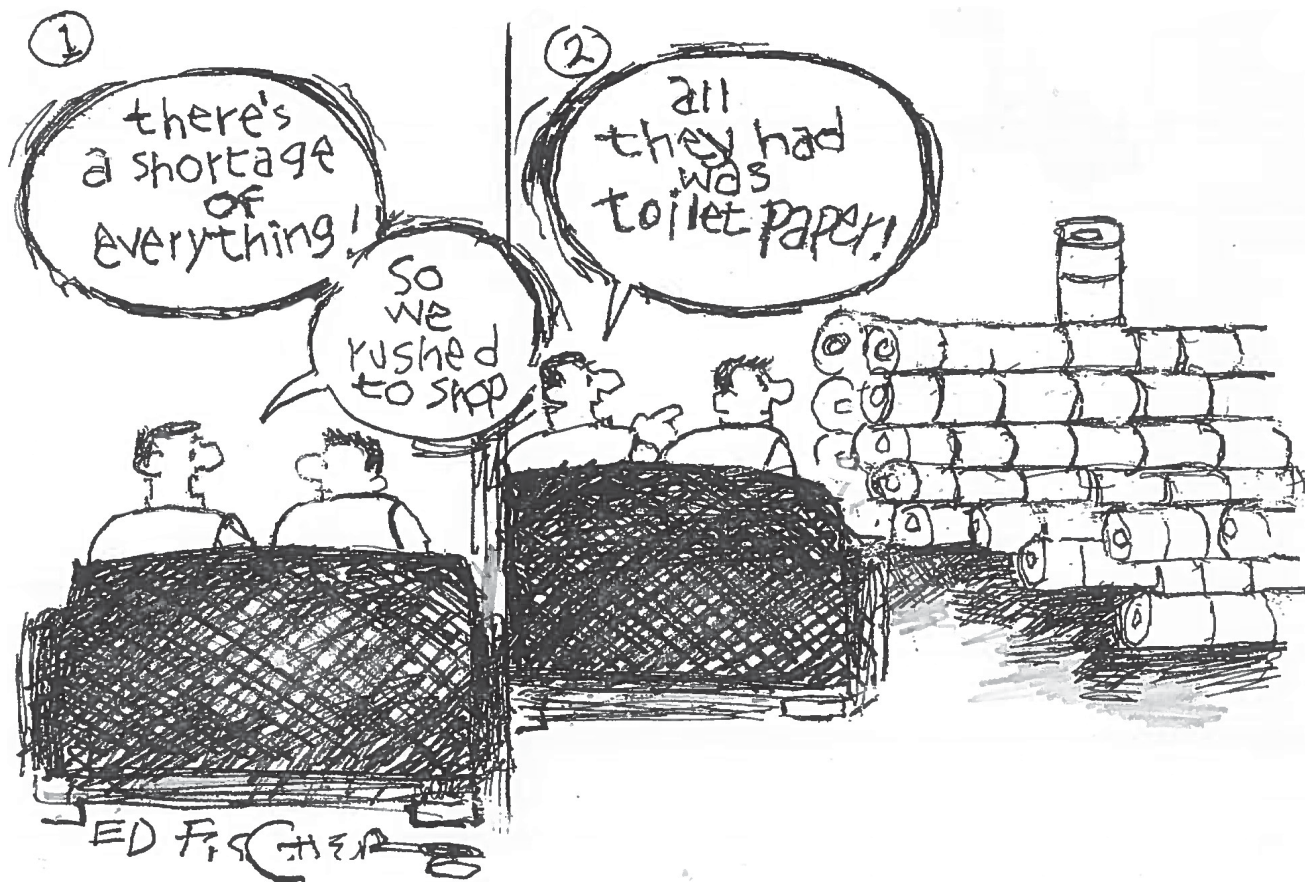
Once a year the Rock County Sheriff's Office transports the pills to an incinerator.

This week is designated Red Ribbon Week.

Since 1988 through the National Family Partnership, Red Ribbon Week is an annual catalyst to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, workplaces and communities. The wearing of a red ribbon shows a commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Whether you wear a red ribbon or not, please dispose of your prescription drugs safely at the law enforcement center.

And it's free.



## Even emergency vehicles must yield to loading, unloading school buses

**Question:** I drive school bus and am a retired firefighter. Recently one of our buses was stopped – eight ways on, stop signs deployed – when two fire apparatus approached red lights and sirens. The apparatus did not slow and sped past the bus. I've always said regardless of what type of emergency vehicle, they must stop and wait for the school bus driver to shut down the eight ways (indicating safe to proceed).

According to statute it says all vehicles must stop. ALL being the key word. But some argue that statute 169.03 subdivision 2 allows emergency vehicles to proceed. Your input greatly appreciated.

**Answer:** With school back in session, this is a great topic. That statute you cite is correct. "The driver of any authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol

call, upon approaching a red or stop signal or any stop sign shall slow down as necessary for safety, but may proceed cautiously past such red or stop sign or signal after sounding siren and displaying red lights, except that a law enforcement vehicle responding to an emergency call shall sound its siren or display at least one lighted red light to the front."

The emergency vehicle would

need to handle it like any other stop sign/semaphore and could proceed with caution. Let me emphasize that "caution" is the key word.

We all need to keep in mind the importance of safety around school buses, both drivers and children, when it comes to getting on or off the bus.

#### Motorists

• Motorists must stop at least

20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and an extended stop-arm. Motorists traveling in the opposite direction on a divided roadway are not required to stop.

• Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

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

#### Students

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

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

• When crossing the street, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

### VOICE OF OUR READERS

*Blake: We should require vaccinations*

#### To the Editor:

To prevent further spread of the coronavirus, we should require everyone to get fully vaccinated (including a possible third dose), unless exempted by a sincerely held religious belief or medical condition. We should write to our legislators and executives at all levels of government.

Alvin Blake,  
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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

Oct. 15

•Complainant on 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Luverne, reported a runaway child.

•Complainant on W.

Interstate Drive requested assistance with warrant.

•Complainant on Buckingham Street, Hardwick, requested information on protection orders.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia reported unknown bikes parked at location.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported a vehicle for road and drive laws.

•Buffalo County Sheriff's office reported a recovered stolen vehicle.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported a phone outage.

•Complainant on W. Interstate Drive attempted contact on subject with warrant.

•Complainant on S. East Park Street reported burning in the area.

•Complainant on 121<sup>st</sup> Street and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Steen, reported a driving complaint.

Oct. 16

•Roadside assistance was provided eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker, 7, Luverne.

•Complainant on 171<sup>st</sup> Street and 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenneth, reported a vehicle blocking the roadway.

•Complainant in Magnolia reported gunshots.

Oct. 17

•Complainant on 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported Veterans Home having phone issues.

•Security camera outage was reported at location in Luverne.

•Complainant on Elm Street reported harassing communication.

•Complainant on 220<sup>th</sup>

Avenue, Magnolia, contacted subject with Lyon County warrant.

Oct. 18

•Complainant reported he lost his wallet.

•Complainant on County Road 4, west of Manley, reported a road blockage/closure.

•Complainant on S. Cottage Grove Avenue reported a car on fire.

•Complainant on 30<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Hills, reported a fire at location.

Oct. 19

•Complainant at Veterans Memorial Park reported some kids are tipping over trash cans.

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•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported a runaway.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street reported theft of packages.

•Complainant on Park Avenue, Kenneth, attempted to contact subject with out-of-state warrant.

Oct. 20

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy about some elder abuse.

•Complainant requested to speak to law enforcement about fraud and phone hacking.

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

Oct. 21

•Property was found at location on N. Kniss Avenue.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 transport, 17 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 2 alarms, 2 drug court tests, 2 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 14 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 welfare check and 2 reports of cattle out.



Mavis Fodness photo/1028 Railway Study

The upgrades scheduled to be completed over the next three years along the Buffalo Ridge Railroad will allow bigger and heavier railcars to be used to transport commodities through Rock and Nobles counties and ultimately connecting with the larger Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads.

## Railway study/continued from page 1A

Each property was ranked according to size, slope, proximities to hard surface roads, electrical and natural gas lines, within a broadband area, and outside wind farm projects.

Also considered was whether or not parcels were located within a federal opportunity zone.

Businesses looking to expand often consider the same criteria.

“Very important to any rail service is slope,” Kraft said. “We wanted to make sure that we had flat slopes, especially for the rail itself. As you know, rails require pretty flat slopes — they cannot do uphill or downhill well.”

Landowners whose property scored high based on the criteria were informed about the study; however, it doesn't mean that any of the parcels would ever be developed.

“They (all the sites) would be revisited if the opportunity arises,” Kippley said.

The completed study was

sent to the Minnesota Department of Economic Development (DEED), Southwest Regional Development Commission (SWRCD) and the economic development departments at the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads that the BRRR connects.

Identifying the best parcels along the railroad puts the BRRR ahead of any requests for information.

“This is a report that will put you one step ahead of the rest when applications come out for businesses looking in this area to expand,” said Robin Weis, SWRCD deputy director.

“Rail is often identified as one of those specifics.”

Applications often have a short response period.

“I may be receiving it today but it is due next Friday. That is how quickly they are looking for a response,” Weis said.

The study took six months to complete at a cost of \$7,500,

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*— Robin Weis, SWRCD deputy director*

which was paid for by the local rail authority.

