



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Voters head to the polls Tuesday; record early voting eases Election Day deadlines

By Lori Sorenson

A line of voters wrapped around the corner of the building Tuesday morning when Jessica Mead opened the polling station in the Luverne High School gym on Election Day.

"The longest anyone had to wait was 15 minutes," said Mead, who serves as Luverne's election official. "Beyond that, it's just been steady."

Secretary of State Steve Simon said Tuesday's voting at the polls was expected to go smoothly, considering record numbers of Minnesota voters had already cast ballots early.

In Rock County, record early voting mirrored the statewide picture. As of 5 p.m. Monday, election official Ashley Kurtz said her office had accepted a total of 2,817 absentee and mail ballots.

Considering there are 5,549 registered voters, that equates to a 51 percent voter turnout before Election Day polls even opened.

On Tuesday morning, Kurtz said she was hoping for a smooth Election Day, since so many ballots had already come in.

She demonstrated how her staff processes ballots at the courthouse.

They get scanned one at a time into a voting machine that records information on a jump drive. At the close of the polls, the



Lori Sorenson photos/1105 election

Above, first-time voter Dillon Dump, Luverne, casts his ballot in the high school gym. At left, Laura Zwaan casts her ballot in the drop box of the Rock County Courthouse entryway Tuesday morning. "I was pretty nervous about getting this right," she said. Her mail ballot is among more than 2,800 to be received early.

drive gets transferred to a secure computer that's not connected to the internet. "It's just another secure step in the process," Kurtz said.

That computer then generates a jump drive that gets uploaded to the Minnesota Secretary of State Office where results are posted

online at sos.mn.us.

Kurtz said her office has been helping to register new voters, many of them young people and first-time voters.

Luverne's Dillon Dump, a 2020 LHS graduate, was among dozens of voters participating in the polling station in the high

school gym. He said he was looking forward to voting.

"It's a big decision," he said. "I'm older now and I understand why politics are so important. ... We're the people who vote for the ones we want at the top."

Election Day/continued on 3A

## Veterans Day 2020 to be broadcast

Airing scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11

By Mavis Fodness

Recognizing those who serve or have served in the military will follow a different format for Veterans Day 2020.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, programs will be shared via pre-recorded broadcasts to be aired on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Rock County's virtual program will contain individual videos assembled into one final program.

"(We are) keeping somewhat of a similar itinerary in mind," said Ryan Johnson, principal of Luverne High School where Veterans Day programs are typically held.

"We are connecting with LuvTV to program it, playing at 10:30 that day for all to view — whether TV or online."

Portions of the program have already been filmed

•The Presentation of Colors by the 1st Battalion 125th Field Artillery A Battery members of the Minnesota Army National Guard.

•Pledge of Allegiance cited by members of the LHS Student

Veterans Day/continued on 10A

## Luverne to celebrate 'Flannel Fest' in place of 'Winterfest'

Nov. 27 through 29 weekend to feature mix of old and new holiday traditions

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's annual Winterfest celebration, like many other community events this year, will be altered by the pandemic.

However, Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere is determined to rally the community around projects that can lift Christmas spirits, despite social distancing requirements.

"Let's all work together to make this year a wonderful holiday," she said.

To observe the break from traditional Winterfest in Luverne, the 2020 winter celebration will be called "Flannel Fest," and will include a mix of old and new holiday traditions.

The popular Winterfest Craft Show at the school can no longer happen due to the pandemic, but festivities for the official Nov. 27-29 weekend will still feature the puppet show at the library, the Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt, and a vendor show in the Mall on Main.

All-new Flannel Fest events and activities include Flannel Fest Bingo (adult and youth) a Lumber Jack and Jill Dash, Flannel Frenzy, and No-Shave November beard and mustache contest.

Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus won't be possible this year,

Flannel Fest/continued on 3A



Mavis Fodness photo/1105 Leaf Cleanup

## Final fall leaf cleanup continues this week

Luverne Farm Store employees Theron Feikema (left) and Adam Siebenahler make quick work of fallen leaves on Maple Street in Luverne Monday. Snow and rain two weeks ago prompted the city to extend its annual leaf pickup through this week. Temperatures rose into the 60s Monday with the possibility of 70 degree temps during the rest of this week. The forecast calls for mild weather through Saturday and then a drop in temperatures next week with highs in the 30s. More details about the city's fall leaf pickup are available at www.cityofluverne.org.

## Audit shows city of Hills on solid financial footing; council approves 1-percent levy increase for 2021 taxes

By Mavis Fodness

The city of Hills will finish the year on solid financial footing if a recent audit report is any indication.

Amy Mollberg with accountants Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co. of Luverne presented the audit findings ending Dec. 31, 2019, to council members last month via telephone.

Mollberg commended officials for the city's comfortable general fund balance and staying within the state's recommended months of reserves.

"They like to see five or six months in your fund balance and

"They like to see five or six months in your fund balance and you guys have 18. That's good. That's really good."

— Amy Mollberg, Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co.

you guys have 18," she said. "That's good. That's really good."

The audit generated an "unqualified opinion," the highest recommendation the accountants can render.

The city of Hills ended 2019 with a positive balance of \$727,700, down from \$979,101 from 2018.

General fund expenses and rev-

terprise funds, very profitable and that is good," Mollberg said, referring to the event of any needed repairs or equipment replacement.

Revenues for the water fund were \$154,436 with expenses of \$104,111 and netting \$50,325.

Expenditures in the sewer fund were \$53,012 with revenues of \$123,349. A net income of \$70,337 was achieved.

The garbage fund had a net income of \$10,751 from revenues of \$66,411 and expenditures of

Hills audit/continued on 5A



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# COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	401	8.7	+15.5%
Pipestone	393	6.0	+10.5%
Nobles	2,450	24.9	+7.1%
Minnehaha (SD)	12,985	323.7	+20.7%
Lyon (IA)	607	7.3	+9.5%

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

Date Range	9/13-9/26	9/20-10/3	9/27-10/10	10/4-10/17
Rate	47.81	31.87	89.24	120.05

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

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

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

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

Current data as of November 5, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Mavis Fodness photos/1105 Tuff Home Halloween 2020

## Tuff Home Costume Walk moves outdoors for Halloween

The annual Halloween Costume Walk took on a different format Saturday at the Tuff Memorial Home and Tuff Village in Hills. Instead of walking the halls with residents waving from doorways, costumed children and adults walked around the outside of the nursing home and assisted living facility as residents watched safely behind windows. The precautions were necessary due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

The 45-minute event on Halloween afternoon garnered 123 children in costumes, three horses, three dogs and one dinosaur, according to the attendance tally kept by the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club members. The 4-H'ers helped hand out bags of candy and direct walkers around the home and in front of the Village. Earlier, the 4-H'ers painted pumpkins for each resident.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 'One Warm Coat' giveaway Nov. 5, 7

Rock County's "One Warm Coat Project" will distribute coats and winter apparel from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at ATLAS for Life. Call Destiny Ripka at 507-220-0030 with questions.

### Help needed for repeat project Nov. 7

Rock The Edge is partnering with Orphan Grain Train again from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 7, to load two semi-trailers with surplus school furniture stored at the former Luverne Kawasaki building on Maple Street. Local volunteers with Rock the Edge are seeking firm commitments from at least 30 community members, youth or adult, to assist with the loading effort.

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

### Give blood Nov. 9

The Community Blood Bank will accept donations from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Sanford Luverne. With policies in place for COVID-19, only donors with appointments will be accepted. Blood types A and O positive are especially in demand. To schedule an appointment see [www.cblblood.org](http://www.cblblood.org) click on events and select Nov. 9 "Luverne Community Blood Drive." Call Sanford Luverne at 507-449-1209 with questions.

### 'Steering Into the Skid' Nov. 12

ACE of Southwest Minnesota will offer a free virtual one-act play, "Steering Into The Skid," about memory loss from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12.

Twelve short scenes depict a one-year journey through the early progression of dementia. The performance includes discussion to learn more about and increase awareness of dementia, as well as provide valuable resources for those experiencing the effects of memory loss.

Register at <https://skidmarshall-111220.eventbrite.com>.

### Operation Christmas Child

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

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

### Free food Nov. 19

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Generations Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne. Vehicles should enter the west parking lot from Lincoln Street and drive to the double glass doors on the west side of the building. Walkers should receive their pre-packaged groceries on the east side of the building. Call 507-283-4366 with questions.

### Community Education

Call Community Ed at 507-283-4724 to sign up for the following activities.

**Snowmobile safety training course** is Nov. 21. Plan to do the online portion (\$29.95 online) prior to coming for the Nov. 21 outdoor class. Outdoor portion cost is \$10.



**Right:** Chelea Waagmeester and her son, Easton, wave to Anna Schouwenburg.

### Photos of Luverne's 'Street of Treats' on page 9A

**Below:** The Steensma family, Brittany and Dakota (holding Keiran, dressed as a skunk) wave to residents.



Tuff Home resident Gert Steinburg waves to Vickie Busswitz and her sons, Webb (left), and Fox visit through her window.

**Left:** Lennox Ganun (far right, dressed as Princess Poppy) waves to a resident watching the Halloween parade walk through a window. Lennox walks with her mom, Kiley, and brother, Case, dressed as Branch the Troll. Behind the Ganuns are Otto (left) and Lexi Smook.



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## Blue Mounds State Park to close during youth deer hunt Nov. 20-22

Blue Mounds State Park will be closed to all visitors for a special youth deer hunt one weekend in November.

The park will close at sunset on Friday, Nov. 20, and remain closed until sunrise on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020.

The purpose for the hunt is to control the deer population and protect natural resources while giving youth an opportunity to learn outdoor hunting and recreation skills from an adult mentor.

Hunts will also take place at other Minnesota state parks and recreation areas this fall, and access to the parks will vary.

Some will remain open to all visitors, some will have limited public access and some will be open only to hunters with special permits.

The deadlines have passed for youth and adults to apply for the permits to participate in the special deer hunts at parks, which include regular firearms, muzzleloader and archery

options.

"Too many of one animal or plant species in an area can start to throw off the balance of other species in that area," said Tavis Westbrook, natural resource program coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"When there are too many deer in a park, they feed too much on certain trees and native plants, so occasionally we allow deer hunts as a way to protect natural resources."

The DNR thanks visitors for their attention and adherence to safety measures and closures during the hunts.

For a list of the locations, dates and access restrictions for state park special deer hunts in 2020, visit [http://www.mndnr.gov/state\\_parks/hunting.html](http://www.mndnr.gov/state_parks/hunting.html), contact the DNR Information Center at [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us) or call 888-646-6367 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday).

Details on which areas of each park are affected by the special deer hunts can also be found in the "Visitor Alert" boxes on the individual park website pages.

## Flannel Fest/continued from 1A

but families are invited to "Zoom the North Pole," by visiting the jolly couple online.

Details are still coming together and information is available on the Chamber website, [luvernechamber.com](http://luvernechamber.com).

### Love the Lights kicks off with fireworks Nov. 29

The Luverne City Park will again be lighted for the month of December with holiday displays set up by local businesses, families and organizations, for the annual Love the Lights celebration.

This year the official lighting ceremony on Nov. 29 will be headlined by fireworks.

"The lights will officially be turned on Sunday night, Nov. 29, just minutes after our new 'opening bell' which will be fireworks," Lanphere announced on Oct. 28. "The park will be open following the fireworks 24/7 through Jan. 3."

With the park now closed for the season, she encouraged people to set up their displays early — especially this week with mild weather, and she announced that volunteers have been arranged to help with setup.

"From the looks of the weather report, the next couple of weeks offer great opportunities to put up displays," Lanphere said. "Weather should be warm and there doesn't seem to be snow in the forecast."

Those interested in being part of the holiday lighted display can call the Chamber at 507-283-4061 for information about how to do it.

The City's light poles at the park feature plug-ins on each pole. The top plug-ins are on a timer...so by plugging the cords in there the lights will all go on an off at the same time!

Keeping it simple, we suggest just taking a piece of playground equipment or tree, using lights, zip ties and extension cords to "light the park."

Take a building...simply use shingle clips and curtain lights to create your show!

Purchase some type of Christmas decoration and make that your addition to the park!

Park a vehicle and decorate that.

Are you creative? Build something, add lights and voila!

Buy a blow up holiday decoration and set that in place!

Think about using commercial LED lights so they will last!

Add your sign and promote your business/organization!

"The Chamber is making a list of reserved locations for displays, so if you want to decorate a slide or swing set — we can reserve it for you," Lanphere said.

"We also provide information about plugging in the lights and access to the park along with information about who you can contact to help put up displays."

She said displays can be large or small.

"Just come down to the park and put up some type of holiday lights," Lanphere said.

"You can decorate a tree, put up a simple lighted sign, Santa or whatever you want. We want and need more displays at the park."

She encouraged participation to help brighten the holidays in Luverne.

