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Rising in-school cases send Luverne students learning online

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Middle and High School students returned to distance learning Monday as positive coronavirus case numbers within the school district doubled in a week's timeframe.

Elementary students met in-person through Wednesday in preparation for hybrid learning to begin on Monday, Nov. 16.

The change in learning models, effective through Nov. 27, is meant to slow the spread of COVID-19.

When the district opened for the 2020-21 school year on Sept. 8, students in Luverne either attended classes every day (elementary) or on an every-other-day (middle-high school) basis.

Board votes 5-1 to keep extra-curricular activities

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School students are attending classes via distance learning, but in-person sports and activities will continue, according to decisions at a Friday emergency School Board meeting.

After lengthy discussion, the board voted 5-1 to continue varsity activities for high school students.

Under the state's safe learning plan, schools who voluntarily move to distance learning can

decide locally if extra-curricular activities should be suspended as an added precaution to spreading the coronavirus.

In a roll call vote to continue all extra-curricular activities during the distance-learning period, Board Chairman Jodi Bosch voted against the motion.

Learning plan change, extra-curriculars/see 8A

Friday morning, Nov. 6, to formally adopt the learning model change.

Oftedahl further explained the case numbers and discussions among the district's incident command team, a group of medical and school personnel as well as parents, which led to the learning model change.

"We are seeing a sharp increase and it's causing some concern not only for the nurse's office but also for all our staff and administration," he said. "[We're] trying to figure out how we're going to have substitutes in the building, and where we are going to find them."

Between Sept. 8 and Oct. 28, the

Learning plan change/see page 8A

Last week, however, Superintendent Craig Oftedahl announced in a Nov 5 letter to families that the learning models would change.

"This past month we have

steadily watched these numbers increase, but have maintained that our numbers in the school have been low, thus keeping the same learning model," he wrote.

"However, this past week, we

have seen our numbers in school increase, and consequently we felt we reached a level where a learning model change is needed."

Luverne School Board members met in emergency session

Local voter turnout nears 95 percent; Kurtz reflects on historic process

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County's voter turnout in the 2020 presidential election was 94.94 percent, a record as far as chief election official Ashley Kurtz can recall.

"This has been the highest voter turnout since I've been with Rock County," Kurtz said. "The next closest was 2012 where we saw a 94.44 percent turnout."

She said Rock County was the second county in the state to be 100 percent reported on Election Night, and she and her election workers left the courthouse by 10 p.m.

"As far as the polling places were concerned, everything went well there, too," she said. "There were lines at times and it was pretty steady all day long."

She said the mail ballot polling places had 220 voters, which she said is unheard of. "I'm not sure we've ever come close to surpassing 100 before," she said. "Of those 220 voters, 96 of them were voters who registered on Election Day."

She said the number of people voting in person was 2,283.

"While we still have to accept ballots that may come postmarked in the mail tomorrow (Tuesday), our final accepted absentee count was 1,181 and accepted mail ballot count was 1,804 for a total of 2,985 ballots," she said.

"That makes for a total turnout of 5,268 voters."

With Election Day now in the rearview mirror, Kurtz said she's pleased with Rock County's processes.

"All in all, I think that everything went really well in Rock County," she said. "It was a crazy couple of weeks leading up to Election Day but all of the work we completed ahead of time paid off on Election night."

She said the 2020 election was significant for many reasons, but she said the most important message to voters is that everyone who properly submitted ballots had their votes counted in Rock County.

"There's been a lot of hype on social media about ballots that were supposedly 'lost' according to the Secretary of State ballot tracker website. This is NOT true," Kurtz said.

"The ballot tracker will never say that a ballot is lost. It may say that it can't find the record and that's simply because the information entered doesn't match the entry in the voter registration system."

For example, if a driver's license number is the only identifying number in the voter registration system and the last four digits of a social

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A line of cars snakes around the lot near Sanford Luverne's ambulance garage where hospital staff conduct drive-through COVID tests. According to hospital director Tammy Loosbrock, Sanford Luverne is averaging 35 tests per day with some days reaching 55. (Heather Johnson photo)

- Gov. Tim Walz announced Tuesday new steps to stem rising numbers. These include 10 p.m. closures for bars and restaurants.
- Minnesota Department of Public Health will open 11 new outstate testing sites that will remain open through the end of the year.
- Rock County has recorded 450 positive COVID cases so far and the state calls its case rate "concerning."
- Sanford Luverne is averaging 35 COVID tests per day, at times 55.

Testing lines get longer as local case numbers spike

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County's coronavirus cases are spiking along with numbers statewide, and it's affecting how schools operate and the number of patients seeking medical attention.

The drive-through testing site at Sanford Luverne is seeing an uptick in the number of people seeking to be tested for the coronavirus, according to hospital director Tammy Loosbrock.

Since starting in March, the drive-through has done 2,855 tests in Luverne.

"We average 35 tests per day as of the week ending Nov. 1," she said. "However, some days

are 20 and some are 55. Lately it's been getting a lot busier."

Loosbrock said lately about 28 percent of tests are coming back positive. Some patients have been admitted and treated with options like remdesivir and convalescent plasma.

"We have been doing the drive up testing since early into this to keep Covid out of the building," she said.

Testing started in the parking lot, but has now moved to the drive-through ambulance garage to protect workers from the elements as winter weather sets in.

With cases spiking statewide, Gov. Tim

Walz Tuesday afternoon announced new steps to stem rising numbers in outstate Minnesota.

Among those will be a requirement that bars and restaurants statewide close at 10 pm. That curfew will also apply to weddings and other receptions.

Also the state is opening 11 new outstate free "no-barrier" test sites similar to the temporary one hosted in Luverne in October.

The Minnesota National Guard will provide support with logistics for each of the sites, which will open on Monday, Nov. 16.

COVID-19 cases on the rise/see page 8A

Viessmans get tax abatements, grants, incentives for A-1Jet

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County commissioners granted a five-year property tax abatement to a new business to Luverne, A-1 Jet, during their regular meeting Nov. 3.

Scott and Trisha Viessman of Luverne started the water jet cutting and product design business in Sioux Falls in 2005 and are in the process of moving operations to Luverne.

The property at 401 Edgehill St. in Luverne, at one time Hanson Silo Co., was purchased by the Viessmans' real estate holding company, Momadic Properties LLC, in 2019.

Since the purchase, the Viessmans have made improvements to the location for A-1 Jet to operate

there. The city approved a \$3,700 commercial demolition grant last year to facilitate those property improvements.

The estimated market value of the Viessmans' project is \$390,000.

The county's tax abatement will amount to \$3,788 over the five years. A similar request was on the Luverne City Council agenda Tuesday night. The total amount of city taxes to be abated over five years is estimated at nearly \$14,000.

The company will also receive an employee relocation allowance from the Luverne Economic Development Authority to encourage the

Viessman abatement/see page 3A

Schomackers Home Galleries to purchase next-door Sewing Basket

By Lori Sorenson

The Schomacker family is buying the Sewing Basket to operate as part of the Schomackers Home Galleries business in Luverne.

In a statement released Friday, Sharon Schomacker said the Sewing Basket will be a good addition to the family business (mattresses, appliances, flooring and cleaning services).

"Being next door for the last three years, we see the traffic that the Sewing Basket brings to Luverne's Main Street," she said. "We want that reputation and that traffic to continue."

For decades, the Sewing Basket operated between two legendary downtown businesses, Renfro Variety and Luverne Style Shop (now Schomackers).

In July, Barb Bork announced she would retire after more than 40 years and offered her fabric and sewing business for sale. This fall she entered into an agreement with the Schomacker family to purchase and operate the Sewing Basket, beginning Jan. 1.

Schomacker's Home Galleries will continue operating the

Schomackers/see page 3A



COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	450	6.0	+11.9%
Pipestone	463	8.3	+16.6%
Nobles	2,636	24.4	+6.5%
Minnehaha (SD)	14,765	286.7	+15.7%
Lyon (IA)	691	11.0	+13.8%

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

Date Range	9/20-10/3	9/27-10/10	10/4-10/17	10/11-10/24
Rate	31.87	89.24	120.05	96.67

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

Current data as of November 10, 2020. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Luverne grad earns national teaching honor

Nicholas Uilk, an instructor in South Dakota State University's Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, has received the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities national teaching award.

The awards, which recognize excellence in agricultural sciences teaching and student engagement were presented as part of the 133rd APLU annual meeting held virtually Wednesday, Nov. 4.

The award recognizes Uilk's use of innovative teaching methods and service to students.

"We applaud this year's winners of the Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards for Food and Agricultural Sciences," said Doug Steele, vice president of food, agriculture and natural resources at APLU.

"The high bar they've set stands as a powerful example not only to their students, but to other faculty striving to better serve their students."

Uilk teaches a range of classes within many programs including agricultural systems technology and precision agriculture.

He stresses hands-on experiences for his students and strives to provide these experiences to support lecture material throughout all his courses.

One example of hands-on teaching was adding a mobile lab experience, allowing his students to get multiple hours of direct exposure to the technology being used on modern farm equipment today.

"It's an extreme honor to receive this award. I'm extremely thankful for being nominated by SDSU and for the many opportunities it has provided me," said Uilk, who started working at SDSU in January 2009.



Nicholas Uilk, a 2003 Luverne graduate, is an instructor in South Dakota State University's Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. He received an Association of Public and Land-grant Universities national teaching award for excellence in agricultural sciences teaching and student engagement.

Early in his teaching career, Uilk saw an industry demand for graduates with a background in precision agriculture and worked to fill that void by creating a program that taught students the value precision practices can bring to production agriculture.

He has engaged in professional development experiences to improve his teaching and has collaborated with faculty to assist them as well.

He was a recipient of the 2013 Walt McCarty Advisor of the Year award and a 2015 recipient of the Gamma Sigma Delta Excellence in Teaching Award.

"Nic makes learning exciting and enjoyable for his students. He uses high-impact teaching practices and relates very well to his students," said John Killefer, the South Dakota Corn Utilization Council Endowed Dean of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at SDSU.

"Nic can demonstrate the practical application of the knowledge his students are gaining. We and our students are very fortunate to have Nic Uilk as an instructor in our precision agriculture program. I am so proud of Nic's achievement and the positive impact he has on the lives and careers of our current and former students."

Uilk is a 2003 Luverne High School graduate and the son of Wayne and Becky Uilk, Jasper. He earned his bachelor's degree from SDSU in 2008, and his Master of Science Degree from SDSU in 2011.

He and his wife, Krista, and their three daughters live in Brookings, South Dakota.

Uilk is one of two instructors to be honored in the Teaching and Student Engagement category. Wyatt Hoback of Oklahoma State University was the other honoree.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday Nov. 16, at the township hall in Beaver Creek

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the township hall.

Food Shelf cold weather procedures

Beginning the first week in November, the Rock County Food shelf will change its curbside process. Wait in line to park in one of the two parking spaces closest to the building. One at a time, enter the building (masks and distancing required) to register and pick up vouchers. Be prepared for volunteers to put pre-boxed groceries in the car. As the parking spaces empty, the next cars can pull in.

The process will require patience. See the Rock County Food Shelf Facebook page for updates. Thanksgiving week schedule will be 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Operation Christmas Child Nov. 16-22

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

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.

Nutrition Assistance Program Nov. 19

A.C.E. of SW MN sponsor a drive through Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, in the parking lot at 319 E. Lincoln. Call Linda Wenzel at 283-5064 for more information, pre-registration required for those not already enrolled.

Bell ringers needed for Kettle

Volunteer bell ringers are needed for the 2020 Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Nov. 19 through Dec. 24 at Sunshine Foods in Luverne. A mask in required and hand sanitizer will be provided. Sign up for a two-hour slot at <https://signup.com/go/WxOmmiw> or call Carrie Soto, 507-220-8897 with any questions.

History Center hours return to normal

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

Coffee Break and StoryHour meet

Coffee Break Bible Study and StoryHour meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Luverne Christian Reformed Church, 605 North Estey Street. StoryHour involves playtime and Bible stories for children ages 3 through kindergarten. Nursery is available for littles ones. There is no charge and no Bible knowledge is necessary. Call 507-227-5102.

Blaze destroys rural Rock County home

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne firefighters were called to a house fire south of Luverne around 2 p.m. Sunday and discovered it was already engulfed in flames.

According to Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia, the fire was called in by a farmer in a nearby field who noticed flames coming from the house.

"The northeast corner of the structure was already engulfed," he said. Bryanna Cobler and her 2-year old child had escaped through a window by the time help arrived.

Fire crews were on the scene for several hours containing the fire in 25-mph winds which pushed flames to the nearby grove.

"We called Hills to come and help with the grove, but then they got sent to a grass fire in their own area," Van Batavia said.

"We called Magnolia to help haul water, and we ended up pumping from the Rural Water station, which was closer than the hydrant at John Deere where we started."

He said it was structurally unsafe to enter the house, so his crews simply kept water on the blaze to contain it.

"Those old farm houses burn pretty quick," Van Batavia said. "There was no saving it, especially with that wind."

Firemen returned later in the day after

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Michelle Meinerts

embers reignited, prompting several more hours of damage control.

Allan and Evonne Meinerts own the farm site on 71st Street one mile west of Highway 75, and their son, Daniel, and his family made their home on the property.

According to Daniel's sister, Michelle Meinerts, the home has a long family history in the Meinerts family, as Allan's parents made the farm their home in the early 1940s, with Allan and Evonne buying the farm in the 1980s.

"If those crumbled walls could talk, you would get an earful, as many family memories were made and stories were shared in that kitchen," she said.

