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## Ashby family, community dedicate local trail in memory of Christopher Ashby

By Mavis Fodness

The Christopher Martin Ashby Memorial Trail is more than just a biking and walking trail.

The 1.95-mile paved trail is the family's lasting legacy to the community that has supported them through one of the hardest experiences of their lives.

Friday afternoon Barb and Gene Ashby of rural Luverne were surrounded by family, friends and individuals who worked behind the scenes to make the trail a reality.

The Ashbys unveiled the metal sign designating the trailhead and officially dedicated the trail to their son, Chris, who died at age 16 in a car accident in 2006.

United Methodist Church pastor Dorie Hall, Luverne, offered a prayer blessing the new trail.

"May those who travel enjoy this path — as it may be by the many manners we have available: feet, big and small; and wheels of all sizes, paws and strollers," Hall said.

"May this trail be a blessing. May those who enjoy the time upon it feel peace, protection, safety, a deep sense of joy and the beauty of your gifts in the nature which surrounds them."

Emily Crabtree, executive director with the Luverne Area Community Foundation, organized the event that included a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Crabtree helped the Ashbys invest \$1 million toward the trail almost six years ago. She said the couple started planning the trail four years before they entered her office.

"About 2 1/2 years ago they said it was time to start doing this," Crabtree said. "They said 'We need to do this. How do we do this?'"

DGR Engineering out of Rock Rapids was hired to design the trail, which at Gene Ashby's request, now ties into two existing bike and walking trails, The Luverne Loop and the Blue Mound Trail.

The Ashby trail starts near the Rock River and goes west goes through Luverne City Park and to County Road 9 near the Luverne Country Club.

In an agreement with Rock County commissioners, the county will maintain the trail.



Mavis Fodness photo/1104 Ashby Trail Ribbon Cutting

With a group of friends, family, community members and behind-the-scenes artisans, Barb and Gene Ashby unveil the sign at the trailhead of the Christopher Martin Ashby Memorial Trail Friday afternoon near the Luverne City Park. The 1.95-mile trail is in remembrance of Chris, who died in a 2006 car accident. Pictured below is the back of the trailhead sign, a memorial to the 16-year-old's life.

Crabtree said if landowners were not willing to give up a portion of their land, the trail wouldn't have been possible.

The Ashby trail winds through farmland owned by Jennifer and Dean Tofeland, a campground developed by Mike Davis and Billy, and around the north border of the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

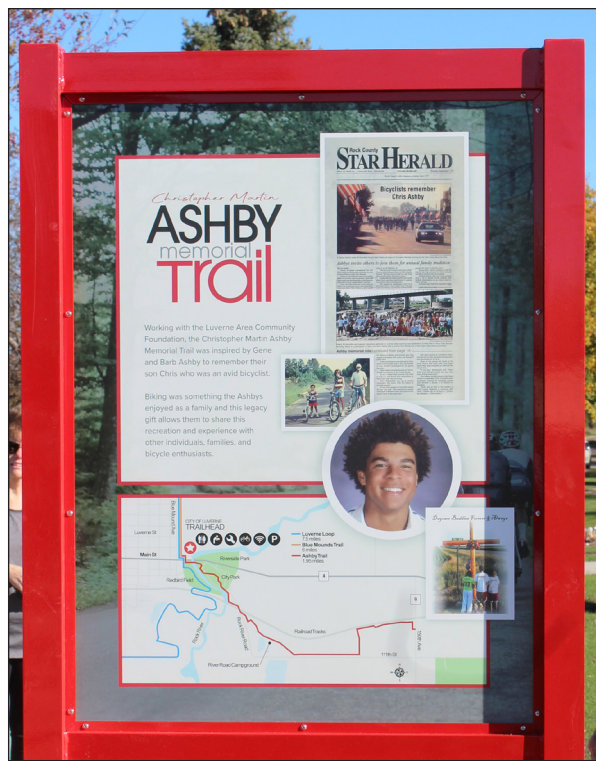
Henning Construction of Adrian completed the work.

"It starts with taking risk," Crabtree told the group gathered for the dedication. "You don't know what you can do until you try."

On the trailhead sign the Ashbys (working with Luverne Economic Director Holly Sammons and sign fabricator Scott Viessmen with A-1 Jet of Luverne) include pictures of Chris and share how they enjoyed biking as a family.

In part the sign reads, "This gift al-

Chris Ashby trail dedication/see 5A



## Veterans Home Covid positive cases climb to 42

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne on Tuesday reported 42 positive Covid cases among its residents and staff.

That's up from 36 reported cases last week at the same time a week ago.

The facility managed to stay Covid-free during the height of the pandemic, but the current outbreak in the local facility is prompting state attention.

Local facility management isn't allowed to comment on the situation, but a state spokesman has said back-up nurses and other assistance has been dispatched to the Luverne veterans home to help.

According to state spokesperson Anne Sonne, the increasing number of positive cases is not unexpected.

"While we continue to follow all infection prevention protocols, this COVID variant is highly contagious and difficult to contain once in a facility," she said Tuesday.

Luverne Administrator Scott Buchanan said Tuesday, "We are turning the corner and have had no new positive cases in the last two days."

The 42 cases includes staff who are on a 10-day quarantine and residents who are on a 14-day quarantine, so some may be coming off of quarantine soon.

Some residents in the home have passed away in recent days, but there's no confirmation as to whether they were covid-related.

Buchanan last week praised staff and health care workers.

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

"I am truly proud of the staff. They are dedicated to the health and safety of our veterans."

## Papik buys Sibley Iowa dealership

By Lori Sorenson

Papik Motors has purchased the Ford dealership in Sibley, Iowa, adding a third Papik location to its Luverne and Rock Rapids dealerships.

As of Monday, Nov. 1, Papik Motors purchased Jeddloh Ford from Larry and Deb Jeddloh in Sibley, Iowa.

"We are really excited about this new adventure and are looking forward to adding another franchise to our dealership's organization," Gary Papik said.

He said the Sibley deal has been in the works since Papik Motors bought Rock Rapids Vander Lee Motors two years ago, but the timing wasn't right until now.

Justin Weidert will move from Rock Rapids to oversee operations in Sibley along with

Papik Sibley/see page 3A

## Mamma Mia!

Green Earth Players return to stage with 'real big' production



Lori Sorenson photo/1104 mamma mia cast photo

The Green Earth Players cast and crew of "Mamma Mia," pictured at the Palace Theatre Monday night are (front, from left) Xavier McKenzie, Karis Gust, Bergen Ask, Lexi Drake, Katrina Brown, Joseph Stearns, (second row) David Vis, Tory Bohlke, Anissa Vis, Rachel Ask, Berty Stearns, Cody Henrichs, Casey McKenzie, Shane Amborn, Jim Harsma, (back) Chris Nowatzki, Martha Nowatzki, Scott Wessels, Holly Anderson, Chris Brown, Dani Sunny Handy, DJ Luethje, Janet Hanson, Shannon Baack, Shawn Kinsinger and Carol Ceynowa.

By Mavis Fodness

The Green Earth Players return to the stage next week with their performance of "Mamma Mia," the musical written by Catherine Johnson.

"With Covid canceling our Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 shows, we wanted to come back with a real big hit," said GEP director Shawn Kinsinger.

"We also wanted to get new people involved in the production of community theater, and a well-known show brings people out to participate."

One of those new participants is Shannon Baack, who is a member of the musical's ensemble. Baack and her husband, Denny, moved to Luverne from Sheldon, Iowa, in July.

She frequently participated in the Sheldon community theater and once settled in Luverne, she joined the GEP.

"This is the best way to meet people," Baack said.

Mamma Mia/see page 5A



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Beaver Creek Township Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, in the township hall.

**Vienna Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in the Kenneth Community Center.

**American Legion Auxiliary # 123** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Pizza Ranch. Contact Dianna Tomlinson, 507-283-1934, with questions.

### Choir concert Nov. 4

Luverne High School choir concert is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in the new school Performing Arts Center. Both the Luverne High School Concert Choir and the 9/10 Treble Choir will be performing for the first time in the new space. There is no charge for this concert and the public is invited to attend.

### Veterans Day events Nov. 11

**Hardwick American Legion Post #478** will host a Veterans Day Banquet 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.

A **Rock County Veterans Day program** will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, in the Luverne Public Schools new performing arts center. Speaker will be Jeff Thacker, Minnesota National Guard.

The **Herreid Military Museum** in Luverne will host a Veterans Day open house and tours from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11.

**HBC Veterans Day program** will be 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Hills-Beaver Creek High School, Hills. Performing will be the elementary school choir and the high school band and choir groups.

A virtual **State of Minnesota Veterans Day event** will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at [MinnesotaVeteran.org/VeteransDay2021](http://MinnesotaVeteran.org/VeteransDay2021). The 30-minute recorded program will feature Gov. Tim Walz, veterans affair commissioner Larry Herke, Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke with the Minnesota National Guard, Ron Haugen, chair of the state commanders' task force, country music artist Rockie Lynne and the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Red Bull band.

### Community Ed offerings

*Luverne Community Education will offer the following classes and activities. Call 507-283-4724 or visit the website: [comed.isd2184.net](http://comed.isd2184.net)*

**Beginner Defensive Driving Class on Nov. 11 and 18** (four hours each evening) for \$38. Adults 55 years of age and older taking this class can save up to 10 percent on insurance premiums for three years. After that, a four-hour refresher class keeps the discount in place. Check with insurance agents for details.

**Cooking Under Pressure** class on Nov. 13. Learn how to use the electric pressure cooker to make foods, and sample them too. Fee is \$24.

### 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.

# Honor Barber Shop opens in Luverne on North Freeman St.

By Lori Sorenson

A new barbershop is opening soon on North Freeman Avenue in Luverne.

Eric Oye recently retired from a 25-year career in the Minnesota Army National Guard and graduated Oct. 29 from the Minnesota School of Barbering in St. Paul.

He's opening Honor Barber Shop, a nod to his military background, in the building just north of Rock County Eye Clinic.

"Eric has shown people his passion and commitment in serving his country and local communities," the Honor Barber Shop website states.

"These qualities naturally flow into his work as a barber and serving the people in and around his community. His barber shop is a place of honor, optimism and equality."

Oye, a 1997 LHS graduate, received his state licensure this week so he can start taking appointments. "Everybody's been asking when I'll be open," he said. "There's definitely a need for a barber in town."

Oye said it's been a dream of his to be a barber and operate his own shop.