"Driving through a lighted park is a great way for people to enjoy the holidays appropriately social-distanced," Lanphere said. "Help us make this happen."



Voters participate in a socially distanced Election Day Tuesday morning in the Luverne High School gymnasium.

## Election Day draws voters to polls/continued from page 1A

He said he cast his ballot for third-party candidates that support legalizing marijuana.

"There are so many worse people that we could be prosecuting," he said.

"There are so many other ways we could direct resources than the war on drugs, especially marijuana."

At the Luverne Post Office Tuesday morning, Postmaster Clint Roozenboom said mail ballots haven't created a strain on his staff.

"They've just been nice and steady," he said. "If anything, it's been the extra political advertising."

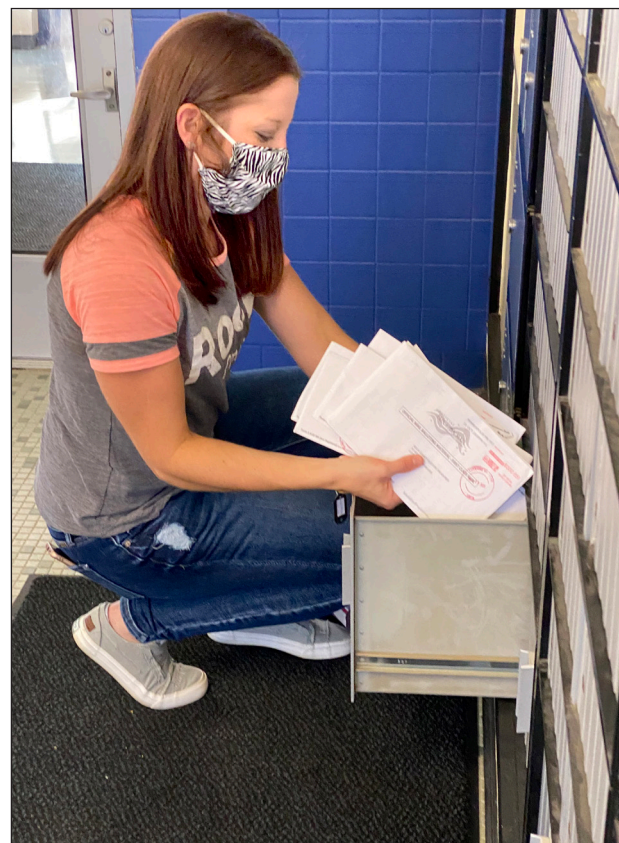
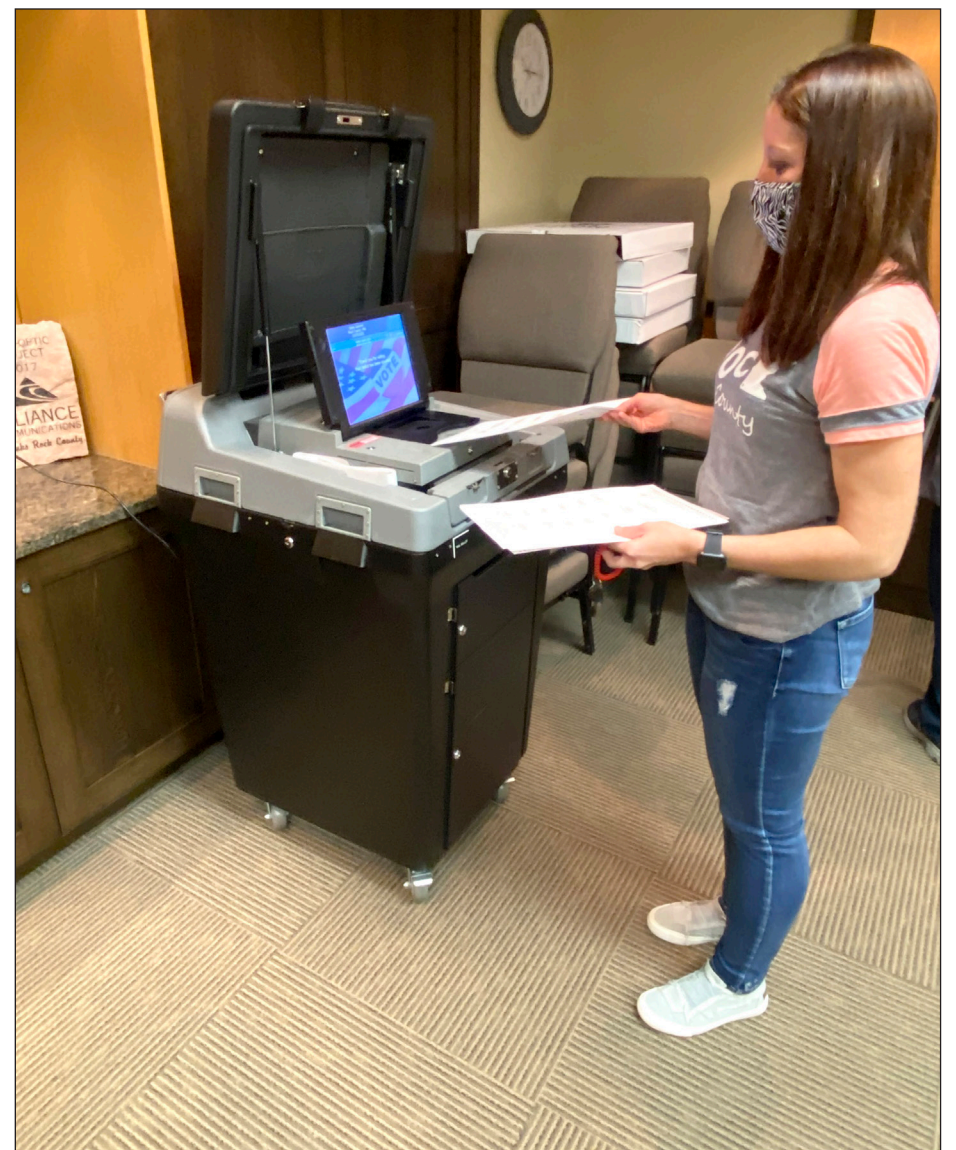
He and his staff — and the entire Postal Service — are committed to making sure all ballots are delivered.

"We're all taking it very seriously," he said. "Even if we have to bring back a single ballot, we are going to get every single one to where it needs to go."

For example, if a Nobles County ballot ends up in the Rock County mail, Roozenboom said his office will redirect it.

Also, on Tuesday his staff made an extra run to Windom to bring back local mail, and they emptied local drop boxes at 5 p.m. (rather than the 11:45 pickup).

He said a clerk in one of his remotely managed Post Offices called him to report that a customer just handed in her a ballot for Sioux County IA.



Above, Rock County Election Official Ashley Kurtz demonstrates how ballots are fed securely into voting machines in the courthouse.

At left, Kurtz picks up Tuesday morning's mail at the Luverne Post Office where she collects another pile of mail ballots for registering.

"I then immediately contacted the postmaster in Orange City where the county seat is located and we worked together to deliver the ballot to the county's auditor-treasurer's office," Roozenboom said.

"Same day service. That one ballot may or may not make a difference in the outcome of the election, but the Postal Service understands the value of every vote and is proud to provide the extra services needed to maintain the trust we have from our customers."

The polls closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday, after the Star Herald's Tuesday afternoon press run.

See the Star Herald website, [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com), and Facebook page for updates as results come in through the night and into the following days.

All City of Luverne Departments will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Happy Veteran's Day



Wednesday's garbage route will be picked up on Thursday, November 12.

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*'Nuances from heaven'*

**Dog tag's return brightens memory for military family**

Circumstances are murky as to how Orville Iveland's military dog tag ended up in the farm grove of Russell and Doris Wenzel in Springwater Township.



**RUMINATIONS**

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

Kris suspects her dad kept his military I.D. tag in the tool kit he used to carry.

The Wenzel farm used to belong to Orville's sister and brother-in-law, Robert and Alice Mann.

When Kris and her brother, Dan, picked up the dog tag at the Wenzel farm, they speculated it had dropped out of the toolbox.

Orville divorced their mother, Betty, when Kris was in elementary school and moved to California. He died in the early 1970s.

Kris said finding the almost 80-year-old dog tag decades after it was lost and other unexpected signs from loved ones are "nuances from heaven."

Over the years she has experienced those nuances in various forms such as distinctive smells, songs on the radio and recently in another object.

She was at Creekside Antiques in Beaver Creek recently, sorting through the old wooden children's blocks on display. She held three in her hand while looking at the others in the basket. When put in the correct order, the three held blocks spelled her son's name, S-A-M.

With the needle-in-a-haystack find of her dad's dog tag and the seemingly random selection of three wooden blocks, I am beginning to be a believer in "nuances from heaven," too.

**Rock County is 'bright star' in Census 2020 participation**

**GUEST COMMENTARY**

By Jessica Mead,

Complete Count Committee chairperson and Luverne city clerk

Way to go, Rock County and city of Luverne, for your high level of participation in the 2020 U.S. Census!

Being counted helps our community get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

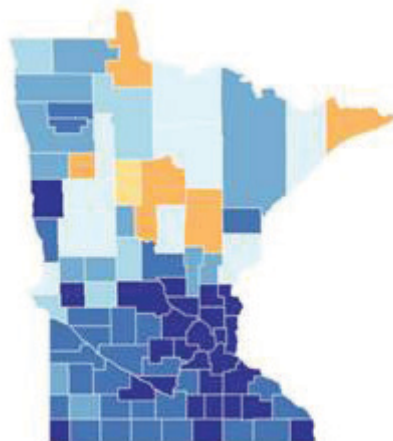
Businesses use census data to decide where to build industry, offices and stores, and this creates jobs and improves our local economies. State Census data determines representation in Congress.

Thank you to our local Complete Count Committee. We couldn't have done this without you (Arlyn Gehrke, Becky Gutierrez, Calla Jarvie, Caroline Thorson, Cindy Arends, Emily Crabtree, Lori Sorenson, Mandy Van Grootheest and Pat Baustian.)

Your time working on our committee, engaging your sector, and overall assisting with our Census goals was instrumental in getting our community members counted. We very much appreciate each and every one of you.

Despite our Complete Count Committee — a first for Luverne, we were unable to improve our Census participation, largely due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Our self-response rate in Rock County was 77.9 percent, which is



down from 78.3 percent in 2010

The city of Luverne came in at 80.1 percent, only down from 80.4 percent in 2010.

COVID was no help. It was too bad we weren't able to do events and door-to-door canvassing this summer.

We were in the same boat as everyone else though, and I would

say we maintained our count thanks to efforts of our committee.

I am proud of the fact that Rock County is dark blue compared to all of southwest Minnesota. We stick out like the bright star we are.

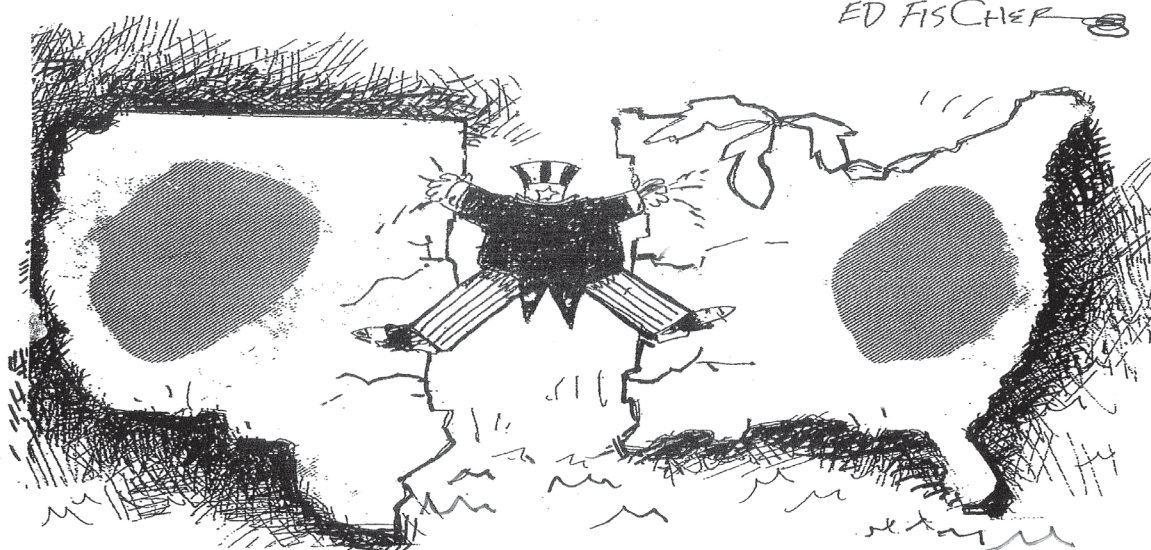
Special thanks to Mandy for coordinating all of the print and digital marketing, social media and website posting, etc. Also, thank you to the Star Herald for the articles in the paper, ads, and social media presence.