Commissioners in Rock and Nobles counties formed a rail authority in 1987 to oversee the Buffalo Ridge Railroad.

The railway was leased to the Ellis & Eastern Railroad in 2017 and is currently undergoing a \$14.4 million federal grant to upgrade the 41-mile railway.

## COVID outbreak/from page 1A

see a high positivity rate for COVID testing. As of Oct. 25, 27 percent of the COVID tests performed were positive.

“The hope is that our case numbers will continue to trend downward, but that is not a certainty,” Kloss said. “Last year, the number of COVID cases peaked in December.”

The situation is different than last year, because now just under 50 percent of the Rock County population has been vaccinated for COVID.

“But even with half the population being vaccinated in the rural parts of the state, the current COVID surge remains a challenge for long-term care facilities and our rural health care systems,” Kloss said.

“We continue to promote the layered approach to prevent the spread of COVID:

get vaccinated, wear face masks when you can't social distance, stay home when you are sick and get tested for COVID when applicable. I know it sounds like a broken record, but doing one, two, or all these things is the best way to break the chain of transmission for this virus.”

Meanwhile at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, staff from other areas of MDVA are currently on site supporting as needed.

As of Tuesday, six such outside staff — three registered nurses and three nursing assistants — were helping in the Luverne facility.

“I am truly proud of the staff,” Buchanan said. “They are dedicated to the health and safety of our veterans. We appreciate the community's ongoing support for our veterans and staff during this time.”

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Sale is subject to approval by the Trustees of the Larry E. Matthesen Irrevocable Trust and the Marlys Matthesen Irrevocable Trust.

For further details contact Paul Vis or Jennifer Eisma-Reinke, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 283-4828.



*Not quite ready  
for retirement*

## Victorian house inspires move to Luverne, opening of Barbara Kay's Bridal Boutique

**By Mavis Fodness**

Five years ago Barbara Weber Friese sold the building that housed her wellness salon and clothing boutique in downtown Pipestone and retired.

Earlier this year she bought the brick Victorian-style home south of Luverne.

The move centrally located her near to her four adult children and 10 grandchildren, and it also brought Friese out of retirement and back into business this month.

"Retirement isn't for me," she said.

With thoughts of moving closer to Sioux Falls, Friese saw the Victorian house on South Highway 75 and knew she found an ideal location to reopen her hair salon and bridal boutique in her home.

"Barbara Kay's Bridal Boutique" is open by appointment only, meaning Friese is not tied to set business hours, but she's also not retired.

"By appointment" allows her to devote one-on-one attention to brides-to-be, their friends and family members as they peruse dresses in the private atmosphere.

"It's more of a personal, special type of time to shop for a bridal dress," she said. "It's just really welcoming and really different from other bridal boutiques."

Friese converted the home's upstairs bedrooms to display the 85 bridal gowns and 38 prom dresses she typically has on hand.

The gowns and dresses are "off the rack," meaning customers purchase the dress they choose that day. There's no waiting for an order to arrive.

Working with a wholesaler, Friese is able to offer her merchandise at a savings to her customers — prices are 50 to 70 percent less than retail prices.

Selling from the rack

also means that some dress styles may be available only in certain sizes, she said.

While Friese doesn't complete the dress alterations herself, she's able to recommend local seamstresses who can alter a dress to fit.

The end result is a unique product.

"They'll have a one-of-a-kind dress that no one else has," she said.

The search for a dress for her daughter's wedding in 2011 prompted Friese to enter the bridal boutique business as a low-cost alternative for local brides-to-be.

"I paid a lot for the dress," she recalled. "I was like 'holy cow' — I felt there was a need for this."

A beautician for 40 years, Friese was used to working with the public, but she needed to give her arms and hands a rest from the repetition of cutting hair.

Her new "by appointment only" business allows her to slow down and enjoy retirement on terms she finds acceptable.

She set up a hair salon on her home's main floor,



Featuring off-the-rack bridal and prom gowns, Barbara Weber Friese holds one of her favorite prom dresses that is available for sale in her new salon and boutique she opened Saturday.

Mavis Fodness photos

also by appointment.

Since her move to Luverne in August, Friese has been painting the walls throughout the Victorian home. She officially opened the boutique to wedding and prom dress shoppers on Oct. 23.

She sold three wedding dresses on opening day, filling the need for a local dress shopping option.

For an appointment, contact Friese at 507-215-2098. Her home business is located at 1501 S. Kniss Ave., Luverne.



**Above, middle:** A downstairs room in Barbara Weber Friese's home is dedicated to the new salon. **Above:** Located in her home on South Highway 75, Barbara Weber Friese organizes wedding gowns in one of the upstairs bedrooms. Another bedroom (**left**) is dedicated to prom dresses.



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
president Rock County  
Historical Society

### 1932: Names provided for firemen's convention

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

#### Luverne Firemen are Hosts to 300 Visitors ... (Continued from last week)

The visiting firemen who registered for the convention were: E. F. Zierke, George Duhmal, W. F. Schendel, Blue Earth; Edward Schueller, A. F. Zweschka, Adrian Klein, Frank J. Fiebyn, Sleepy Eye; Wm. Kephart, George H. Ostwald, R. C. Kephart, J. W. Will, Jr., Lakefield; V. E. Hayecroft, Edw. C. Yager, John J. Trowbridge, Bert Zwirt, L. H. Eager, Madelia; L. L. Willmert, Walter G. King, John Lasso, G. Malmin, A. G. Mass. Kent, Henry Luscher, H. A. Roske, C. S. Kent, W. B. Weber, J. F. Kopplin, Blue Earth; W. P. King, Jackson; Jos. F. Auel, Minneapolis; Ben E. Baugarter, W. H. Anderson, Mankato; E. S. Allen, Gus Running, Jas. Larson, Roy Gibson, A. E. Karst, Claude Karst, Ivor Jacobsen, John Keyman, G. E. Shafer, Valley Springs; B. L. Kingsley, state fire marshal, Minneapolis; L. M. Gladhill, J. F. Tinnis, Eli M. Pfeiffer, H. H. Weissert, Adrian; R. F. Schultz, F. J. Herchow, C. A. Wayland, Sven Edmunson, Ivanhoe; Peter Jensen, John L. Olson, Oscar Handeland, Chas. A. Kaikai, Storden; C. M. Hanson, A. N. Erickson, Windom; R. E. Braden, deputy fire marshal, Minneapolis; E. R. Henke, Carl L. Hagger, C. W. Duncan, Blue Earth; L. S. Tobias, Julius Franz, W. E. Bushnell, John Piszek, Pipestone; R. A. Lynn, A. M. Kephart, W. H. Weinberg, Jack Ford, Dave Rorebeck,

**Bits**, continued on page 7

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

•City of Luverne Public Works Department employees this week have been preparing a large wall of a downtown building for a mural.

The mural will go on the west wall of 123 West Main St., greeting motorists as they drive east from Highway 75.

Sioux Falls sign painter and artist Gary Hartenhoff has been commissioned to paint a 16-by-80-foot series of panels that tells that story of Luverne in the form of postcards.

One of the scenes, for example, depicts author Fred Manfred having a conversation with photographer Jim Brandenburg at the Blue Mounds State Park. ...

The \$25,000 mural is funded by \$15,000 from sponsors and \$10,000 from a grant through the state Legacy Act.

### 25 years ago (1996)

•Hills-Beaver Creek athletes may have new, spacious locker rooms next year if bids come in affordable rates.

At their Monday night meeting, H-BC School Board members discussed the possibility of adding nearly 3,800 square feet to the high school for locker rooms.

The current locker rooms, located in the basement, are less than half that size — including showers.

### 50 years ago (1971)

•The second theft of calves from a Beaver Creek town-

ship farm this year was reported this week by Sheriff Ole Hommen.

The latest theft was discovered Oct. 14 by Gordon Helgeson who reported that 11 Holstein heifer calves had been stolen from the barn on the farm a mile and a half west of Beaver Creek the previous night. The calves had been in the barn when Helgeson was there doing chores the previous evening. The next morning, there was evidence that a truck had backed up to the west door of the barn and loaded them there. Entry to the barn yard was made through a gate. The gate was closed the next morning, and so was the barn door, according to Mrs. Helgeson.

Also stolen the same night was a portable air compressor and a portable heater.

### 75 years ago (1946)

•It isn't often that the postal inspectors check a post office and hand out a rating of 100 per cent. But that was the honor given Postmaster Jerry Davis at Magnolia.

And, in addition, he received a letter of commendation from the postal inspector.

### 100 years ago (1921)

•Under the provisions of her last will, now on file in probate court, Mrs. Lisa Gunderson, a pioneer settler of Martin township, who died Sunday bequeaths to Iver K.

Moen, an old acquaintance, her quarter section farm adjoining the village of Hills, and all her livestock, farm implements and other personal property, subject to the fulfillment of seven other gifts, aggregating \$5,010.

Mrs. Gunderson, who was 84 years old, was the widow of the late Andream Gunderson, who died in 1913, and the main beneficiary of her will, who is at present residing in Montana, was for a time following Mr. Gunderson's death, employed by Mrs. Gunderson in operating her farm.