"I like to talk to people," he said. "As a barber you get to talk to people."

He said he grew up going to Chuck Tweet and Marlyn Roberts for haircuts, and he enjoyed having James Fisher in town when he opened Fish and Clips downtown.

"Small towns need a barber," Oye said. "Most guys like to go to a barber. ... Maybe they feel more comfortable talking to a male. And I think guys know how to cut guys' hair."

For one thing, Oye specializes in facial hair.

"I like to do beards. They're really intriguing to do," he said. "I learned a lot about that ... how to trim them based on facial structure and how to accentuate facial features."

He'll use a straight razor, and most of his services include a neck shave and hot towel treatment.

Even though he specializes in men's services, Oye said he also welcomes women and children for hair



Lori Sorenson photo/1104 eric oye barber Eric Oye recently retired from a 25-year career in the Minnesota Army National Guard and is opening Honor Barber Shop on North Freeman in Luverne.

services. "I'm here for everyone."

He said part of the allure of barbering was having his own barbershop and running his own business.

"I don't want to work for anybody anymore," he said. "I did that for the last 22 years. It's always been a dream to have my own business."

Oye said he looks forward to flexible schedules to keep up with his children's events.

He and his wife, Charissa, live in Luverne and have eight children between them — three of his, four of hers and one together.

Honor Barber Shop is taking appointments online at [honorbarbershop.com](http://honorbarbershop.com) where it lists hours of operation and special services.

Oye can be reached at 507-220-0944 or by email at [honorbarbershop@outlook.com](mailto:honorbarbershop@outlook.com).

## H-BC principal receives raise, extra days

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board approved a one-year contract with secondary principal Andrew Kellenberger during their meeting Wednesday night, Oct. 27.

Kellenberger received a 3-percent base salary increase and will receive \$100,000 for the 2021-22 school year.

Five days were added to the one-year contract with Kellenberger to 225 days. He was also designat-

ed the district's World's Best Workforce director.

The board also unanimously approved adding a \$2,000 match to Kellenberger's 403(b) retirement fund with the district. He was hired as secondary principal in 2020.

Board member Renee Knobloch was not at the Oct. 27 meeting, which was moved from the regular monthly meeting date of Oct. 25.

In other business, the board:

- recognized the 10-year anniversary of students and staff moving into the newly built secondary school in Hills. A commemorative plaque recognizing the building project is currently being designed in recognition of the 2011 event.

- adjusted the per-hour payment for activity bus driver route to \$15 per hour beginning Nov. 1.

- approved a \$10,000 cybersecurity contract with the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative.

The cooperative will monitor the district's computer system and make security updates and recommendations against ransomware.

- agreed to use Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief or ESSER III money to purchase a 10-person passenger van to replace an existing vehicle.

The van is estimated to cost just over \$40,000. The district has \$330,000 available through the ESSER III program.

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# Public input needed to access funds for school

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public Schools is seeking community input in how it will spend \$1.170 million in coronavirus relief in the next three years.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III or ESSER III is targeted for personnel or activities that address learning loss that resulted from the pandemic's disruption of in-person learning over the past two school years.

A portion of the money is also intended to address social-emotional and mental health impacts from the pandemic.

Luverne School staff submitted a preliminary list of possible uses for the money to the Minnesota Department of Education, meeting the Oct. 1 deadline and indicating interest in accessing the funds.

However, a stipulation to the release of the \$1.170 million is a public survey.

"This is kind of the first step in getting everyone's input and then target specific groups based on data from the survey," said district business manager Tyler Reisch.

Luverne officials recently released the survey through emails to parents.

Community members may access the survey at the school's website, [www.isd2184.net/ESSER Funds Survey](http://www.isd2184.net/ESSER Funds Survey).

Unlike the first two rounds of pandemic relief, the third phase of funding requires pre-approval of specific programs and/or additional personnel or equipment.

School board members discussed possible uses and requirements the district must meet in order to access the funds. The district will have three years to spend the funds.

Among potential uses for the funds are additional summer tutoring, after-school, extended-day and extended-school-year programs.

Additional personnel included technology support, substitute teaching staff, mental health and counseling professionals and additional nursing support.

The survey asked participants to choose a number of suggestions to help school board members and administrators decide to which areas they should direct the funds.

Board members tabled the possibility of creating two positions using the money until the community survey is completed.

Administrators recommended creating job duties and potential salary ranges for the re-creating of a full-time substitute teacher and a health aid to work in the nurse's office. Both positions are listed on the survey.

The survey is available through Friday, Nov. 5.

Questions can be asked and the survey completed during the upcoming student-teacher conferences in the elementary and middle-high schools on Thursday, Nov. 4.

Elementary conferences are from 4 to 8 p.m. The middle-high school conferences are from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Since March 2020, the federal government has passed three relief packages.

In the ESSER I distribution, Luverne Schools received \$111,000 in emergency funds to cover additional costs associated with the pandemic.

The district received \$520,000 in a second distribution (ESSER II) to develop and implement plans to return students to in-person instruction.



## More than 1,000 participate in annual downtown Halloween party

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

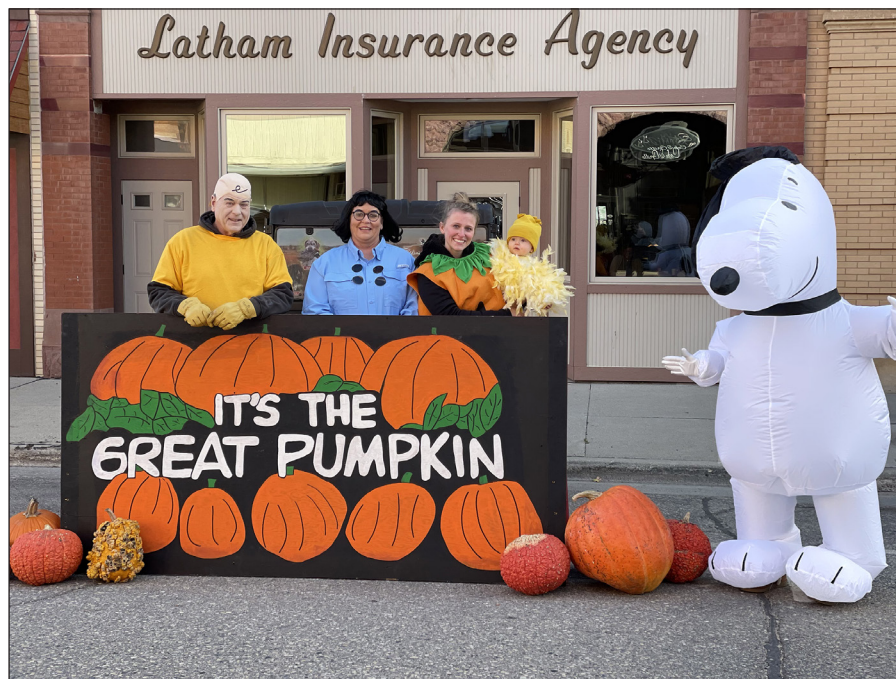
More than 1,000 people flooded downtown Luverne this Monday night for the return of Trunk 'N Treat, the Chamber's ninth annual Halloween get-together for the community. Last year, the pandemic prevented the downtown activity, which moved to the school campus as a drive-through "Street of Treats" event.

On Monday for the 2021 Trunk 'N Treat, 48 businesses and organizations set up creative Halloween-themed booths out of their vehicle trunks, pickup beds and free-standing booths to hand out candy.

A 42-degree northwest breeze prompted costumed trick-or-treaters to bundle up as they made the rounds in a two-block area of Main Street.



Above left is Colleen Deutsch, in the center photo are Sadriela and Allyda Chicasdzd and at right is Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.



Above left are Rick Peterson, Chantel Connell, Brooke Huisman (Ryder) and Heather Johnson as Snoopy. Above, city utility crews hand out candy.

### Papik Sibley Ford/from page 2A

Rick Reed.

"It's a good fit all around," Papik said. "It was meant to be."

He said adding a Ford dealership to his Chrysler and General Motors locations will be appropriate.

"This will be a nice addition to round out 'The Big Three' of auto makers," he said.

Papik said buying the Rock Rapids dealership has

been good for Papik Motors, and adding Sibley makes sense for the same reasons. "It's nice to be in a smaller community where you can get to know everybody," he said.

Some inventory has already moved from Luverne to Sibley, and temporary Papik Motors signage went up Monday.

Papik said the building needs no renovations or remodeling.

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## Luverne Minnesota Veterans Home staff serve with valor

*A tribute to the staff at the Luverne Minnesota Veterans Home*

For more than a year, Luverne Minnesota Veterans Home staff kept the killer of the elderly, COVID-19, at bay. For more than a year they wore masks and shields. They got vaccinated and washed their hands.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

*They're fighting a different kind of battle against an invisible enemy. They prepare meals, clean rooms, do laundry, pass out meds and smile as much as possible.*

And then it came anyway. On Tuesday morning, Nov. 2, the Minnesota Veterans Home COVID-19 information line reported (47 on Sunday) cases among staff and residents.

As you and I have noted the unusually beautiful fall colors, the bluest of blue skies and the November grass still-green, staff at the Luverne Minnesota Veterans Home have not.

They have been running from room to room, trying to help the old guys (and gals) they love battle Covid.

They've had to turn off their "nurse hearts" and walk away when a desperately lonely resident says, "Please sit. Please stay, just a little longer," because someone in another room needs them, too.

With the arrival of cold weather, the closed windows and doors create a container filled with staff, residents and the Covid virus.

Young moms wonder if they should go to work. What are they bringing home to their kids? Those with an immunocompromised or elderly family member are concerned.

Sometimes staff cry in the hallway. "These are my guys

..." one nurse explained with a catch in her voice.

Some call in sick but most show up. Like the men and women they serve, the staff at the Luverne Minnesota Veterans Home has served, and is serving, with valor.

They're fighting a different kind of battle against an invisible enemy. They prepare meals, clean rooms, do laundry, pass out meds and smile as much as possible.

As our country prepares to observe Veterans Day this year on Nov 11, say a little prayer of thanks for the men and women who have fought for our nation's freedom.

And then add one more for the men and women continuing to serve with valor at the Luverne Minnesota Veterans Home.

## 'Let me know in my heart when my days are through, America I gave my best to you'

Legendary jazz vocalist Norah Jones recorded "American Anthem" in December 2006 especially for the Ken Burns documentary film, "The War."