Thanks again to all committee members for talking to your friends, family and neighbors about the Census and how important it is.

I'm so excited to find out what our new census numbers will be and whether we surpassed the 5,000 mark in Luverne.

We should hear the state totals at the end of the year, and local totals in Spring 2021.

Thank you, Luverne and Rock County residents, for doing your part to be counted.



**Hunting dogs are no Lassie in time of need; cell phone is**

About a month ago, Scott Rall wrote in his column the reasons you should carry a cell phone with you while hunting. Carrying a cell phone while in the field is something I have been doing from the time I traded my bag phone in for a flip phone.

I hunt alone a lot, so carrying the cell phone is as important as my gun, shells, dogs and, of course, wearing blaze orange.

I hunt for a variety of reasons, and bagging a bird probably isn't even in my Top 3. Bagging a bird falls somewhere behind watching my dogs work, fresh air, exercise and peace and quiet.

I was hunting the Rooster Ridge WMA last week, and, as always, I had my cell phone with. While hunting solo, from time to time I'll stop and scan the landscape and make a few mental notes as to my whereabouts just in case I need to call for help. Whether I am hunting locally or out in South Dakota, I program the local emergency numbers in my phone just in case.

Back at Rooster Ridge I was nearing the end of a rather uneventful day in the field. About a quarter mile from my vehicle, I had just made one of those mental notes as to my location when — bam — I was down.

I stepped in a hole that was big enough for my size 14 hunting boot to



**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**

By Rick Peterson, general manager

enter unobstructed and deep enough that my right leg never hit bottom.

I could hear and feel my right knee twisting in a different direction and my lower back straining as I hit the ground, first with my right shoulder, then ending up on my back. I didn't pass out, but it took me a minute to regain my composure.

On my way to the ground, I apparently vocalized my pain because by the time I had my wits about me, my three dogs had come to check out the commotion. My first thought was which one of the three would be like Lassie and run for help. It didn't take long to realize these guys are hunting dogs, not rescue dogs.

So before I reached for my cell, I was determined to get myself out of this situation. First order of business was to free my leg from the hole. Once my leg was free, it was time to assess the damage. I was able to bend my

knee — kind of.

Next I rolled over to my hands and knees. This is when my dogs decided it was rumble tumble playtime.

Trying to stand upright was the next chore. Truth be told, getting up off my knee is no easy task on a good day. With the help of my now unloaded shotgun doubling as a cane, I made it to my feet. Surprisingly I was able to limp my way back to the vehicle.

After a night of icing and elevating my knee with the aid of some over-the-counter meds, I was good for another day, albeit with a bit of a limp. While I didn't need to use my cell phone this time, it was very comforting to know I had it with me.

I am going to go a step further and add a tracking app to the phone that I can activate while hunting so if necessary, God forbid, I can be located in a time of need.

**Ask a Trooper: It's illegal to pass in a 'no-passing zone'**

**Question:** With slow-moving farm vehicles on roadways, is it permissible to pass a slow-moving farm implement on Minnesota highways in a delineated no-passing zone?

**Answer:** Chances are motorists will encounter slow-moving farm vehicles on various roadways. Passing in a "no-passing zone" is not only dangerous, it's illegal. A motorist must wait until it is legal and safe. Patience is a must!

Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate, slow down and stop. The machines also make wide turns and sometimes cross over the center line. They also create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles. All of these factors require drivers to exercise extra caution during harvest season.

Approaching farm equipment with caution can help prevent crashes.

•In the last five years (2015-2019), 14 people died on Minnesota roads as a result of a crash involving farm equipment.

•In the last five years (2015-2019), 29 people suffered life-changing injuries as a result of a

crash involving farm equipment.

**Motorists should:**

•Slow down and use caution when approaching farm equipment. Don't assume the operator can see you.

•Watch for debris dropped by trucks. It is safer to brake or drive through debris than to veer into oncoming traffic or off the road.

•Wait for a safe and legal place to pass.

**Equipment operators should:**

•Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.

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

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

•Properly secure your load.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Oct. 23**  
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 25, Adrian, reported road is shut down.  
 •Complainant on W. Dodge Street and N. Kniss Avenue reported damage to crossing light.  
 •Complainant on N. Spring Street reported packages are getting stolen.  
 •Complainant reported theft by check.  
 •Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported a possible stolen dog.  
**Oct. 24**  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle.  
 •An outage was reported at location.  
 •Complainant on Warren and Kniss Ave. reported a vehicle for poor driving conduct.  
 •Complainant on County Road 4 and 110th Ave., Luverne, reported a flat tire and needed roadside assistance.  
**Oct. 25**  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy.  
 •Complainant on County Highway 4 and County Highway 17, Beaver Creek, reported a truck broke down.  
 •Complainant in 24-hour lot is locked out of her car.  
**Oct. 26**  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Beaver Creek, requested roadside assistance.  
 •Complainant on N. Spring Street reported deceased subject.  
 •Complainant on E. 1st Street, Hardwick, conducted notification.  
 •Complainant on N. Oakley Street requested information on property rights.  
 •Complainant at location reported being assaulted.  
 •Complainant on N. Elmhurst Avenue reported a phone scam.  
 •Complainant in area of the school reported subject driving with permit only.  
 •Complainant on S. East Park Street reported suspicious activity.

**Oct. 27**  
 •Deputy checked on vehicle in parking lot on E. Warren Street.  
 •Complainant on 121st Street and N. River Road reported fire at location.  
 •Power outage was reported in Rock County.  
**Oct. 28**  
 •Complainant south of 200th Avenue and 171st Street reported trailer with a skid loader on his property.  
 •Complainant on 171st St reported a disorderly female.  
 •Complainant reported a possible identity theft.  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Barck Ave. reported a pedestrian crossing violation.  
 •Complainant on County Highway 4 reported vehicle repossession.  
 •Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported an abandoned car.  
 •Complainant on 171st Street reported a subject causing problems at location.  
 •Complainant on County Rd 17 from County Rd 13, Hills, reported an impaired driver.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested a warrant check.  
 •Disorderly was reported on W. Hatting Street.  
 •Disorderly was reported on W. Hatting Street.  
**Oct. 29**  
 •Employee on N. Kniss Avenue requested deputy assistance.  
 •Outage was reported at location on S. 4th Street, Beaver Creek.  
 •Complainant on 80th Avenue, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.  
 In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 2 vehicles in ditch, 1 transport, 8 escorts, 24 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 8 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 3 alarms, 2 drug court tests, 6 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 5 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 1 report of cattle out, 2 OFPs and 2 follow-ups.



Lori Sorenson photo/1105 blue mound corner work

### Trailhead improvements underway at Blue Mound and East Main

Crews work at the intersection of Blue Mound Avenue and East Main Street Friday afternoon to connect the Loop, improve aesthetics at the Trailhead corner (former Casey's building) and to widen the turn angle of the corner.

### Hills city audit shows good financial news/continued 1A

\$55,660.  
 A positive balance in parks and recreation fund continued the city's net income with an addition of \$8,870 with revenue of \$41,684 and expenses of \$32,994.  
 The city of Hills' only overspending of \$20,784 occurred in the street department with total expenditures of \$208,089 and \$187,305 in revenue.  
 "The main reason ... was the capital outlay that included improvements — seal coating, water drainage project related to the streets so those things I think was the major increase in that area," Mollberg said.  
 The 2019 audit will be the last for the TIF or Tax Increment Financing program as the repayment of \$20,583 for economic development projects in the city. Future reporting will be included in the general fund.  
 She recommended not changing current city finance procedures.

"I think you should be really happy with the outcome and how things are looking," Mollberg said.  
 "I don't think I would recommend changing anything at this point."  
**Levy set to increase 1 by percent**  
 Hills Council members set the 2021 budget at \$345,046, which includes a 1-percent increase.  
 Next year city property owners will contribute \$131,176 to the city budget.  
 Council members anticipate additional carryover of funds into 2021 from the 2020 budget.  
 An infrastructure project, the lining of several blocks of sanitary sewer pipes to decrease the amount of water entering the lagoon systems, won't be completed until 2021.  
 The estimated \$150,000 for the project will be partially paid for in 2020 and the rest when the work is completed in 2021.

### Rock County declared primary natural disaster area

**Eva Kramer, FSA**  
 County Executive Director  
 Agriculture Secretary  
 Sonny Perdue designated Rock County, Minnesota, as a primary natural disaster area. Producers who suffered losses due to recent drought may be eligible for U.S. department of agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans.

This natural disaster designation allows FSA to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinancing of certain debts.

Producers in the contiguous counties listed below are also eligible to apply for emergency loans:  
 •Minnesota: Murray, Nobles and Pipestone.  
 •Iowa: Lyon.  
 •South Dakota: Minnehaha and Moody.

The deadline to apply for these emergency loans is June 16, 2021.  
 FSA will review the loans based on the extent of the losses, security available and repayment ability.  
 FSA has a variety of additional programs to help farmers recover from the impacts of this disaster. FSA programs that do not require a disaster declaration include: Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program; Emergency Conservation Program; Livestock Forage Disaster Program; Livestock Indemnity Program; Operating and Farm Ownership Loans; and the Tree Assistance Program.  
 Farmers may contact their local USDA service center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures for these and other programs.

Visit the Rock County FSA office at 500 W. Gabrielson Road, Luverne, or call 507-283-2369 or email [eva.kramer@usda.gov](mailto:eva.kramer@usda.gov)

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## New director takes helm at SYS in Magnolia

By Lori Sorenson

Six months after starting as program director, Morgan Herda is still wondering what a “normal” day looks like at Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia.

She started in April just as the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the Department of Corrections and prompted new operating procedures for SYS.

“We really had to hit the ground running,” Herda said. “Kids couldn’t go home. They couldn’t have visitors.”

Southwestern Youth Services is a non-secure residential treatment facility that provides care, education and behavioral programming for at-risk young males.

Herda immediately made it her priority to help the boys make the best of what were already disheartening life circumstances.

“My most important job is to make sure our kids get everything that they can from this program, benefitting from what we’re trying to teach them,” she said.

Her first order of business was to help facilitate communication between the students and their loved ones via Zoom or other online means.

At the same time, she and executive director Jeremy Hough continued implementing state and federal requirements for pandemic safety.

This included distributing hand sanitizers, taking students’ temperatures twice a day, implementing mask policies, sanitizing common areas and developing a plan for a COVID infection — which so far hasn’t been

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Lori Sorenson photos/1105 sys director herda  
Morgan Herda (at left and above with SYS education director Carole Naasz, right) started as program director at Southwestern Youth Services, Magnolia, this spring just as the Department of Correction shut down due to the pandemic. “We really had to hit the ground running,” she said about implementing COVID policies and keeping students and staff safe. Above: To make the most of their time in Magnolia, students in an Independent Life Lessons class learned how to do home improvements. “We basically remodeled the whole building, and the kids did 90 percent of the work,” Herda said.

## Young director meets changing needs of youth

By Lori Sorenson

Morgan Herda grew up in Rock Rapids and knew at an early age where her career would take her.

While a student at Central Lyon High School, she found herself drawn to classmates who were struggling and would get them help.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in child,

adult and family services at Iowa State University with a minor in criminal justice.

She graduated in May 2017 and completed two internships at Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia before moving to the East Coast to be with her sister for two years.

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## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

Allen Willers will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Thursday, Nov. 13. Greetings may be sent to him at 1111 Carol Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, Nov. 9:** Scalloped potatoes and ham, peas and pearl onions, cinnamon baked apples, bread.

**Tuesday, Nov. 10:** Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, steamed corn, bread, brownie. Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

**Wednesday, Nov. 11:** Tomato basil soup, turkey sandwich, pear halves, crackers, apple crisp with whipped topping.

**Thursday, Nov. 12:** Baked herb fish, roasted potatoes, buttered beets, dinnerroll, rainbow sherbet.

**Friday, Nov. 13:** Sweet and sour meatballs, brown rice, carrot coins, tropical fruit salad, lemon bar.

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

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

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

## 1987: City of Magnolia starts with post office, several years before railroad

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

Rock County Village (continued from 10-29-20 edition of the Star Herald.)

### Magnolia

Magnolia, an incorporated village of eastern Rock county, is a station on the Worthington-Mitchell branch of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, seven miles east of Luverne. The line separating sections 11 and 14, Magnolia township, passes through the center of the village, which is situated one mile from the boundary line between Rock and Nobles counties. Magnolia has kept pace with the development of the county in general. In a business way it is well represented by lines usually found in towns of a few hundred inhabitants.

Though the Magnolia of



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County Historical Society

today has been the development of the past two decades, the town was in the process of formation for approximately fifteen years before it received the impetus which ushered it in as a promising Rock county village. Its career has since been one of continued progress.