Of the seven other beneficiaries mentioned, Mrs. Gunderson gave her two sisters, Mrs. Maren Skjellrud, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Gunhild Myhre, of Bode, Ia., each \$5.00; a brother, Hans Kindseth, of Nordre Land, Norway, \$1,000; Orly Nash, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Nash, \$500; Rev. C. J. Jorgensen, of Hills, \$1,000; the Lutheran Board of Missions, of Minneapolis, \$2,000; and Bethesda Homes," of Willmar, \$500.

In the will Mrs. Gunderson stipulates that Mr. Moen is to have the right to mortgage or sell the real estate or personal property as he sees fit, providing the other gifts are made, but relates that while she would like to have the horses and cattle kept on the place until they die, Mr. Moen considers it necessary to sell them, they are not to be disposed of in the neighborhood, but must be shipped to some livestock center.



## SCHOOL NEWS



### H-BC students selected for Augustana Band Festival

Four Hills-Beaver Creek High School students will participate in the 64th annual Augustana Band Fest Thursday and Friday, Nov. 12-13, at the Sioux Falls university.

The students — (pictured above, from left) Tara Paulsen, Tess VanMaanen, LeeAnna Gaugler and Lexi Drake — will rehearse with the Blue Band during the two-day festival and perform in the Friday, Nov. 13, Grand Finale Concert at the

Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

The festival brings students from the five-state area to participate in one of three bands, Gold, Blue and Honor, and work with various music educators/directors.

Students are nominated for the honor by their high school band directors.

### Luverne-Adrian FFA team earns state horse judging contest berth

The Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter horse judging team placed fourth out of 16 teams at the Region 6 FFA Horse Judging Contest in Fairmont.

Their finish qualifies the team for the Minnesota State FFA Horse Judging career development event

conducted in April 2022.

Team members included Sawyer Saker, Cash Bonnett, Emma Deutsch, Morgan Bonnett and Julia Hoogland.

Individually Hoogland placed second and Morgan Bonnett placed 24th overall.

## SENIOR MENU

**Monday, Nov. 1:** Tater tot casserole, French cut green beans, warm peaches, dinner roll.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2:** Homemade chicken and vegetable soup, meat sandwich, pineapple, cookie.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3:** Barbecue pork on a bun, coleslaw, fruit salad, gelatin with whipped topping.

**Thursday, Nov. 4:** Turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, roasted beets, dinner roll, frosted cake.

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sored by Grace Lutheran Church.

**Friday, Nov. 5:** Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert.

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*Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [mannmade@iw.net](mailto:mannmade@iw.net).*

## OBITUARIES

### Julie Wynia

Julie Ann (Zwart) Wynia, 67, Steen, Minnesota, devoted wife of 47 years, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend to a multitude, and faithful follower of Jesus Christ, went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

A visitation with the family present will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, at the Hawarden Christian Reformed Church in Hawarden, Iowa. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at the Hawarden Christian Reformed Church in Hawarden. The service will be live-streamed at <https://livestream.com/hawardencrc>.

Porter Funeral Home of Hawarden is in charge of arrangements.

**C o n d o l e n c e s** may be sent to [www.porterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.porterfuneralhomes.com). Memorials will be designated at a later time by the family.

Julie was born on Feb. 18, 1954, to Ed and Minnie (Zwiers) Zwart of Hawarden, Iowa, the sixth child and first girl after her five older brothers. She grew up on the farm and attended Western Christian School.

On Oct. 4, 1974, she married Louis Wynia, a marriage 47 years long at the time of her passing. She had three children: Jason (1975), Timothy (1978), and Mindi (1983) and considered her family along with her faith to be the core of her life.

She lived in and touched communities in several places over the years, from where she grew up, in northwest Iowa, to the west-central Minnesota towns of Pennock, Spicer and New London, to the north woods of Onamia, Minnesota, and eventually back closer to where she grew up in Steen. She loved extending hospitality to any and all around her, wherever she was, both in opening her home and in always having food and drink to share.

Crafty in life, the kitchen, and even in her approach to humor, she never failed at what she chose to do. Her life was an example of compassion, support, and forgiveness to anyone who experienced time with her.

She worked with computers when they were a dream on the horizon for most and managed the logistics not just of the home, but of several family businesses along the way.

As a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she worked with her husband, Lou, to raise and guide multiple generations of capable, caring people who have carried her skills and approach to life into their own families.

Her faith shined bright, showing the light of Jesus Christ to multitudes of people everywhere she went, through her words, but more importantly, through her actions. One of her most enduring passions was gospel music, expressed by playing piano with a vigor none who saw or heard it would ever forget. That love of music was passed on to all of her children, all of whom play music into adulthood.

On Oct. 19, 2021, in a hospital in Sioux Falls, surrounded by family, she took her last breath after a multi-week battle with the effects of the COVID-19 virus, complicated by other health problems, and found peace from her earthly struggles. Her legacy of knowledge, emotional reason, fortitude, humor, practicality, caring and faith in Christ is truly one to emulate.

She is survived by her loving husband, Louis; three children, Jason (and Shelly) Wynia of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Timothy (and Shannon) Wynia of West Fargo, North Dakota, Mindi (and Jacob) Weinberg of LeMars, Iowa. She was blessed with nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is survived by her beloved siblings, Ronald, Verlyn, Merlin, and Gerald Zwart. She is also survived by many extended family members whom she loved dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Minnie, her in-laws Louis and Hermina Wynia, her brother Delbert, her sister-in-law Loretta Wynia, her sister-in-law Ruth Zwart, her niece Kayla Wynia, her son-in-law Jason Jackes, her grand-nephew Timothy and several of her dearest friends

(1028 V)

### Debra Von Behren

Debra Marie Von Behren, 63, Madison, South Dakota, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A Celebration of Life was at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Sertoma Park in Sioux Falls.

Debra Wikstrom was born Aug. 11, 1958, to Gerald and Barbara (Crocker) Wikstrom and grew up in Minneapolis. She married Brian Van Wagner on May 19, 1977. They were blessed with three boys and one girl. They lived in Luverne and several towns in South Dakota. In 2011 Debra married Alan Von Behren and gained two stepsons and one stepdaughter. They made their home in Madison.

Deb is survived by her husband, Alan; two sons, Patrick, Springfield, South

Dakota, and Matthew (Marie), Hartford, South Dakota; a daughter, Jackie (Will) Winegarner, Madison; three stepchildren, Adam, Jalisa, and Riley; her father, Gerald Wikstrom, Coon Rapids; siblings Evelyn (Danny) Kephart, Luverne, Deanna Gutzmer,

Coon Rapids, and Jerry (Nan) Wikstrom; best friend Brian Van Wagner; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Barbara; son Brian Jr. (Bubba); grandson Cameron Michael; granddaughter Barbara Ann, brother Bobbie, sister Patricia, and nephew Evan Daubenspeck.

Arrangements were provided by Heartland Funeral Home, Brandon, South Dakota, [www.heartlandfunerals.com](http://www.heartlandfunerals.com)

(1028 F)

### Carol Stearns

Carol Jean Stearns was born March 21, 1960, to Joel and Nyla (Kleine) Stearns in Luverne. She attended Luverne schools and graduated in 1978. Carol graduated from SMSU in Marshall and then moved to southern California to work at General Dynamics.

In 1989 she married Jeff Grant in Pomona, California, and they had two daughters, Sarah and Hannah. Jeff and Carol later divorced. Carol worked at Pomona College as a budget analyst for many years.

Carol married Ken Seumalo on Nov. 11, 2011, and they lived in Redlands, California. Four years ago Carol and Ken moved to a small ranch near Mountain Center, California,

where they enjoyed their dogs and many horses, chickens, and goats.

Carol died peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at her home with her husband and daughters nearby.

Carol is survived by her husband, Ken;

daughters Hannah and Sarah Grant; son-in-law Ryan Safty; stepsons David and Peter Seumalo; brothers Edward (Allene) Stearns, David (Diane) Stearns, Walter (Kathe) Stearns; sisters Ruth (Rolly) Johnson, Nancy (Dan) Blomgren, Susan (Bob) Egan; her mother-in-law Misako Seumalo; and her sister-in-law Ani Seumalo.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

(1018 F)

## DEATH NOTICES

### John Dubbelde

John Dubbelde, 72, Pipestone, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, at the Pipestone County Hospice House in Pipestone.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Burial was in St. Leo Catholic Cemetery in Pipestone.

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

(1028 DN)

### Larry Fodness

Larry Dean Fodness, 77, Edgerton, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at his son's home in Larchwood, Iowa.

A private family service will take place at a later date. Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, [dingmannandsons.com](http://dingmannandsons.com).

(1028 DN)

### HILLS CITY RESIDENTS NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST PROPERTY TAXES

All unpaid City utility bills and/or unpaid city fees, including late fees, penalties and interest will be certified to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer for collection with the real estate taxes against the subject property. Any person(s) may attend the November 9th Hills City Council meeting at 6:00 P.M., or may request a hearing, to discuss their delinquent fees prior to the certification deadline.

**Connie Wiertzema**  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Hills

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She has been taking care of others for years. Now she needs your help. She had multiple strokes over the past few weeks, which left bleeding in her brain. Her family needs help with expenses, as she has months of hospitalization ahead of her. Any help is appreciated!

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Images by CD photo/File photo  
Luverne senior Mia Wenzel earned a berth to the state tennis tournament by winning the Section 3A singles championship and opens state play Thursday and Friday, Oct. 28-29.