Jones' piano- and-vocal interpretation of "American Anthem," written by American composer Gene Scheer, became an emotional centerpiece for the documentary.

Her haunting notes and Scheer's poignant lyrics are an appropriate way to honor veterans throughout our nation's history of wars, past and present.

Their sacrifices allow us so many blessings and freedoms, including the freedom to express our opinions — even in ways our forefathers could have never imagined.

Out of respect for the veterans who fought for our freedoms, let's put aside differences on this Veterans Day and focus on what makes us great, as a community and as a nation.

In the words of the anthem, if we can just give our best, stop stewing about minor differences, then we can sing together as a free and grateful nation.

Need some inspiration? Cue up "Norah Jones American Anthem" on your smart phone for the music. Here are the lyrics if you want to sing along:

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**'American Anthem'**  
*All we've been given  
By those who came before  
The dream of a nation  
Where freedom would endure  
The work and prayers of  
centuries  
Have brought us to this day*

*What shall be our legacy?  
What will our children say?  
Let them say of me  
I was one who believed  
In sharing the blessings  
I received*

*Let me know in my heart  
When my days are through  
America, America  
I gave my best to you*

*Each generation from the plains  
To distant shore with the gifts  
What they were given  
Were determined to leave more*

*Battles fought together  
Acts of conscience fought alone  
These are the seeds  
From which America has grown*

*Let them say of me  
I was one who believed  
In sharing the blessings  
That I received*

*Let me know in my heart  
When my days are through  
America, America  
I gave my best to you*

*For those who think  
They have nothing to share  
Who fear in their hearts  
There is no hero there*

*Know each quiet act of dignity  
Is that which fortifies  
The soul of a nation  
That never dies*

*Let them say of me  
I was one who believed  
In sharing the blessings  
I received*

*Let me know in my heart  
When my days are through  
America, America  
I gave my best to you  
America  
I gave my best to you*



## Thank veterans for freedoms you enjoy

Next Thursday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day, and I just want to remind folks to take a couple of moments to think about and appreciate the men and women who have served and will serve our country in the armed forces.

I never served in the military, and frankly it's one of my greatest regrets in life. If I had a do over, I like to think I would have served our country.

There are a number of Veterans Day programs next Thursday. See the back pages of Section A and B in today's paper and maybe consider attending one of them. They are all open to the public.

It's not always easy to spot a veteran, but if you know someone who is a veteran, thank them for their service.

I witnessed a really cool thing a few years ago. I happened to be out in South Dakota pheasant hunting,



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

As timing would have it, the second day of the trip was Veterans Day.

It was a very successful hunt that day, and my hunting buddies and I were hashing over the day's hunt while enjoying a couple of cold ones in the local watering hole.

Someone standing at the bar turned to the crowd and yelled out, "May I have your attention, please." Then he reminded all of us that it was Veterans Day and asked if anyone in the crowd was a veteran

and if so, to please stand.

Six or seven guys stood, and then he told the rest of crowd it's because of these guys we have the freedom to enjoy the life we live.

The rest of the crowd rose to their feet and gave the veterans a standing ovation. Those veterans didn't have to buy another drink or pay for their meal that night.

So, whatever freedoms you choose to enjoy, thank a veteran for them.

## Can a car horn be too loud?

By Sgt. Troy Christianson  
Minnesota State Patrol

**Question:** I noticed that the horn on my vehicle does not work. Is there a law that says a vehicle must have a working horn and when it can be used?

**Answer:** According to state law, your vehicle must have a horn that's "in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet. The horn or other warning device must not emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle." I believe the definition of whistle is quite clear, and use common sense to determine if a horn is unreasonably loud or harsh. If it's too loud or harsh, it could violate a local noise ordinance.

Minnesota laws says it's legal to honk a horn when it's "reasonably

necessary to insure safe operation" on the road. For example, that'd include warning other vehicles, pedestrians or animals as needed to avoid a crash.

If it's not a safety situation, it's illegal to honk the horn on the road. Excessive or illegal use of the horn could result in a road rage scenario, so only use it when needed for safety.

*You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.*

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Oct. 22**

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street and W. Main Street reported a vehicle on trailer is blocking sight.

•A warrant check was conducted by deputies on W. Main Street.

•A warrant check was conducted by deputies on Park Avenue, Kenneth.

•Complainant at Adrian rest area requested a ride for transient.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a disorderly male.

•Complainant on W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hardwick, reported sister is missing.

•Complainant on 131<sup>st</sup> Street and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

**Oct. 23**

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported theft of property.

•Deputy assisted Minnehaha County Sheriff's office on 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hardwick.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported disorderly guest.

•Complainant on W. Mead County reported loud music.

**Oct. 24**

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported loud music.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue, Hills, reported a neighbor yelling and screaming.

•Extra patrol was conducted at the Maplewood Cemetery.

**Oct. 25**

•Complainant on S.

Kniss Avenue reported a returned check.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a runaway.

•Harassing communications were exchanged on W. Luverne Street.

**Oct. 26**

•Complainant on E. Highway 34, Pierre, reported subject with Rock County warrant.

**Oct. 27**

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported an assault between two students.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant on S. Anna Avenue, Hills, reported burglary.

•Complainant on S. Anna Avenue, Hills, reported a runaway.

**Oct. 28**

•Report of a missing person.

•Complainant on Cedar Street reported suspicious activity.

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

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 2 transports, 14 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 4 animal complaints, 4 fingerprint requests, 1 burn permit, 2 impounds, 1 background check, 6 alarms, 1 drug court test, 7 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 9 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 4 welfare checks, 2 reports of cattle out, 1 OFP and 1 follow-up.

### Ashby Trail/From page 1A

lows them to share this recreation and experience with other individuals, families and bike enthusiasts."

The sign's other side contains information in remembrance of the Luverne High School sophomore.

Barb, whose Parkinson's Disease confines her to a wheelchair, thanked everyone who helped the memorial trail become a reality.

Gene also thanked everyone, hinting that the couple's legacy is not done. "I'm glad we have this part at least done," he said.

Currently the Christopher Martin Ashby Memorial Trail ends at County Road 9, near the Ashby home on County Road 4 east of Luverne.

Original plans had the trail looping north to County Road 4 and past the Ashby home as it turned back to Luverne, but a safe pathway along the busy road wasn't found.

However, shoulders along County Road 4 will be paved during next year's reconstruction project. They will not be marked as a bike path.



Lori Sorenson photo/1104 GEP Mamm Mia

Director Shawn Kinsinger (left) directs "Mamma Mia" cast members Rachel Ask, Jim Harsma, Shane Amborn, Berty Stearns, Cody Henrichs and Casey McKenzie during rehearsal Monday night in the Palace Theatre.

### GEP to perform 'Mamma Mia'/continued from page 1A

The production of a musical was also to her liking.

"I think music is a lot easier to memorize than lines," she said.

Baack is joined in the all-singing ensemble by Dani Sunny Handy, Janet Hanson, D.J. Luethje, Katrina Brown, Holly Anderson, Bergen Ask, Chris Nowatzki and Martha Nowatzki.

David Vis is the assistant director. Carol Ceynowa is in charge of costumes, props and set design. Xavier McKenzie is in charge of sounds.

The musical's plot is written around the songs by the Swedish pop group, ABBA.

Twenty-five of the band's popular songs are used in the local production including "Mamma Mia," the title song.

Other songs include "Dancing Queen," "The Name of the Game," "S.O.S.," "Does Your Mother Know," and "The Winner Takes It All."

Kinsinger said the hardest aspect of the musical's production has not been the music.

"The set for 'Mamma Mia' is ambitious and the biggest GEP has had on stage in a while," he said.

The musical takes place in the Greek islands at a tavern/hotel operated by Donna Sheridan (played by Rachel Ask).

Sheridan's daughter, Sophie (Berty Stearns), is getting married to Sky (Cody Henrichs) and wants her father to walk her down the aisle.

However, there are three possible men and Donna doesn't know if Sam (Casey McKenzie), Bill (Jim



Lori Sorenson photo/1104 GEP Mamm Mia

Shane Amborn (from left) Casey McKenzie (back), Berty Stearns and Jim Harsma rehearse a scene from "Mamma Mia" Monday night in the Palace.

Harsma) or Harry (Shane Amborn) is Sophie's father.

After reading her mother's journal to her friends Ali (Lexi Drake) and Lisa (Karis Gust), Sophie invites all three of her mother's boyfriends to the island in hopes of finding out who really is her father.

Other characters include Donna's best friends, Tanya (Anissa Vis) and Rose (Tory Bohlke), hotel employees Pepper (Chris Brown) and Eddie (Scott Wesells), and Father Alexandrios

(Joseph Stearns).

The GEP will perform "Mamma Mia" in five evening performances and two matinees.

Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13, and Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

The matinees are at 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21.

Tickets are available at The Palace box office, 507-283-4339, or online at [palace.theater.us](http://palace.theater.us). Cost is \$14 for adults and \$7 for students.



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## Last man in Luverne's 'Last Man Club' dies

*Helmer 'Haaky' Haakenson was 102 and WWII veteran of 'Greatest Generation'*

By Lori Sorenson

The last surviving member of Luverne's "Last Man Club" died Saturday in the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne at the age of 102.

He was among an endearing group of World War II veterans who found comfort in each other's coffee company in the grocery deli and in hearing each other's familiar war stories.

They established their Last Man Club in 2010 to honor their fellow "Greatest Generation" veterans and to enjoy the freedoms they had fought to preserve. There were 24 original members.

Haakenson, known affectionately as "Haaky," rarely missed a gathering of their "Glen's Coffee Clique," which attracted the attention of former First Lady Mary Pawlenty who visited them in Luverne to thank them for their service.

She invited them for coffee at the Governor's Mansion in 2005 and returned on several occasions to Luverne to see "her guys" and to shake hands and offer hugs.

Haakenson enjoyed several First Lady hugs over the years.

He also joined his fellow Last Man Club members on the 2010 Southwest Minnesota Honor Flight to view the war memorials in Washington, D.C.

And he gathered with his local comrades for annual Veterans Day Banquets, which over time featured fewer Last Men and more empty place settings at the table for remembered veterans.