"We are so grateful everyone is OK. We can't thank everyone enough for their support."

The family has been staying with friends and relatives and said they've received an outpouring of help from the community.

Election results/from page 1A

security number is entered in the ballot tracker, it won't be found.

Kurtz said there could be instances where a shortened first name rather than a full name is entered, or there could be spelling errors.

"We just really encourage everyone to call our office if they are unable to locate their ballot and we can walk them through it," she said.

Kurtz also points out that each state sets its own election laws.

"And while that can be incredibly frustrating, it's simply how it's done," she said.

"Thankfully, in Minnesota, we are able to begin processing absentee ballots 14 days prior to Election Day and mail ballots seven days prior. Had we had to wait until Election Day to begin opening and processing the 2,985 ballots we received in the mail, we would have likely been counting ballots days after the election, too."

Election results

Rock County's only locally contested race was in Hills where Keith Elbers was reelected as mayor.

He fended off challenger Arlen Leenderts with a 192-161 tally. There were 13 write-in votes for mayor.

Also in Hills, voters were instructed to choose two names for council, but Ross Metzger was the only candidate who filed.

Metzger received 345 votes, and there were 119 write-ins for the other open seat on the council. Stacen Burger's name was written on 90 ballots, with the remaining write-ins receiving five or fewer votes.

In Steen, voters had to write in names for mayor and

two open council seats.

Mel VanBatavia received 43 of the 59 write-in votes.

Mark Kruger (15 write-in votes) and Marlin Elbers (14) received the most votes for the open council seats. But they were followed closely by Lynette Woelber, whose name was written in on 13 ballots.

Martin Township voters answered yes to two ballot questions: Should the town board appoint its clerk? And should the town board appoint its treasurer? The measures passed 152-33.

Bill Weber and Joe Schomacker were both re-elected to their respective Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives seats, and GOP incumbent Jim Hagedorn squeaked out a narrow victory over DFL challenger Dan Feehan for another term in Minnesota's District 1 seat in Congress.

Joe Biden has been declared the next president of the United States, defeating incumbent Donald Trump, 279 electoral votes to 214.

The vote count was 76,162,943 (50.6 percent) to 71,529,986 (47.6%) as of Monday with three states still counting ballots, but 98 percent complete.

But if Rock County voters had their way, Trump would have been the clear winner.

Sixty-eight percent of Rock County voters (3,578) chose Trump compared with nearly 30 percent (1,554) who voted for Biden.

For other election data and to see how Rock County voters turned out for other candidates, see the Minnesota Secretary of State website, electionresults.sos.state.mn.us.

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Tuff Home seeks to return to normal after several weeks of COVID-19 outbreak

By Lori Sorenson

While the rest of the region struggles with rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills is seeing a return to normal after an outbreak took the lives of nine residents and sickened many others.

In all, there were 39 confirmed cases among residents over the course of several weeks, and 19 confirmed staff members.

"Families were very understanding of the situation and we tried to keep them informed the best we could throughout the outbreak," said Tuff Home administrator Eli Ripley.

"Families called in frequently asking about their loved ones as well, and the nurses did a great job at reporting on the residents to the families."

Ripley said symptoms ranged from no symptoms at all to weakness and fatigue while some had a cough, some GI issues, and shortness of breath.

"It affects everyone so differently with all the different symptoms people can exhibit," he said.

At the height of the outbreak, Minnesota National Guard helped with some COVID testing processes, and the Minnesota Department of Health sent a surveillance team to Hills to monitor the situation at the Tuff Home.

"The state visit is to be expected during something like this. It created a little more chaos in an already chaotic time, but we did learn a lot from it and it certainly helped us going forward throughout the

outbreak," Ripley said.

"We have since changed the way we look at certain COVID symptoms and try to identify them quicker and react after the analysis of the symptom to help potentially prevent further spread throughout the facility."

Over all, Ripley praised the Tuff Home nurses and staff.

"I cannot say enough about my staff as they stepped up tremendously during this hectic and scary time. It isn't just a job to them as they truly care and are dedicated to these residents. We came together as a team to overcome this difficult time and it has made us stronger because of it."

He said the community and other nursing homes were supportive by helping onsite and having meals brought in to boost morale.

"When you are in the middle of it, it is easy to feel overwhelmed," Ripley said. "But you just have to take it one day at a time and attack each day with the main priority of taking care of the residents in mind."

He said he's grateful for encouragement from the community during and since the outbreak.

"It is a time that no facility wants to experience, but we are fortunate to be in such a great community that it made going through it a little easier with all the support we received," he said.

"Our main goal now is to get the Tuff Memorial Home back to normal operations and continue to provide the best care we can to our residents going forward."



Lori Sorenson photos/1112 plow day

Vintage tractors and plows turn 20 acres of dirt at the Dick and Teresa Kramer farm Saturday for "Plow Day."

Plow Day offers opportunity to 'play in dirt' with two-stroke John Deeres

Rock County's Dick Kramer hosted his fifth annual Plow Day Saturday, Nov. 7, with nearly 10 vintage tractors and plows that turned dirt on 20 acres of soybean stubble on his Springwater Township farm.

When asked about the event's purpose, Kramer said, "It's just because we like to play with our two-cylinder John Deeres." The event attracted 30 people, which included spectators and drivers. Equipment ranged in age from 1935 models to 1970s.



Above left, a John Deere 50 with a sub-soiler plow waits to be taken for a spin around the field. Above right, Dick Kramer's brother, Glen Kramer, is with their uncle Clarence Gorter on a 4020 John Deere tractor.

Below left, neighbors watch as two plows take off across the field. Below right, Dick Kramer heads out to turn dirt.



Viessman abatements/from 1A

company's four to five employees to live in Luverne.

The allowance is \$2,500 per employee for up to two employees for a total of \$5,000.

Under the city's tax abatement program, the entire property value would be included in the abatement.

The county's tax abatement, however, only applies to the property value improvements and not the original parcel.

"We are rewarding the new construction, not eliminating the existing tax base," said Kyle Oldre, county administrator.

Taxes will be abated on a sliding scale with 100 percent abated the first year, 80 percent the second year, 60

percent the third year, 40 percent the fourth year and 20 percent in the fifth year.

In their application to commissioners, the Viessmans indicated they foresee adding four to five jobs at the new Luverne business location.

They also cleaned up the former blighted area, demolishing existing foundations, fencing and silo bases along with remodeling the existing building and putting an addition on the building.

The Viessmans indicated they were not requesting a tax abatement from Luverne School District.

No one attended the hearing or provided comment on the Viessmans' tax abatement request.

Schomackers buy Sewing Basket/from page 1A

Sewing Basket as is and will integrate its products services — including Husqvarna and Viking sewing machines — into the Schomacker business offerings.

"With a shared wall, customers will be able to walk in and out of both stores from the inside," Schomacker said.

She said the coronavirus and shelter-in-place orders

have created a demand for sewing masks, blankets and other items.

"That Luverne has this essential store right here is so valuable to the community," Schomacker said.

The Sewing Basket hours will be expanded to match the Home Galleries hours.

They are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednes-

day and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and closed Sundays.

Schomackers are seeking a full-time manager to operate the business. Applications will be accepted until Nov. 30.

See www.star-herald.com for the June 27, 2019, story about Bork's retirement.

Luverne Community Education announces activities

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.

Men's Basketball meets on Wednesday nights November through February. Fee is \$45.

Grades K-2 Basketball meets twice each month November through February on Saturday mornings starting Nov. 14 to have fun learning skills. Fee is \$15.

Babysitting Basics for students grades 5-8 will be held on Nov. 16 and 19. Fee is \$15.

Manage Your Aches & Pains will be Nov. 18. Attend in person or use

Zoom. Register with your email if planning to use Zoom. Fee is \$5.

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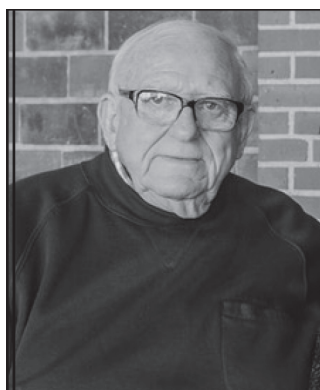
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Weighing odds of pandemic risk during holidays?

(Love them enough not to put them at risk)

A group text among my sisters typically makes the rounds during holidays: "When and where will we gather?" and "Who's bringing what for food?"



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

But this year we're asking, "Should we gather?" And if so, "How can we safely gather?"

There are five of us sisters, and with our growing families we're about two dozen people. We love each other dearly, and with both of our parents recently passing, this year, more than ever, we need to be together.

... Ideally all five of us, preferably at the farm, in the kitchen and around the table where a lifetime of family memories have been made.

We're yearning for a traditional holiday gathering close to each other (we're huggers), talking over each other (we're loud) and visiting nose to nose in side conversations in order to hear over the din.

All of these things, of course, are no-nos in a pandemic, as are shared serving utensils and carrot sticks that no doubt get double-dipped.

Which is why the sister text thread looks different this Thanksgiving.

The otherwise like-minded women are showing their unique approaches to COVID-19.

One of us has had cancer and needs to protect her immune system. One works in the hospitality industry and fears bringing outside exposures to her loved ones. One sees the danger on a practical level, "If it's OK to shop in a busy Walmart, it's OK to see each other." Another is married to a COVID denier who won't wear a mask.

One of us circles through all these approaches, depending on the day and who she's talking to.

This same one broached the subject of delayed Thanksgiving gathering ... or scaled back (maybe just the five sisters — not all 25 of us) to reduce risk. She sent a carefully worded message to this effect to her

fellow sisters and awaited response.

Crickets. For days.

Were they conspiring against her? Were they proceeding with Thanksgiving without her?

She soon regretted sending the message. What was she thinking? Of course we'll gather for Thanksgiving. Pandemic or no pandemic. What's the worst thing that could happen?

Someone could die, that's what ... and circling approaches continue.

It's unlikely, but possible, that someone could end up in the hospital from complications of the virus contracted at our family gathering.

When the group conversation finally resumed, it centered on playing the odds.

Odds are pretty good that one of us in our group will be exposed prior to our gathering and unknowingly spread it around. Odds are that several would get sick, but odds are they would have only mild symptoms.

We should gather for Thanksgiving in a large open space. Wear masks when not eating and keep six feet between us.

What are the odds that's how it will play out in a family of huggers?

As of this writing, we're still weighing the odds and trying to picture what a COVID Thanksgiving should look like.

Meanwhile COVID cases are multiplying exponentially.

What are the odds that will change in time for the holidays?

Odds are too many families will find out the hard way.

Maybe this Thanksgiving we should be thankful for our loved ones and love them enough to keep them safe.

Give locally when you 'Give to the Max' on Nov. 19

Federal tax credit of \$300 available due to pandemic

Nonprofit organizations are at the heart of our communities, but many of our local organizations have canceled fundraiser galas and activities due to the pandemic.

This is not only a loss of social connections, but it represents lost fundraising that would support 2021 projects that strengthen the community.

Nov. 19 is Give to the Max Day, a 24-hour online campaign that supports local nonprofits through GiveMN.org.

This year, we're encouraging readers to participate in Give to the Max Day and specifically support the Luverne Area Community Foundation, a registered GiveMN.org recipient.

There are no products to buy or donor gifts to receive, but registered organizations do benefit by receiving donations plus bonuses for being part of the statewide fundraising effort.

Not into spending money online?

LACF also accepts in-

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person donations at 102 E. Main Street in Luverne (next to the Palace) or by mail at P.O. Box 623, Luverne, MN 56156.

This fall it's especially important to give, because Rock County's legendary Red Arrow fund drive isn't happening, and all the organizations Red Arrow typically helps could come up short in their budgets.

LACF's vision is to "match donor passions through charitable giving."

The annual fall gala fundraiser for LACF is canceled, with foundation directors instead setting the annual goal of \$15,000 with GiveMN.org.

The goal supports the foundation's Community Grant Fund, which supports

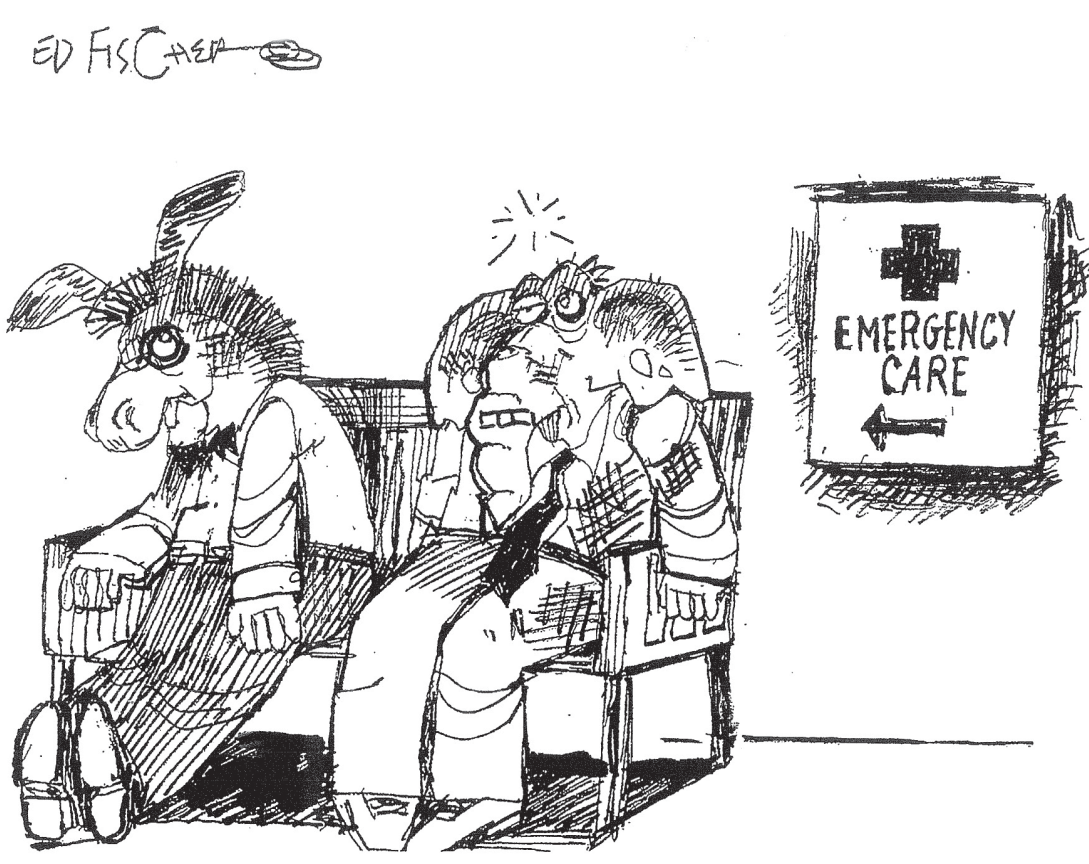
projects to improve health care, human services, the environment, education, community development, arts and culture, recreation and nutrition.