## Wenzel heads to state tennis

Luverne High School senior Mia Wenzel won the Section 3A singles championship and qualified for the individual state tennis tournament in Minneapolis on Oct. 28 and 29.

Wenzel was the lone LHS participant in the final two rounds of the section tournament on Oct. 19 in St. Peter.

In the semifinals she defeated Kassidy Girard of Morris in straight sets 7-5, 6-4. In the finals Wenzel faced Emily Brace from Montevideo and won again in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

She will now move on to the state tournament and face Ana Medina from Rochester Lourdes in the first round.

"Mia has played great tennis for us all year long," said LHS tennis coach Jon Beers. "Mia set a goal of not losing to any Section opponents this year, and she accomplished that goal."

He said Wenzel's efforts throughout her tennis career and her senior year have positioned her well for state playoffs.

"She has worked really hard the past three years on her tennis game, and it is great to see that it has paid off for her," Beers said.

"I could not be more proud of her, and I am very excited to watch her compete in the state tournament."

## Cross Country girls earn conference championship title, boys place second

By Sara Schmuck  
For the Star Herald

The LHS Cardinal Cross Country girls won their seventh consecutive team championship at the Big South Conference meet in Pipestone Tuesday, Oct. 19.

The team had six All-Conference performances: Tenley Nelson first, Jenna DeBates third, Kayla Bloemendaal fourth, Ella Schmuck fifth, Camden Janiszkeski fifth and Owen Janiszkeski sixth.

They had two All-Conference honorable mention performances with Grace Ingebretson and Griffen Jarchow both finishing ninth.

Every runner on the Cardinal team had their best times this season so far, according to coach Pete Janiszkeski.

"What an outstanding night on the course," he said. "We were super proud of the kids for their efforts and the confidence they raced with. There's not many nights that every single kid runs a season best time, many of which were all-time bests."

Tenley Nelson's 18:13.01 time was followed by Jenna DeBates' 19:10.15 in the girls' varsity 5K.

Other girls' varsity times were:

Kayla Bloemendaal, 20:24.84  
Ella Schmuck, 20:25.35  
Grace Ingebretson, 20:39.01

Khloe Visker, 21:43.96  
Tiana Lais, 22:15.94  
Kianna Winter, 23:17.18  
Janiszkeski said the team's mantra (to improve) is, "Stay humble and stay hungry."

"We are pleased with where the team is at and that they are racing well at the right time of the season," he said.

"If they stay hungry to improve, they will put themselves in a position to earn another week and an opportunity to race at the state meet."



Submitted photos  
The Luverne Cross Country girls won their seventh consecutive team championship at the Big South Conference meet in Pipestone Tuesday. Pictured are (from left) Kianna Woods, Ella Schmuck, Jenna DeBates, Tenley Nelson, Kayla Bloemendaal, Tiana Lais, Grace Ingebretson and Khloe Visker.



Camden Janiszkeski leads Luverne to a second-place team finish at the Big South Conference cross country meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Pipestone.

As for the varsity boys' 5K, the team got second place, just two points from first-place St. James. Camden Janiszkeski had a

time of 16:52.75 followed by Owen Janiszkeski with a time of 17:00.86 for top Luverne finishes.

Other boys' varsity times were:

Griffen Jarchow, 17:13.91  
Sage Viessman, 18:03.27  
Ryan Fick, 18:20.00  
Leif Ingebretson, 18:42.02  
Camden Hoven, 19:17.44  
Kaleb Hemme, 19:50.26

Girls JV 5K:  
Mariah Knorr 23:25.76,  
Olivia Lund 24:02.87,  
Brynn Boyenga 24:40.40,  
Andrea Luitjens 27:44.82,  
Maddy Schepel 30:38.68

Boys JV 5K:  
Carsen Tofteland 19:17.50,  
Ethan Rahm 19:55.21,  
Pierce Cunningham 20:42.50,  
Zach Brown 20:52.25,  
Marcus Papik 20:55.63,  
Logan Ommen 21:09.79,  
Eli McLendon 21:21.05,  
Riley Ripka 25:36.10

## Patriots crush Dutchmen, take 6-2 record into playoffs

By Dan Ellingson  
For the Star Herald

Rain, wind and mud seemed to be the theme for Minnesota high school football the Wednesday evening before MEA break.

For the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots it was all that plus a 43-8 victory over the host Edgerton Flying Dutchmen. The Patriots' win pushed the team to a 6-2 regular season record.

The rainy, windy elements prevailed in Edgerton from the opening kickoff to the final horn in the regular season football finale.

After the Dutchmen received the opening kickoff, the talented Patriots defense forced the Dutchmen into a quick three and out.

It took the Patriots only three plays to score their first touchdown. Cole Baker took the ball across the goal line on a 31-yard run during the third play of the drive for an early lead. Baker then added the two-point conversion run with 9:12 left in the first quarter for an 8-0 lead.

On Edgerton's next possession, Patriot defensive lineman Cody Moser pounced on an Edgerton fumble deep in Dutchmen territory.

Baker ran it in from the nine-yard line on the next Patriot offensive play. Baker's run was successful for the two-point conversion and widened the Patriots' lead to 16-0 with 8:04 left in the first quarter.



Samantha McGaffee photo

Hills-Beaver Creek quarterback Oliver Deelstra pitches the ball to Cole Baker (not pictured) in the Wednesday night, Oct. 20, game against the Edgerton Dutchmen. The Patriots, the No. 2 seed, open the Nine-Man playoffs Tuesday night, Oct. 26, against Granada-Huntley/East Chain.

After both offenses exchanged fumbles in the wet and muddy conditions, Patriot cornerback Drew Leenders scooped up a Dutchmen fumble and ran 40 yards to the end zone. Baker tacked on the two-point conversion run over the left side after a direct snap from center Troy Durst. The score stood at 24-0, Patriots, with 3:49 still left in the

first period.

Moving to the second quarter, the Dutchmen put together a drive consisting of 13 plays that advanced the ball to the Patriots' six-yard line.

The Dutchmen called two timeouts in a row to discuss their

H-BC football/continued on 3B

## Cardinals lose to Waseca, take No. 4 seed into playoffs

By John Sichmeller,  
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals football team finished off its regular season Wednesday night in Waseca, where the Bluejays dominated the first half and cruised to a 34-0 victory over the Cardinals.

Waseca was superior on both sides of the ball in Wednesday's matchup with 355 total offensive yards, and their defense held Luverne to 48 total yards and just two first downs in the game.

The star of the game was Waseca senior running back Mason DeKruif, who finished the game with a rare five touchdowns.

Waseca gained the momentum early when it ran the opening kickoff back 40 yards to gain excellent field position. Taking over at the Luverne 48-yard line, Waseca needed only seven plays to march down the field and into the Luverne end zone. The drive was

capped by a DeKruif 13-yard touchdown run.

After a successful point-after kick the Bluejays took a 7-0 lead with 8:39 to go in the first quarter.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, a fumble on the ensuing kickoff would give the ball right back to Waseca with good field position once again.

Waseca kept pounding the ball on the ground, and the Luverne defense could not stop them.

After seven consecutive running plays, DeKruif found himself in the Cardinals' end zone again, this time from 5-yards out. The Bluejays connected again on the extra-point, putting the score at 14-0 with 5:09 to go in the first quarter.

The next Luverne possession resulted in a three and out

LHS football/see 2B





Samantha McGaffee photo

Trista Baustian (left) and Christina Wagner protect the net for Luverne as Hills-Beaver Creek's Lanae Elbers (10), Taylor Durst (5) and Kenadie Fick go on the offensive Thursday night, Oct. 21, at the H-BC High School in Hills.

## LHS, H-BC meet for cross county volleyball game

**By Jaqueline Johnson and Joni Deelstra, For the Star Herald**  
Regular season volleyball play ended this week for Rock County rivals Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek when the teams met in Hills Thursday, Oct. 21.

The Cardinals took the Patriots in three sets, 25-17, 25-20 and 25-13. The Patriots opened the match with a strong attack by Lanae Elbers in the front row and a tip over the Cardinal blockers by Tess VanMaanen to tie the

score 5-5. The Cardinals responded with a tip kill by Elise Ferrell and an overpass kill by Anja Jarchow to put Luverne ahead 7-5. In back-to-back plays, Macy Stratton passed the

ball to Trista Baustian to set up Ferrell for attacks to extend the lead to 10-6. An ace serve by Kenadie Fick kept the Patriots close 15-12. Christina Wagner contributed 3 blocks to

**LHS, H-BC/see page 4B**

## Patriots' volleyball season comes to an end

*SWC Eagles win contest in three games 23-25, 16-25, 14-25*

**By Joni Deelstra**  
The No. 10-ranked HBC Patriots traveled to Edgerton Monday evening to begin the first round of subsection volleyball against No. 7-ranked Southwest Minnesota Christian Eagles. A strong start in Set 1 by the Eagles gave them the lead 3-7, but the Patriots rallied back with a block by Taylor Durst to get them within one point 6-7. Tess VanMaanen, who had a great season serving, added two ace serves to make it 10-11.