In this Star Herald file photo from 2017, former Minnesota First Lady Mary Pawlenty helps Helmer Haakenson (left) and LeRoy Luitjens open the official bottle of bourbon to carry out the final toast of the Last Man Club Saturday night during the Veterans Day program at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Last Man Club founder Warren Herreid spoke this spring about inviting Mrs. Pawlenty to join them in the honors. He died Oct. 26, just over two weeks before Veterans Day. Pawlenty, an honorary Last Man Club member, attended Herreid's funeral with Haakenson and Luitjens who voted at that time to amend the club bylaws to include the last two members, rather than the last man, for the final toast. Herreid's son, Warren Herreid II, watches in the background.

Per Article 10 of the club's bylaws, "The Last Man will remove

the official bottle from the cabinet and put it in front of his own place at the banquet table. At the conclusion of the meal the Last Man will unseal and open the bottle ... and propose a toast to the members who preceded him in death, with a salute to them before taking the first drink from his glass."

In 2017, Last Man Club organizer Warren Herreid found that he and Haakenson and LeRoy Luitjens were the remaining three Last Men in the club.

Herreid spoke of inviting Pawlenty to the banquet that year to open the bottle with them and toast their comrades.

She obliged, but Herreid died on Oct. 26, 2017, two weeks shy of the banquet.

Pawlenty said she was blessed to have known the World War II veterans from Luverne who drank coffee together in Glen's Deli.

"I can't describe how honored I am to be here tonight," she said from the head table where Haakenson and Luitjens were seated with their empty glasses.

son and Luitjens were seated with their empty glasses.

She helped Haakenson and Luitjens open the bottle and poured their drinks.

They first toasted the Last Man Club members who preceded them in death.

"We will never forget the hours spent together at our Glen's Coffee Clique — cherishing the stories, knowledge and wisdom they shared with us over the years," Luitjens said, reciting the words that Herreid had traditionally read. "We salute you comrades."

The names of the 22 deceased members were read aloud, with the ringing of a bell after each name was read.

Those names included Ted Anderson, Lawrence Akkerman, Floyd Goembel, George Gabrielson, Harvey Ball, Darwin Rogness, Charles Mann, Lawrence Over-

**Haaky, continued on page 8A**

## CELEBRATIONS

### Celebration

**Ken and Karen Hoime** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thursday, Nov. 4.

## MENU

**Monday, Nov. 8:** Orange chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges.

**Tuesday, Nov. 9:** Beef goulash, peas, tropical fruit, garlic breadstick.

**Wednesday, Nov. 10:** Meatloaf, sweet potatoes, pears, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

**Thursday, Nov. 11:** Chicken-fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, warm cinnamon apple slices, bread, dessert.

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**Story Time with Bronwyn** is at 10:30 a.m. Fridays through Nov. 19, at a Luverne park as the weather permits.



Helmer Haakenson celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with his children, Mike (left) and Mary Aukes, in this Star Herald file photo from March 2019.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

•The Luverne Fire Department was called to the Blue Mounds State Park late Monday afternoon to assist with a controlled burn that got out of control.

The park conducts annual prescribed prairie burns in different areas of the Blue Mounds to control non-native species and to encourage the growth of native prairie grasses and flowers.

But the flames in this case spread to unintended areas of the park when the wind blew them over the fire break.

According to Fire Chief Dan Nath, the blaze was contained within the park boundaries and it reportedly didn't cause damage to property.

Park officials say that the intended burn area was east of the interpretive center driveway around the hill to the Alice Birkeland home.

But the wind fanned the flames north of the driveway igniting grasses to the north that weren't part of the intended prescribed burn.

### 25 years ago (1996)

•The sudden death of Dr. Donald Odland last week left Rock County residents without an official coroner.

Rock County Commissioners exercised their statutory right Tuesday to appoint a new coroner to assume Odland's previous duties.

While they tabled actually naming a physician until Friday, they did pass a resolution to make the position an appointed one, rather than elected. ...

With Dr. Odland's recent death, commissioners decided now would be the time to change Rock County's policy as well.

### 50 years ago (1971)

•Theft of about \$250 worth of Roto-tube feed augering equipment was reported to city police Sunday night by E. A. Herrmann, Luverne truck operator. The material was believed to have been stolen sometime last week. It was stacked near his truck garage on West Harrison, police said. The equipment weighed about six tons, they reported.

### 75 years ago (1946)

•A wide array of small-type passenger planes will be on display at the Mc Dowell Sky Ranch on Sunday.

W. Earl Mc Dowell, owner and manager, stated this week that a number of distributors of various makes of planes had indicated that they would be on hand for the air show at the Sky Ranch, 5 miles north, and 5½ west, of Luverne Sunday. Occasion for the show is the first anniversary of the opening of the airport.

Feature attraction, as previously announced, will be the "Seabee," the four-place amphibian plane.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

### 100 years ago (1921)

•With the completion of the new Stager

**Remember, continued on page 8A**



## Luverne Rotary uses grant for benches

Luverne Rotary Club members recently donated two new benches to the Nature Explore Classroom on the campus of Luverne Public Schools. The benches, made by FBT Sawmill near Steen, were purchased through a Rotary District 5610 grant and local matching funds. One bench is located near the Free Little Library (pictured at right) and the other is under the shade tree located in the Explore area. Pictured (above) are (seated from left) Rotary District 5610 Governor Doug Lind, Luverne Rotary President Tim Gust, (back) Rotarian Karen Willers, Luverne Community Education representatives Cindy Arends, director Lisa J. Nath, Becky Runnoe



and Amy Chapa, and Rotary District 5610 Assistant Governor Gregg Brown.



Submitted photo

### Mankato Elks make veterans donation

Members of the Mankato Elks traveled to Luverne recently to deliver wind pants to the veterans at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. Pictured at right are Mankato Elk representatives Larry Achterhoff and Ron Sik with Luverne veterans home representative Duane Mabon (far right). Sik and Mabon each hold a pair of the donated wind pants.

### 1905: Luverne farmers exhibit top poultry at annual show

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on January 6, 1905.

#### Birds Score High Many Fine Specimens are Exhibited

Event Was a Big Success Fourth Annual Show of Luverne Poultry Association Came to an End Saturday—Majority of Purses Won by Luverne Exhibitors—List of the Prize Winners

The fourth annual show of the Luverne Poultry association passed into history Saturday evening. It will not be remembered as a big financial success, but from every other view point it was all that could be desired and the members are one and all well pleased with the event. No less satisfaction, according to expressions heard from all who were present, is felt by the exhibitors from abroad, and it is this fact which adds to the satisfaction of members of the association as well as to the success of the show.

As was confidently expected Luverne exhibitors carried off a large majority of the prizes, winning four of the six silver cups and the silver water pitcher as special prizes. In addition to these the Luverne exhibitors won practically three-fourths of all the other prizes awarded. The fact that the judge who scored the birds and awarded the prizes is no less a personage than F. H. Shellabarger, of West Liberty, Ia., who is everywhere acknowledged to be one of the "two best" poultry judges in the United States, adds greatly to the value of the prizes. He is an acknowledged authority in the poultry world and his scoring is accepted in any state in the union. Birds are purchased everywhere without question on his scoring, which stands as the highest possible guarantee. He has the reputation of being the hardest "cutter" in the field and a bird that will score a certain number of points under him is pretty likely to pass muster in any show in the country. For this reason the show was worth a great deal to exhibitors, and those whose birds won prizes have the assurance that they have genuine prize winners.



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

The winners of the silver cups indicate the winners of the largest number of prizes, as the cups were awarded on that basis. The local exhibitors who won these trophies are as follows: Mrs. W. A. Shelhamer, association cup for ten highest scoring birds in White Wyandottes, and also silver water pitcher donated by Hawes & Houg for the best pen of White Wyandottes; Mrs. M. Swedberg, association cup for the best pen of Silver Wyandottes; N. R. Reynolds, association cup for the best pen of White Plymouth Rocks; S. K. Chapin, association cup for the best cock, cockerel, hen, pullet and pen in the Asiatic class. The other cups offered went to E. C. Brooks, of Beaver Creek, who won the cup donated by F. C. Wittenberg to the exhibitor making the largest number of entries, and to M. W. Baldwin of Sioux City, who won the association cup offered for the best pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks. In addition to the cups N. R. Reynolds won the three special ribbon prizes offered by the American White Plymouth Rock club for the best cockerel, pullet and pen shown by a member, and Mrs. W. A. Shelhamer the four special ribbon prizes offered by the National White Wyandotte club for the best cock, cockerel, hen and pullet shown by a member.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

### Lylas Smidstra

Lylas Mae Smidstra, 88, family and special friends at Luverne, died Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Smidstra family requests masks be used during the visitation and funeral service.

Lylas Mae Jurens was born July 23, 1933, to Everett and Juel (Feldman) Jurens in Ellsworth. She was raised and received her education in Ellsworth.

She married Ben Smidstra on Dec. 3, 1958. They were blessed with two children, Charles and Joel. They lived on the family farm where Lylas helped with the day-to-day operations. Her first grandchild was born in August of 1985, and she devoted much of her time to helping care for her grandchildren. They spent many weekends and summers on the farm with Lylas and Ben.

Later in life, Lylas was employed for 20 years as a cook at the Rock Rapids Health Center.

She treasured time with her husband, her sons, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking and baking and always prepared special Sunday meals for her entire family.

She was an animal lover and had a special place in her heart for cats. She enjoyed going on bike rides down their gravel road, relishing in the harvest of her son Joel's garden, and meeting up with



the Pizza Ranch to celebrate birthdays and special occasions.

After significant health problems, Lylas moved to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. In October 2019, her husband, Ben, moved to the Minnesota Veterans Home and they were able to spend nearly all their time together. They enjoyed visiting, talking about old times, playing games, doing activities and singing hymns, among many other things.

Lylas is survived by her husband, Ben Smidstra of Luverne; son Charles Smidstra of Luverne; five grandchildren, Ben Smidstra of Luverne, Christina (Jose) Grijalva of Luverne, Bethany Smidstra (partner Brandon Englert) Rock Rapids, Iowa, Melissa (Fady) Smidstra of Michigan and Erin Smidstra (fiancé Jordan Jerke) of Sioux Falls; 15 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Delores Jurens of Ellsworth; brother-in-law Joe Jeffer of Luverne; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Joel Smidstra; parents-in-law Charles and Reika Smidstra; two brothers-in-laws, Albert (Harriet) Smidstra and Bert (Albertha) Smidstra; and four sisters-in-laws, Jennie (Jack) Vande Weerd, Suzie (Hank) Kelderman, Jessie (Harvey) Wiersma and Wilma Jean Jeffer.