We may go back so far as 1872, several years before the first railroad found its way into the county, to commence tracing the course of events which have directly concerned the building of this Rock county village. In the spring of that

year a postoffice, which the Magnolia office later succeeded, was established just over the county line on section 18, Westside township, Nobles county. This office was in charge of Rensselaer Simmons and was known as Westside. It was a station on the old Worthington-Sioux Falls mail route, and for a number of years numbered as its patrons the early day settlers of the territory in which the future town was to be located.

The branch road of the Sioux City & St. Paul railway from Worthington to Sioux

Falls was built into Rock county during the summer and fall of 1876. Luverne was the only established town and for awhile remained the only station on the line in the county. Before a year was over, however, the railroad officials selected a site for a second station on section 13, Magnolia township, in close proximity to the large farm owned by Hon. E. F. Drake, the president of the company. In his honor this “town” was christened Drake, or as it became more commonly known, Drake station. There was no idea at the time of founding a town, not even the first step of making a survey given a consideration. And during the eight years of its existence Drake developed but little beyond its original condition.

A depot was never built at that point, simply a platform. During its history only two business enterprises were

established there, and then not until it was about to be forced to resign in favor of a newer rival a half mile to the west. When trains were put in operation on the new railroad the overland mail route from Worthington to Sioux Falls was discontinued, and after the establishment of Drake station, that was made the receiving point for the mail consigned to the Westside postoffice.

There were signs of activity at Drake station during the winter of 1882-83. In its issue of December 1, 1882, the Rock County Herald said: “The alleged village of Drake, commonly known as Drake station, is enjoying a real estate boom. The first lot ever sold in the place was transferred this week for the princely sum of \$1.” In the course of the year 1883 Thompson Bros. erected a grain warehouse at Drake, and on October 1, of

the same year, its only store opened for business. It carried a general stock of merchandise, flour, feed, wood, coal, etc., and was established as a branch store by Patterson & Walters, of Luverne. This firm conducted the business only a few months, selling to Philander Phinney, who later, in turn, transferred the business to Ira E. Crosby, who placed George Crandall in charge. There was some talk of moving the Westside postoffice to the Drake store, but the plan did not mature.

The story of the village of Magnolia will continue in the Nov. 12 edition of the Star Herald.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence to [manmade@iu.net](mailto:manmade@iu.net).

## DeBoer earns Sanford employee of year award

Lori DeBoer received the Sanford Health Network Support Services Employee of the Year Award. Lori has been with Sanford Luverne for 25 years.

“In our network, there are over 5,000 employees, with 3,000 just in the Sioux Falls region, so when we have an employee of the year it’s a special thing,” said Terry Mahar, director of the Sioux Falls health network.

He was in Luverne to present the award and referred to nominations from her peers.

“Her calling puts the heart in health care. She has worked as a patient care tech previously and is currently in environmental services,” read one of the nominations.

“Lori demonstrates service has a value above all as she cleans in patient rooms.”

Sanford Luverne recently received a letter from a patient’s daughter who shared how much Lori meant to her family during the time that her mother was passing.

“Lori was humming a hymn that was a favorite of

the family and they found significant comfort at the time of their mother’s death,” the nomination form read.

Her peers also state that DeBoer puts her work family first, willingly helping clean additional areas or staying late when the department is running short.

“Lori ensures that Sanford Luverne has an excellent first impression to both patients and visitors,” nominations said.

“She takes ownership and pride in her work and ... has a can-do attitude and a willingness to help coworkers. In addition, she goes the extra mile for patients and their families, grabbing a blanket if they are cold or putting their feet up.”

DeBoer’s peers said she’s comfort for patients.

“Lori carries on a conversation as she cleans, and many patients comment on how much they appreciate her conversation when she is in their room,” they said.

“Lori has a tender, caring personality that patients gravitate toward. She leads others through her example.”



DeBoer

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2010)

•Luverne Graphic Arts instructor Bill Thompson’s middle school Lego Mindstorms builders have surpassed the typical store-bought set. Their Lego creations move by themselves.

This Lego engineering is part of Thompson’s new Robotics encore class offered to seventh- and eighth-graders.

Their Lego Mindstorms kits have more than 500 pieces each, computer bricks, motors and ultra-sonic light and sound sensors. “There are so many things you can build ... there are many types of robots they can create,” Thompson said.

The kits were purchased with learning incentives, including a grant from the Luverne School Foundation.

### 25 years ago (1995)

•Ellsworth School District residents turned in record numbers Tuesday night to vote on the proposed \$100,000 referendum to maintain school operations.

The referendum passed decidedly with 353 yes votes and 146 no votes for a total of 499 votes. “That’s probably a record for this district,” said school consultant Gordon LeBoutillier.

He said 50 of those residents cast their votes by absentee ballots.

What the passing of the referendum means is the district will be able to continue operating for another five years. If it had failed, the district would not have been able to continue operating independently beyond two years.

### 50 years ago (1970)

•A person would expect a math major to be good with numbers. Tom Dahlberg, sophomore fullback for the Gustavus Adolphus College football team, is a math major, and he is very good with numbers. Tom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dahlberg of 513 North Freeman, Luverne, has, with less than two full seasons under his belt, established himself as one of the best running backs in the history of Gustavus football.

Last Saturday Tom led the NAIA sixth-ranked Golden Gusties

against the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs, and he ran away with game honors. The powerful fullback was called on 29 times and he responded by gaining 208 yards and scoring one touchdown as his team claimed a 41-15 victory. ...

Only once in the 1970 season has Tom failed to gain over 100 yards in a game. For the eight games thus far he has averaged 127.5 yards per contest. Which breaks down further to 5.2 yards per carry. He has also scored eleven touchdowns for the Golden Gusties.

Tom Dahlberg is a math major. Tom Dahlberg is a football fullback. Tom Dahlberg likes to add up numbers, both in the classroom and on the field.

### 75 years ago (1945)

•Gleaming new 1946 Chevrolets sounding an appealing note in sleek, modern styling, and embodying the latest results of new engineering progress, are on display at Connell Chevrolet in Luverne. Due to the uncertainty of delivery Mr. Connell was not sure he’d have a model to show Saturday and consequently did not advertise the fact last week.

“The new models mark an outstanding step in Chevrolet’s progress as top producer in the automotive industry,” said Mr. Connell of the Connell Chevrolet. “More Chevrolets than any other motor car were sold in 10 out of the last 11 years of prewar automotive production.”

### 100 years ago (1920)

•Concerning “The Old Homestead,” which comes to the Palace theatre next Monday, it is said that to witness it is to really breathe the atmosphere of the New Hampshire hills, to meet the good folks at Swanzey is to touch life where it is sweet and wholesome.

The story begins in a scene showing the old homestead of the Whitcombs. Here the audience makes the acquaintance of Uncle Josh, Aunt Matilda, the Ganzey boy, Rickety Ann, dear old Cy Prime and Seth Perkins, whose rather belated courtship of Aunt Matilda furnishes much quaint comedy.



## OBITUARIES

### Shannon Walgrave

Shannon Walgrave, 49, Beaver Creek, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at the Avera-McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A private funeral service was Friday, Oct. 30, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was in the Prairie Queen Cemetery in Nunda, South Dakota.

Shannon Alan Walgrave was born on April 20, 1971, to Rodney and Judy (Thoreson) Walgrave in Luverne. He grew up in Luverne and graduated in 1989 from Luverne High School. He continued his education at South Dakota State University in Brookings, where he studied computer technology and history. He then lived and worked in Worthington for a few years before moving to Texas in 1996. There he worked in retail management at Target and Best Buy.

Shannon married Margo

Webster on July 27, 2004, in Hurst, Texas. They moved to southwest Minnesota in October of 2004 to be a part of a small community and raise their son, Xander. Shannon continued to work various retail management positions. In 2008 Shannon was diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

Shannon was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He volunteered with the Luverne BackPack program, the local ESL program, and as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. He enjoyed online games, building computers and fishing. He was an avid collector of Star Trek and Star Wars movies

and merchandise. He loved to learn and was an avid reader. He was so proud to be a dad and loved his family.

Shannon is survived by his wife, Margo Walgrave, of Beaver Creek; children Kathy Perry of Tyler, Texas, Montana Ennenga of Statesville, North Carolina, and Xander Walgrave of Beaver Creek; grandchildren Vanessa, Valerie, Levi and Evelyn; his parents, Rod and Judy Walgrave of Luverne; siblings Tim (Amber) Walgrave of Luverne, Nichole (Matthew) Skattum of Eden Prairie, and Mandy Skattum of Luverne; his grandfather, Arvid Thoreson of Luverne; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arnold and Lucille Walgrave and Shirley Thoreson; and his brother-in-law Nate Skattum.

Arrangements were provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1105 F)

### Donald Spease

Donald Raymond Spease, 87, Luverne, died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth.



A private family burial service was Saturday, Oct. 31, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne with full military honors. A celebration of life will take place next summer.

Donald Spease was born on Feb. 20, 1933, to Chester and Ethelwyn (Coon) Spease in Luverne. He received his education in the Luverne School District, graduating in 1951.

In 1952 Don enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving at air bases in Wyoming, Illinois, Texas, Florida, Germany and France before his discharge in 1956. He continued to serve his country in the South Dakota Air National Guard from 1958 until 1965.

Don married Myrna Funk on July 13, 1956, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Four children were born to this union, Kimberly, Randall, Mark and Jana. Amy joined the family in 1974. Don enjoyed attending all the children's activities and also coached 4-H softball.

Don became a partner with his father in the Spease Tire Shop until 1975. Later on, he worked as a car salesman for Davis Motors, which later became Connell Car Care. Following his retirement he was employed by Mary Jane Brown home in Luverne until 2013. Don also enjoyed working with children as a foster grandparent at the Luverne Elementary School until 2015.

Don was a member of the First Baptist Church and

sang in the choir, served as a deacon and taught Sunday school for many years. He was a member of the Luverne VFW, ACE, and also volunteered at the Luverne Hospital.

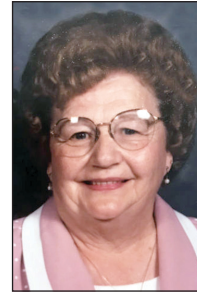
Don is survived by his wife, Myrna; two sons, Randy (Becky) Spease of Pine River and Mark (Stephanie) Spease of Spooner, Wisconsin; three daughters, Kim (Greg) Eisenhuth of Embarrass, Jana (Russ) Brix of Mankato, and Amy (Tim) Schuchard of Sartell; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two nieces; two nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Douglas; and a brother, Loren.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (1105 F)

### Lena Marbus

Lena Jean Marbus, 90, Hills, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, at Avera McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A private funeral service was Monday, Nov. 2, at the Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills. Burial followed at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Valley Springs, South Dakota.

Lena Pap was born Nov. 23, 1929, to John and Wilhemina (Haverkamp) Pap on a farm near Beaver Creek. Lena grew up on a farm near Valley Springs, where she attended school.

Lena married Jake Marbus on June 4, 1947, at the Reformed Church in Valley Springs. She and Jake lived

and farmed in the Hills area. Her husband, Jake, died in 1997. Lena and a good friend, Geri Steinberg, spent many days together and enjoyed traveling together. Lena was a resident of the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills since October of 2019.

Lena was a member of Valley Springs Reformed Church. She enjoyed baking and sharing her treats at Christmas time. Lena was a fun-loving grandmother who enjoyed playing games, joke around and simply loved her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Dianne (Jack) Boatright of Hartford, South Dakota; three granddaughters, Dawn (Thad) Wells of Sioux Falls, Sandra (Bob) Peterson of Canova, South Dakota, and Pamela (Greg) Jensen of The Dalles, Oregon; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Lena was preceded in death by her husband, Jake; four infants; her parents; and sisters Minnie Parmer, Margie Pap, Nellie Pap and Gertrude Marbus.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (1105 F)

### June Webster

June Marlyn Webster, 92, Hills, died peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.



A private family inurnment will be in May of 2021 in Montrose, South Dakota.

June White was born on June 2, 1928, to Guy and Emma (Albertson) White on the family farm just west of Montrose, South Dakota. She graduated from Montrose High School in 1945. She moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and served as a maid for William Hollister.

On June 2, 1947, June married Wilbur Webster at Montrose. Five children were born to this union: Dianna, Debbie, Dalton, Dawn and Dan. Together they worked three family farms. They moved to Lovell, Wyoming, in 1970, leaving Dianna and Debbie in South Dakota and taking the other three children with them. They moved to Hanna,

Wyoming, in 1975, where they owned and operated a self-service gas station, a tire repair shop, a Laundromat, a trailer park and rental storage units. Wesley and June retired in 1991. They both loved Wyoming and enjoyed hunting and going camping in the mountains. For years June held the family record of harvesting the largest elk.

June moved to the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills in March of 2016.