The very next play was a pass by Sam Moser, set by VanMaanen and a hit off of SWC blockers by Lanae Elbers to tie the score 11-11. A push to the deep SWC corner by Brynn Rauk kept it close and another push to the deep corner by Kenadie Fick tied it at 22-22. An ace serve by VanMaanen gave the Patriots their first lead 23-22 but SWC answered back with an ace serve and a tip over HBC's blockers to take the first set 23-25. Fick started set two out strong with two kills. An

ace serve by Rauk tied the score 6-6. A block by Elbers tied it again at 13-13. H-BC struggled to slow down SWC's front row attacks and serving. The Eagles were able to capitalize on HBC's mistakes and finish the second set 16-25. A dig by Fick, set by VanMaanen and kill by Moser started the third game's score at 3-4 SWC. Durst took advantage of a floater barely over the net and tallied a kill to help give the Patriots the lead 7-4. Two kills by Fick and

Elbers kept them ahead 11-9. HBC stayed in the lead 12-11 with an out-of-bounds serve by SWC. The Eagles fought back with a series of serves and eight-straight points to take the lead 14-21. Once again SWC was able to capitalize on HBC's mistakes and win the final set 14-25.

**Serves: Tess VanMaanen 3 ace serves, Brynn Rauk 10/10 serving with one ace serve**  
**Attacks: Lanae Elbers 4 kills**  
**Blocks: Lanae Elbers 2**  
**Digs: Tess VanMaanen 6**  
**Set Assists: Tess VanMaanen 10, Brynn Rauk 8**

## LHS football/from 1B

and the Cardinals were forced to punt. Waseca's Damarius Russell returned the punt 51-yards to bring the ball back to the Luverne 19-yard line. DeKruif finished it off on the next play as he broke free for a 19-yard touchdown run. After a missed extra point, Waseca led 20-0 with 3:08 to go in the first quarter.

The Cardinals' offense was stopped quickly on their next possession and Waseca took over on offense on the Luverne side of the field once again. The Bluejays kept pounding the ball on the ground and the Luverne defense had no answer.

DeKruif finished off the 43-yard drive with his fourth touchdown of the night, this one from three yards. Waseca completed the two-point conversion attempt, putting the score at 28-0 with 8:39 to go in the second quarter.

Neither team put points on the board the rest of the quarter, and Waseca took its 28-0 lead into the halftime break.

Luverne junior Gannon Ahrendt looked to give the Cardinals some momentum after halftime when he returned the second-half kickoff 42-yards into Waseca territory. The Cardinals could not capitalize on the excellent field position and were forced to punt.

Waseca took over at its own six-yard line and was able to put together a 94-yard scoring drive from there. Waseca was led down the field by quarterback Oliver O'Brien, who ran for 22-yard and 25-yard gains during the possession.

Once again it was DeKruif who found the end zone for the Bluejays. His fifth touchdown of the night

came on a 30-yard run right through the middle of the Cardinal defense. The Waseca two-point conversion attempt was no good and the score was now 34-0.

The Cardinal offense couldn't get anything going, and the Bluejays were content to keep the ball on the ground and run out the clock for the rest of the game, giving them the 34-0 win.

The loss gives Luverne a final regular-season record of three wins and five losses.

The Cardinals will now turn their attention to the Section 3AAA playoffs.

Luverne, which earned the No. 4 seed, was scheduled to face the fifth-seeded Worthington Trojans Tuesday in Luverne.

Luverne defeated Worthington 29-0 in their matchup earlier this season, but Luverne coach Todd Oye knows that Worthington can still pose a threat to the Cardinals.

"Worthington won their last game of the season 14-12 vs New Ulm," Oye said. "They are playing better football now than when we played them in the regular season."

The winner of Tuesday's matchup with Worthington will travel to Fairmont to take on the No. 1-seeded Fairmont Cardinals at 7 p.m. Saturday.

**Team Statistics:**  
**Luverne: 26 rushing yards, 22 passing yards, 48 total yards, 2 first downs, 3 penalties for 20 yards, 1 turnover.**  
**Waseca: 321 rushing yards, 34 passing yards, 355 total yards, 19 first downs, 5 penalties for 30 yards, 3 turnovers.**

**Individual Statistics:**  
**Rushing: Ashton Sandbulte 11-35**  
**Passing: Casey Sehr 3-6 for 22 yards**  
**Receiving: Gannon Ahrendt 2-24**  
**Defense: Anyuon Atem 5.5 tackles, Connor Overgaard 4.5 tackles, Eli Radtke 3.5 tackles, Henry Hartquist 3.5 tackles**

# SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

**Elise Ferrell**  
Sport: Volleyball  
Parents: Jacqueline Johnson and James Ferrell  
Favorite subject: Human Anatomy and Physiology  
What I like most about Volleyball: The time I get to spend with my teammates making friends. I also love the relief I get from being on the court and involved in the game, it takes away so much stress.  
Other extra-curricular activities: Basketball and Choir



**Zach Kruse**  
Sport: Football  
Parents: Jason and Karla Kruse  
Favorite subject: Foods  
What I like most about Football: Team bonding, getting to hit kid, and the adrenaline you get for games from the student section.  
Other extra-curricular activities: Hockey, hanging out with friends, playing video games and golfing.



**Syndal Pick**  
Sport: Cheerleading  
Parents: Michelle Mark and Dustan Pick  
Favorite subject: Biology  
What I like most about Cheerleading: All of the cheerleaders are very supportive of one another and make good memories together.  
Other extra-curricular activities: Going thrifting/shopping in Sioux Falls with my friends.



## Adrian/Ellsworth drops H-BC in three sets

**By Joni Deelstra**  
The Adrian/Ellsworth volleyball team went head-to-head with Hills-Beaver Creek in a contest that left H-BC on the losing end of a three-set game. Lanae Elbers had another solid night in the front row for H-BC and tied the score 8-8 in the first set with a kill.

A/E started to widen the gap after that. An ace serve by Danette Leenderts narrowed the A/E lead to 17-14, but A/E finished the set 25-15. An ace serve by Kenadie Fick started the Patriots out with the lead in the second set 4-3. Another ace serve by Tara Paulsen added to the score 12-9. Kills by Elbers

and Fick kept the Patriots in the lead 15-14, but the score was tied at 20-20 and 21-21. A/E went on to win the second set 25-21. Tess VanMaanen started Set 3 out strong with serving 5-0. Kills again by Elbers and Fick kept the Patriots in the lead 11-7, but A/E fought back and tied the set at 12-12.

A/E eventually pulled ahead and finished the third set 25-18.

**Serves: Tess VanMaanen 11/11 serving, Kenadie Fick 9/9 serving with one ace serve, Tara Paulsen 7/7 serving with one ace serve**  
**Attacks: Lanae Elbers 11 kills, Kenadie Fick 5 kills**  
**Blocks: Lanae Elbers 3**  
**Set assists: Tess VanMaanen 15**



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## Field reports: What deer hunters can expect this season

Nearly half a million firearms deer hunters are preparing for the firearms deer season that opens Saturday, Nov. 6, and offers opportunity to spend time outdoors with friends and family, find adventure outdoors and put venison in the freezer.

Hunters help keep deer numbers in line with population goals across the state, and deer hunting is the primary tool used to manage deer populations. Managing deer populations contributes to the overall sustainability of Minnesota's landscapes, natural systems and economy.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wildlife managers report favorable weather so far this year and good opportunities to harvest deer in most areas. Hunters always need to prepare for changing weather conditions.

Currently managers report dry conditions that can improve hunter access due to low water conditions in wetlands, floodplains and small water bodies. Dry conditions are also resulting in greater fire danger, and deer hunters are advised to be careful with any heat source that can cause a spark.

Hunters need to know the boundaries of the deer permit areas and any chronic wasting disease regulations that apply where they hunt. Detailed information about each permit area and CWD area can be found on the DNR's interactive deer map. Additional information about CWD areas, carcass movement restrictions and voluntary sampling can be found at [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd).

### Southern deer report

Weather conditions for deer and other farmland wildlife were favorable in 2020-21. Winter conditions were mild once again with above-average temperatures and lower than typical snow depths. Spring and summer precipitation was below normal and led to widespread drought conditions through-

out much of the state beginning in summer but easing by fall. Drought conditions had no measurable impact on the deer herd, and fawn production was good.

Despite the drought conditions, overall habitat is in good shape. River floodplains, which offer some of the best deer habitat and deer hunting in the southern region, had two consecutive years to recover from persistent flooding. These floodplain habitats are once again offering excellent cover for deer, which bodes well for deer hunters.

Upland grassland areas and wetland basins are in good shape as well, and hunters may encounter lower water levels or completely dry wetland basins. Conditions will be spotty with recent rains.

Overall deer populations are strong throughout the southern region. All deer permit areas underwent a new round of population goal setting, and harvest strategies are aligned to meet new deer density estimates.

Hunters are reminded that a number of deer permit boundaries were adjusted to better match available habitat with deer densities. Affected permit areas, specific to the southern region, include 237, 275, 276, 277, 281, 282, 283 and 295. Boundary changes will make population modeling more accurate and were desired by local deer hunters.

As always, the largest wildcard in this landscape in determining overall deer harvest is the amount of standing crop remaining in the field during firearms deer season. The crop harvest is in full swing right now and ahead of the long-term average. Crop harvest usually improves hunter success by increasing harvest opportunities, as greater numbers of deer begin using other habitat as cover instead of standing corn.