Arrangements were provided by Jurens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, Iowa, www.jurensfuneralhome.com.

(1104 F)

### Helmer Haakenson

Helmer Lawrence Haakenson, 102, Luverne, died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, with Parish Prayers at 7:30 p.m., at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Visitation is also one hour prior to the funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion and VFW will be in the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Helmer Haakenson was born to Lars and Anna (Freim) Haakenson on Feb. 20, 1919, at the family home in rural Rock County. He attended country school grades 1-7 and finished eighth grade in Luverne.

In 1940 Haaky enlisted in the Army. He was trained to fix radar sets. He spent the majority of his military years in Kodiak, Alaska. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Haaky attended Dunwoody College in Minneapolis where he completed their electrician program. He worked for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the majority of his career, retiring in 1981.

Haaky married Joan Serie on Feb. 8, 1947, at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Minneapolis. They lived in Minneapolis until 1948 when they returned to Luverne. Initially Haaky worked in Luverne but spent most of his career in Sioux Falls. Often he spent weekends doing electrical work for friends and family.

He enjoyed golfing and played to age 98. He and his wife, Joan, played couples bridge and enjoyed dancing.

Haaky enjoyed working on the family tree and learned his dad Lars spelled his last name Haakonson on his citizenship papers. As a result, Haaky changed his

tombstone to Haakonson, insisting that was the correct spelling.

He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, serving in numerous capacities including Eucharistic Minister and treasurer with his wife; the

Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight for two years; the VFW, serving on the firing squad 1980-2005; Last Man Club, earning the title as last survivor. He had the honor of meeting Mary Pawlenty and her husband, then Gov. Tim Pawlenty, as Mary adopted the members of the Last Man Club. Haaky, along with his son, Mike, traveled on the Southwest Minnesota Honor Flight for World War II veterans to Washington, D.C., April 30-May 1, 2010. He also volunteered at the VFW bingo games at the Minnesota Veterans Home, removing snow for seniors who lived near his home, and assisting at Senior Dining.

Four days before his 100th birthday, he moved into the Oaks Assisted Living facility and then to the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Haaky is survived by his children and spouses, Cheryl and Bob Dodge, Concord, California, Marsha and Gary Gabrielson, Gary, South Dakota, Sandy and Dave Parpart, Delano, Mike and Pam Haakenson, Luverne, and Mary and Mark Aukes, Luverne; grandchildren Troy and Tami Burnett, Chad (Lisa) Gabrielson, Mandy (fiancé Terry Hendrix) and Eric Parpart, Andy (Meghan) Haakenson and Lindsay (Tyler) Kashdan, Jake (Christina) Aukes and Mariah (Sam) VanOrman; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lorraine Eggimann, Santa Maria, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joan, in 2004; and two sisters, Ethel Carlson and Helen Probst.

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

(1104 F)

## DEATH NOTICES

### Tracey Fahrenholtz

Tracey A. Fahrenholtz, 55, Moorhead, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2021, in Moorhead Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

Arrangements are provided by Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center in Fargo, North Dakota, www.boulgerfuneralhome.com. (1104 DN)

### Greta Veldkamp

Greta Sadie Veldkamp, 96, rural Jasper, died Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at the Bethany Home in Brandon, South Dakota.

A funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial was in the Jasper Cemetery in Jasper.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (1104 DN)

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*'We will never forget the hours spent together at our Glen's Coffee Clique — cherishing the stories, knowledge and wisdom they shared with us over the years. We salute you comrades.'*

— Luverne's Last Man Club toast

And then, raising their glasses high in the air, the Last Men Standing toasted each other and quietly left the stage.

Luitjens died later that year at age 93, and Haakenson lived on to mark his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019.

Until age 98, he was an avid golfer, swam and exercised regularly.

At his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, he attributed his

longevity to genetics and living "one day at a time." His mother lived to age 105. Haakenson's full obituary appears on page 7A.

**Remember/from page 6A**

building at the corner of Main and Spring streets, the Pelstring-Erickson Creameries, Inc., of this city, will occupy quarters second to no other creamery and produce concern in this section of Minnesota.

In connection with the advantages of the new quarters, the corporation will be enabled to not only materially enlarge its operations in all its departments, but institute a number of changes in its business policies that will be of material and direct benefit to its patrons.

Work on the new building has been under way since last spring, under the personal direction of its owner, A. E. Stager, and the pronounced improvement to East Main street which it effects is pleasingly apparent to all who pass.

The building is a two-story fire-proof structure of brick and hollow tile construction, with stucco facing, 50x70 feet in ground dimensions. It has been planned and arranged with special attention to convenience for its occupancy as a creamery and produce station, and is expected to be completed within the next two or three weeks.

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## State bound!



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For the fourth time in Luverne cross country program history, both boys' and girls' teams are going to the state meet after the girls placed first as a team and the boys placed second at the Section meet Thursday, Oct. 28. Pictured are Tiana Lais (front), Maria Rops (left), Kianna Winter, Kayla Bloemendaal, Jenna DeBates, Tenley Nelson, Ella Schmuck, Khloe Visker, Grace Ingebretson, Brynn Boyenga, (back) Pierce Cunningham, Kaleb Hemme, Leif Ingebretson, Ryan Fick, Carsen Toffeland, Owen Janiszkeski, Camden Janiszkeski, Griffen Jarchow, Sage Viessman, Camden Hoven, McKenna Nelson and Ethan Rahm.

## Cross country boys and girls off to state

By Sara Schmuck  
For the Star Herald

For the fourth time in Luverne cross country program history, both boys' and girls' teams are going to the state meet. The Cardinal girls placed first as a team and the boys placed second at the Section 3A meet Thursday, Oct. 28, in Madison on the golf course.

"Any time you can have even

one person qualify for the state meet, it's a tremendous accomplishment," coach Pete Janiszkeski said. "So, to have both teams qualify is simply amazing."

Individual results that added up to the teams' placings in the 5K for both boys and girls are as follows:

Camden Janiszkeski 1<sup>st</sup>, 16:40  
Owen Janiszkeski 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16:47  
Griffen Jarchow 12<sup>th</sup>, 17:30

Sage Viessman 24<sup>th</sup> - 18:09  
Ryan Fick 42<sup>nd</sup>, 18:47  
Leif Ingebretson 44<sup>th</sup>, 18:49  
Camden Hoven 64<sup>th</sup>, 19:33  
Tenley Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 18:31  
Jenna DeBates 3<sup>rd</sup>, 18:46  
Ella Schmuck 11<sup>th</sup>, 20:33  
Kayla Bloemendaal 14<sup>th</sup>, 20:47  
Grace Ingebretson 20<sup>th</sup>, 21:12  
Khloe Visker 24<sup>th</sup>, 21:30

Cross country/see page 3B

## Wenzel represents Luverne at state tennis

LHS senior Mia Wenzel qualified for the Minnesota individual state tournament for the Cardinals after winning the individual Section 3A Singles Tournament.

Wenzel competed at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis on Thursday, Oct. 28.

In her first-round match, Wenzel was defeated by Ana Medina of Rochester Lourdes 6-0, 6-0.

Wenzel then played Annika Harberts Otts from Providence Academy in the Consolation bracket. Wenzel was defeated 6-2, 6-0, ending her state tournament play.

"I have said it all year. I could not be more pleased with how Mia played," said LHS coach Jon Beers.

"Mia is a competitor and wants to win each match she plays. She may have come up on the short end of both her matches, but it doesn't take anything away from the accomplishment of playing in the state tournament."

Wenzel has been playing tennis since she was 4 and said competing at the state level has long been her goal.

"Honestly, this has been my lifelong dream," she said Monday. "When I won my section finals match, I almost broke down and cried."

Beers said it's been about eight years since the last time an LHS girl was in the state tournament.

"Mia represented her school



Kevin Kyle photo

Mia Wenzel competes in first round action at the state meet Oct. 28

and herself very well just playing in the state tournament," Beers said.

Wenzel finished the season with a 16-5 record playing No. 1 singles and did not lose to any Section 3A opponents during the year.

"Mia has played varsity singles the last three seasons and was a great team leader this season," Beers said. "She will be hard to replace and will truly be missed next year."

Wenzel said she enjoyed competing with high-caliber athletes and described the experience as surreal.

"I made myself a lot more nervous than I needed to be," she said. "But I was glad I got to compete up there with other people from this part of the state, and I met a lot of really nice people."

Her advice to younger peers: "If you have a dream, go for it. You can do it."

## Cardinals take Pipestone to advance in volleyball playoffs

### No-2 seeded LHS beats Fairmont in first round

The Luverne Cardinals volleyball team advances in subsection playoffs with a victory over Pipestone in five sets Monday night in Luverne.

It wasn't an easy win for the LHS girls, but coach Sarah DeBeer said the Cardinals' clean serving was a key part of the game.

She said almost all Luverne players were error-free, and their hard work at the net contributed to Monday night's success.

"This match was the outcome we hoped for after dropping a five-set game to Pipestone earlier in the season," DeBeer said.

She said the Cardinals have been growing as a team and are currently riding a seven-game winning streak.

Pipestone won the first set 25-18, LHS took Set 2 with a score of 25-19, Set 3 went to Pipestone 25-18, and Luverne won Sets 4 and 5 by scores of 25-21 and 15-12 respectively.

Pipestone lost on a service error in Set 5 while Elise Ferrell (20 kills for the night) supplied five attacks in Set 5 to seal the match.

Christina Wagner contributed 13 kills in the game.

The Cardinals will take on Big South Conference foe Jackson County in Worthington on Thursday, Nov. 4. Game time is 7 p.m.

### Cardinals take first-round game from Fairmont

By Reva Sehr  
For the Star Herald

No. 2-seeded Luverne volleyball team was expected to make quick work of No. 7 Fairmont Friday in Luverne, but the Cardinals had to work for their 3-0 win in the first round of Section playoffs.

After some Fairmont errors at the start of Game 1, Luverne was up by four points with a Kamryn Van Batavia dig to Reghan Bork, who set for Elise Ferrell to drop a kill followed by a light serve from Bork into the Fairmont hole.

A few errors by Luverne and a Fairmont kill tied the game at four. Luverne pulled ahead after a kill by Ferrell followed by another Ferrell kill with assistance from Macy Stratton in the back row and Bork on the set assist.

The Cardinals fell behind Fairmont after a series of out-of-bounds plays but managed to inch their score back up with a surprise over-the-net by setter Trista Bausatian and kills by Ferrell and Morgan Ahrendt.