She is survived by four children, Dianna (Greg) Spath of Luverne, Debbie (Wayne) Krumvieda of Sioux Falls, Dalton (Leslie) Webster of Lakewood, Colorado, and Dan Webster of Gillette, Wyoming; a brother, Robert (Ruth) White of Montrose; a sister, Sharon Ellis of Sioux Falls; grandchildren Jennifer (Ardell) Van Wattering, Jill (Shawn) Swenson, Mike Spath, Darren (Tonia) Krumvieda, Valerie

(Andy) Eggebraaten, Jason (Sasha) Krumvieda, Connor Webster, Abby (Kyle) Lampela, Kayla (Jared) Goode, and Jeri (Mike) Potvin; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; son-in-law Weston (Jorga) Munns of Townsend, Montana; sisters-in-law Audrey White of Baltic, South Dakota, Betty Painter of Montrose and Josie Herrboldt of Sibley, Iowa; brother-in-law Vernon Arends of Sioux Falls; many nieces and nephews; and bonus daughter Debbie Hellwinckel of Beaver Creek.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley, in 2010; a daughter, Dawn, in 2009; a grandson, Josh Munns, in 2005; her parents; brothers Lawrence and Marian (Butch); sister Donna Arends; and brother-in-law Don Ellis.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1105 F)

### Arlene Hoeck

Arlene O. Hoeck, 95, Hills, died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.



A funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with burial at Memory Gardens in Luverne.

Memorials are preferred to the East Side Lutheran Radio Broadcast or to the Tuff Memorial Home.

Arlene Sundem was born Aug. 26, 1925, to Sam and Kristine Sundem near Hills. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. She graduated from Hills High School in 1943 and then attended Nettleton Commercial College in Sioux Falls.

She graduated in 1944 and then worked as a secretary at McKinney-Allen Insurance.

Arlene married Gordon Hoeck on Oct. 5, 1947, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. The couple farmed near Hills and Jasper before returning to farm at Hills.

Arlene was a member of East Side Lutheran Church, active in WELCA, Altar Guild, teaching Sunday School and playing the piano for the Sunday School children's music time for many years. She also was responsible for the church cradle roll for a

number of years.

Arlene was active in the Valdres Samband and Sons of Norway. She and her mother and sisters traveled to Norway in 1976 through the Sons of Norway.

Arlene is survived by her two children, Linda Hoeck of Sioux Falls and Darwin Hoeck of Hills; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, in 1985; her parents; two sisters, Margaret Anderson and Selma Rich; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; and four nephews.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com. (1105 F)

### Herman Buys

Herman Leonard Buys, 85, Hardwick, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital in Luverne.



A funeral service was Monday, Nov. 2, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Herman Buys was born on May 10, 1935, to John and Johanna (Wiekeraad) Buys on the farm by Chandler. He was baptized at the Chandler Reformed Church and attended country school through the eighth grade, both in Chandler. In 1951 Herman was a hired man for his Uncle Bill until he purchased his own farm near Hardwick in 1963.

On Oct. 25, 1963, Herman married Dorothy Harms at the First Reformed Church in Inwood, Iowa. They made

their home on the farm place, milking cows and farming the land. Herman lived on the farm for the remainder of his life. Dorothy died on March 21, 2017.

Herman was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. He was a member of the Men's Brotherhood and Hardwick Community Club. He and Dorothy enjoyed pulling the Hardwick float through many parades. Herman also enjoyed bowling, fixing puzzles (many times in the hayloft), going to auctions, especially toy sales to collect White and Oliver tractors, and listening to South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers. He enjoyed drives through the countryside, eating at the Green Lantern and having coffee

with friends in Hardwick and Kenneth.

Herman is survived by his children, Leann (Dave) Hoogland of Hardwick and Melroy (Laura) Buys of Edgerton; five grandchildren Chelsey (Alex) Huisken, Cole Hoogland, Jessica, Miranda and Kayla Buys; two great-grandchildren, Beckett and Greyli Huisken; siblings LeRoy (Patsy) Buys of Chandler and Linda (Bob) Schelhaas of Edgerton; sisters-in-law Berdena Buys, Donna Buys and Genevieve Vis; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy his parents; a sister, Anna Gorter; and brothers Gerald, Edward and Melvin.

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### Maverick Anderson

Maverick Gabriel Anderson of Burnsville was born on Oct. 9, 2020, and died on Oct. 25, 2020, in his loving parents' arms at the University of Minnesota Children's Masonic Hospital in Minneapolis.



The family is planning a private service with burial at Fort Calhoun Cemetery in Nebraska. Memorials are preferred to CDH International at https://www.cdhi.org.

Maverick was a brave

warrior who put up a spirited 16-day fight with congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH).

He was loved deeply and touched many lives during his short stay on earth.

Maverick is survived by his parents, Logan and Sarah (Jensen) Anderson of Burnsville; paternal grandparents Lee and Ruth Anderson of Fort Calhoun, Nebraska; maternal grand-

parents Curt and Laurie Jensen of Slayton; aunts and uncles Pete Jensen and Samira Rockler of Mankato, Rob Ducre and Cara Andersoon of Omaha, Nebraska, Garrett Anderson of Omaha, Nebraska, and Brian and Emily Moore of Lincoln, Nebraska; his cousin Isaac Moore of Lincoln, Nebraska; and many other relatives.

Arrangements are provided by Sievers Sprick Funeral Home, Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, www.sieverssprickfuneralhome.com. (1105 F)

### Michael Vance

Michael Allan Vance, 73, Luverne, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, at his home.



A memorial gathering will be held at a later date to celebrate Mike's life.

Michael Vance was born on Nov. 1, 1946, to Bud and Marian (Brekke) Vance. He was raised on his grandparents' farm near Garretson, South Dakota. He attended Beaver Creek Public School, graduating in 1965.

On Jan. 8, 1966, he married Nancy Connell at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Mike entered the service in late March 1966 and was stationed in South Carolina. When Mike returned from the service,

they made their home in Luverne. Mike was employed by Luverne Bumper, IBP and the U.S. Postal Service in Luverne prior to establishing his own home repair and painting business.

Mike had a great sense of humor, loved practical jokes and had a talent for impressions. He enjoyed coffee with the guys at the BP station in Luverne. Nancy and his daughters were the light of his life.

Mike is survived by his daughters, Shelly Vance of Hardwick and Vickie (Greg) Fiske of Minneapolis; honorary daughter Linda Dickman

of Hardwick; siblings-in-law Tom Connell of Fremont, Nebraska, Richard Connell of Champlin, Dennis Connell of Phoenix, Arizona, Mark (Mary) Connell of Maple Grove, and Patricia (Donald) Bents of Worthington; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Nancy, on Aug. 11, 2020; grandparents; many uncles and aunts, brother-in-law, Jerry Connell; sisters-in-law, Karen Connell and LaDonna Connell; In-laws, Delores and Leo Connell; and honorary daughter, Paula Dickman.

Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1105 F)

## SERVICE

### Curtis Thorson

Curtis N. Thorson, 56, Luverne, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, also at the church. A link to the live-stream service can be found at the Hartquist website. Private family burial will be at a later date at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

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needed. "So, it really came down to 'What can we allow?'" Herda said. "Can we allow anyone off campus? What do we have to do on campus?"

When asked how the students are responding, Herda sighed. "They're frustrated," she said. "Mostly because they can't see their families. Right now the only off-campus travel is for medical appointments, so they're getting anxious."

While some off-campus activities have resumed this fall, summer was most disappointing. "A lot of them usually have work opportunities in the summer, and we had to cancel all of that," Herda said. "And it's really heartbreaking, because that's when they can get out and earn money."

But she praised the youth and the staff for positive attitudes. "Honestly, they're handling it very well. We're really lucky with this group of kids," Herda said.

"They've had a lot of patience. They've been helpful with cleaning the building, they're making sure they use hand sanitizer, wearing masks when they're in therapy."

### Riding out the pandemic

The facility normally operates at a capacity of 28 students, but that number dropped to 20 amid the pandemic, according to SYS education director Carole Naasz.

"There's no

transportation between entities ... DOC, DHS, no travel," Naasz said. "That was one of the hits we took."

As a result, many young people in the criminal justice system were frozen in time.

"What's really unfortunate is that court stopped," Naasz said. "So any student waiting for a court appearance, sorry. They just have to chill where they are, whether it's here, home or JDC juvenile detention center."

Herda said it's just one of many pandemic side effects. "Everyone got put on hold because of it," she said. "There was no movement between placements and residential."

The result was that some students who were bound for Magnolia didn't get there, and some who were graduating from SYS couldn't leave.

Herda said students work their way through five levels of privileges toward completing the program.

"We had one kid on his highest level of privileges for a long time, but we couldn't move him," she said. "He was here an extra four months and didn't need to be."

### Independent life skills

To make the most of their time in Magnolia, students in an Independent Life Lessons class learned how to do home improvements.

"We basically remodeled the whole building, and the kids did 90 percent of the work,"



Living quarters were redesigned to feel less like residential treatment and more like home. For example, glow-in-the-dark stars shine from ceilings in bedrooms and day areas have brighter lighting and cheery decor, said new SYS director Morgan Herda, pictured above.

Herda said. "They were involved in changing out furniture (donated school furniture from Luverne district) and painting ... The kids took so much pride in it."

Greys and blues were chosen for primary wall colors as another way to instill calm in the building.

"A lot of these kids go through chaos all the time, so my main goal was for things to be calming and comfortable for the kids," Herda said.

That also meant designing living quarters that felt less like residential treatment and more like home.

For example, glow-in-the-dark stars shine from ceilings in bedrooms and day areas have brighter lighting and cheery decor.

### Treating the whole child

Treatment and education at SYS go far beyond paint colors in a room, however.

"Mental health is so important, and the kids are different than they used to be in terms of their coping

skills," Herda said. Naasz has been with the Magnolia facility for nearly 20 years and said programming has shifted with the clientele it serves.

"We used to get criminals and criminal behavior, like gang activity and car thieves," she said.

"Now it's kids that struggle more with mental health. The ones with criminal backgrounds are at home on ankle bracelets. The kids that are here need more structure and treatment."

Herda said it's important to recognize that SYS students today are products of their environments, having experienced abuse, neglect and often severe trauma.

"Each kid is different for how to respond to them and treat them and how you work with them on how to handle stress and triggers," Herda said.

"The kids here have made mistakes or they've had a rough upbringing but every single kid here

right now is so special in their own way."

### A COVID Christmas

The annual SYS Angel Tree in the front lobby will not be accessible to the public this year, due to pandemic restrictions.

The tree bears cards with requests from SYS students, and churches, families, individuals, organizations and businesses collect the cards at fulfill wishes.

Naasz said she's working with a few locations in Luverne for potential SYS tree displays, and she's hoping gifts still come in for the Magnolia students.

"The holidays will look very different here," she said. "We can't have people come in."

Christmas wishes will be published in the local newspaper, posted on the SYS Facebook page and people can call SYS at 507-283-4425 for gift ideas.

Gifts can be dropped off at the west door of the facility by pressing the doorbell for staff to accept the items.

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But she knew she'd be back.

"When I left here, I told people I left a lot of my life here," Herda said. "So when this position opened, I decided it was a sign that I was ready to apply."

Her predecessor, Jeremy Hough, is now executive director, replacing Don Johnson who retired.

Herda's job duties include policy implementation, student referrals, managing 24-hour operations and overseeing the staff of 37 people, 30 of them full-time.

And, she jokes that she cleans toilets too.

"Humor is important," she said. "If you don't have fun, no one would come to work."

SYS education director Carole Naasz said she appreciates Herda's lighthearted approach to their stressful responsibilities.

"Morgan has brought new energy to us," Naasz said. "She has refocused the staff. As humans we all get in ruts. It's fun to come in and see what's going on, what the plan is and where we're headed."

And, Naasz said, "She's very team oriented. I don't know how we would get through if we weren't."

Herda said teamwork is important for the program to succeed.

"We all can help the kids and be on the same team, and that's our goal together," Herda said. "I came here with a lot of changes and new ideas, and the staff here has embraced them."

She said being young helps her connect with the teens in the program.

"I would say a lot of my own life experiences and being able to relate with kids has set me up to help them through the experiences they have gone through," she said.

"I guess I see myself as a role model, too, not just the program director that they have to listen to."

Naasz said this is important, considering the students' backgrounds.

"A lot of adults in their lives have been punitive," she said. "Morgan has changed that from being punitive to being trustworthy and someone they can talk to."

Herda said she looks forward to operating SYS without pandemic restrictions, but she said her goals for the program remain the same - to help the students.

"I really want the community to understand what we do here and see how hard the staff works here with the kids," Herda said.

"What we do here is life-changing for the kids, and it's so rewarding to be part of that."