Samantha McGaffee photo

Brothers Alex and Andrew Harris tackle an Edgerton Dutchman runner during a rainy and windy Wednesday night, Oct. 20, game in Edgerton. With the win, the H-BC Patriots move their regular season record to 6-2.

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options on fourth down from the six-yard line. A stop by the Patriot defensive line crushed any hopes of the Dutchmen getting on the scoreboard during the second quarter. The Patriots' offense would drive 95 yards in six plays and end it with another Baker touchdown run, this one seven yards.

The big play of the drive was a 60-yard scamper by quarterback Oliver Deelstra on an option keeper. With the score at 30-0, the Patriots were looking to score again before the end of the first half.

Late in the second quarter, the Patriots' defense forced yet another punt by the Dutchmen. Pinned deep in their own territory, the Dutchmen punt would travel only to their own 26-yard line.

From there, the Patriot offense went to work. After a false start by the H-BC offense, quarterback Deelstra pumped fake right and tossed to the left for a screen pass to the up-back, Casey Kueter, who fought his way to the nine-yard line. On the next play, Baker tallied his lone receiving touchdown of the game from Deelstra. The two-point

conversion run was short, and the score stood at 36-0 with 1:18 left in the half.

H-BC received the second half kickoff and wasted no time in scoring.

Baker scored his fifth touchdown of the contest on a 70-yard run on the first play from scrimmage of the third quarter. Ty Bundesen booted the extra point with Troy Durst long-snapping and Sawyer Bosch place holding. The kick made the score 43-0 in favor of the visiting Patriots.

The only scoring for the remainder of the game was a 10-yard run by Edgerton with 4:00 left in the final quarter. The two-point conversion run was good, and the final game score was Patriots 43, Dutchmen 8.

Patriot head coach Rex Metzger praised his team following the game.

"We created some early turnovers and we were able to jump on them early," he said. "Our defense played well against their run attack and was able to get them in some third and longs."

Regarding the post-season, the Patriots received the second seed in the upcoming Section 3

Nine-Man playoffs and were scheduled to face the Granada-Huntley/East Chain Mustangs on Tuesday in Hills.

It will be the second meeting of the teams this fall. H-BC won the first meeting 56-0. Edgerton finishes the regular season at 3-5 and received the third seed.

Depending on the outcome of Tuesday's game, the second round of the play-offs, the Section semifinals, will be in Hills at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

### Team statistics

**HBC:** 259 rushing yards, 32 passing yards, 291 total yards, five first downs, 2 penalties for 10 yards, zero turnovers.

**Edgerton:** 178 rushing yards, zero passing yards, 178 total yards, 10 first downs, 1 penalty for 10 yards, two turnovers.

### Individual statistics:

**Rushing:** C. Baker 12-182 yards, O. Deelstra 2-61 yards, Sawyer Bosch 2-9 yards, Justin Roelfs 2-7 yards.

**Passing:** O. Deelstra 2-3 for 32 yards.

**Receiving:** Casey Kueter 1-23 Yards, C. Baker 1-9 Yards.

**Defense:** Gideon Taubert nine tackles, C. Kueter eight tackles, Luke Fuerstenberg six tackles, Brayden Metzger five tackles, Drew Leenderts three tackles & one fumble recovery, Cody Moser two tackles & one fumble recovery.

## 'Duff Dog Backyard Ultra' challenges runners in Blue Mounds

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's David Duffy hosted an "ultra" running event Saturday, Oct. 16, that challenged athletes to complete 100 miles in one day.

The event, Duff Dog Backyard Ultra, was staged in the Blue Mounds State Park Saturday, Oct. 16, and it attracted seven hardy competitors.

"We are getting very good reviews in the ultra world," Duffy said after the event. "Blue Mounds is the perfect venue."

The official start time was 9:02 a.m. and it ended at 2:52 a.m. Oct. 17, when only one runner remained in the race.

Seven runners started, but none of them reached the 100-mile challenge.

Tim Fryer, 42, of Hendricks ran 75 miles, completing 18 loops of the 4.1667-mile trail in under an hour per loop.

The way the competition is staged, runners have one hour to complete the loop. If they finish in time, they can rest until the start of the next hour. If they do not finish the loop in an hour, they are eliminated.

Duffy staged Saturday's event to coincide with race founder Gary Cantrell's world championship "backyard ultra" over the weekend.

The event originated 10 years ago in Cantrell's backyard in Tennessee. The



Runners at the start of the Duff Dog Backyard Ultra Saturday morning in the Blue Mounds State Park included (from left) Eva Gut, Berty Stearns, Tim Fryer, Andrew Campbell, Darrin Pater, Paula Gonnerman and Kennedy Hoffman.

backyard loop was 4.1667 miles and if they ran each loop in under an hour, they'd total 100 miles in 24 hours.

In Duffy's version of the "backyard ultra," Fryer was the only remaining runner after the others eventually were eliminated when they didn't make the one-hour time limit on a 4.1667-mile

loop. Kennedy Hoffman, 24, Luverne, completed one loop (4.1667 miles) in 57:33.

Berty Stearns, 35, Luverne, completed one loop in 46:28.

Paula Gonnerman, 41, Luverne, completed three loops for 12.5 total miles. Darrin Pater, 55, Adrian,

completed seven loops for 29.167 total miles.

Andrew Campbell, 34, Wadena, completed nine loops for 37.494 total miles.

Eva Gut, 38, Sioux Falls, completed 17 loops and started the 18<sup>th</sup> loop but didn't finish. She ran 70.839 total miles.

Duffy said after the first several runners were eliminated, the only ones remaining at the park for the final eight hours with him were volunteer Audrey Claussen and the two hold-out runners, Fryer and Gut.

"These two were dialed in. No support people, no fans, no one," Duffy said. "They continued striving to find greatness in themselves — self motivation."

He said Gut recorded a personal best and her longest run ever.

"I was hoping she would have finished her 18th lap. We all were, even Tim," Duffy said.

"That would have made Tim have to start and finish No. 19. This would have tied his backyard record."

He said all the ultra runners checked in Saturday with four to seven pairs of shoes, one or two watches, a couple of headlamps with extra batteries, two to three backpacks of clothes and family-size coolers with food and beverages.



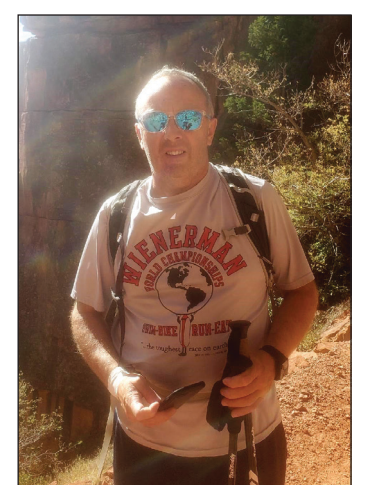
## Local hikers complete Grand Canyon Rim2Rim

Duffy (pictured left) also shared information from a trip to the Grand Canyon where he and Audrey Arends-Claussen (above) hiked the Rim-2Rim trail and the Rim-2Rim2Rim trail Oct. 23.

Claussen, 60, Magnolia, completed her first Rim-2Rim of the Grand Canyon on Saturday, Oct. 23.

She started on the North Rim and hiked down North Kaibab Trail to the bottom and back up Bright Angel Trail to the top. It was about 17 miles down and 10 miles up and took her 13 hours and 33 minutes.

Luverne's Duffy completed his first Rim2Rim-2Rim over the weekend as well. It was 10 miles up, 17 miles down and 10 miles back up for total of



37 miles. He solo hiked south to north, slept a few hours and joined Claussen on her Rim2Rim.

Duffy's Rim2Rim2Rim took him 9 hours 59 minutes from the South Rim to the North Rim and 13 hours 33 minutes from the North Rim to the South Rim.





Samantha McGaffee photo

Patriots surround teammate Danielle Leenderts as she attempts to bump the ball back into play against Luverne.

## LHS, H-BC volleyball/continued from page 2B

stretch the lead to 20-16 for the Cardinals.

With a pass by Ferrell, set by Baustian and attack by Kamryn VanBatavia, the Cards gave themselves an advantage for a win at 22-17. Morgan Ahrendt contributed two kills in the final points of the set to help Luverne take Set 1 at 25-17.

After a series of blocks at the net, VanBatavia passed the ball to Reghan Bork who tipped it over for a 4-3 lead in Set 2.

A pass by Danette Leenders, set by VanMaanen and kill by Fick would tie the score 5-5.

A series of Cardinal attacks stretched their

lead to 10-7, and Baustian strung together six serves to extend the Cardinal lead to 19-11.

Two ace serves by H-BC's Tara Paulsen inched the Patriots closer, 21-15. Another ace serve by VanMaanen added to the Patriots' score 22-18.

Elbers added two final kills to keep the Patriots alive 24-20.

But after an LHS kill by Ferrell and a duo block by Ferrell and Jarchow, Wagner placed a perfect kill on the Patriots side from a Stratton pass and Bork set to take Set 2 at 25-20.

Elbers started out strong for the Patriots in the front row again in the

third set. She had two kills to tie the score at 1-1 and 4-4.

Luverne's Jarchow proved to be the hot hitter in Set 3, knocking out three kills in a row for the Cardinals to put the squad ahead 7-6.

A pass from H-BC's Danette Leenderts to setter VanMaanen would set Leeanna Gaugler up for a Patriot kill to tie again at 7-7.