And 2020 donations are eligible for a special \$300 federal tax credit.

The CARES Act permits this universal tax deduction to taxpayers no matter whether they itemize or take the standard deduction on their taxes.

The \$300 is not much, but it's a small benefit for those who want to help our local nonprofit organizations that could certainly use our financial help.

Give, if you can, on the Give to the Max Day and any day, for that matter. Generosity makes our community better.



Know how to safely transport firearms

Question: If a person has a permit to carry in Minnesota, can they transport a loaded rifle or shotgun in a vehicle?

Answer: The permit to carry law applies only to handguns, so the answer is no with some exceptions.

MS 97B.045 – A person may not transport a firearm in a motor vehicle unless the firearm is:

(1) unloaded and in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm, and the case fully encloses the firearm by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, and without any portion of the firearm exposed;

(2) unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle; or

(3) a **handgun** carried in compliance with sections **624.714** and **624.715**.

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ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

may transport an **unloaded, uncased firearm**, excluding a pistol, in a motor vehicle while at a shooting range,

lawfully hunting on private or public land; or traveling to or from a site the person intends to hunt lawfully that day or has hunted lawfully that day, unless:

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- (2) within the boundaries of a home rule charter or statutory city with a population of 2,500 or more;
- (3) on school grounds.

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Green: Congratulations, voters

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the voters of Rock County. You turned out in record numbers to support your candidates.

On the evening when Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were speaking to their supporters in Delaware, celebrating the honor of being chosen to lead the country forward, there was also television coverage in Arizona outside the building where the votes were being counted. On one side of the parking lot there was a group of Biden supporters, and on the other side of the parking lot there was a group of Trump supporters. Separated both by distance, and by how they see the world.

President-elect Biden spoke of many things, but at the center was a call for unity. For citizens to set aside their differences in favor of coming together to solve problems.

Whatever you think of Joe Biden's politics, almost everyone who knows him says he is a good man, an honest man, a man of faith. These equip him for this task. Together with vice-president-elect Harris, they have a great task ahead of them.

The losses and sorrows Joe has experienced in his personal life allow him to feel the sadness of others, and to express the empathy this country so sorely needs.

Hopefully, people can choose to come together, to walk across the ideological parking lots, to talk, to listen, to better understand one another. And, perhaps, to join hands to work through the challenges we all face as a nation.

Our strength lies in uniting together as Americans.

God Bless America.

Larry Green
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Oct. 30
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and W. Fletcher Street reported someone selling items without a license.
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8, Beaver Creek, reported assistance from another department was requested.
Oct. 31
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported walkers on the interstate.
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a possible drunk driver.
 •Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported a large amount of water at location.
 •Complainant on 171st Street reported a property dispute.
 •Report of stolen vehicle at location.
 •A callback request at location in Osceola County, Iowa.
 •Complainant in the Dollar General area reported subject with warrant.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle for road and drive laws.
 •Complainant on Interstate 90 and Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle for poor driving conduct.
 •Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported a possible domestic issue.
Nov. 1
 •Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a possible break-in.
Nov. 2
 •Complainant reported power/internet outage.
 •Pedestrian issue was reported at location of County Road 7, two miles east of Hardwick.
 •A fire was reported on 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek.
Nov. 3
 •A grass fire was reported at location on 160th Avenue.
 •Driving complaint was reported on Harrison and Highway 75.
 •Illegal burning was reported at location on S. Freeman Avenue.
 •A parking issue was reported on N. Jackson Street.
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported political signage within 100 feet of polling area.

•Driving complaint reported northbound on Highway 75, Luverne.
 •Report of road closure on 201st Street, from 180th to 190th, Hardwick.
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported an attempted break-in.
Nov. 4
 •Complainant reported a political sign hanging on bridge eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia.
 •Complainant reported identity theft.
 •Smoke was reported on third floor at E. Luverne Street; possible electrical fire.
 •Complainant on W. Virginia Street reported suspicious activity.
 •Complainant on 171st Street and 110th Avenue, Hardwick, reported a fire.
 •A warrant was issued at location on W. 4th Street, Sioux Falls.
 •Complainant north of 41st Street and 190th Avenue, Ellsworth, reported a field fire.
Nov. 5
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, at the MN/SD border, Beaver Creek, reported pursuit discontinued.
 •Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported a missing child.
 •Complainant on 20th Avenue, Hills, reported a bus arm violation.
 •Complainant on Roundwind Road reported a bus stop sign was run.
Nov. 6
 •Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported theft.
 •Fraud was reported on 151st Street, Luverne.
 •Property was lost at location.
 •A parking issue was reported at location on Hatting Street.
 •Report of property damage at location on E. Main Street.
 In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 11 escorts, 25 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 6 burn permits, 7 alarms, 15 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 15 traffic stops, 17 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 3 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle out, 2 OFPs and 1 follow-up.



Mavis Fodness photos/1112 holiday letters banner

The first campaign in 2019 drew more than 600 letters at the Star Herald's lighted display in the city park. This year the display is at the Star Herald's Main Street office garage door, and letters can be dropped in the mailbox out front.

'Nothing says Christmas like a card from home'

Star Herald sponsors second holiday card campaign for service people

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Star Herald is again facilitating a holiday campaign to send Christmas greetings to deployed military men and women serving the United States around the world.

After the first campaign in 2019, more than 600 letters were mailed through the Star Herald's lighted display in the city park.

This year the display has moved to the Star Herald's Main Street office garage door, and letters can be dropped in the mailbox out front.

"Our goal this year is 1,000 letters," said general manager Rick Petersen who is spearheading the effort again this year.

"We're reaching out to schools, churches, organizations and families." After last year's response, he expects to get 1,000 in no time.

"I was moved — overwhelmed — by people who brought them in. Stacks and stacks of them," Petersen said. "And people really put some thought into them."

Cards will be collected each week and sent to "Military Missions," where they'll be included with care packages to about 8,000 people.

The Star Herald heard responses from some of the service people who had received cards.

"It meant a lot to them," Petersen said.



Cards will be collected in the mailbox outside the Star Herald front door and sent to "Military Missions."

If local families have someone serving in the military that they'd like a card sent directly to, the Star Herald will accept those names and addresses to make sure those cards get mailed directly from Luverne.

Don't put cards in envelopes, don't use glitter (because it gets on

"I was moved — overwhelmed — by people who brought them in. Stacks and stacks of them. And people really put some thought into them."

— Rick Petersen,
Star Herald

the uniforms), and avoid political messages and lengthy religious discussions.

Organizations encourage greeting cards or homemade creations that start with "Dear Service Member" or "Dear Friend."

Petersen said the point of the greeting card campaign is to bring joy to someone.

"Be positive and upbeat," he said. "Be thankful. Feel free to share a little information about yourself like hobbies, pets, and what state you're from."

Cards will be accepted through Nov. 30. Questions can be directed to rick@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.

More than \$7 billion paid in second round of USDA CFA Program

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced that in the first month of the application period, the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) approved more than \$7 billion in payments to producers in the second round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program.

CFAP 2 provides agricultural producers with financial assistance to help absorb some of the increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"America's agriculture communities are resilient but still face many challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These payments directed by President Trump will continue to help this critical industry recoup some of their losses from ongoing market disruptions and associated costs," said Secretary Perdue.

"This program builds upon the over \$10 billion disbursed under the first round of CFAP. Agricultural producers who have been impacted by the pandemic since April 2020 are encouraged to apply for assistance."

Since CFAP 2 enrollment began on September 21, FSA has approved more than 443,000 applications. The top five states for payments are Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota,

Illinois and Kansas. USDA has released a data dashboard on application progress and program payments and will release further updates each Monday at 2 p.m. ET. The report can be viewed at farmers.gov/cfap.

Through CFAP 2, USDA is making available up to \$14 billion for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

CFAP 2 is a separate program from the first iteration of CFAP (CFAP 1). Farmers and ranchers who participated in CFAP 1 will not be automatically enrolled and must complete a new application for CFAP 2. FSA will accept CFAP 2 applications through Dec. 11, 2020.

Eligible commodities

CFAP 2 supports eligible producers of row crops, livestock, specialty crops, dairy, aquaculture and many other commodities, including many that were ineligible for CFAP 1. FSA's CFAP 2 Eligible Commodities Finder makes finding eligible commodities and payment rates simple. Access this tool and other resources at farmers.gov/cfap.

Getting Help from FSA

New customers seeking

one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance.

This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

FSA offers multiple options for producers to apply for CFAP 2. Producers with an eAuthentication account can apply online through the CFAP 2 Application Portal.

Also available is a payment calculator and application generator that is an Excel workbook that allows producers to input information specific to their operation to determine estimated payments and populate the application form, which can be printed, signed, and submitted to the local FSA office.

Producers can also download the CFAP 2 application and other eligibility forms from farmers.gov/cfap.

Producers of acreage-based commodities will use acreage and yield information provided by FSA through the annual acreage reporting process.

Producers have the option to complete their application by working directly with

their local FSA staff or online through the CFAP 2 Application Portal.

CFAP 2 is not a loan program, and there is no cost to apply.

More Information

To find the latest information on CFAP 2, visit farmers.gov/CFAP or call 877-508-8364.

All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only.

All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment.

Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment.

Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone, and using online tools.

More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

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

Sheriff's office investigates death at The Lake

The Rock County Sheriff's Office issued the following press release Monday morning:

"At approximately 2 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, the Rock County Sheriff's Office received a call of a missing person. A member of the Rock County Sheriff's Office would locate a body floating in the water in the southwest corner of The Lake. The Luverne Fire Department and Rock County Ambulance were called [around 3:45 a.m.] to assist in retrieving the body, later identified as Thomas Klein, 57, of Luverne."

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said search efforts focused at the former creamery pond after Klein's pickup was located in the area.

He said the case remains under investigation, but no foul play is suspected.

A full obituary can be found on page 7A.

REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE

The second half real estate tax installment on AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY is due November 16, 2020. To avoid penalty, payment may be made by using the dropbox located in the entryway of the Courthouse (open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday) or mailed to the Rock County Auditor-Treasurer postmarked on or before November 16th. The Auditor-Treasurer's office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, in observance of Veterans Day. Please keep in mind the post office deadlines when mailing in payments and remit the appropriate stubs to assure proper credit. Payments postmarked after November 16th will be returned for the tax and penalty due at that time.

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CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

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

Mel Viessman will celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday, Nov. 15. Greetings may be sent to 500 Phyleon Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

Verna Schmuck will celebrate her 90th birthday on Monday, Nov. 16. Greetings may be sent to 801 E. Dodge Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Wes Pierson will celebrate his 80th birthday on Monday, Nov. 16. Greetings may be sent to 1562201st Street, Hardwick, MN 56134.

MENU

Monday, Nov. 16: Hamburger, potato wedges, green peas, bun, raspberry dream cake.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, roasted tomatoes, bread, cinnamon apples.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Chicken and noodles, carrots, fruit, dinner roll, frosted pumpkin bar.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, green and wax beans, breadstick, pudding.

Friday, Nov. 20: Honey mustard chicken and rice, Normandy blend vegetables, mandarin oranges, bread, chocolate peanut butter bar.

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

Help write, share 9/11 history

The Minnesota Military Museum is seeking stories for a statewide initiative to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The goal of the project is to look at the impact of the horrific events of that day through a Minnesota lens, and researchers are inviting stories from Rock County.

For example: How did your county respond to the attacks immediately afterward? Have local residents served in the resulting Global War on Terror? What are their stories? Have there been events to remember 9-11 over the years since? Stories can be shared directly at www.mnmilitarymuseum.org. Click on "exhibits, test-gallery and share-your-story."



Checkmate!

Mavis Fodness photos/1112 How to Play Chess class through Luverne Community Education. Hoff and four other students learned the game from two LHS students.

Students learn to play chess from other students

By Mavis Fodness

A lot of mental energy was exerted Nov. 4 when beginner chess players learned the game through Luverne Community Education.

Two experienced players, high school sophomores Parker Carbonneau and Ethan Nath, shared rules and tips about the two-person board game with the participating second- through sixth-grade students.