LHS volleyball/see 3B



Samantha McGaffee photo/1104 HBC football

Patriot Cole Baker eludes the Dutchmen in Saturday's playoff game in Hills.

## Patriots advance

### H-BC makes quick work of first-round playoffs with 47-0 win over Granada-Huntley-East Chain/Truman

By Dan Ellingson

In the first round of the Section 3 Nine-Man playoffs, the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots hosted the Granada-Huntley-East Chain/Truman Jaguars Tuesday, Oct. 26.

This game went much like the first time the two squads met earlier in the season. The Patriots cruised to a 47-0 playoff win, ending the Jaguars' season at 3-6.

H-BC scored early and with lightning speed.

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Patriots had a false start penalty that put them at their own 38-yard line. On their first play from scrimmage, senior Cole Baker went 62 yards through the right side of the offensive line and quickly made the score 6-0 with only 20 seconds gone in the first quarter.

The Patriots then forced the Jaguars into a fourth and 16 punting situation after only three plays, and Justin Roelfs ran for a 30-yard punt return to the Jaguars' 23-yard line.

Six plays later, Baker found the end zone with 8:02 left in the first quarter. Quarterback Oliver Deelstra ran the successful conversion to boost the Patriots' lead to 14-0.

After the Patriots' touchdown, on the next Jaguar offensive play, defensive

tackle Max Scholten fell on a Jaguar fumble at the 21-yard line.

This was the first of six Patriot defensive takeaways, two by fumble recovery and four by interception.

After the Scholten fumble recovery, Ty Bundesen scored the Patriots' third touchdown of the first quarter. Although the point-after run was short, the Patriots extended their lead to 20-0 at the 7:51 mark of the first quarter.

After another Jaguar punt, the Patriots went on a 10-play, 68-yard drive capped by Baker's five yard run to widen the score to 26-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The second play of the second quarter saw cornerback Gideon Taubert intercept a Jaguar pass at the 40-yard line in Jaguar territory.

The next H-BC scoring offensive play had many moving parts. Wide out Bundesen came in motion left across the field, quarterback Deelstra faked the ball to running back Baker, and left end Casey Kueter ran a delayed pass pattern up the seam on the left hash mark between the two Jaguar safeties. Deelstra then lofted a deep pass to Kueter who caught it at the 18-yard line, stumbled on the catch, but kept

H-BC Patriots advance/see page 3B

## Luverne bows out of football playoffs

By John Sichelmer  
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals football season came to an end Saturday in Fairmont. Fairmont dominated all aspects of the game, taking a 21-0 lead into halftime and finishing the game with a 40-6 win.

Fairmont, the No. 1 seed in Section 3AAA playoffs, will now face No. 2 seed Waseca for the section championship and the right to compete in the state tournament.

"We made improvements throughout the season but we just have a hard time matching up our roster versus teams like Waseca and Fairmont," said coach Todd Oye after the game.

The Cardinals struggled offensively and defensively could not find an answer to the Fairmont offense led by quarterback Zach Jorgensen. Jorgensen finished the game with one running touchdown and three passing touchdowns.

After a quick three and out on their first possession and a short punt, the Cardinals gave Fairmont excellent field position for their first possession of the game.

Taking over at the Luverne 42-yard line, Jorgensen marched his team down the field with a series of runs and passes.

Facing a third and goal from the 16-yard line, Jorgensen broke through the Luverne defense and ran for the first score of the game. After a successful extra-point kick, Fairmont held a

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Images by CD photo/1104 LHS Football

Ashton Sandbulte advances the ball after completing a catch Tuesday night, Oct. 26, against Worthington.

## LHS football/continued from page 1B

7-0 lead with 6:11 to go in the first quarter.

The Cardinals looked to answer back in their next turn with the ball. Facing a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10, Luverne quarterback Casey Sehr connected with junior receiver Gannon Ahrendt on a 68-yard passing play, bringing the Cardinals to the Fairmont 12-yard line.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they were not able to gain any more ground and turned the ball over on downs.

Fairmont regained momentum after the defensive stop and marched right back down for an 82-yard scoring drive. Jorgensen registered a 16-yard run and a 16-yard pass on the drive and Fairmont finished the drive with a 36-yard touchdown pass from Jorgensen to receiver Eli Anderson.

The extra-point kick was good once again, and Fairmont now had a 14-0 lead with no time left in the first quarter.

The Cardinals' offense was stopped again, giving Fairmont excellent field position when they took over on offense.

It took Fairmont only two plays to score with a 47-yard touchdown reception from Jorgensen to Hudson Artz. After kicking the extra point, Fairmont led 21-0 with 9:55 to go in the second quarter.

Luverne got one more chance at a score in the first half. After a defensive stand, the Cardinals took over at their own 39-yard line. Sehr passed to senior receiver Eli Radtke for a 30-yard completion to get the ball into Fairmont territory.

After a pass interference on Fairmont, Luverne got all the way to the Fairmont 14-yard line before getting stopped and turning the ball over on downs.

Fairmont then marched down to the Luverne six-yard line, but the Cardinals were able to get the defensive stop after time expired for the half.

The Fairmont offense kept rolling after halftime and took the first possession into the end zone when running back Gavin Rodning scored from 21 yards out. Fairmont missed the extra-point attempt and led 27-0 with 9:41 left in the third quarter.

The Luverne offense once again got into Fairmont territory on their next drive, but the drive stalled out and Luverne gave the ball back to Fairmont.

Fairmont capitalized when Jorgensen found Anderson again for a 55-yard touchdown reception. After a successful point-after kick, Fairmont had a 34-0 lead with 2:55 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cardinals were finally able to finish off a drive on their next possession to get their only points of the night. After taking over at their own 34-yard line, Luverne converted a fourth and six when Sehr found Ashton Sandbulte on a 26-yard passing play.

Sandbulte then broke free for a 35-yard touchdown run to get the Cardinals on the board. After an unsuccessful 2-point conversion attempt, the score was now 34-6 in favor of Fairmont with 11:11 to go in the game.

Fairmont wasted no

time responding as kick returner James Johnson took the ensuing kickoff back 80 yards for a touchdown.

After a missed 2-point conversion, Fairmont led 40-6 with 10:59 left in the fourth quarter.

With neither team able to score the remainder of the game, the game ended with a Fairmont victory, 40-6. Luverne finished the season with four wins and six losses.

**Team Statistics:**  
**Luverne: 80 rushing yards, 155 passing yards, 235 total yards, 8 first downs, 7 penalties for 45 yards, 2 turnovers.**  
**Fairmont: 132 rushing yards, 248 passing yards, 380 total yards, 16 first downs, 2 penalties for 25 yards, 1 turnover.**

**Individual Statistics:**  
**Rushing: Ashton Sandbulte 16-76**  
**Passing: Casey Sehr 5-18 for 155 yards**  
**Receiving: Gannon Ahrendt 1-68, Eli Radtke 2-40, Ashton Sandbulte 1-26, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty 1-21**  
**Defense: Connor Overgaard 5.5 tackles, Casey Sehr 3.5 tackles, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty 3.5 Tackles, Jamie McCarthy 3.5 tackles**

### Luverne 23, Worthington 7

The Luverne Cardinals football team advanced in the Section 3AAA playoffs Tuesday night with an opening-round win over Worthington in Luverne.

After a close first half which saw the Cardinals take a 6-0 lead, Luverne was able to outscore the Trojans 17-7 in the second half to take the 23-7 victory.

The Cardinals struggled in their regular-season finale versus Waseca, but coach Todd Oye said he's proud of how his team came out to play versus Worthington.

"Our team bounced back from a loss in Week 8 and played a solid game to open the playoffs," he said. "I felt we played well in all three phases of the game, especially defensively."

Senior Nathaniel Cole-Kraty echoed those sentiments. "Our defense was able to do a better job of getting to the right spots, and we just did a better job of making plays overall," Cole-Kraty said.

The Cardinals defense proved to be especially important as the offense struggled for much of the first half. The defense earned stop after stop and kept the game scoreless until the final seconds of the half.

With Worthington possessing the ball on their own 35-yard line and just 1:05 to go in the half, it appeared both teams would head into halftime with no points on the board.

Luverne junior Gannon Ahrendt, however, would come up with a big defensive play to give the Cardinals offense one more chance. On first and ten for the Trojans, Ahrendt

intercepted the Worthington pass and ran the ball back to the Worthington 43-yard line.

Luverne quarterback Casey Sehr led his team down the field quickly with two 13-yard runs and an 11-yard pass to Ahrendt, bringing the Cardinals to the 6-yard line with just 22 seconds to go in the half.

Sehr then connected with wide receiver Eli Radtke in the back of the end zone to get the Cardinals their first points of the night.

After an unsuccessful two-point conversion, Luverne led 6-0 with just 18 seconds left in the half.

With Worthington unable to score on their next possession, the Cardinals took a 6-0 lead into the halftime break.

Luverne kept its momentum going to start the second half. Taking over at their own 17-yard line, the Cardinals ran just two plays to get back in the end zone. Facing a second and 11, Luverne senior running back Ashton Sandbulte took the hand-off from Sehr and broke free up the right side of the field and rushed 84 yards for the score.

Sehr then found sophomore receiver Henry Hartquist in the end zone on the 2-point conversion and the Cardinals led 14-0 with 11:03 to go in the third quarter.

Worthington would not go away, however, and answered right back with a scoring drive of their own.

Taking over at their own 49-yard line, Worthington pounded the ball on the ground and moved deeper and deeper into Cardinal territory.

Worthington finished off the drive with a 5-yard touchdown run from running back Andrew Dorcey. After a successful point-after kick, the Luverne lead was 14-7 with 3:06 to go in the third quarter.

The Cardinals could not move the ball on their next possession, but the defense held strong once again and forced Worthington to punt as well. Taking over at their own 33-yard line, the Cardinals quickly moved the ball down the field.

Sandbulte started the drive with an 11-yard run for a first down. Next Sehr connected with sophomore Henry Hartquist for a 27-yard reception.

Sehr then found Sandbulte on the next play for a 19-yard gain to get the Cardinals to the Worthington 11-yard line.

After a 4-yard gain from Tyson Cowell, Sandbulte finished off the

# Sometimes a dog is more than a dog

A dog is a dog is a dog, unless the dog is one of my dogs.

All dog owners have different levels of attachment to their dogs. Some keep a dog around only as a family pet. Others hunt with them on special occasions. Most of these dogs with little time afield or with limited training do as much or as little as the owner expects of them.