Luverne's Ferrell repeated the exercise with sets from Bork to extend the lead to 14-10. Aces from Ferrell and Baustian gave the Cardinals the momentum they needed to force a Patriots timeout at 23-13.

A tandem block from Elizabeth Wagner and Christina Wagner finished Set 3 at 25-13 in favor of the Cardinals to attain a 3-0 win.

The 17-6 Cardinals are seeded second in the Section 3AA South tournament, which is set to begin on Friday. Coach Sarah DeBeer noted her team is well-positioned for playoffs, thanks to the addition of a fourth class of volleyball in Minnesota in the 2021 season.

Luverne remains in class AA, while rivals Marshall and Worthington move up to class AAA.

Luverne will start playoff competition at 7 p.m. Friday in Luverne against fellow Cardinals from Fairmont, whom they have not yet faced this season.

The H-BC Lady Patriots will begin playoffs Monday night against Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

**LHS statistics:**  
Digs: Stratton - 4, Ferrell - 2, Blocks: Jarchow - 2 solo, 3 assists; C. Wagner - 4 solo, 4 assists. Kills: Ferrell - 12; Jarchow - 7  
Set assists: Baustian - 16; Bork - 13  
Serves: Baustian - 2 aces, 100% serve percentage; Bork 2 aces, 100% serve percentage

**H-BC statistics:**  
Serves: Tess VanMaanen 10/10 with one ace serve, Tara Paulsen 9/9 with 2 ace serves  
Attacks: Lanae Elbers 12 kills, Kenadie Fick 6 kills, Taylor Durst 4 kills  
Set assists: Tess VanMaanen 15

# Be a great dog owner

The day I have been waiting for has finally arrived! Pheasant hunting season in Minnesota opened Oct. 16, and there are a few things your hunting dogs need before you get out in the field.

Many dog owners will let these items slip until something bad happens, and then they have to deal with them in the aftermath.

### Trim toenails

The first task is to trim your dog's toenails. Most dogs live in the house and are not able to wear their toenails down as they can do over the hunting season.

Long toenails can end up breaking off in the habitat. They don't often come all the way off, but they break back into the fleshy part of the nail and bleed more than you would think.

A dog can come up lame for several weeks if the nail break is significant. There is almost nothing you can do for this problem after it has happened, and only time will heal the damage.

Cutting your dog's nails is something best done on a schedule. If they get too long, you cannot cut them back to the proper length all at one time. You will have to do a trim, wait a week or two for the cuticle to back up, and trim them again. It might take three to five trimmings to get the nail to a length that is not prone to damage.

A broken nail is one issue, but I have seen dogs whose nails got so long that they actually broke down the bones in the dogs' foot to a point where they go lame permanently.

### Eyes and ears

Two other things you need to do in the season on a regular basis is ear wash and eye wash.

Dogs that are in and out of the water on a regular basis can get several different kinds of infections or parasites.

Ear mites and different bacterial or yeast infections are quite common if regular preventative ear maintenance is not completed.

A gentle squirt of ear wash and a gentle massage is all it takes in most cases to keep ear issues at bay. I do this about two times per month over the entire hunting season and once a month in the off season.

When's the last time you rinsed out your dogs' eyes after a hunt?

I do this after every hunt and try to do it before the dog gets back in the truck, if possible. If not, they certainly need to get rinsed when they get home before they get fed.

I have washed as many as 10 different native grass seeds out of my dogs' eyes after a hunt. You could not even see them present in the eye socket. I just use sterile saline.

Non-medicated contact solution can also work. Never buy



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

a product that is under pressure. It would be awful if the pressure in the can injured the dog while you were trying to do something responsible. Only a squeeze bottle is recommended. I keep this bottle in my hunting coat and not in the truck. A bottle of eye wash that is 3 degrees from freezing is not to be used on your dog.

My dogs seem to actually enjoy a fresh flush in their eyes after a hunt. Can you imagine the discomfort they must suffer from those seeds under their eye lids? Even after the flush I continue to watch for rubbing or pawing at their eyes. Sometimes it takes two or three flushes to remove all of the debris.

High energy hunting dogs need care, and even if they are a house dog most of the year, they cannot be tended to like a house dog when hunting season comes around.

### Watch for injuries

After each hunt do a thorough body scan of your dog. Cuts and other injuries can be repaired a lot easier if done right away.

A cut or tear that is more than a day old will require the vet to cut back the skin to reach new health cells before a stitching can be successful. It happened to me many years ago. Try to avoid this mistake if at possible.

The dog and the hunter have an interdependent relationship. We need the dog to find, flush and retrieve our birds. The dogs need us to shoot the game in order for them to get their prize, which to them is the retrieve.

If the dog does bad, we don't physically suffer. If we do bad, the dog certainly suffers. Be a great dog owner and pay attention to the details that many dog owners don't concentrate on enough.

My fourth dog comes home from my training partner on Nov. 5. Until then I will hunt with the three I have.

The only thing better than one Labrador is two, and so on and so on till you get to four. Four is a magic number at my house. Life is good. Life with lots of dogs is better.

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

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

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graceluverne@iw.net  
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**Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor**  
Thursday, Oct. 28: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Oct. 31: 8 a.m. Confirmation brunch. 9 a.m. Confirmation service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 5 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 6:30 p.m. Worship practice. Tuesday, Nov. 2: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Women's board meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1:30 p.m. Priscilla and Elizabeth circle. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5 p.m. Youth supper. 6:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 7:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 8:15 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. Thursday, Nov. 4: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well ([at els.org](http://els.org)). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

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

Friday, Oct. 29: 6:30 a.m. Community men's Bible study. 7:30 a.m. Pillow cleaning. Sunday, Oct. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Guest Pastor Mark Hoekstra. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 11:45 a.m. Youth room reserved. 1 p.m. TEC meeting. Monday, Nov. 1: Senior High youth group supper and bake-off. Tuesday, Nov. 2: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and youth groups. 8:15 p.m. Cantata rehearsal. Thursday, Nov. 4: 9 a.m. Kitchen reserved. 5:30 p.m. Reserved—Tumbling Tikes. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
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Dorrie Hall, Pastor

Wednesday, Oct. 27: 5 p.m. Community Meal. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, Oct. 30: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. Oct. 31: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. 6:30 p.m. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio. Tuesday, Nov. 2: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting.

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

Sunday, Oct. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 5:30 p.m. Bell choir. 6:15 p.m. Cancel choir. Committee meetings. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org  
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, Oct. 30: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible study. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

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Jesse Baker, Pastor

Wednesday, Oct. 27: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Oct. 28: 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m. Worship service with communion. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

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

Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday school. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFeU4>

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Sunday, Oct. 31: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. Quilting—Every Wednesday. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFeU4>

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501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
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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  
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Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 31: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org). Tuesday, Nov. 2: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, Nov. 3: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation class. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship.

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

## The true Christian's blessedness

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 (NLT)  
*(Adapted from C.H. Spurgeon's sermon preached in 1857.)*

All things work together for the Christian's eternal and spiritual good.

And yet I must say here that sometimes all things work together for the Christian's temporal good.

You know the story of old Jacob. "Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and you will take Benjamin away; all these things are against me," said the old patriarch.

But if he could have read God's secrets, he might have found that Simeon was not lost, for he was retained as a hostage – that Joseph was not lost, but gone before to smooth the passage of his grey hairs into the grave, and that even Benjamin was to be taken away by Joseph in love to his brother.

So what seemed to be against him, even in temporal matters, was for him.

You may have heard also the story of the man headed to be martyred who was always saying, "All things work together for good."

When he was seized by the officers of Queen Mary to be taken to the stake to be burned, he was treated so roughly on the road that his leg broke; and they mockingly said, "All things work together for good, do they? How will your broken leg work for your good?"

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser  
First Baptist Church, Luverne

"I don't know," he said, "but for my good I know it will work, and you shall see it so."

Strange to say, it proved true that it was for his good; for being delayed a day or so on the road through his lameness, he arrived in London in time enough to hear that Elizabeth was proclaimed queen, and so he escaped the stake by his broken leg.

He turned around upon the men who carried him, as they thought, to his death and said to them, "Now will you believe that all things work together for good?"

We are called upon to rejoice in our sufferings, not for their own sake, but because of the outcome. If we, like God, knew the end from the beginning, we would laugh in the midst of our trials, as we shall later.

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

## Rock County Commissioners meet Aug. 3

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.  
Rock County Courthouse Aug. 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with Commissioners Overgaard, Thompson and Reisch present, Commissioner Burger was absent. Also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and Star-Herald Reporter and Mavis Fodness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August 03, 2021, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the July 20, 2021, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Resolution No. 19-21, UCAP Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program By order of the County Board Chair, to go into recess for the regular County Board meeting and open the Public Hearing at 9:05 A.M. for comments on the Capital Improvement Plan 2022-2026.

The Administrator reviewed details of the CIP and options for bonding to consolidate debt and allow the county to move forward with a portion of the items identified on the CIP.

By order of the County Board Chair, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:24 A.M.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to adopt Resolution No. 20-21, adopting the 2022-2026 CIP and GO Series 2021A not to exceed \$21,836,249, declared carried on a voice vote.