"You've got to think four steps ahead," Carbonneau said.

He also learned how to play chess in elementary school.

The beginners first memorized how many squares each of the 16 chess pieces can move in the game.

Each of the six uniquely shaped chess pieces is named after medieval castes — pawn, rook, knight, bishop,



How to Play Chess is one of several Luverne Community Education youth classes offered this fall.

queen and king.

Goal of the game is to bring the opponent's king to "checkmate," or when the piece can't be moved without being captured by an opponent's piece.

"Never leave the king unguarded," Carbonneau said.

The teen teachers said playing is the best way to learn, and players seemed to agree as they contemplated each move.

"I like the strategy you have to play to try to win," said first-time player Jason Knap.



How to Play Chess instructor Parker Carbonneau (far left) watches Bridget Sandager and Jason Knap play a game at the Nov. 4 community ed class.

1884: How a town named Drake became Magnolia

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

Rock County Village (continued from 11-05-20 edition of the Star Herald.)

During the summer of 1884 an event occurred which resulted in the death of one proposed town and the birth of another. The victim in this case was Drake. That point had proven to be an undesirable location for any expansion on the part of the railroad company, in the way of building side tracks, as it was situated at the end of a longcut. So when a movement to found a town a half mile farther west was launched, the railroad authorities offered their co-operation. The plan for the new town was largely the idea of Ex-Lieut. Gov. W. H. Yale, of Winona, who had large farming interests in Magnolia and Vienna townships, and who was desirous of founding a convenient market. He came to the site on July 16, 1884, prepared to plat the site of the proposed town.²² Any plat that may have been made at this time, however, was never placed on record. Yet there was a start made of the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

town. The railroad company secured ground at the new location and erected a depot building in October, 1884. The station was opened March 13, 1885, and a Mr. Cook, formerly of Ashton, Iowa, installed as agent.

The year 1885 witnessed the complete abandonment of all private and railroad interests at Drake station. The grain warehouse was moved to the newer Drake (as it was known for a while), and in Bits/continued on page 7A

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•On Aug. 23 Luverne joined more than 20 other districts for an early start to the 2010-11 school year.

This new schedule—starting before Labor Day—is called the Flexible Learning Year (FLY) and is intended to open opportunities beyond schedule coordination.

Twenty-five districts are simultaneously training staff to educate collaboratively for better student outcomes.

This concept is utilized in small groups called Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). PLCs within districts can be arranged by grade level or by department.

Cross-district PLCs may initially be utilized by teachers who are the only ones in their department (FACS, Ag, Woods, etc.) to allow those instructors and their students to fully benefit from PLCs.

25 years ago (1995)

•Meeting at noon in a field of cornstalks was a change of pace for the Luverne School Board Thursday.

Instead of just talking about a prospective elementary school site, nine school board members and other interested citizens walked around the site and came away from the meeting with a good sample of the soil on their boots. ...

The area being considered is a 40-acre parcel on the east side of Blue Mound Avenue, roughly north of Veterans Drive and south of a line from Al Christensen's farm driveway.

The school building is proposed to run north and south, on the west side of the land.

50 years ago (1970)

•Tri-County coaches met last week to determine the 1970 All-Conference team.

Four Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots were selected to the 16-man squad: Clair Crawford, 192-lb. senior tackle; Dan Sells, 175-lb. senior back; Eugene Juffer, 195-lb. senior center; and 155-lb. junior back, Jeff Helgeson.

Leon Bergman, 175-lb. senior back from Magnolia is the only Bulldog listed on the team.

Three Adrian players on the All-Conference squad are: Paul Kunkel, Ken Krogman and Dave Lutmer (a sophomore).

Brad Beukelman, Jerry Klumper and Curt Wassink were included from the Edgerton squad. Lake Wilson's Greg Johnson and Bradley Johnson, another sophomore, are listed along with Ellsworth's Gerald DeLeeuw and Atom Boltjes. Jim McLain was the sole Chandler player to receive the honor.

75 years ago (1945)

•Remodeling of the office quarters in the high school buildings have been completed.

The former classroom, to the west of the main office, has now been remodeled into the main office. A new counter has been installed, and considerably more room is provided by the change. The counter is of light oak, highly polished, and the new woodwork and doors are of matching material.

The superintendent now occupies the former main office, and the room formerly used by the superintendent for his private office hereafter will be used by the school board for their regular meetings, and will be equipped for that purpose.

100 years ago (1920)

•The second number of the Luverne Lyceum course will be given next Tuesday evening, November 16th, at the Palace theatre, with the English Light Opera company as the attraction.

This company is an organization of six artists, whose aim is to present some of the best light opera music in a manner that will meet the approval of the most exacting musical critic and yet prove entertaining to the so-called average audience.

With this purpose in mind two distinct programs have been arranged for the present reason. Program number one is a presentation of the favorite comic opera "Isle of Dreams", in three acts, for which particular care has been paid to costuming and stage effects. Program number two consists of two parts. The first part will include solos, duets, trios, quartets, and ensemble numbers. The second part is a tabloid presentation of the famous Gilbert & Sullivan Opera, "Patience."

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October Ira Crosby moved his store building. There was one building on the townsite selected, a building that had been there for many years prior to the more recent activities. That was the residence of George Phinney, who had taken as a homestead the land on section 11, Magnolia township, which was included in the townsite. At the close of the year 1885 a correspondent reported two elevators, a depot and a store in the new town. The Peavey company put up the second grain house.

Every indication for healthy growth was evident in 1886. The postoffice, which succeeded the old Westside office, was established in February with Ira E. Crosby, the pioneer merchant, as postmaster.²³ A third grain warehouse was erected in the spring by Jones Bros., of Adrian, and in the same season the railroad company established stock yards on its property. On May 2 an order was issued by the railroad authorities which officially changed the name of the station from Drake to Magnolia.²⁴ M. T. Hough established a blacksmith shop in May, and during the year residences were erected by P. Phinney, M. Pickett, J. Bill and C. E. Rolph. Early in 1887, O. R. Brooks, grain buyer for the Peavey com-

pany, engaged in the fuel and flour business, and in May A. J. Bonnett opened the town's second general store. Beyond that the town experienced no growth for several years, or until the awakening which the early nineties held in store.

The new order of things in the history of Magnolia dates from the fall of 1891, when the platting of the town became an actuality. The townsite was still in the possession of Ex-Gov. Yale, and it was by him, with the co-operation of Frank A. Johnston, that this important action was taken. The survey was made in October by W. N. Davidson, and on the 19th of that month the plat was filed for record in the office of the register of deeds. The original townsite was made to consist of nine blocks and four outlots. The streets running north and south were named Garfield, Broadway, Washington and Lincoln, and they were intersected by Luverne, State and Main.²⁵

²²Ex-Gov. W. H. Yale arrived at Drake station Wednesday evening, bringing with him the plat of a new station which the Sioux City railroad officials have concluded to locate on the old Hovey farm. The engineers will arrive at Drake Thursday evening, July 17, to stake out the town plat. This will, indeed, be a benefit to the citizens of our township in the way of raising the valuation of

adjoining lands, and will be a help to the county generally." — Correspondence in Rock County Herald, July 18, 1884.

²³Succeeding postmasters of Magnolia with dates of service have been: A. V. Lyle, December, 1890, to July, 1891; M. J. Phinney, July, 1891, to March 1898; M. Pickett, March, 1898, to 1911. One rural route, established in June, 1907, is in operation.

²⁴The town was named from the township in which it is located. The township was named Magnolia at the time of its organization, November 27, 1872. The name was selected by Philo Hawes, after his old home in Rock county, Wisconsin. That place was named directly or indirectly for Pierre Magnol, in whose honor the Magnolia tree was named.

²⁵Two additions to Magnolia have been platted, as follows: Kleine's, by William Kleine, July 11, 1894; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

Gutzler's, by Harriet Gutzler, May 1, 1899; surveyed by W. N. Davidson.

The story of the village of Magnolia will continue in the Nov. 19 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 sent to manmade@iu.net.



'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. Pictured here, sales director Chantel Connell (left) and production director Heather Johnson work on the Rock County Star Herald's park display, a lumberjack to carry Luverne's Flannelfest 2020 theme. This year the official lighting ceremony on Nov. 29 will be headlined by fireworks. 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. Displays can be large or small, as simple as decorating a tree or a slide.



OBITUARIES

Jacquelyn Reverts

Jacquelyn Maxine Reverts, 90, Hills, died on Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital in Luverne.

A funeral service was Saturday, Nov. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial was Monday, Nov. 9, at Jasper City Cemetery in Jasper.

Jacquelyn Straw was born Jan. 12, 1930, to Aaron and Bertha (Thompson) Straw in the workers' cabin at the Jasper Quarry in Pipestone County. She was raised in Jasper and was confirmed in the Methodist faith in 1942. She attended high school in Jasper until the 11th grade. She then worked as a waitress at the Club Café in Pipestone.

On July 5, 1947, Jacquelyn married Harold Neuman at the county courthouse in Fergus Falls. They made their home in Pipestone and then moved to Brandon, South Dakota. Harold was killed in an automobile accident in 1964. Jackie continued to live in Brandon.

On Jan. 4, 1965, Jackie married Delmar Reverts at the chapel of the First Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They first lived on a farm near Garretson, South Dakota, and later moved to various farms in Rock County. The couple separated five years later, but Jackie's passion for buying farm property, fixing it up and selling it continued. In 1972 Jackie moved into Jasper and sold the last of her farms in 1974. She continued working and was employed by Lange's Café in Pipestone, Jr's in Jasper, 3-Straw Café in



Jasper, the Sunrise Village in Jasper, and the Super 8 Hotel in Pipestone. She retired in November of 2008 and in June of 2009 she moved to the Tuff Village apartments in Hills. In October 2020 Jackie entered hospice care.

Jackie credited the soft spot in her heart for civic organizations to her yearlong stay at the Shriner's Hospital at age 3 due to a hip condition. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Garretson and was a top officer. She was active in the P.T.A., a Cub Scout leader, and a member of the Ladies Aid in Jasper.

Her hobbies included bowling and dancing. She was especially fond of waltzes and polkas. She was also a wonderful cook and passed the talent on to her children. She loved raising her family and cherished them.

She is survived by three sons, Dennis Neuman of George, Iowa, Regge (Donna) Neuman of Jackson, and Robert (Mary) Neuman of Benson; and one daughter, Debra (Arnold) Brondsema of Beaver Creek; 19 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Donald (Donna) Straw of Pipestone; and a sister, Kay (Arlen) Skorr of Mankato.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold Neuman; a son, Darwin Reverts; and two grandsons, James and Jacob Neuman.

Arrangements were provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (1112 F)

Thomas Klein

Thomas "TK" Wilfred Klein, 57, Luverne, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Visitation will also be from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian. A funeral Mass will be at 10:30 Friday at St. Adrian Catholic Church with burial at St. Adrian Cemetery. To live-stream the service, visit DingmannFH on Facebook.

Thomas Klein was born Jan. 19, 1963, to Wilfred and Celine (Scheffler) Klein in Luverne. He graduated with the last senior class from Magnolia High School in 1981. He then attended Granite Falls Area Vocational Technical Institute and received his Associate's Degree in accounting.

Tom married Sandy Elias on Sept. 10, 1983, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. The couple lived in the Twin Cities area for 14 years. Tom worked as an accountant for Wangerin Inc., Tom Mertz Electric and Suburban Electric. They moved back to Luverne to be closer to their parents and to raise their children. For the past 23 years Tom started his own accounting firm, TK's Accounting, and has worked with many clients throughout the area, spending most of his days at Son-D-Farms/Skattum Confinement.

Tom was a member of St. Catherine Church in Luverne and a member of the Adrian Country Club. He was an avid



sports lover, having played basketball and football in high school, and he especially enjoyed following the MN Gophers. He loved watching and cheering his kids on at their activities.

He spent his leisure time enjoying a game of golf, playing cards with his buddies, listening to '80s music, going on vacations with his family and friends, and spending time with his grandchildren at his lake cabin on Lake Shetek.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sandy Klein, Luverne; three children, Jessica (Dallas) Hamm of Luverne, Alyssa (Mike) Amborn of Montevideo, and Brandon Klein of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; grandchildren Samuel Amborn, Carter Hamm, Caroline Amborn, Collin Hamm, Evelyn Amborn and baby Amborn and baby Hamm; a brother, Duane (Chris) Klein; three sisters, Marilyn (Jim) Jellema of Hills, Shirley (Steve) Top of Luverne, and Connie (Joel) Hesse of Jackson; father- and mother-in-law Bill and Carolyn Elias of Adrian; three brothers-in-law Steve (Terri) Elias of Adrian, David (Patty) Elias of Lakeville, and Dean (Stacie) Elias of Adrian; and many nieces, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilfred and Celine Klein; two brothers, Ronnie and Daryl Klein; and baby Amborn.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com. (1112 F)

Darrell Brown

Darrell Dean Brown, 80, Hills, died Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, at the Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A private family graveside memorial service was Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills.

Darrell Brown was born on May 17, 1940, to Darold Brown and Helen (Stanton) Hoffman in Iowa City, Iowa. He grew up in Hills and graduated from Hills High School in 1959.

In 1961 he married Marie Hiney at Valley Springs Lutheran Church in Valley Springs, South Dakota. They lived in Valley Springs for a year, then moved to Sioux Falls for four years, and have lived in Hills for over 54 years.