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## Halloween 'Street of Treats' a big hit

The coronavirus pandemic shut down Luverne's popular Trunk 'N Treat Halloween event downtown, but the Luverne Chamber staff and volunteers created a "Street of Treats" that offered similar thrills and candy for local families. On Friday the one-way street along the east side of the high school was lined with costumed businesses and organizations who showed their Halloween spirit and waved to passing vehicles. At the end of the "Street of Treats," the Luverne Fire Department handed out pre-packaged bags of candy donated by and assembled by community businesses and volunteers. When it was over, more than 1,100 bags of candy were handed out Friday afternoon. According to Chamber Director Jane Lanphere, 200 leftover bags were shared with the Luverne Elementary School and Southwestern Youth Services. "Thanks to the generous donors and sponsors for filling the bags, and thanks to all who came out to celebrate with the children and their families," Lanphere said.



Josh Noerenberg with Total Card Inc. allows an upclose of his Halloween makeup.



Laura Richters and Danette McClure of Bomgaars are among the final greeters at the south end of the street.



Tami Gangestad of Viking Electric greets families from her post along the "Street of Treats" at the high school.



Katie Walgrave and her children, Fox and Egypt, represent Those Blasted Things on the Halloween street.



Left: Luverne fireman Aaron Altman hands a bag of candy to Jen Beyer and her daughters Anna (center) and Allison.

## FSA NEWS

### Enrollment begins for ARC and PLC programs for 2021

Agriculture producers can now make elections and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2021 crop year.

These key U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety-net programs help producers weather fluctuations in either revenue or price for certain crops, and more than \$5 billion in payments are in the process of going out to producers who signed up for the 2019 crop year.

Enrollment for the 2021 crop year closes March 15.

### 2021 elections, enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in crop-by-crop ARC-County or PLC, or ARC-individual for the entire farm, for the 2021 crop year.

Although election changes for 2021 are optional, enrollment (signed contract) is required for each year of the program. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2021, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2021, the election defaults to the current election for crops on the farm from the prior crop year.

For crop years 2022 and 2023, producers will have an opportunity to make new elections during those sign-ups. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

For more information, contact the Rock County FSA office at 500 W. Gabrielson Road, Luverne, or call 507-283-2369 or email [eva.kramer@usda.gov](mailto:eva.kramer@usda.gov)

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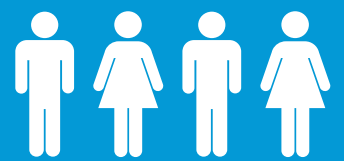
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# Veterans Day takes to the airwaves on Nov. 11 with prerecorded programs/continued from page 1A

Council.  
 •Music performed by the LHS band and choir. The choir recorded "We Will Remember" by Karl Hitzemann.  
 •Taps performed by LHS senior Ainslie Robinson.  
 •Veterans Day speakers are Michael "Mic" Welch and Abby Pierce.

Welch, LHS Class of 1980 and Naval veteran, recorded his speech Oct. 29 at the Herreid Military Museum in Luverne.

He recounted the founding of Veterans Day, the people and the reason behind the annual national holiday.

He also shared personal experiences of 21 years in the U.S. Navy, spending 1,369 days in a submarine, a little more than 7.5 school years underwater.

"I challenge and ask that you capture some of the family veteran's history of your own family and pass that foundation of patriotism and Americanism and the thought of service at a level more valuable than one's self to others and as part of the history of our service," Welch said.

Pierce, a 2012 LHS



Mavis Fodness photo/1105 Luverne Veterans Day 2020 Mic Welch records his message for the Rock County Veterans Day virtual program to be aired at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11. Welch is a Luverne native and naval veteran.

graduate, is a senior airman with the South Dakota Air National Guard.

Her military story is still being written, having joined in 2017.

"My joining the military

came as quite a surprise to my family as I am the first and only real military member in the family," she said in her prerecorded speech.

"I saw the military as

an opportunity to meet new people, grow as a person, prove to myself that I could accomplish something hard, and travel the world — all of which have happened to me."

Pierce talks about basic training, deployment to Afghanistan and the valuable lesson of not always being in control.

"This is a huge thing to learn because — especially in today's world — you might feel like things are chaotic

and out of control," she said. "Some things are, but learning to tell the difference between what you can and can't control — and making the most of what you can — really changes your perspective."

The Rock County virtual Veterans Day program, "Honoring All Who Served," will be broadcast at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, on various platforms:

- KQAD 800 AM or at K101fm.net
- Luverne cable access channels — LUVTV
- Online at <https://www.cityofluverne.org/luvtv>



Abby Pierce

### Hills Veterans Day

Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School will host a virtual Veterans Day program Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The Hills Legion Post 399 will complete the Presentation of Colors and invocation for the program.

High school senior Allie LaRock will provide music along with the school band and choir.

The completed video will be available for viewing on YouTube, according to social studies instructor Randi Oftedahl, who is organizing the event.

### More Veterans Day plans

- Hardwick Legion canceled their annual Veterans Day program.
- The Veterans Day reception at the Herreid

Military Museum in downtown Luverne will not take place.

The museum will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs website at [MinnesotaVeteran.org/VeteransDay2020](https://MinnesotaVeteran.org/VeteransDay2020).

•No public recognition of veterans at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne will take place. In-house activities are planned to recognize each resident veteran.

•The official State of Minnesota Veterans Day Program is also a broadcast this year. The 30-minute recorded program is available starting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs website at [MinnesotaVeteran.org/VeteransDay2020](https://MinnesotaVeteran.org/VeteransDay2020).

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### The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) announced a pilot of the COVID-19 Test at Home saliva program.

As of Wednesday Oct. 28, Minnesotans in two dozen counties or tribal nations will be able to order a saliva test online, to perform in the comfort of their own home. These tests are available in select service areas free of charge to any Minnesotan who believes they need to be tested. It will soon be available to all Minnesotans. "Minnesota's testing strategy includes having multiple options for people seeking out testing," said Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "More options helps to remove barriers, ensuring all Minnesotans have access to quick and reliable testing. The continued increase in COVID-19 cases across Greater Minnesota, tied to small, everyday gatherings, is very concerning. When combined with social distancing, masking, avoiding crowds, and staying home when sick, testing is one way we slow the spread of COVID-19, and the mail order program provides yet another method for Minnesotans to access testing."



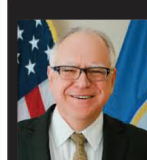
**The pilot Test at Home program is available to residents of Rock County** as well as other geographically diverse areas of the state, prioritizing locations that do not currently have a saliva testing location or where community testing events have been limited. Through the mail order program, Minnesotans can order a saliva test online to be shipped to their home. They then perform the test by spitting into a small tube, under the supervision of a health care professional through a video telehealth visit. Once completed, the test is shipped to the state's new saliva lab in Oakdale, Minnesota, where results are then emailed to the person in 24-48 hours.

"This is a welcome addition to our comprehensive approach to reduce the spread of COVID-19," said Carol Biren, Public Health Director for Southwest Health and Human Services, which includes Rock and Lyon Counties. "We know this continues to be difficult and many are eager for better days ahead. But we must remain diligent in this by social distancing, washing your hands, avoiding large gatherings, masking, staying home when you're sick, and getting tested if you've been in close contact with someone who's tested positive or have symptoms yourself." **Testing is free to all Minnesotans who believe they need a COVID test, including those who are asymptomatic.** Participants will be asked for their health insurance information so the state can bill their insurance company on their behalf. If a person is uninsured or for any reason insurance doesn't cover some or all of the cost, the state will cover the difference so testing remains completely free to everyone.



Promotional material for the state's saliva mail test includes an image showing how the test works.

For more information on the COVID-19 Test at Home program, and to order a test, please visit [COVID-19 Test at Home at www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html)



Earlier this week during the COVID-19 briefing, Governor Walz and leading public health officials repeatedly expressed concern about the level of virus transmission around the state, noting that Minnesotans have reached a critical point where they need to adhere to the current safety measures that are already in place as to avoid dialing back. "We continue to have these conversations. Right now, some of the things that we have in place just simply need to be adhered to like the mask mandate and social distancing amongst family members," Walz said when asked if he's considering shutting parts of the state down the way he did in the early days of the pandemic. "We're not seeing the massive spread in retail settings, so it doesn't necessarily look like there would be a need there," Walz said. Bars and restaurants were relegated to curbside pick-up and delivery during the spring and early summer as part of Gov. Walz's stay-at-home order. Any return of some of the business restrictions seen earlier in the summer may not be as effective, with MDH noting that "social gatherings" are driving the most recent rise in infections, and advised people re-assess their plans over the coming months. "Things that were relatively safe a month ago no longer are safe," said Kris Ehresmann, infectious disease director with the state health department.

Instead of dialing back, Walz and public health leaders are pushing Minnesotans to follow current safety guidelines that call for wearing a mask, social distancing and avoiding crowds. "It's important that as Minnesotans we fully utilize the tools we have that are so much less painful than other options that may need to be discussed," said Ehresmann. Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm referenced studies that suggest Minnesotans are slightly below the national average in terms of wearing masks. "I usually expect Minnesotans to be above average," Walz said, noting that slowing the spread will require 95% compliance with the mask mandate. "Mask-wearing is free and it allows our businesses to stay open. We've seen it time and time again that states that decided to not do those things ended up closing anyway."



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



Sincerely,  
  
 Mayor Patrick T. Baustian





## Cardinals compete against best in state

By Brennen Rupp

Due to Covid-19, the Minnesota State High School League opted not to hold state tournament events this year for fall sports. A crushing blow for prep athletes across the state.

The decision of the board not to hold a state tournament directly impacted the Luverne cross country team.

The good news for the Cardinals runners is there was a two-day showcase in Atwater at the Island Pine Golf Club. The two-day showcase served as a de facto cross country state tournament.

With all the top runners from the state attending, the event provided a chance for the Luverne cross country team to compete against the best of the best.

A total of 91 individuals competed in the girls' small class competition, and the Cardinals had two runners finish in the Top Five.

Tenley Nelson finished in second place with a time of 19:16.9 behind first-place runner Jade Rypkema of Nevis, who recorded a time of 18:57.4.

Jenna DeBates closed out her freshman campaign with a fourth-place finish with a time of 19:22.7.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg recorded a time of 21:05.0



Photo courtesy of Pete Janiszski

The Luverne girls' cross country team competed in a two-day cross country showcase in Atwater on Oct. 31. Pictured left to right: Makena Nelson, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Grace Ingebreston, Regan Feit, Tenley Nelson, Jenna DeBates, Elizabeth Wagner, Kayla Bloemendaal and Tiana Lais.

to place 28th. Regan Feit finished right behind her in 29th place with a time of 21:05.3.

Elizabeth Wagner crossed the finish line with a time of 21:13.3 to finish 32nd.

Grace Ingebreston finished 41st with a time of 21:32.5. Kayla

Bloemendaal placed 54th with a time of 22:06.2.

Camden Janiszski was scheduled to compete in the event, but was unable to attend due to illness.

If there had been a state tournament Janiszski would have qualified.

### Varsity Girls

- (2). Tenley Nelson 19:16.9
- (4). Jenna DeBates 19:22.7
- (28). Brooklynn Ver Steeg 21:05.0
- (29). Regan Feit 21:05.3
- (32). Elizabeth Wagner 21:13.3
- (41). Grace Ingebreston 21:32.5

## Cardinals' defense shines again in 35-0 victory

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals entered Friday night's football matchup with the Windom Area Eagles owning a 2-1 record, outscoring the opposition 54-0 in both victories.

In Windom on Friday, Oct. 30, Luverne's defense once again held the opposing team off the scoreboard. The Cardinals' defense picked up its third shutout of the season with a 35-0 victory over the Eagles.

"I think the main thing defensively is we have to stop the run, which is important," Luverne head coach Todd Oye said.

"Our pass defense has been solid. Anytime you can stop the run and force teams into the strength of our defense, which I think is our pass defense, that's the big key."

On the first possession of the game, Luverne's defense came up with a big play. LaShad Smith picked off a pass to set up the Cardinals near midfield.

It only took five plays for the Cardinals to capitalize on the turnover. Bailey Cowell connected with Gannon Ahrendt for a 23-yard passing touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt was not good.

With 5:34 left in the first quarter, Luverne's Eli Radtke recovered a Windom fumble.

Smith scored the team's second touchdown two players later. Casey Sehr and Cowell hooked up for the two-point conversion to put the Cardinals up 14-0.

With 25 seconds left in the first half, Smith scored his second touchdown of the game. Smith's two-yard rushing touchdown put the Cardinals up 21-0 following the extra point.

In the third quarter, Smith scored his third touchdown of the game. Following the extra point, the Cardinals led 28-0 with 59 seconds left in the quarter.

In the last two games Smith has five rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown.

"He has very good vision," Oye said. "I know Homecoming week he made an effort to concentrate on what he was doing in football. I think you can see that with the way he's played. He's really stepped it up a level."

Trevor Halverson wrapped up the scoring in the fourth quarter. Halverson scored from one yard out to put the Cardinals up 35-0 following the extra point.

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## Big South foes overpower Cardinals

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne volleyball team ran into two of the best teams in the Big South Conference this past week. The Cardinals went 0-2, losing matches to Marshall and Redwood Valley.