Others will train their dogs extensively or even have a professional trainer turn them into a finely synchronized operating hunting companion.

I have the latter. My dogs are valuable to me both as loving companions and in terms of money. It is not usual for a trained hunting dog, at least a Labrador, to bring in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to \$7,500 depending on their age and breeding pedigree.

When I hunt birds, my dogs are rarely ever out of my sight. Some owners will let their dogs run over the hill out of sight and not start to worry until the dog has been gone for more than 20 minutes.

Most often these dogs come down from the Metro area. The owner loses track of the dog and after looking for a few hours just abandons it and goes home with the hope that someone would call him if it were found.

Over the past 20 years I have had at least 15 examples where people would call and ask me if I would hold on to a dog they found out wandering around on a Sunday evening.

I have heard many stories where a dog gets lost and the owner will leave his hunting coat on the ground at the parking area, and upon his return the next day, the dog would be lying on the jacket.

If the dog had an ID tag, we boarded these dogs at Round Lake Kennels which has since moved to Bemidji, Minnesota. We'd call the owner and make arrangements for pickup.

When the owner came back the next weekend, they would argue over the \$15 per day boarding fee. Some dogs had no tags and were never claimed.

How could you or would you ever just abandon your dog? No flyers on telephone poles, no calls to the dog catcher, no Facebook posts, no radio ads looking for your lost dog. Some people should just not ever own a dog.

With my dogs, I use training collars for corrections if they fail to listen to a known command. This is what most hunters will use. If they get to the point where they cannot find their dog, they will just turn up the intensity and the dog will yelp and they will know what direction to move to retrieve it.

It's not the best method by any means, but it's better than losing the dog completely.

You can buy a collar that has a GPS receiver and you use the handset to track and follow the



## THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall  
 Outdoors columnist

dog up to five miles away. My dogs are never more than 50 yards away from me so I don't need a 5-mile range.

I use a collar that has a beeper on it. These can be used to track your dog as it runs in the tall grass. It makes one sound when running and a different sound when the dog is standing still. These can be heard from a quarter of a mile away under most weather conditions.

I just can't stand the collar sounding off all the time, which reminds me of a garbage truck backing up.

I don't use the run or point modes. I only use the locate mode. This is a button on the hand set that you can push to make the collar beep. Don't push the button and you get no sound. Push the button and you get a beep.

I was hunting a few years back and could not locate my dog. I called and called and he was nowhere to be seen.

I used the locate button and found him about 50 yards behind me lying on his side. He had run a 30-inch-long stem of blue grass down his throat, punctured the throat lining and impaled the grass stem into his lung. He was just lying there shuddering.

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It would have been like finding a needle in a haystack. This beeper could also save your dog's life if they ever got caught in a conibear trap that kills the animal within a minute or two.

My dogs mean everything to me. A more expensive collar with a beeper locate is worth every penny.

There are many brands out there, but if you want help picking one out, contact me at scottarall@gmail.com. I have lots of experience with these collars over the past 20 years and will make sure you don't buy the wrong one. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner.

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

## SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

### Jamie McCarthy

**Sport:** Football  
**Parents:** Corey McCarthy and Shannon Dump McCarthy  
**Favorite subject:** Physical Education  
**What I like most about Football:** It challenges me both physically and mentally and keeps me in shape and fit.  
**Other extra-curricular activities:** Working on cars and small motors, hanging out with friends and family and meeting new people.



### Morgan Gonnerman

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Parents:** Heather Hess and Mike Gonnerman  
**Favorite subject:** Math  
**What I like most about Volleyball:** Hanging out with my teammates and creating all the memories  
**Other extra-curricular activities:** Playing golf, being the girls hockey manager and working at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center!

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Tiana Lais 29<sup>th</sup>, 21:57

"The team was unbelievable in their preparation, focus, determination and performance," Janiszski said.

"Each and every one of them challenged limits and chased both team and personal greatness, which is all we as coaches ever ask for."

The last time both teams qualified for state was 2011.

This is the boys' fifth appearance at state and the girls' 14<sup>th</sup> appearance.

This marks the seventh consecutive year the girls' team has qualified for state.

"The kids have taken a lot of pride throughout the history of the program and have created a tremendous culture that is welcoming to anyone and everyone," Janiszski said.

"The experiences and successes that they have been able to create through the years is a testament to them and everything they have given to the program."

The top two teams from each section advance to state, followed by the top-six finishers from teams besides the two qualifiers.

The state meet is Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

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his feet and ran into the end zone with the football. Bundesen booted the extra point to make the score 33-0 with 11:47 left in the half.

On the next Jaguars possession, Deelstra picked off a pass and returned the ball to the 47-yard line. With a drive of 10 plays, Deelstra scored from six yards out. Bundesen again was good with the kick, making the score 40-0 with 5:25 left in the first half.

The score remained 40-0 into the third quarter until defender Austin Allen intercepted a pass in the flat from his linebacker position. He returned the ball 15 yards to the 14-yard line.

On the next play, Justin Roelfs scooted through the left side of the line to score from 14 yards out. Bundesen split the uprights to end the scoring at Patriots 47, Jaguars 0.

The rest of the way saw a running game clock because of the point differential.

All Patriots in uniform saw playing time during the game, with some reserves playing as early as the second quarter.

"I thought our defense played great all night. Our guys (defense) were flying to the football and I

thought we played a real physical game," said Patriots head coach Rex Metzger.

Statistically the Patriots held the visiting Jaguars to minus eight (-8) rushing yards for the entire game.

"Creating six turnovers and giving our offense good field position was the difference in the game," Metzger said.

The 7-2 Patriots moved on to play the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen in the Section semi-finals Saturday, Oct. 30, in Hills.

### Team statistics

HBC: 289 rushing yards, 93 passing yards, 382 total yards, 18 first downs, 4 penalties for 25 yards, one turnover.

GHEC/T: minus eight (-8) yards rushing, 65 passing yards, 57 total yards, four first downs, four penalties for 16 yards, six turnovers.

### Individual statistics

Rushing: C. Baker 10-118 yards, O. Deelstra 7-48 yards, T. Bundesen 5-37 yards, J. Roelfs 3-31 yards, Sawyer Bosch 5-30 yards, Brock Harnack 2-13 yards, Drew Leenderts 2-12 yards, Luke Furstenberg 3-0 Yards.

Passing: O. Deelstra 4-6 for 85 yards, S. Bosch 1-3 for 8 yards.

Defense: Gideon Taubert six tackles & one interception, Brayden Metzger four tackles & one fumble recovery, L. Fuerstenberg four tackles, A. Allen three tackles & one interception, Brock Harnack one tackle & one interception, O. Deelstra one tackle & one interception, Max Scholten one fumble recovery.

## LHS football/continued from page 2B

67-yard scoring drive with his second touchdown of the game.

Luverne sophomore Patrick Kroski made the extra point to give the Cardinals a 21-7 lead with 6:18 to go in the fourth quarter.

Luverne pinned Worthington on their own five-yard line on the ensuing kickoff after an excellent kick by junior kicker Riley Sneller.

A Worthington penalty in the end zone resulted in a safety, giving the Cardinals two points to make the

score 23-7 with 5:11 remaining in the fourth quarter. Neither team advanced the ball the remainder of the game, and the score finished 23-7 in favor of the Cardinals.

With the win, the Cardinals earned the right to travel to Fairmont on Saturday to take on the No. 1-seeded Fairmont Cardinals.

### Team Statistics:

Luverne: 188 rushing yards, 127 passing yards, 315 total yards, 15 first downs, 9 penalties for 85 yards, 1 turnover.

Worthington: 109 rushing yards, 56 passing yards, 165 total yards, 11 first downs, 8 penalties for 55 yards, 3 turnovers.

### Individual Statistics:

Rushing: Ashton Sandbulte 15-141, Casey Sehr 6-30

Passing: Casey Sehr 11-20 for 127 yards

Receiving: Gannon Ahrendt 3-35, Henry Hartquist 1-27, Connor Connell 2-26, Ashton Sandbulte 2-25

Defense: Ashton Sandbulte 5.5 tackles, Casey Sehr 5.5 tackles, Anyuon Atem 4.5 tackles, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty 4.5 tackles, Connor Overgaard 4 tackles



Images by CD photo/1104 LHS Volleyball

Kamryn VanBatavia sends the ball over the net Monday night against Fairmont.

## Luverne volleyball/continued from page 1B

Fairmont gained the advantage again on a series of kills and Luverne errors to put Luverne behind by three points.

A block by Christina Wagner and Baustian followed by a dig from Stratton to Baustian who set for Ahrendt's kill closed the gap to one point. An ace serve by Baustian tied the game at 16.

A couple of errors on both sides tied the game at 18. After a couple of Luverne out-of-bounds plays, Fairmont getting through Luverne blocks, a kill by Luverne, and a double by Fairmont, the game was tied at 21.

Then the magic happened. After a nail-biting volley, Luverne was scrambling to get control when Van Batavia made a diving save to allow a Luverne point.

This was followed by a couple of Bork serves and some good Cardinal net play for Luverne to cinch Game 1 by a score of 25-21.

Luverne dominated Game 2, and the closest Fairmont came to Luverne was in the beginning of the game by three points.

Luverne started to pull away with kills by Wagner and Van Batavia.

Then Baustian passed to Macy Stratton who sent it over to Ahrendt who strategically placed the ball into the Fairmont hole.

Anja Jarchow and Ahrendt followed with a block that came back to the Luverne side, but Jarchow was expecting it and tipped it back over the net.

Later, a Luverne back row dig sent the ball bouncing down off the ceiling, but Wagner saved the play by diving for a successful pass for Luverne to get it over the net.

Luverne continued to gain points from Fairmont errors and earning points on offense and defense.

Fairmont lost control after a Morgan Gonnerman hit, and Baustian pulled her signature move, sending the ball over the net rather than setting, landing the ball into the

hole.

Luverne won Game 2 with a score of 25 to 8.

The first 10 points of Game 3 saw the teams exchanging the lead, but Luverne pulled away after a Fairmont time-out.

Luverne responded with a Van Batavia pass to Bork set to Stratton for a back row attack.

Rattled by Luverne, Fairmont proceeded with errors, giving Luverne four points while Stratton was serving.