Darrell worked for John Morrell for 32 years and then for 12 years for the Luverne Public Schools as a custodian.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. He served on the Hills Fire Department for 21 years. In his earlier years he enjoyed square-dancing with his wife and friends. He also enjoyed going on short trips and was a loyal Minnesota Vikings and Twins fan. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He was known for

his good sense of humor.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Marie Brown, of Hills; three children, Darrell (Cindy) Brown of Sioux Falls, Shelly (Vince) Swenson of Luverne, and Sandra Brown of Mankato; four grandchildren, Casey (Lindsey) Swenson of Brandon, South Dakota, Katie

(Jesse) Petersen of Luverne, Cameo (Chris) Kolhoff of Sioux Falls, and Cody (Lexi) Kelly of Sioux Falls; nine great-grandchildren; six siblings, Wayne (Marilyn) Brown of Phoenix, Arizona, Bruce (Donna) Hoffman of Sioux Falls, Dennis (Stacey) York Hoffman of Spring Valley, Linda (Charlie) Chada of Albert City, Iowa, Sandy Brown of Havelock, Iowa, and Darold Brown of Pocahontas, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepparents, Darold and Phyllis Brown and Walter and Helen Hoffman; one sister, Sherry Buysse; and three brothers, Ken Hoffman, Charles Hoffman and Terry Brown.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhome.com. (1112 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Terrance Metzler

Terrance 'Terry' Metzler, 65, Hills, died Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A celebration of his life took place Saturday, Nov. 7, at Willie's Bar in Hills.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, www.georgeboom.com. (1112 DN)

ROCK COUNTY LICENSE CENTER SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to a state-wide transition to a new system, there will be no services available in the Rock County License Center on Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th.

If you have any questions, please call the Rock County License Center at (507) 283-5024

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Luverne learning plan change sends high school students to online classrooms/from page 1A

district had 11 positive cases among staff or students. All have since recovered.

However, from Oct. 29 through Nov. 5 there were 11 more cases, five students and six staff, diagnosed as positive.

As a result of the new positive cases, 74 students and staff were out of school and potentially under quarantine. That could last 14 days depending on individual test results.

"And that (positive) number will likely go up," Oftedahl said.

Board members unanimously supported the learning model change through Nov. 27. (School board member Shelley Sandbulte was not in attendance, either in-person or via Zoom.)

Newly elected board members from the Nov. 3 election, Jeff Stratton and David Wrigg, attended the meeting in person.

With the official adoption of different learning models, students in kindergarten through fifth-grade elementary will transition from an in-person, every-day attendance to a hybrid model, where half of the 550 students would attend in-person classes on alternating days from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Elementary students met in-person through Wednesday. Today and Friday, Nov. 13, there is no school at the elementary as teachers prepare for the new learning model.

Luverne learning plan change, extra-curriculars/from 1A

"I am all about keeping the kids busy and all about their mental health, but I think we need to look at the whole population," she said.

Bosch viewed eliminating all potential COVID spread for the entire three-week period as a better overall option for the district to return to in-person learning more quickly.

"Even if we can contact trace, it spikes our numbers again, which affects the whole population — it still affects the numbers within our school," she said.

"Then we have all those elementary kids who are stuck home now with parents trying to figure out how to deal with them. I think it really sucks, but I think there is a bigger picture here."

Oftedahl said the medical members on the incident command supported discontinuing all activities while mental health professionals advocated for at least the varsity activities to continue and keep students geared in a school mode.

For some high school students, activities are keeping them engaged academically, said board member Katie Baustian, who supported the motion.

"We know from last spring that

"I am all about keeping the kids busy and all about their mental health, but I think we need to look at the whole population. Even if we can contact trace, it spikes our numbers again, which affects the whole population. Then we have all those elementary kids who are stuck home now with parents trying to figure out how to deal with them."

— Jodi Bosch, Luverne School Board member

distance learning doesn't work for all students," Baustian said. "If we take away their activities, it could create more of a problem for some students."

State officials closed all Minnesota schools in late March and

districts transitioned to educating all students through distance learning from home.

Not all students committed to working by computer from home on a daily basis, and many families struggled with learning from home.

When in-person instruction resumed in September, staff and students accepted the new health precautions. Due to low infection rates, schools were allowed to have a shortened fall athletic schedule.

"Kids are going to do what they have to do to keep going to school and keep doing their activities," Baustian said. "And we saw that because everyone wore their masks here, we didn't have any problems here in school with people doing what they were supposed to do."

Two sporting activities — volleyball (35 varsity members) and football (40) — are still participating in the shortened fall seasons.

However, dozens of other students are participating in FFA, math league, robotics, FCCLA, one-act play and mock trial either virtually or in small student groups.

Any virus outbreaks among these groups are seen as traceable, and members can be isolated if necessary and not affect determinate numbers for the learning model.

Minnesota Department of Education, any case numbers over 50 should prompt school districts to change to distance learning for all students.

Luverne was able to continue for three months without changing learning models, arguing that district numbers themselves were low until last week.

"We used to be able to contact trace," Oftedahl said after Friday's special meeting. "Now we can't. We can't connect the dots."

Previously staff or students who tested positive were able to trace each gathering they attended, to pinpoint the source of the virus infection.

Now people are attending multiple, small gatherings, sometimes out of state where people also attended from other states.

The local incident command team will continue to meet on a weekly basis to monitor the positive numbers in the county as well as within the school district.

There is one threshold that Oftedahl would like to achieve in the next three weeks.

"We would like to at least to be able to staff (our classrooms)," he said. "If we can get our staff back in and our kids' (numbers) simmered down — I don't know what that number is."

As of Sunday, Rock County had 438 positive cases since March and nine deaths from the coronavirus.

For the 650 students in grades six through twelve, they began the school year under hybrid conditions and on Monday, Nov. 9, they will begin distance learning from home every day.

Discovery Preschool will continue in person for now.

Going forward

With COVID-19 positive numbers growing in Rock County, Superintendent Oftedahl was uncertain how future case numbers would impact the district's learning model after Nov. 27.

He was less certain as to where those numbers should

be to resume in-person learning.

When the district adopted learning models to begin classes in September, the 14-day case rate in Rock County was 29.75 per 10,000 residents.

The most recent two-week window ending Oct. 24

had the county with a case rate of 96.67, down from a high of 121.11 from the previous two-week period.

At a case rate of 121.11 from Oct. 4-17, Rock County had the highest rate in the state. Rock County is now eighth-highest in the state.

According to the

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COVID cases on the rise/continued from 1A

Locations will all be announced later this week.

These sites will be open five days a week, through at least the end of the year.

They will replace the pop-up community testing events that have been underway for several weeks, which would come into a community for

just 2 to 3 days of testing.

According to public health data, Rock County currently has a COVID positivity rate of greater than 5 percent.

This rate reflects the number of COVID-19 tests that were positive over the total number of tests performed in Rock County dur-

ing the most recent 14-day period prior to a one week lag period to assure data completeness.

Having a positivity rate above 5 percent means the spread of the virus has reached what the state considers to be a "concerning level."

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



Once again Luverne and Rock County show up in record numbers to exercise their right to vote. This was just another example of our commitment to fulfill our civic obligation to vote. I continue to encourage you maintain that strong sense of civic obligation by recommitting yourself to the COVID-19 protocols. Community spread of the virus continues to infect Rock County. There were 111 new cases as of October 30. Luverne Sanford testing for the week of October 25 was 171 tests with 45 positive (26% positivity rate) for that week. Currently the community spread is not in the schools or with LTC residents. With this infection rate, our two schools are hanging on by a thread to keep in-person schooling. Our positive COVID testing numbers continue to rise, and as we head into the cold and flu season, COVID-19 protocols will only help reduce those illnesses as well. Pilot saliva testing is available for Rock County and citizens should consider ordering one online and having it available in case they need to test. Minnesota Dept Health highlighted Rock County in a press briefing recently identifying Rock County as one of the highest number of new COVID cases per capita in the state. Not something we can all be proud of. Tuff Home just recorded their 10th resident death from their outbreak. So sad.



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



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

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



With the number of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations surging, I am asking Minnesotans to heed the advice of health officials to help control the spread of the virus.

The virus takes no days off. While many are focused on the election, COVID-19 is continuing its merciless spread across our state. I've said from the beginning, the virus' spread will dictate our course and we are well into a dark chapter in the story of this pandemic. It is more important than ever that Minnesotans heed the advice of (White House Adviser) Dr. Deborah Birx and every other person who knows something about infection control – wear a mask, avoid crowds, keep distance from others and take advantage of the many testing opportunities we have all over the state to find out your status.

A few weeks ago, I no plans to re-close businesses and schools but urged people to follow current safety protocols. At that time, the Minnesota Department of Health said any return of some of the business restrictions seen earlier in the summer may not be as effective because "social gatherings" are driving the most recent rise in infections, and advised people re-assess their plans over the coming months, including for Thanksgiving. As of Tuesday, Nov. 3, 157,096 Minnesotans have tested positive for the virus and 2,499 people have died.



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



Sincerely,

Patrick T. Baustian
Mayor Patrick T. Baustian



Powering progress

African community thrives due to Luverne man's gifts

By Mavis Fodness

A small college community in Zambia, Africa, continues to expand its electrical power options, thanks in part to Rich Opsata in Luverne.

A year ago in October he loaded a refurbished generator onto a trailer and drove to Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska.

The volunteer logistics organization sent the heavy piece of equipment overseas, and four months later the generator arrived in Africa.

Since then, the diesel-powered unit has supplied more than 2,000 hours of electricity at Ambassador International University campus.

Primarily, the generators power medical equipment at the university's small medical center.

"I am grateful that I am reasonably good at repairing generators and blessed to be able to help other people," Opsata said.

Access to electrical power is life-changing and life-saving for an impoverished area that has no reliable access to the national power grid.

"It (the university) is off grid," Opsata said. "Generators are their only form of electricity."

Opsata's involvement with AIU began before the university existed.

First Baptist Church in Luverne, where Opsata is an active member, was asked to provide financial support for three full-time African pastors through the nonprofit group Gospelink.

AIU was organized in 2005 as a place to train the young pastors. Since then, a viable community has grown around the small university.

Opsata first visited Zambia when the fledgling school used a portable generator to power a small chest freezer.

On the day of Opsata's arrival, the generator quit. "We ate a lot of meat," he said.

The experience left Opsata thinking, "Someday there has to be a lot better power there."

The first of three generators Opsata refurbished for the university over the years is still used at the Chifundo Rural Health Center.

At first the center served less than 100 people from the university.

However, a need to serve the surrounding villages grew the clinic's clientele to 3,000 people a month.

Opsata's generators supply electricity for all the medical, ophthalmic and dental equipment used to operate the clinic.



Below left, Rich Opsata carefully centers the generator before lowering it onto the trailer for delivery from Luverne to Norfolk, Nebraska, in October 2019. The generator arrived at its final destination in Africa four months later. Today the generator has supplied more than 2,000 hours of electricity to a medical clinic. **Below right**, on each side of the refurbished generator are pictures including one of Rich Opsata (pictured, center) when he visited the Zambian university to make upgrades to one of the building's electrical panels. "They are fun people," he said. "They are extremely interesting."



Three other generators, which Opsata has also been consulted to get to work properly, allow the lights on the campus to operate.

As the clinic grows and the university expands to offer new medical courses to students, additional electrical sources are needed.

"The third generator is three times as big as the first one," Opsata said.

Getting the generators

ready, however, is challenging.

He's learned generators need to match the same electrical voltages and frequencies as the medical equipment.

"American-style equipment needs American-style power," Opsata said.

Each refurbished generator was selected for its operational simplicity with the models containing no

excessive computer controls.

At times Opsata had to give operating instructions over the phone or the computer; travel for installation isn't always feasible.

The latest diesel-powered generator Opsata refurbished can switch between the voltages/frequencies of African and that of the U.S.

With the latest generator, Opsata attached pictures of himself and AIU students on

the generator's sides, which were painted in a bright turquoise color.

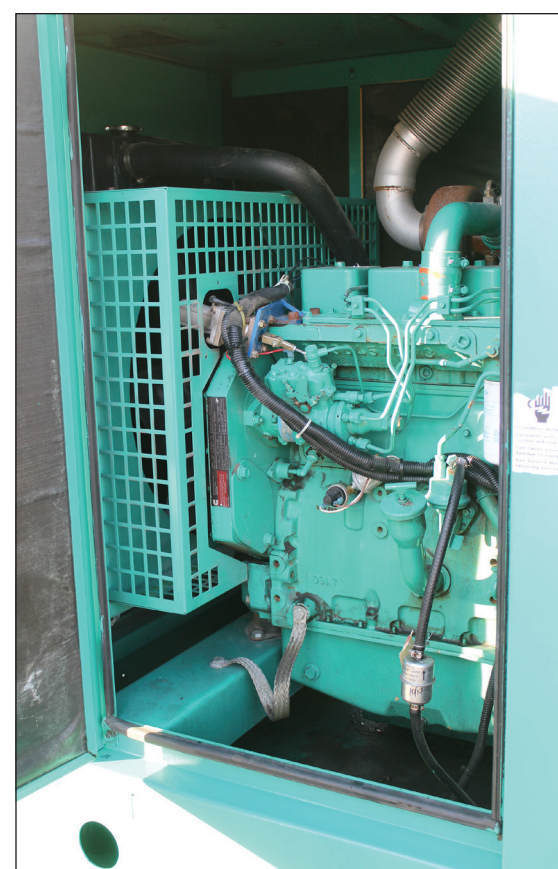
Through his prior visits — about 30 trips in 15 years — he's learned students' sense of humor and knows color and pictures on the generator are appreciated.