The Cardinals opened the week by playing the second-ranked Marshall Tigers in Luverne on Tuesday, Oct. 27. The Tigers proved worthy of their high ranking by sweeping the Cardinals.

The visiting Tigers won the opening set 25-12 and never took their foot off the gas. It was all Marshall again in the second set with the Tigers winning 25-10.

Marshall completed the sweep of the Cardinals by taking the third set 25-16.

Christina Wagner led Luverne with eight kills. She also added one block.

Regan Bork recorded 13 assists. Macy Stratton finished the match with 23 digs.

On Monday, Nov. 2, the Cardinals ran into the undefeated Redwood Valley Cardinals. Redwood Valley entered the match with a



Brennen Rupp photo/1105 Luverne VB

Luverne's Christina Wagner goes up for a kill during Luverne's home match against Redwood Valley on Monday, Nov. 2.

perfect 4-0 record.

Redwood Valley left Luverne with that perfect record intact by defeating the Cardinals 3-0.

In the opening set Luverne jumped out to an early lead. Unfortunately, Luverne was unable to sustain that momentum as they eventually lost the first set 25-14.

The second set was a back-and-forth battle with Redwood Valley coming out on top 26-24. Redwood

Valley completed the sweep by winning the third set 25-18.

Gracie Zewiskie led Luverne with 10 kills. Wagner recorded four blocks and four assists.

Bork finished the match with 13 assists. Elise Ferrell recorded 14 digs.

With the pair of losses, the Cardinals drop to 1-5 overall this season. They'll look to break back into the win column on Thursday,

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## H-BC stay perfect with victory over Edgerton

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots football team continued their push for a perfect season on Friday, Oct. 30, with a 36-0 victory over Edgerton. The top-ranked Patriots improved to 4-0 with the road victory.

After forcing the Flying Dutchmen to punt on their opening drive, it didn't take long for the Patriots to get on the scoreboard. On the first offensive play for the Patriots, Gavin Wysong scored on a 78-yard rushing touchdown to put H-BC up 6-0 early in the first quarter.

That was the score early in the second quarter before the Patriots found pay-dirt again. This time it was Tyson Bork scoring on an 11-yard rushing touchdown to put the Patriots up 12-0.

Late in the third quarter, Bork scored his second rushing touchdown of the game. This time it was a 50-yard rushing touchdown for the senior tailback. Wysong converted the two-point conversion to put the



Brennen Rupp photo/1105 H-BC Football

Hills-Beaver Creek's Ty Bundeson comes down with a catch during the Patriots 36-0 victory over Edgerton.

Patriots up 20-0 with 3:37 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Wysong crossed the goal line again. The senior quarterback scored on a seven-yard rushing touchdown. Wysong hooked up with Zander Wysong on the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 28-0.

Wysong and Bork closed out the scoring when they

connected on a 30-yard touchdown pass. Cole Baker converted the two-point conversion to put the Patriots up 36-0.

Wysong rushed for 153 yards and two touchdowns. He also passed for 69 yards and one touchdown.

Bork finished the game with 121 rushing yards and

Patriots win/page 2B

## Patriots drop three matches; fall to 3-5 overall record

By Brennen Rupp

The Adrian-Ellsworth Dragons volleyball team tripped up the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 3-0. The visiting Patriots ran into a well-oiled machine, failing to score over 13 points in any of the three sets.

The Dragons took the first set 25-13. The second set was more of the same with H-BC falling 25-10. In the third and final set, it was the Dragons completing the sweep 25-12.

Abby Knobloch led the Patriots with three kills. She added five digs. Emma Kodet also recorded five digs. Annie Bos recorded seven assists.

A week prior to their latest matchup against Murray County Central on Oct. 29, the Patriots defeated the Rebels 3-1. It was a match that saw the Patriots come back to beat the Rebels after losing the first set.

The rematch saw the tables turn in Hills. This time it was the Patriots winning



Brennen Rupp photo/1105 H-BC VB

Hills-Beaver Creek's Taryn Rauk goes up for a kill during the team's match against MCC on Thursday, Oct. 29. The Patriots lost the match 3-1.

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## Sticky situation illustrates need to always be prepared

By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

In previous columns I have advised keeping a cell phone in your pocket and telling others where you were going to hunt in case of an emergency. And I've also written about falling on a stick and ending up in the emergency room.

Well, I have a different story that happened just a few weeks back that makes this all the more important. I hope my bad luck can drive home to you how important it is to be prepared.

I was hunting prairie grouse in the badlands of South Dakota. It had not rained there for what looked like 10 years. It was super dry and all of the places where water normally was, it looked Sahara Desert bone dry.

I crossed dry river beds, gulches, waterways, streams and every other things that water travels in and never

stuck anything but burrs and stickers to my boots and pants. It was about noon on the last day of hunting. I had dropped off my two hunting partners about 1.5 miles away and was going to drive the truck around to the other end of the cover and pick them up.

I was going to just wander around the

area of the truck to see if I could flush up a sharp tail grouse as I was for the most part just waiting for them to arrive. As it so happened after I crossed a cattle gate, I flushed a grouse and killed the bird that fell across a very small dried out river bed into a small patch of willow trees.

It was only about 4 feet deep and 12 feet across and the mud was so dried and cracked that you could have dropped the tires of a small car in the cracks. It looked just like everything else I had traversed for more than 30

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# Luverne to tangle with Redwood in battle of 3-1 teams

**By Brennen Rupp**

It will be a battle of two 3-1 teams when Redwood Valley pays a visit to the Luverne Cardinals on Friday, Nov. 6. Both teams' lone loss this season has come against Blue Earth Area, a Top Five team in class AA.

Redwood Valley opened the season with a 34-0 victory over Windom Area. In the second game of the season, Redwood Valley defeated Pipestone Area 18-7.

Redwood Valley lost their first game of the season to Blue Earth Area 46-18. They bounced back last week with a 28-14 victory over Jackson County Central.

"The Cardinal defense has been solid from the get-go as the offense got up to speed," said Seth Toupal, the Cardinals' sports announcer for KLGR radio in Redwood Falls.

"With the exception of their loss to Blue Earth Area (arguably the best team in AA), the Cardinals have played very good situational

football on both sides of the ball, dominating time of possession and limiting the possessions of opposing teams. Considering the series of events that led to the start of this shortened fall season, the Cardinals don't seem rattled."

Luverne opened the season with a 22-0 road victory over Pipestone Area and then lost to Blue Earth Area, 41-10.

Since that loss the Luverne Cardinals have defeated Jackson County Central 32-0, and Windom Area 35-0.

Redwood Valley sports a balanced offense that's averaging 24.5 points per game. Toupal said that it's an offense that's well balanced that keep's opposing teams on their toes defensively.

"The Cardinals are a well-rounded team offensively," Toupal said about Redwood Falls.

"They have the ability to control the clock when they have the lead but are

able to score quickly if necessary. They use motion and misdirection to their advantage and have a set of very sure-handed receivers that have a knack for breaking tackles and picking up extra yards."

It will be strength versus strength when the two Cardinal teams take the field on Friday in Luverne.

Redwood Valley has one of the best aerial attacks in the area, while Luverne's pass defense is one of the stingiest.

"The Cardinals are led by quarterback Alex Lang, who uses his receivers Connor Josephson and Drew Lundeen to move the chains," Toupal said.

"Carter Johnson gives the Cardinals a big, physical runner who can power through opposing defenses. The offensive line also deserves a ton of praise for keeping the pocket clean and creating good running lanes."

Through four games Redwood Valley's defense

is giving up 16.7 points per game.

"Defensively Redwood Valley does a good job of pressuring the quarterback," Toupal said.

"This is through a combination of great coverage by their defensive backs and a physical defensive line. The Cardinals get a great push up front and excel at putting teams in second and third and long situations."

Redwood Valley's lock down defense will be tasked with trying to contain Luverne running back LaShad Smith.

Smith enters the game on a roll, rushing for five touchdowns and adding a receiving touchdown in the last two games.

Luverne's defense is giving up 10.3 points per game and has held teams off the scoreboard in all three of their victories this season.

With the two 3-1 teams boasting elite defenses points will likely be at a premium.

# Patriots stay perfect/page 1B

two rushing touchdowns. He added 30 receiving yards and one receiving touchdown.

It wasn't the cleanest of games for H-BC offensively. H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said his team made enough plays to come out on the winning end.

"Offensively we didn't get in much of a rhythm, but we give credit to them," Metzger said.

"They were able to take some things away from us. We were able to make a few big plays and make them play from behind, which is key to beating Edgerton."

Tory Knobloch led the team with nine tackles. Chase Bosch recorded seven tackles.

Donovan Leenderts tallied six tackles and one sack. Gavin Wysong recorded six tackles. Bork finished with five tackles.

Casey Kueter recorded four tackles and one sack. Zander Wysong recorded

four tackles. In four games this season the Patriots have given up just 14 points.

The team's 36-0 victory over Edgerton marked the second time this season that they kept the opposing team off the scoreboard.

"Edgerton is a physical ground and pound team," Metzger said.

"We talked all week about getting them in third and long. We were able to do that most of the night. They are a senior-oriented group with a lot of size and experience. They are a much better team than their record shows."

**HBC 6 6 8 16 36**  
**Edgerton 0 0 0 0 0**

**Passing: G. Wysong 3-7, 69 yards, one TD**  
**Rushing: T. Bork 13-121-2; G. Wysong 11-153-2**  
**Receiving: Bundesen 1-33-0; T. Bork 1-30-1**  
**Tackles: Knobloch 9; Bosch 7; Leenderts 6; G. Wysong 6; Bork 5; Kueter 4; Z. Wysong 4; Baker 3**  
**Sacks: Leenderts 1; Kueter 1**

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miles in the past four days.

As I stepped down this gentle bank, I took a few steps and the next thing I knew I had fallen through the top dried crust and was arm pit deep in a substance that could only be equated to a giant bucket of sheet rock cement used to tape the seams of sheetrock in new and remodeled homes.

As I was falling, in my haste, I tried to save my new Browning Sweet 16 shotgun from certain death and gave it a shot toss toward the bank on the other side. I could no longer reach it.

It became clear to me when my feet could not touch bottom that I could be in serious trouble. I could not move my feet, and it felt like I was stuck tightly in the mud with a pair of chest waders full of water. As I tried to pull myself out, the crust just keep breaking off and each effort left me sinking ever further into what was later discovered to be cactus flats sediment clay.

I managed to get up into a place where my chest was kind of lying on top. Seconds later that gave way and now I am neck deep with no real idea how it was going to turn out. My gun was out of reach so shooting my gun to signal for help was no longer an option.

I stretched out my arms as far as I could and managed to grab a crack in the mud that held my grip. I pulled in a slow steady way and my feet, legs and hips were slowly released from the

vacuum grip of the wet clay.

When I finally made it to the bank, I sat there for about 10 minutes replaying what had just happened.

If I had not managed to successfully make my escape, the only thing my hunting partners would have found would have been my gun. I turned into an air-dried rock mummy when the clay dried in about four minutes into solid concrete that when dry could be used for bridge pilings.

After a few calming beers and several smokes, I finally had my wits back about me. I reluctantly went back to the spot of my sinking, and the only indication

I had ever been there was a spot about 2 feet wide and 6 feet long with a sheen of gray clay that had already started to crack and dry. In an hour there would have been no sign at all. It still looked like every other dry creek bed I had crossed.

The moral of the story is an important one. Tell someone where you are going and when you will be home. My phone in this situation was in my back pants pocket and I could not have reached it on a bet. This will never happen again and from now on will ride in my upper vest pocket.

Hunting and recreational shooting are very safe outdoor adventures, but this by no means take no precautions. I have hunted often since this event but with a great deal more caution. You should, too.

# Patriots drop three matches/page 1B

the first set and the Rebels coming back to win the next three sets to beat H-BC 3-1.

In the opening set, the Rebels tallied the first two points. The Patriots answered back to score the next five to take a 5-2 lead. It was a lead they wouldn't relinquish the rest of the set as they went on to win the first set 25-18.

Kenadie Fick led the Patriots with three kills in the opening set. Taryn Rauk, Abby Knobloch, and Taylor Durst all recorded two kills.

The Rebels never trailed in the second set. The visitors took the set 25-16 to even the match at 1-1.

Knobloch and Rauk both recorded two kills in the set to lead the Patriots. Emma Kodet recorded one ace.

The third set was a back and forth affair. With the two teams tied at 2-2, the Patriots scored four straight to open up a 6-2 lead.

The Rebels answered back by going on a 7-1 run to take a 9-7 lead. H-BC reclaimed the lead at 16-13. With the teams once again tied at 18-18, the Rebels closed out the third set by going on a 7-2 run to win 25-20.

In the fourth set, the Rebels appeared to be on their way to cruising to victory. MCC jumped out to a 10-3 lead and was in total control of the set.