Dan Kippley, Ellis & Eastern Economic Development Director and Steve Watson and Will Kratt with ISC presented results of a site survey conducted by ISC identifying potential industrial park sites along the Buffalo Ridge Regional Rail (BRRRA). Also in attendance for the presentation was Nobles County Board of Commissioners and Southwest Regional Development Commission Deputy Director Robin Weis and Development Planner Rosemary Bruce-White. Weis commented on the value the site survey brings for future economic development. The site survey was paid for the BRRRA; Watson and Kratt were thanked for their presentation.

Betty Mann, Rock County Historical Society President introduced Wendell Buys, the new History Center Director to the County Board. The County Board welcomed Mr. Buys and wished him well in serving as the new Director at the History Center.

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

AUGUST 3, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,647.47
ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOP	16,200.00
BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	14,180.03
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	2,621.83
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,147.50
JOHNSON CONTROLS	6,479.72
LEADSONLINE	2,192.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	20,196.02
SANFORD HEALTH	2,005.22
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE, INC	59,698.08
WEX BANK	3,234.06
ZIEGLER INC	2,664.27
68 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	27,112.78
TOTAL	\$166,378.98

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

The Administrator presented an update regarding the Land Records Office. Oldre and members of the Personnel Committee of the County Board interviewed (2) candidates for the Land Records Director position and extended a conditional offer to Rachel Jacobs, Land Records Technician I. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the conditional offer of employment effective 08/02/2021, declared carried on a voice vote.

Oldre also recommended that the County Board appoint Jeff Sehr as an Interim Assessor due to his SAMA licensure and pay a \$500/mo additional compensation during the intermittent appointment; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the appointment and additional compensation with an effective date of 08/03/2021, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to authorize the Administrator's office to fill the vacant LRO Technician I, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to accept a bid of \$20,000 for Unit 241, a surplus dump truck, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator reviewed the timeline of events on August 17th, next board meeting date. After discussion it was determined to schedule a Budget Retreat for the County Board at 3:00 P.M. and move the start time of the County Board meeting to 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.; at 5:30 P.M. the County Board will meet with city mayors to discuss law enforcement and assessment contract renewals as well as the utilization of American Recovery Plan funds.

MnDOT Representatives Greg Ous, District 7 Engineer and Rhonda Alis, Sr. Planner, presented an overview of the District 7 Area Transportation Improvement Plan (ATIP). An improvement project of concern in 2025 was the placement of a round-a-bout at the intersection of US Highway 75 and CSAH 4. After considerable discussion, the County Board requested that MnDOT utilize the safety data of US Hwy 75 from when it switched from a 4-lane highway to a 3-lane highway for a 10-year period before making any improvements at that intersection.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: (2) Personnel Committee meetings.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services, Houselog retirement party.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: District 2184 School tour/Road & Bridge tour, Rural Energy, Solid Waste, Farm Family of Year ceremony at the Fair, City/County Liaison, Houselog retirement party. Also wished to congratulate the Fair Board on a successful fair in 2021.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: n/a

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: District 2184 School tour/Road & Bridge tour, Houselog retirement party.

The County Board determined to schedule September 21st for the Employee Picnic date.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

(10-28)

## Ballot counting locations set for School District 671 election

NOTICE OF LOCATION WHERE BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED  
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(HILLS-BEAVER CREEK)  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Dated: July 28, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By /s/ Tamara Rauk  
School District Clerk  
Independent School District No. 671  
(Hills-Beaver Creek)  
State of Minnesota  
(10-28)

## Rock County Commissioners meet Aug. 17

Herreid Board Room 4:30 P.M.  
Rock County Courthouse August 17, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance. Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the August 17, 2021, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August 03, 2021, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Resolution No. 20-21, VSO Operational Enhancement Grant Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

AUGUST 17, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
ALADTEC INC	\$2,547.00
BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	9,448.16
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	5,730.30
CHS	11,102.41
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,584.00

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MORRIS ELECTRONICS	4,012.84
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	15,028.61
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,264.31
SANFORD HEALTH	5,142.00
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	3,268.32
TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT INC	2,627.56
ZIEGLER INC	8,656.92
68 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	24,862.15
TOTAL	\$135,431.77

Kurtz presented the Fund Balance report; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented the following bids for the 2021 Box Culvert projects SAP 067-599-184, SAP 067-594-001, SAP 067-599-180, and SAP 067-599-183: Henning Construction Inc. \$278,120.00

A & C Excavating LLC \$344,799.50

Midwest Contracting, LLC \$375,383.00

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the low bid to Henning Construction for \$278,120.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, the County Board meeting moved into closed session at 5:08 P.M. for the purpose of discussing attorney client privileges.

By order of the Chair, the County Board meeting arose from closed session at 5:20 P.M.

The County Board was in receipt of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Rock County and the University of Minnesota Extension for Extension Educator Services for 2021; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that the Rock County Community Library has been awarded an American Library Association Grant of \$3,000 to initiate additional programming efforts entitled "Transforming American Libraries"; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to accept the grant award, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that Jarvie will be attending an Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference in Reno, NV on October 20-23, 2021, requirement of the scholarship award announced at the June 22, 2021, County Board meeting; out of state travel was approved at the time.

The Administrator gave a brief update of meetings and requests he has handled; no action was taken.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Community Corrections, Budget, Southwest MN Opportunity Council.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: n/a

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Hardwick Fire Department benefit.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services, Community Corrections, and Community Corrections Budget.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Rural Water, Soil & Water Conservation District; requested information regarding the status of the ongoing drought.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by order of the Chair.

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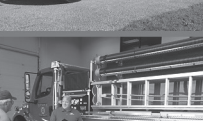
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### CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and visits.  
**Lowell Ahrendt**  
(10.23-10.28)

We would like to thank the community for the support and kindness in the death of our father. We are grateful for the compassionate care given to Jim by the staff at the Oasis Home and the Minnesota Veterans Home. A sincere thank you to the Hartquist Funeral Home, Dell Hogan American Legion Post 123 and the Rock County VFW 2757. Special thanks to Pastor Mike Altona and the ARC kitchen crew. Your kindness and words of sympathy have helped us through this difficult time.  
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(10.23-10.28)

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**PALACE THEATRE** UPCOMING EVENTS

	<b>The Addams Family 2</b> PG
	<b>Green Earth Players present: "Mamma Mia!"</b>

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It's a **HOWL-OWEEN PARTY**  
 SATURDAY  
 OCTOBER 30, 2021  
 9:00 PM  
**Howling Dog Saloon**  
 Luverne, MN  
 Karaoke & DJ  
 Presented by: Legacy Entertainment 9pm-1am  
 Drawings for prizes, play "Drink" or "Treat"  
 Costume Party-Prizes for best individual and group costumes

Friday, OCTOBER 29th  
**Green Lantern Halloween Party**  
 Drink Specials \* Shot Specials \* Free Stuff Drawings  
 Costume contest  
 Secret judges in the crowd  
 Prizes awarded for:  
 • Funniest  
 • Best Couple Costume  
 • Sexiest  
 • Creepiest  
 • Crudest  
 • Pundit (political)  
 • Classic Monster  
 • Cutest  
 Karaoke by: Madi Oye 9pm-1am  
**GREEN LANTERN BAR & GRILL**  
 We will ID & promote safe drinking and driving! | 105 Main St, Hardwick, MN (507) 699-5856



**Trick-or-Treating**  
 Monday, Nov. 1 • 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
 Come to the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown, Poplar Creek and The Oaks for a parade outside on the decorated path and receive a bag of candy at the end! All children are welcome to attend.  
 For more information, call (507) 283-2375.  
**Good Samaritan Society**  
 LUVERNE  
 All faiths or beliefs are welcome.

**DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**TRUNK OR TREAT!**  
 Monday  
 November 1st  
 Main Street  
 4 to 5:30 pm  
 Bad Weather Location: Elementary Commons

75 Diner Alpha Sigma Health Group American Family Insurance Barbara Kay's Bridal Boutique Blue Mound Liquor Bomgaars C & B Operations, LLC Church of St. Catherine Ellis & Eastern Company Expressway Luverne First Baptist Church First Farmers & Merchants Friends of the Library Generations, Inc Grace Lutheran Church GrandStay Hotel & Suites	Healing Path Counseling & Wellness History Center Luverne Area Aquatics & Fitness Luverne Area Chamber & CVB Luverne Education Association Luverne Fire Fighters Assn. Luverne Public Schools Luverne Public Utilities McDonald's Restaurant Midwest Dry Cast Minnesota Veterans Home Minnesota West Minnwest Bank Hwy 75 Minnwest Bank Luverne NEXtera Energy Resources Papik Motors, Inc.	Peterson Insurance LLC Pizza Ranch Premium Minnesota Pork Print Express Rock County Law Enforcement Rock County Opportunities Rock County Star Herald Rock River Community Church Salon 75 & Spa Sanford Luverne Medical Center Schomacker Home Galleries Security Savings Bank Sewing Basket Sunshine Foods & Sunshine Gas Taco John's Wildflower's Coffee Boutique
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**TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE DAY OCT 31**  
 join Luverne Hockey at the Blue Mound Ice Arena  
 601 W HATTING STREET - LUVERNE, MN  
 Arrive at 1:45pm sign in / fitted with equipment on Ice 2:00pm - 3:00 pm  
 Luverne Hockey volunteers on hand to help fit equipment and answer questions  
 REGISTER with Manda  
 email: luvernehockeymarketing@gmail.com or ph: 507-227-3557