"They are fun people," he said. "They are extremely interesting."

One medical center worker, Nebraska na-

tive Dr. Marjie Heier, will be the guest speaker for the Luverne First Baptist Church's Thanksgiving banquet. Heier was the center's director when it opened in 2013. She returned to the U.S. this year.

With coronavirus pandemic restrictions on large gatherings, the banquet and Heier's presentation may be modified. Details will be shared in coming weeks.

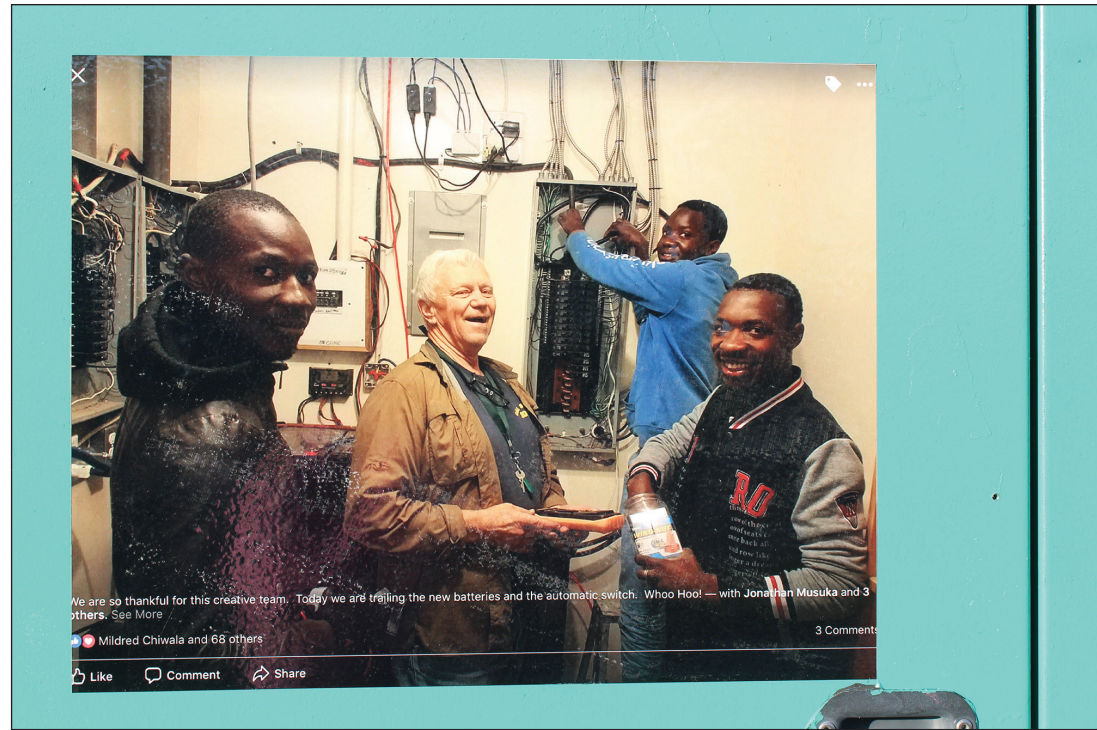


Mavis Fodness photos/1105 Opsata Generator

Above, generators that Rich Opsata refurbishes in Luverne for delivery to Zambia are diesel-powered and include very little computerized equipment for simple operation and repair.

At left, Opsata slides forks under the generator he refurbished in October 2019 for the Ambassador International University in Zambia, Africa.

Over a period of 15 years, he has refurbished and arranged the delivery of three generators to Zambia, Africa. The latest is currently supplying power to a medical center.



Driver and vehicle services limited, offices closed ahead of MNDRIVE launch

Minnesotans will encounter some limited services as the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) prepares to launch the new MNDRIVE computer system on Nov. 16.

DPS-DVS online services are currently unavailable. Services at DVS exam stations, deputy registrar and driver's license agent offices statewide will also be limited Nov. 11 through Nov. 14 ahead of the Nov. 16 launch.

Customers are strongly encouraged to plan ahead and to check the DVS locations web page for the latest information about the office.

In addition, online class D knowledge test registration is now unavailable through Nov. 15.

Those who have registered before this time will have the standard 48 hours to take their test.

The service limitations allow DPS-DVS to process all transactions in the Minnesota License and Registration System (MNLARS) and the driver services system (FastDS), before converting to the new and improved MNDRIVE system on Nov. 16.

Although limiting online services and closing offices temporarily is inconvenient, DPS-DVS Director Emma

Corrie said, "DVS has been working closely with vendor staff and business partners to develop and implement a new system that works better for Minnesotans."

MNDRIVE will launch on time, within budget and improve the way Minnesotans receive driver and vehicle services well into the future."

Service limitations

•**Nov. 2-15:** Online knowledge test registration is unavailable.

•**Nov 4-15:** Online registration renewal is unavailable. The service will be back online on Nov. 16, which al-

lows Minnesotans enough time to renew November tabs online and receive their stickers by Dec. 10.

•**Nov. 10-15:** Remaining DPS-DVS online services are unavailable beginning at 11 p.m. Nov. 10.

•**Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)-Nov. 14:** Nov. 11 is a state holiday, and all DVS exam stations will be closed.

•**Nov. 12:** Fourteen regional DVS exam stations are closed to the public. No services are available, including road tests and knowledge tests.

•**Nov. 13:** Regional DVS exam stations offer road tests by appointment only. No other

services, including application services for those who pass their road test, are available. The St. Paul DVS Exam Station will provide prorated and dealer services only.

•**Nov. 14:** All 15 regional DVS exam stations are closed to the public.

•**Nov. 16:** MNDRIVE launches. All driver and vehicle services, online and in offices statewide, resume.

What to expect Nov. 16:

MNDRIVE will change the way Minnesota deputy registrar offices and car dealerships process vehicle services.

Some of the changes Minnesotans will see when access-

ing these services include:

•The system replaces the paper 21-day temporary permit with a new temporary license plate. This temporary license plate is printed on a special paper at the dealership and attached to the vehicle.

•The system allows Minnesotans to upload and submit documents required for vehicle service transactions online, eliminating the need to visit an office.

•The system will accurately calculate registration taxes and fees to ensure Minnesotans are paying the correct amount.

The DPS-DVS Facebook page and Twitter page will have more information.

Luverne defeats Redwood Valley in overtime thriller

Third straight victory brings record to 4-1

By Brennen Rupp

It's not how you start, it's how you finish.

The Luverne Cardinals were able to overcome a sluggish start on Friday, Nov. 6, against the Redwood Valley Cardinals.

Luverne trailed Redwood Valley 21-6 at halftime, but the home Cardinals were able to outscore the visiting Cardinals 28-7 in the second half and in overtime to pick up a thrilling 34-28 victory.

"Losing isn't an option anymore for us," Luverne's LaShad Smith said.

"At halftime, we were all pretty down and upset with ourselves. We had a few words of motivation from teammates. We flipped a switch in the second half. We had a different energy. We were prepared, but we didn't play like it."

Redwood Valley players set the tone for the first half when they returned the opening kickoff 80 yards to set themselves up inside Luverne's 10-yard line.

Like they have all season,



Brennen Rupp photo/1112 Luverne Fb photo

Luverne's Bailey Cowell looks to evade a Redwood Valley defender on Friday, Nov. 6. The Cardinals defeated Redwood Valley 34-28 in overtime after a come-from-behind second half in a game played at home.

Luverne's defensemen stood tall and kept Redwood Valley off the scoreboard.

After forcing a turnover on downs, Luverne went three and out and was forced to punt.

Redwood Valley connected on a 21-yard pass play to get to Luverne's two-yard line. On the next play

Redwood Valley scored on a two-yard rushing touchdown to go up 6-0.

Luverne's Casey Sehr was picked off on the Cardinals' next offensive possession.

With 3:37 left in the first quarter, LaShad Smith picked off a Redwood Valley pass to put a halt to another possible scoring drive for the

visiting Cardinals.

Luverne was unable to turn that turnover into points and was forced to go three and out.

On the first play of the second quarter Redwood Valley scored on a six-yard rushing touchdown. Redwood Valley converted the two-point conversion to

build a 14-0 lead.

Luverne got on the scoreboard off a one-yard rushing touchdown from Ashton Sandbulte. The Cardinals were unable to score on the two-point conversion and trailed 14-6 with 4:58 remaining in the first half.

Redwood Valley Cardinals/continued on 3B

H-BC Patriots run wild to stay perfect at 5-0

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots did what they wanted, when they wanted, on Friday, Nov. 6, in their football game against Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman.

The top-ranked Patriots improved to 5-0 on the season with a 50-0 victory.

The Patriots jumped on GHEC-T early and never took their foot off the gas, scoring 24 points in the first quarter.

"We deferred the coin toss and forced GHEC-T to go into the wind during the first quarter," H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said.

"With them being a predominately passing team, we were able to force them into some early punting situations. We were able to jump on them early."

Gavin Wysong opened scoring with a three-yard rushing touchdown. The Patriots scored on the two-point conversion when Gavin Wysong connected with Zander Wysong to give the Patriots an 8-0 lead.

Tyson Bork followed up on Wysong's touchdown with a two-yard rushing touchdown. Gavin Wysong converted the two-point conversion to give H-BC a 16-0 lead.

Bork scored his second touchdown of the game on an eight-yard rushing touchdown.

Gavin Wysong found paydirt for the second time in the game when he scored on a five-yard rushing touchdown to open up a 30-0 lead.

Wysong made it a hat trick when he scored on a



Brennen Rupp photo/1112 HBC Fb photo

H-BC's Gavin Wysong looks for open field during the Patriots' victory over Edgerton on Friday, Oct. 30. The Patriots host Mountain Lake Area on Thursday, Nov. 12.

13-yard rushing touchdown. The Patriots converted the two-point conversion when Wysong connected with Oliver Deelstra.

Wysong scored his fourth touchdown of the game on a 17-yard rushing touchdown to put the Patriots up 44-0.

Wysong, the senior quarterback for H-BC, scored his fifth touchdown of the game when he scored on another 17-yard rushing touchdown to put H-BC up 50-0.

In five games the H-BC defense has given up just 14 points. The shutout of GHEC-T was the team's third shutout of the season.

"Defensively we were able to get after their

quarterback and force them into some third and long situations," Rex Metzger said. "We had five quarterback sacks and created five turnovers, which was the difference in the game."

Donovan Leenderts recorded six tackles and one sack. Tory Knobloch recorded five tackles and one sack.

Chase Bosch recorded two tackles, one sack, recovered one fumble, and notched a safety.

Cole Baker recorded two tackles, recovered one fumble, and picked off two passes.

Austin Allen and Zander Wysong both recorded one sack. Alex Harris and Brayden

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Introducing 'Rupp's Ramblings,' the view from my side of the camera lens

Change can be difficult. Too much change can be overwhelming.

This past year we've all had to deal with some sort of change in our everyday lives, and some of it I'm sure has been downright overwhelming.

The changes I dealt with came in waves. Albeit my changes were much smaller waves compared to the struggles that other people have gone through this year. It all started when the company I had been working for decided to have everybody work from home due to COVID-19.

The next curveball life threw at me was when my now wife and I had to postpone our wedding on March 28. Luckily we had a never-ending supply of gummy bears, Garetto's crisps and cheeseballs to comfort us while we worked from home.

COVID struck again when I was laid off, which prompted a job hunt that led me to my new career at the Star Herald.

John Rittenhouse occupied the sports desk at this paper before I was even born. He was a staple in the community and a familiar face at sporting events.

My guess is he actually watched me play basketball when Ellsworth defeated my alma mater, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, in the 2006



RUPP'S RAMBLINGS

By Brennen Rupp (pronounced rupe) sports writer

section championship and the 2007 section championship.

I will try my best to live up to the standard that he set here.

This is a community that cares about its sports. As somebody that grew up in a small community, I know how important prep sports are to the readers.

With the pandemic it's an odd time to be covering sports.

Will the game be postponed or not? We're all in uncharted territory right now.

The dream for any prep athlete is to reach the state tournament in the sport you are playing. For a number of local teams and individuals that was a very realistic goal this fall.

How did I get here?

I attended Minnesota State University, Mankato, and graduated with a degree in communications with a focus on broadcasting and a minor in sociology.

During my time as a Maverick, my friend and I hosted a weekly sports

show on the campus website.

During the summer of my final year, I interned at a sports radio station in Green Bay. I honestly had dreams of becoming a radio show host for a sports station. As it turns out, those jobs are hard to come by.

After graduating, I took a job at Capstone Publishing in Mankato as a direct sales associate. During that time I started writing for online websites like Fansided. It's from there I fell in love with the art of writing.

I accepted my first job as a reporter in Libby, Montana, at the Western News. From there my career as a journalist has included stops in Sterling, Colorado, and Marshall, Minnesota.

I was out of the reporting field for nearly three years before accepting this position.

I'm beyond excited to be back in the field and to be part of such a great community. I look forward to bringing you the action surrounding the Cardinals and the Patriots.

Volleyball: Cardinals defeat Arrows 3-2 in come-from-behind win and pick up second win

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals found themselves down 2-0 in their match against the Pipestone Area Arrows on Thursday, Nov. 5, in Pipestone.

The Cardinals were staring at another 3-0 loss, but were able to come back to win the match 3-2.

"We allowed longer service runs by Pipestone during the first two sets," Luverne head coach Sarah DeBeer said.