The Patriots slowly chipped away at the lead and eventually tied it up at 19-19. From there, madness



Brennen Rupp photo/1105 H-BC VB

Hills-Beaver Creek's Taylor Durst skies up for a kill during the team's match against MCC on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

ensued with neither team being able to pull away.

With the set tied at 23-23, the Patriots scored the next point to take a 24-23 lead. The Rebels scored the next point to keep the set alive at 24-24.

The two teams traded points and we're back to even at 25-25. The back and forth continued until the Patriots trailed 29-28. That's when the Rebels finally closed out the set with a 30-28 victory to win the match 3-1.

Taryn Rauk led the team with 11 kills. Kenadie Fick chipped in with six kills.

The Patriots lost a competitive back and forth match on Monday, Nov. 2 to Southwest Minnesota Christian. The visiting Eagles defeated the Patriots 3-2.

The Patriots won the first set of the match 25-16. The Eagles answered back to win the second and third set by the score of 25-21 in both sets.

H-BC answered back to win the fourth set 25-17 to force a fifth set.

The Patriots battled, but ultimately fell in the fifth set 15-13 to lose the match 3-2.

Taryn Rauk led the team with 12 kills. She added four aces, two blocks and five digs. Abby Knobloch recorded 11 kills and two aces.

Emma Kodet recorded two aces and four digs. Annie Bos recorded 32 assists and two aces.

Taylor Durst finished the match with six kills.

The Patriots will be back in action on Nov. 5, against Heron-Lake Okabena/Fulda. The Patriots will look to get back into the win column win they play host to HLOF.

HLOF will enter the match against the Patriots with a perfect 4-0 record.

**HBC 25 16 20 28**  
**MCC 17 25 25 30**  
**Kills: Rauk 11; Fick 6**  
**Assists: Bos 19**  
**Digs: Rauk 4; Fick 2**

**HBC 13 10 12**  
**A/E 25 25 25**  
**Kills: Knobloch 3**  
**Assists: Bos 7**  
**Digs: Kodet 5; Knobloch**

**HBC 25 21 21 25 13**  
**SWMN 16 25 25 17 15**  
**Kills: Rauk 12; Knobloch 11; Durst 6**  
**Aces: Rauk 4; Bos 2; Knobloch 2; Kodet 2**

# Cards/page 1B

Nov. 5, when they hit the road to take on the Pipestone Area Arrows.

The Arrows will enter the contest with an even 4-4 record. Luverne lost earlier in the season to Pipestone 3-0.

**Luverne 12 10 16**  
**Marshall 25 25 25**

**Kills: Wagner 8**  
**Bocks: Wagner 1**  
**Assists: Bork 13**  
**Digs: Stratton 23**

**Luverne 14 24 18**  
**RV 25 26 25**

**Kills: Zewiskie 10; Wagner**  
**Blocks: Wagner 4**  
**Assists: Bork 13; Wagner 4**  
**Digs: Ferrell 14**

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The Cardinals finished the game with 169 rushing yards. Oye said that their success on the ground is due to the play of the offensive line.

"Those guys will say everything starts upfront," Oye said. "They've had games where they've controlled the line of scrimmage."

With the win the Cardinals improved to 3-1. They'll look to pick up their third straight win on Friday, Nov. 6, at home against Redwood Valley.

Redwood Valley will enter the contest with a 3-1 record.

"Redwood is always a balanced offense," Oye said.

"They probably have the best passing attack that we will see all year. They do mix in the run pretty well. It should be a pretty close game. If we can run the ball and stop their rushing attack, we will hopefully have a good outcome."

**Luverne 14 7 7 7 35**  
**Windom 0 0 0 0 0**

**Passing: Cowell 5-8-79-1**  
**Rushing: L. Smith 14-86-3; Cowell 6-33-0; Halverson 4-6-1**  
**Receiving: Cowell 2-43-0; G. Ahrendt 3-41-1**  
**Tackles: Kruse 4.5; Overgaard 4**

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Public mass will be celebrated with a limit of 50 percent capacity of the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday. No mass, communion service or rosary at care centers at this time. 5 p.m. Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. mass will be live streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stsclluverne/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.luverncrc.com](http://www.luverncrc.com) — [office@luvernecrc.com](mailto:office@luvernecrc.com)  
Roger Sparks, Pastor

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Nov. 5: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Oct. 7: 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service in Sanctuary. Sunday, Nov. 8: 9 a.m. Worship service. Limited seating is available. 10-10:45 a.m. Sunday school for 3-year-olds-5th Grade. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Tuesday, Nov. 10: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 11: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. Mom's Bible Study. 7-7:45 p.m. Confirmation classes for 6th-9th grade. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. — NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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

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

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

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Friday, Nov. 13: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Nov. 15: 9:30 a.m. Service with Guest Pastor Jason Wiersma; Operation Christmas Child offering and shoebox collection. Monday, Nov. 16: 1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. Tuesday, Nov. 17: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 18: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; youth groups.

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

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529; email: [luverneumc@iw.net](mailto:luverneumc@iw.net)

Thursday, Nov. 5: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, Nov. 7: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Nov. 8: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service — SD In-house worship service — Services held on radio and live on Facebook. YouTube will also have services posted. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study with safe distancing. Prayer Warriors after service. Monday, Nov. 9: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 10: 7 p.m. Charge Conference — Zoom meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 11: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Nov. 12: 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

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

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

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

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

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

**New Life Celebration Church**  
110 N. Oakley, Luverne  
Ph. 449-6522; email: [newlifecelibration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelibration@gmail.com)

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

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

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

Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 12<sup>th</sup> St., Garretton, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Laura Phillips, Pastor

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](mailto:lori.firstpres@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sundays, 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Sunday School during worship service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills, Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org). Sunday, Nov. 8: 10 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Nov. 11: 6 p.m. Deacon's meeting. 7 p.m. Full Council meeting.

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

## 'All authority' comes from God

... including election outcomes

Is God in control of the election? If you are a Trump supporter and Biden is elected, you may wonder how did God allow this to happen. If you are a Biden supporter and Trump was reelected, you may wonder as well how did God allow this to happen. I am writing this column prior to the election, so I don't know the outcome and I am not sure even at the time you are reading this if the country will know who the next president is.

Most people I have talked with have a very strong opinion of who should be elected. As Christians we often think that God will allow the person we like to be elected. We even give reasons why God needs to work in what we believe is the correct way.

The Bible tells us that God puts every person into office. If he puts every person in office, that also means he keeps people out of office. Romans 13:1 says, "For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God."

I believe the Bible is without error so I will trust what God says, but I do have questions. When Paul wrote this, the leaders of the day were hunting and killing Christians. The killing of Christians was used as entertainment in the Roman Colosseum. Other murderous leaders like Genghis Khan who killed millions of civilians, or the leaders of Russian, China, North Korea and the Middle East may make us question God's decision.

Yet Paul, as led by the Holy Spirit, said that every position of authority has been placed there by God. Paul goes on to say in verse 6, "They are serving God in what they do."

As human beings we see the small picture

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Walt Moser,  
First Baptist Church,  
Luverne

".. remember and treat our leaders each as a person God put in the office at this time for His purpose."

of things and often see the people in positions of leadership meeting our personal needs rather than considering God's eternal plan. The children of Israel went into captivity because of sin. Romans 1 says that because of sin men will suppress the truth. God uses leaders to show us Christ. God uses leaders to punish sin. God uses leaders for His glory, not ours.

Evil leaders cause us to see the need of Christ a little quicker than a righteous leader. But in this election and all elections, understand that God is in control and nothing stops or interferes with God's plan.

You may be delighted in the next president or you may think he comes straight from the pit of hell, but remember and treat our leaders each as a person God put in the office at this time for His purpose. Everything God does in some way is to point us to Jesus. Know God is in control.

"Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you." Jeremiah 27:17

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ASSUMED NAME: **NorthStar Services**  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
**1046 115th St. Luverne, MN 56156 USA**  
NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name: **Randy VanNieuwenhuizen**  
Address: **1046 115th St. Luverne, MN 56156**

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Signature: /s/ **Randy VanNieuwenhuizen** Date: **10-29-2020**  
MAILING ADDRESS: None provided  
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: northstarservice1@gmail.com  
PHONE NUMBER: None provided

(11-05, 11-12)

## Dorn probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF ROCK FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 67-PR-20-200

In Re: Estate of Raymond Dorn, AMENDED NOTICE OF AND  
Decedent, ORDER FOR HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR FORMAL  
PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 23, 2020, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated April 4, 2014, and for the appointment of Corol Foster, whose address is 302 S. Fairview Dr., Luverne, MN 56156, and Kristy Monger, whose address is 181 Cobblestone Place Dr., Goodlettsville, TN 37072, as personal representatives of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

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

Dated: 11-2-20 BY THE COURT  
/s/ Terry Vajrt  
Judge of District Court

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

(11-05, 11-12)

## H-BC School Board meets Oct. 12

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671  
Minutes  
October 12, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:03 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Media Center via Zoom Mtg for Guest attendees – based on MN Statute 13D.021.

Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board Member Rozeboom was absent. Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve the agenda.

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald).

PATRIOT PRIDE:

- National Custodians Day October 2—Thanks to Lisa Durst, Dalton Bass, Deb Hartz, and Jason Rauk
- Homecoming Week October 19-23
- Bus Safety Week October 19-23
- October is National Principals Month—Way to go Mr. Kellenberger!
- October is Bullying Awareness Month—Unity Day is October 21—Wear Orange
- FFA Corn Drive-10/09/2020
- Volleyball and Football have begun!

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve minutes 9/28/2020. Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by Wysong, second by Rauk, and carried to approve setting changing Staff in-service time from Monday, January 18, 2021 to Monday, January 25, 2021.

Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve Assurances of Compliance with the MN Department of Education.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Rauk, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hills-Beaver Creek Education Association regarding Secondary Teacher Advisory Time.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve 2021-2023 Superintendent/Elementary Principal Contract Agreement with Todd Holthaus.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Committee Meetings: Staff Development/TAB-10/07/2020
- Personnel/Finance-10/07/2020
- Building/Grounds-10/12/2020 (Postponed)

Agenda Items for the next regularly scheduled meeting:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 26
- CHANGED Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 12

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk  
(11-05)

## The Quilted Chickadee

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ASSUMED NAME: **The Quilted Chickadee**  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
**512 Rebecca Ave. Hills, MN 56138 USA**  
NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name: **Rebecca Joy Buchholz**  
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Signature: /s/ **Rebecca Buchholz** Date: **10-24-2020**  
MAILING ADDRESS: **512 Rebecca Ave., Hills, MN 56138**  
EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **quiltedchickadee@gmail.com**  
(10-29, 11-05)

## Sandhurst probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Veta Marie Sandhurst, a/k/a/ Veta M. Sandhurst, Deceased Court File No.: 67-PR-20-249

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 2020, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above name deceased, dated September 16, 2019, and for the appointment of Thomas Dohlman whose address is 1205 S. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: October 19, 2020 /s/ Terry Vajrt  
District Court Judge  
/s/ Denise Brandel  
Court Administrator  
Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
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(COURT SEAL)  
(10-29, 11-5)

## City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 14

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 14, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNESOTA GAS ("CENTERPOINT ENERGY"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS ENERGY FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE AND TO USE THE PUBLIC WAYS AND GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND, PRESCRIBING CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF.

On October 27, 2020, the City of Luverne, Minnesota ("City") adopted an Ordinance granting a Gas Energy Franchise to CenterPoint Energy. The Ordinance serves two purposes. First, it is intended to provide for and specify the means to attain the best possible gas energy service for the public by providing requirements for gas energy with respect to technical standards and related matters. Second, it grants a non-exclusive gas energy franchise to CenterPoint to operate, repair and maintain a gas energy system within the City and contains specific requirements for CenterPoint to do so.

The Ordinance includes the following: 1) imposes on CenterPoint a franchise fee; 2) establishes a franchise term of twenty (20) years; 3) locating facilities, street openings, restoration, and relocation requirements of CenterPoint Energy; and 4) right-of-way permitting requirements of CenterPoint Energy.

It is hereby determined that publication of this title and summary will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance No. 14, Fourth Series. A copy of the entire Ordinance shall be posted at the Luverne City Offices.

It is hereby directed that only the above title and summary of Ordinance No. 14, Fourth Series be published, conforming to Minn. Stat. §331A.01, with the following:

NOTICE

Persons interested in reviewing a complete copy of the Ordinance may do so at the Luverne City Offices at 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN 56156 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.  
(11-05)



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Our heartfelt thank you to Living Rock and Hartquist Funeral Home for the beautiful memorial service. Our appreciation for all of Jolene's friends at RCO, HSI and Special Olympics that meant the world to her. Thank you family and friends for the kindness and love you have shown.

**The Family of Jolene Hunt**  
(11.05-11.12)

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