Grace Sandbulte and Wagner teamed up on a block to put Luverne up by 10 with the score at 22 to 12. Fairmont went on to block a Luverne kill, but Sandbulte, assisted by Stratton and Bork, executed a kill right back at them to keep the lead at 10.

An error by both teams still kept the gap at 10 and the score was now 24 to 14.

Luverne won the game 25 to 14 when Baustian strategically placed the ball into the Fairmont hole.

Coach DeBeer commended her team for their cool heads in the playoff game.

"The ladies did a nice job of taking control from the service line during the match against Fairmont," she said.

"We are hoping to utilize our serving game against Pipestone on Monday. It should be a great match to watch." (See the Pipestone game recap elsewhere in the sports section.)

### Stat Highlights:

Serves: Macy Stratton 19/20 with 1 Ace; Reghan Bork 19/20 with 2 Aces

Set assists: Reghan Bork 15, Trista Baustian 10

Blocks: Anja Jarchow 2 solos and 2 assists, Christina Wagner 1 solo and 1 assist

Attacks: Elise Ferrell 7, Morgan Ahrendt 5

Overall record: 17-6

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# Star Herald CHURCH

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## St. Catherine Catholic Church

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

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Mass. Public Mass will be celebrated at FULL capacity in the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes – check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stcluverne/videos/>. Visit [www.stscl.org](http://www.stscl.org) for more information.

## Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982  
www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com

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

## First Baptist Church

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.

## Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

### Ann Zastrow, Pastor

### Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Nov. 4: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Nov. 7 – All Saints Sunday: 8 a.m. 9 a.m. Confirmation service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 10-10:30 a.m. Older instrumentalists meet with Janine. 10:30-11 a.m. Christmas program practice. 5 p.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. 5 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Co-ed flag football game. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. 6:30 p.m. Worship practice. Monday, Nov. 8: 5:45 p.m. Bells rehearsal. Tuesday, Nov. 9: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Women's board meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5 p.m. Youth supper. 6:15 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace rehearsal. 7:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. 8:15 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation. Thursday, Nov. 11: 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.

## Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

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

## American Reformed Church

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

Friday, Nov. 5: 6:30 a.m. Community men's Bible study. Wedding rehearsal. Saturday, Nov. 6: Fall clean-up. Wedding of Brittany Evans and Josh Wagenaar. Sunday, Nov. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. 12 p.m. Commons reserved. Youth room reserved. 1 p.m. TEC meeting. 3 p.m. Youth retreat reserved. Tuesday, Nov. 9: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. 7 p.m. Youth room reserved. Wednesday, Nov. 10: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and youth groups. 8:15 p.m. Cantata rehearsal. Thursday, Nov. 11: 9 a.m. Classis meeting. 5:30 p.m. Reserved—Tumbling Tikes. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

## Rock River Community Church

(formerly First Assembly of God)  
1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4  
Ph. 612-800-1255; email info@rockrivercommunity.church

### Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

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

## United Methodist Church

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

Wednesday, Nov. 3: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA

meeting. Saturday, Nov. 6: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Nov. 7: 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. 9: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, Nov. 10: 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

Thursday, Nov. 4: PW Executive. Sunday, Nov. 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Brunch – Dedication Sunday. Wednesday, Nov. 10: 5:30 p.m. Bell choir. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:15 p.m. Session. Youth Fellowship. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

## St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net  
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org  
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

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

## Living Rock Church

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

## New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecel@icloud.com  
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## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Nov. 7: 9 a.m. Worship service with communion. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. 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, Nov. 7: 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=LHdQwVxFcU4>

## Palisade Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Nov. 7: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion with opportunity to give your Thank offering. Wednesday, Nov. 10: 9 a.m. Quilting—Every Wednesday. Thursday, Nov. 11: 7 p.m. Palisade Lutheran council meeting. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

## Magnolia United Methodist Church

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

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

## Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

# Sacrifice

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

Ryan Arnold of Denver, Colorado, knew what was important to him. He also knew the risks. In fact, there were many risks to consider, but the decision he made demonstrated that he had his priorities straight: the life of his brother was worth risking it all.

Before the surgery, where Ryan planned to give his brother Chad part of his liver, they had one last embrace. Sadly, this would be the last time Chad would see his brother alive.

After the surgery was over, their father entered into the waiting room to update the anxious family. He said, "Ryan is gone, but we still serve a God who is good."

It's hard to understand the pain and suffering one faces, especially in a situation like this, but what Ryan risked showed that even in the face of death, he knew what was important.

In John 15:13 Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends." Ryan was a man with such faith and compassion that he was willing to lay down his life so that his brother might live.

In Matthew 13:45-46, Jesus tells a short but important parable about sacrifice. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." However, this

isn't a parable about our sacrifice.

Who is the merchant in this parable? It is Christ. So, who or what is the pearl? It's you. It's the whole world.

Christ sacrificed himself for you. He loves you so much he does not let you live in your sin, but he seeks you out like that merchant looking for fine pearls. He calls you to faith through his gospel and brings you into his kingdom through baptism.

Jesus has made a great sacrifice to make you his own. Jesus sacrificed himself to pay for your sins and reconcile you to God and give you life.

How do we respond to this great gift? The sacrificial love of Jesus inspires us to make changes in our lives to live according to God's will.

We may never be asked to risk our life for another person, but living the Christian life brings with it a sacrifice of our old ways of thinking. We submit our will to God's will. We now live with faith toward God and love toward others.

## Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, Nov. 7: 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. 9: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, Nov. 10: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation class. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship.

## Hills United Reformed Church

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

## Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 5

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.  
Rock County Courthouse October 5, 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 Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the October 05, 2021, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the September 21, 2021, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

By order of the Chair, the County Board meeting recessed at 9:05 A.M. to conduct a Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Self Storage Facilities to be in Zones A-1 and A-2. There was no public comment either written or verbal received, therefore the public hearing was closed at 9:08 A.M. by order of the Chair.

Miranda Wendlandt, Clifton Larson Allen, Account Auditor, reviewed details of the 2020 audit; Rock County received an unmodified opinion for the audit.

Emily Crabtree, Luverne Area Community Foundation Executive Director, informed the County Board of a new grant program initiated to replace the former Red Arrow grant program in the community. The new program is designed to be community specific with each community being able to capitalize on a matching grant by the Foundation. The County Board thanked Crabtree for her presentation.

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

OCTOBER 5, 2021 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$4,363.23
A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	4,903.00
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP	37,212.00
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	3,761.12
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,227.53
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	4,750.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	10,040.00
PATTEN ROOFING CO	8,150.00
RICHARZ REPAIR	3,405.81
55 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	17,977.89
TOTAL	\$101,790.58

The Fund Balance report was reviewed by the County Board, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, requested authorization to change the E911 service provider from IES to VESTA Solutions/Motorola Solutions to align with four other counties; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Sheriff requested to fill (2) full-time deputy positions in his office of which (1) officer would be assigned a School Resource Officer which be funded by the county (1/3), City of Luverne (1/3) and 1/3 at 80% Luverne School District and 20% Hills-Beaver Creek; the other full time position would be funded by 44% City of Luverne and 56% Rock County, as per the contract. Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the (2) full-time deputy positions, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to amend the Deputy job description to include the duties of School Resource Officer, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented a bid from Dan Hamann Construction to replace windows in the office area of the Highway Department office area; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to purchase a Trimble

R12i Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Station from Frontier Precision for \$34,308.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented an update on various projects and meeting updates; no action

Motion by Overgaard, seconded Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 23-21, amending the Rock County Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of self-storage facilities as conditional use in both A-1 and A-2 zones, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to set the annual Truth in Taxation meeting for December 14, 2021 at 6:00PM and to move the regular scheduled County Board meeting dates of December 07 and December 21 to December 14 and December 28, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a thank you from the Rock County Historical Society for the Highway Department's work on their parking lot. The Administrator led a discussion seeking input for agenda items for the October 28th AMC District VIII meeting.

The Administrator presented an update regarding the health insurance RFP process stating that there was (4) bids received with Medica being the low compliant bid through the Minnesota Health Consortium/Southwest West Central Service Coop. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson to accept the low compliant bid with Medica with a 2% increase for 2022 and a not to exceed 9% increase for 2023, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to set the monthly 2022 Cafeteria Contribution amount at \$802.70, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of an update regarding the Walleye Wind project stating that they have received approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to construct and operate a 109.7 megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System, located in Martin, Beaver Creek and Springwater townships of Rock County, however, the project will not break ground until May of 2022 with a completion date of September 2022.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: no meetings to report.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: no meetings to report.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: no meetings to report.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwestern Mental Health

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: no meetings to report.

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

(11-04)

## City of Luverne adopts Ordinance 23

### ORDINANCE NO. 23, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL UTILITY RULES AND REGULATION PROCEDURES AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 50.22 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE; PROCEDURE

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:  
SECTION 1. That City Code Sec. 50.22, be hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

(A) All municipal utilities may be shut off or discontinued according to M.S. 216B. Public Utilities, as it may be amended from time to time.

SEC. 2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute such legal documents as are necessary to accomplish this sale and are further authorized to execute and deliver a warranty deed upon complete fulfillment of all terms and conditions.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect upon its publication.

(11-04)

## H-BC School Board meets Oct. 11

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671  
Minutes  
Oct. 11, 2021

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

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

Chair assigned Ethan Rozeboom as Acting Clerk. Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness with Star Herald and Kailey Rozeboom.

PATRIOT PRIDE:  
-FFA Corn Drive  
-Secondary Career Expo in Worthington  
-Elementary Student Council Elections

-National Custodians Day October 2--Thanks to Lisa Durst, Dalton Bass, Deb Hartz, and Jason Rauk  
-Bus Safety Week, October 3-9

Board Committee Meeting Reports:  
-Staff Development/TAB-10/06, Building Grounds-10/11

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

-Minutes—09/27/2021  
-Bills and Imprest

-Staff development goals for the 21-22 school year.  
-Band instrument rental agreement and fees.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:  
Motion by Harnack, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve offering a secondary theatre program and direct administration to recommend a director for hire.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Fransman, and carried to approve Secondary Grades 6-12 Social Emotional Learning Program— Character Strong.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:  
•Secondary Principal Report  
•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Operating Referendum Information Meeting at Secondary School 7:30 p.m. 10/12

-Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 27, 2021 NOTE DAY CHANGE

-District Special Election, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Ethan Rozeboom, Acting Clerk  
(11-04)

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Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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**Special Patriotic Music by** Madi Oye

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Thursday, November 11  
Hills/Beaver Creek  
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