"We made some adjustments and recognized our faults for the last three

'We made some adjustments and recognized our faults for the last three sets. Our blocking and hitting game really took over in the last three games.'

—Coach Sarah DeBeer

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Pipestone opened the match by winning the first set 25-21. The Arrows won a back-and-forth second set, 25-22.

The Cardinals started

their comeback by winning a competitive third set, 25-23. The fourth was another tight contest with Luverne coming out on top 25-22.

Luverne completed the comeback by defeating the Arrows 15-11. The Cardinals were able to come back from

a 2-0 deficit because they started to believe in one another.

"Our trust in each other really showed throughout the game," DeBeer said. "Adjusting our defense based on Pipestone's hitters, we hit the ball to challenge their

defense. We recognized that this is not an individual battle. It's a whole team effort."

DeBeer said her team did a great job from the service line and kept the pressure on Pipestone's defense.

"Our entire team did a good job from the serving line. Our serving percentage was 97 percent. We served the ball aggressively and effectively."

Trista Baustian and Reghan Bork both recorded 17 assists. Baustian added one ace.

Gracie Zewiske recorded 12 kills and five solo blocks.

Kamryn VanBatavia recorded nine kills.

Elise Ferrell led the team with 21 digs. Macy Stratton recorded 18 digs. Stratton recorded one ace from the service line.

With the win, the Cardinals are now 2-5 overall.

Luverne 21 22 25 25 15
PAS 25 25 23 22 11

Assists: Baustian 17; Bork 17
Kills: Zewiske 12; VanBatavia 9
Blocks: Zewiske 5; Wagner 2
Digs: Ferrell 21; Stratton 18
Aces: Baustian 1; Stratton 1

H-BC volleyball battles HLO-F, Coyotes take all three sets

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Coyotes entered their match with Hills-Beaver Creek on Thursday, Nov. 5, with a perfect 4-0 record. Not only did the Coyotes have a perfect record, they also hadn't dropped a set through four matches.

The visiting Coyotes kept their perfect season alive by sweeping the Patriots, who battled but dropped their fourth straight match and fell to 3-6 overall.

In the first set, the Patriots held an 11-8 lead and looked to be on the verge of handing the Coyotes their first set loss of the season.

The Coyotes responded by outscoring H-BC 17-2 to win the opening set 25-13.

Taylor Durst recorded one kill and one block for the Patriots. Taryn Rauk recorded one ace and one kill.

The Patriots were in control of the second set early, as they jumped out to a 7-2 lead. The Coyotes slowly chipped away at H-BC's lead.

With the Patriots holding a 19-15 lead, the Coyotes outscored H-BC 10-2 down the stretch to pick up the 25-21 victory.

Abby Knobloch led



Brennen Rupp photo/1112 HBC vb photo

H-BC's Emma Kodet serves the ball during the match against HLO-F on Thursday, Nov. 5.

the Patriots with five kills. Knobloch also recorded one ace.

Kenadie Fick recorded two kills and one ace. Avery Vis added one kill.

The third set saw another extended scoring run by the Coyotes, which proved to be the difference.

With the two teams tied at 12-12, the Coyotes went on a 10-2 run to open up a 22-14 lead. HLO-F went on to win the third set 25-20 to complete the sweep.

Knobloch finished the set with two kills and one

block. Emma Kodet and Annie Bos both finished the third set with one ace.

With the loss, the Patriots are now 3-6 overall. The Patriots will look to get back into the win column on Tuesday, Nov. 10, against Mountain Lake Area.

H-BC defeated MLA earlier this season 3-0.

HBC 13 21 20
HLO-F 25 25 25
Kills: Knobloch 8; Fick 4
Assists: Bos 15
Digs: Kodet 5

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yard rushing touchdown. Following the made extra point the two 3-1 teams were tied at 21-21 with 11:14 left in the game.

With 7:54 left in the game, Redwood Valley scored on a 30-yard rushing touchdown to take a 28-21 lead.

On the next offensive possession, the Luverne Cardinals again turned to their bag of tricks. Following a four-yard run from Sandbulte, the Cardinals connected on a halfback pass from Smith to Wenninger for 42 yards.

Bailey Cowell tied the game up on a three-yard rushing touchdown with 5:30 left in the game.

The two teams went into overtime tied at 28-28. Luverne won the toss and elected to go on defense first.

On fourth and 10, LaShad Smith picked off his second pass of the game to keep Redwood Valley off the scoreboard.

On a third down from the two-yard line it was once again Smith coming up with the big play. Smith scored on a rushing touchdown to complete Luverne's

comeback and to hand Redwood Valley a 34-28 loss.

"It was the greatest feeling ever," Smith said. "It put an end to all that work we had to do in the second half."

With the victory, the Cardinals have now won three straight and are 4-1 overall. They'll wrap up the regular season with a home game against the Worthington Trojans on Friday, Nov. 13.

Luverne 0 6 8 1 4 6 3 4
Redwood Valley 6 1 5 0 7 0 2 8

Patriots look to stay perfect as regular season closes

By **Brennen Rupp**

Prior to the start of the shortened 2020 season, the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots football team had accumulated an 18-4 record over the last two seasons.

All four of those losses have come against Mountain Lake Area. The two teams have met in the section tournament back-to-back years with MLA winning both matchups.

H-BC and MLA will clash again in Hills on Thursday, Nov. 12. The Patriots enter the contest with a 5-0 record and rank as the top team in nine-man football. MLA currently sits at 3-2 overall.

The stakes are not nearly as high as the last time the two teams took the field, but it's a chance for the Patriots to snap a five-game losing streak with MLA, an opponent that has ended their season in the section tournament three years in a row.

"They've had our number the last couple of years," H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said. "They've beaten us in the section championship two years in a row. I know our guys are hungry and looking forward to playing them."

MLA defeated the Patriots last season in the section championship 28-6 to reach the state tournament.

Metzger said that his team has been looking forward to this matchup since walking off the field after that game last season.

"I think after last year when we got beat, this is the game that they've been looking forward to,"

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Metzger said. "It's another chance to play them. It was a tight ball game in the section championship last year. It was 7-0 at halftime and could have very easily been tied at halftime. We felt like we were in that ballgame until the middle of the fourth quarter. Then they broke a couple of plays."

The Patriots enter Thursday night's showdown averaging 46.4 points per game. It's an explosive offense led by seniors Tyson Bork and Gavin Wysong.

While Bork and Wysong get the headlines, Metzger said it's the guys up front that steer the ship.

"Having the threat of Gavin and Tyson is huge. At any point, they can score. The line has been key," he said. "We have some experienced guys up front. They're smart football players. They are able to create a lot of space for Gavin and Tyson."

In the last five meetings against MLA, the Patriots have been shut out twice and have scored just 32 points. Metzger said MLA plays a unique style of defense that the Patriots typically don't face.

"Defensively they come at you a little differently," Metzger said.

"It's not a defense that you see a lot in nine-man football. They play a two-high safety. They rely on the

strength of their linebackers. They have two safeties that come down in run support. They give you a look that you don't see and they execute it very well."

The Wolverines are averaging 17 points per game. Metzger said MLA's offense is one that's predicated on speed.

"They're a solid team," Metzger said. "They've got a lot of experience. They're a physical team. They're able to do a lot of things with their speed."

For how well the H-BC offense has been thus far this season, their defense has been even better. It's a unit that's only given up 14 points in five games.

"We have a group of guys that are physical," Metzger said. "They have a ton of experience. They've been on the field for a few years now. We have some good speed and some toughness."

In the last meeting, the difference in the game was MLA making more big plays. Metzger said if the Patriots are going to snap a five-game losing streak against the Wolverines they'll have to limit the big-time plays.

"It's going to come down to us making some big plays," Metzger said. "They have some skilled guys and we are going to have to take them away and not let them have the big plays."

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Metzger both recorded three tackles.

The Patriots will look to wrap up their perfect regular season at home on Thursday, Nov. 12, against Mountain Lake

Area.
HBC 24 20 6 0 50
GHEC-T 0 0 0 0
Passing: G. Wysong 12 yards
Rushing: G. Wysong 13-137-5;
T. Bork 11-75-2
Receiving: T. Bork 2-10-0

Tackles: Leenderts 6; Knobloch 5; B. Metzger 3; Harris 3
Sacks: Leenderts 1; Z. Wysong 1; Knobloch 1; Allen 1; Bosch 1
Interceptions: Baker 2

Local deer season underway

The firearms deer season started in most of Minnesota on Nov. 7. In the southwest part of the state it runs for 11 days. Other regions have different dates and season lengths.

I am a pretty serious deer hunter but have not harvested a deer in over 30 years. This by no means indicates that I have skipped the opportunity to buy a license and take part in the hunt for any of those three decades. I hunted each and every one.

After hunting deer since I was about 20 years old, now 60, I have had an opportunity to harvest a deer in almost all of those years. I just am getting pretty picky about what I want to shoot and have kind of taken my deer hunting in a different direction.

My favorite part of the deer hunting tradition is the fact that in many cases there can be four generations of hunters all sitting around the kitchen table helping plan the season's efforts. Name another passion where great-grandpa all the way down to great-grandson or great-daughter can all enjoy the same sport. I don't know of a single great-grandpa that can play football, soccer, tennis or roller blade at 85 years of age.

The oldest hunter I have had the enjoyment of helping was a 94-year-old gentleman that had given up the sport about 20 years earlier because he could no longer endure the cold temperatures that accompany the deer season. We put this encyclopedia of worldly knowledge in one of our heated stands and I got to take his picture with a 1.5-year-old buck. It was no trophy by any means but the smile on this weathered man's face was just as good as the smile on a 12-year-old who shot their very first deer. The great guy has since passed away.

Hunter numbers are in freefall across the United



THE OUTDOORS

By **Scott Rall**,
Outdoors columnist

States. There are many reasons for this but competition from other leisure options is a big culprit.

When I was a kid, we did not have the numerous options kids have today to play round ball sports and travel all over in pursuit of a winning record or an invitation to a top-notch college. I had a bike and a curfew when I lived in my parents' house. Parent taxi services were not available back in the early '70s.

Deer hunting is not where most young boys and girls normally get their start in the hunting traditions. Small game and things that fly are the normal starting points.

This has been changing as of late with the expansion of youth seasons and the tons of information available on how to get kids unplugged from an outlet. There is an almost unlimited amount of information available if you don't hunt but would like to give it a try or allow your child to give it a shot.

You get expanded hours for deer hunting that other game does not get. For example, you can shoot a deer from a half hour before sunrise until a half hour after sunset. All other seasons start and end at the actual sunrise/sunset. Pheasant hunting does not start until 9 a.m. each day of the season.

I had the best deer hunting season of my life last year when I mentored a 46-year-old woman to her first deer in over 30 years. In that same season I had four kids 12 years

of age all shoot their very first deer on my property.

Youth get an automatic any-sex deer permit. In some areas an adult has to apply in a doe tag lottery and be lucky enough to be drawn. In my unit there are only 50 does tags, and they sell over 500 licenses in that area. I apply for a doe tag every year and then because the rules in Minnesota allow it, if I am drawn, I let an adult new to hunting use my tag.

It is called party hunting and for the most part it works out OK.

You can shoot a deer on opening day and still hunt all of the other days in the season as long as you are hunting with another license holder who has not filled their tag. This extends over to the muzzle loader season as well. You must be in proximity of the holder of the un-filled tag. You cannot go hunting by yourself while the tag holder sits at home and watches TV. The Conservation Officers write a lot of tickets for this violation.

Without deer hunters there would be untold numbers of additional car/deer collisions. Deer hunters harvest a renewable resource and help keep deer populations where wildlife management agencies think they need to be.

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Rock County 4-H awards night goes virtual in 2020

By Mavis Fodness

"A Year to Remember" was the theme of the 2020 virtual awards and recognition night for Rock County 4-H on Nov. 2.

"Even though it wasn't in person this year, we still had around 100 people attend," said Kelsey Maeschen, 4-H program coordinator.

"Rock County 4-H would like to give a special thanks to all of the local businesses that sponsored awards and door prizes this year."

Clubs, individual youth and adult volunteers were recognized for the completed in 2020:

4-H ambassadors

Ambassadors provide youth leadership to many county 4-H programs.

The Ambies for the past year were Hannah Kruse, Hunter Sandbulte, Michael Kinsinger, Christian Kruse, Tory Knobloch, Gretchen Jacobsma, Cassie Flanagan, Whitney Elbers, Kaylie Ossefoort, Trevor Mente, Joshua Raak, Jacob Raak, Halle Hough, Justin Mente, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Keisha Veldkamp, Krista Burkman, Caleb Raak, Leah Kruse, Karly Kruse, Cody Moser, Austin Ossefoort, Sophie Holmberg and Grace Sandbulte.

Federation officers

Installed as Federation officers for the 2021 program year were President Jacob Raak, Vice President Leah Kruse, Treasurer Nathan Kinsinger, Secretary Lanae Elbers, Assistant Secretary/Reporter Samantha Moser, Youth Leaders Karly Kruse and Krista Burkman, Extension Committee Reps Nathan Kinsinger and Krista Burkman, Adult Treasurer Candy Reese, Adult Representatives Mike Uhl, Theresa Raak, Lanette Elbers, Teresa Kinsinger, Russell Forrest, Cory Schoeneman and Michele Kruse.

Club awards

Each club in Rock County earned points based on the activities members completed as a club. Attendance, having project meetings, the percentage of members that complete demonstrations and project talks, and having recreation are among the point-earning activities.

This year the first-place Active Club Award sponsored by Pizza Ranch went to the Denver Go-Getters.

Second place sponsored by Ace Hardware was awarded to Blue Ribbon.

The club with the highest percentage of members to re-enroll in 4-H for the new program year was awarded to Blue Ribbon.

Cloverbuds honored

Maeschen recognized

the largest group of youngest 4-H members the program has experienced in several years.

Cloverbuds are 4-H members in kindergarten through second grade.

Receiving awards were Grady Broesder, Fox Busswitz, Penni Moore and Addison Sammons, all of BR; Summer Aning, K9s; Landon Jessen, Ashlyn Klein, Matthew Koedam, Dena Pap, all of DGG; Alayna Oechsle, Daniel Sina, Ivy Tiesler, Alexis Wrigg, all of LW; Braylynn Altman, Caul Bonnett, Elsie Buntjer, Joshua Luitjens, all of MJ; Cole Barefoot, Caylix Buchholz, Hayden Devine, Memphis Haefner, Cannon Halbersma, Leeland Maloney and Connor Snell, all of SD.

Clover Power awards

4-H members in their first and second years in 4-H can compete for Clover Power awards by participating in club and county activities throughout the year.

Recipients included Colton Buchholz, Norah Maloney, Lillian Maloney, all of SD and Gabriella Porter, K9s.

Fantastic 15 and Fab 15

4-H members also compete for awards in two age divisions.

The Fantastic 15 Awards go to 15 members in grades 3-6 with the highest points for various activities such as participating in club activities, attending 4-H camp, exhibiting at county fair, filling out records and giving demonstrations.

The winners received awards sponsored by the Rock County Star Herald.

The Fantastic 15 2020 awards were presented to Colton Buchholz, Klarissa Burkman, Lillian Maloney, Norah Maloney, all of SD; Luella Johnson, K-9s; Claire Knobloch and Ava Steinhoff, both of BR; Evan Ossefoort and Kailee Sandbulte, both of MJ.

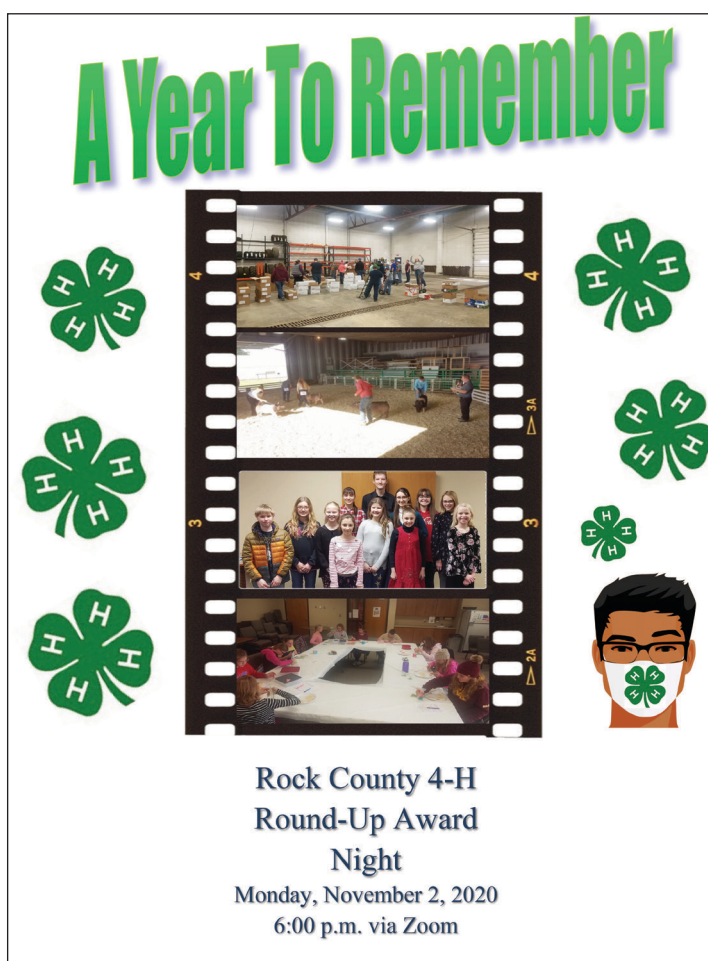
As 4-H members get older, they expand their involvement in 4-H to include leadership activities.

The youth in grades seven and up compete for the Fab 15 Awards sponsored by Security Savings Bank and CHS.

The Fab 15 included Krista Burkman, SD; Whitney Elbers, Lanae Elbers, Tory Knobloch, Mazzi Moore, Larissa Steinhoff, all of BR; Brianna Kinsinger, Justin Mente, Austin Ossefoort, Hunter Sandbulte, all of MJ; Leah Kruse and Karly Kruse, both of LW; Joshua Raak, Jacob Raak and Caleb Raak, all of DGG.

Project achievement

"Once in a lifetime"



Submitted graphic

The Rock County 4-H program 2020 was "A Year to Remember" as celebrated at last week's awards night. Members started the year making cookies (bottom photo) then conducting their annual Fruit and More fundraiser (top photo) and later communications arts contest (third photo). As the coronavirus pandemic hit the state in March cancellations ensued including the Minnesota State Fair and the Rock County County Fair. Local 4-H'ers donned masks and participated in the swine showcase (second photo) and livestock shows sans normal audience members. U of M Extension took to the Internet through various virtual options and, locally, Rock County recognized members virtually at the Nov. 2 awards night.

awards are given to 4-H'ers who have done significant work over many years in one project area and have shared their knowledge with others.

An Achievement Award in the area of beef was awarded to Joshua Raak, member of DGG and son of Philip and Theresa Raak, Jasper.

A Performing Arts Achievement Award was presented to Krista Burkman, member of SD and daughter of John and Crystal Burkman, Brandon. The award was sponsored by the Green Earth Players.

A Crafts & Fine Arts Achievement Award was presented to Leah Kruse, daughter of Kory and Michele Kruse, Ellsworth. The award was sponsored by Coffey Contemporary Arts.

George A. Golla Award

The George A. Golla Award is presented by the Golla Family each year to someone who has demonstrated an extraordinary display of 4-H qualities and has incorporated the 4-H values into their goals and their life.

After reflecting on those qualities and the way they have given back to

others and their communities, the award was presented to Krista Burkman of SD. She is the daughter of John and Crystal Burkman, Brandon.

Youth leader awards

The ultimate youth leader award of the evening is the Outstanding Youth Leader award, which is sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

This year based on her active involvement in the 4-H program, providing leadership to younger members, being an active ambassador and being a wonderful role model, the Outstanding Youth Leader was awarded to Whitney Elbers of BR. She is the daughter of Kurt and Lanette Elbers, Steen.

Many other youth and adults were recognized as well. Scholarship recipients were Whitney Elbers, sponsored by Sunshine Foods and the Reisch Scholarship Fund

Member recognition

For individual award recognition, the club names will be abbreviated as follows:

- BR = Blue Ribbon,
- K9s = County K9s,
- DGG = Denver Go-Getters,
- LW = Livewires,
- MJ = Magnolia Juniors,
- SD = Springdell,
- WW = Willing Workers.

and Christian Kruse, sponsored by the Reisch Scholarship Fund.

Graduating members

Graduating members were Whitney Elbers and Madison Spath, both of BR; Joshua Raak, DGG; Alexandra Hartman, K9s; Hannah Kruse, LW; Lizzie Chapa, Michael Kinsinger, Trevor Mente, Kaylie Ossefoort and Halle Hough, all of MJ; and Aleck Schoeneman, WW.

Project Disk Awards

Project Disk Awards are given in each of the project areas in 4-H based on the project records that the youth complete and submit for judging. A group of adult and youth leaders gathered in October to select the top records in each project area.

Those top record winners are:

Animal Science Areas

- Beef: Whitney Elbers, BR; Austin Ossefoort, MJ; Caleb Raak, DGG
- Cat: Norah Maloney, SD
- Dairy: Joshua Raak, DGG
- Goat: Lanae Elbers, BR; Whitney Elbers, BR
- Horse: Ellie Loose, MJ
- Pet: Egypt Forrest, Fox Forrest, Ashlyn Johnson, all of K9s
- Poultry: Fox Forrest, K9; Allison Honken and Joshua Honken, LW
- Rabbit: Ellie Loose, MJ

General Areas

- Aerospace: Colton Buchholz, SD
- Clothing & Textiles: Colton Buchholz, SD; Egypt Forrest and Gabriella Porter, both of K9s
- Communication Contest: Colton Buchholz, SD; Gabriella Porter, K9s

- Crafts & Fine Arts: Krista Burkman and Colton Buchholz, both of SD; Andrea Honken, LW; Ashlyn Johnson, Gabriella Porter and Luella Johnson, both of K9s; Brianna Kinsinger, MJ; Lillian Maloney and Norah Maloney, Aaliyah Stensland, Andres Stensland and NeVaeh Stensland, all of SD

Engineering Design: Colton Buchholz and Andres Stensland, both of SD; Mazzi Moore, BR

Exploring the Environment: Mazzi Moore, BR

Fishing Sports: Andres Stensland, SD

Flower Gardening: Fox Forrest, K9s; Lillian Maloney and Norah Maloney, both of SD

Food and Nutrition: Brianna Kinsinger, MJ; Brady Lemme, WW

Food Preservation: Fox Forrest and Gabriella Porter, both of K9s

Fruit: Luella Johnson, K9s

Geology: Bradey Lemme, WW

Home Environment: Klarissa Burkman, SD

Horticulture: Aaliyah Stensland, SD

Needle Arts: Krista Burkman, SD

Performing Arts: Egypt Forrest, K9s; Brianna Kinsinger, MJ

Photography: Colton Buchholz, SD; Andrea Honken, LW; Gabriella Porter, K9s

Quilting: Krista Burkman, SD

Self-Determined: Andres Stensland, SD

Shop/Wood Science: Jed Fagerness, BR; Fox Forrest, K9s

Self-Determined: Andres Stensland, SD

Shop/Wood Science: Jed Fagerness, BR; Fox Forrest, K9s

Adult volunteers

A number of adult volunteers were honored for their years of service and contributions to Rock County 4-H as follows:

20 years: John Flanagan and Laura Richters.

15 years: Jason Johnson.

10 years: Amy and Daryl Fuerstenberg, Chris and Jamie Tiesler, Amanda Sandbulte, Teresa Kinsinger and Troy Williamson.

5 years: Stuart and Karin Moser, Chris and Mary Fagerness, Dallas and Amy Knobloch, David and Lexi Moore, Jessica Devine, Amy Fry, JD Steinhoff, Paul Sandbulte, Cliff Malsom and Matthew Raak.

Club Leaders were also recognized. They include Dawn Leenderts and Lanette Elbers, BR; Diana Hensley and Katie Walgrave, K9s; Theresa Raak, DGG; Lori Oechsle and Michele Kruse, LW; Amanda Sandbulte and Becky Ossefoort, MJ; Anna and Mike Uhl, SD; and Andrea Johnson, WW.

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Friends of 4-H, alumni

Other adult awards presented were the Friend of 4-H Award and the 4-H Alumni Award.

Recognized as Friends of 4-H for their years of supporting the 4-H program and service as club leaders were Mike and Anna Uhl.

Receiving the 4-H Alumni Award for their many years of giving back to 4-H through being a club leader and volunteering on many committees were Kory and Michele Kruse.

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

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

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/stcluverne/videos/>. Visit 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 — office@luverncrc.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 — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor

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

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Nov. 12: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, Oct. 14: 5:30 p.m. In-person worship service with Communion in Sanctuary. Sunday, Nov. 15: 9 a.m. Worship service Communion and Kindergarten Milestone. 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. Monday, Nov. 16: Grace Notes deadline. Tuesday, Nov. 17: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors meeting. 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, 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
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 for online worship opportunities with our sister churches.

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

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. indoor service. Worship services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne. Friday, 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 110th 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

Thursday, Nov. 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. Saturday, Nov. 14: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday Nov. 15: 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. Monday, Nov. 16: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Nov. 17: LLP in Mankato. 3-6 p.m. Bison Meal pickup. 6:30 p.m. Trustee meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church council meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 18: 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Nov. 19: 1-3 p.m. — Rock County Food Shelf curbside.

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

Worship services in-person and through Facebook Live Sunday 10:15 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
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.

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwlb@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 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor

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

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: 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
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 bchills.org. Sunday, Nov. 15: 10 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. 8th-9th grade Confirmation.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Bring hope to whatever lies ahead

The gem that I would like to begin with for this article is found in Philipians 2:3-4: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

In the verses preceding, the apostle Paul has called his sisters and brothers to be like-minded and to be "one in spirit and purpose." In this week on the fall calendar, when Veterans Day is recognized, we are reminded of military personnel whose very calling is to pursue interests far greater than those of an individual.

In the Bethlehem congregation on Sunday, Nov. 8, we prayed the following petition:

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veterans Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty.

Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members.

Hear us, O God... Your mercy is great.

I suppose one of the dangers of any prayer petition is the danger of excluding someone's experience and their feeling wounded again by those who pray. Forgive me if the above petition somehow rings hollow for you.

May we be reminded that the apostle Paul also wrote in Romans 8:26 that times will arrive when "we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Gary Mikkelson
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness.

I close with prayer. (For People Facing Great Uncertainty, New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 747)

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;

Bring hope and courage to your people as we wait in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead.

Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness;

You are God, and we need you. Amen.

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Dorn probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT
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COUNTY OF ROCK PROBATE DIVISION

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

In Re: Estate of Raymond Dorn,
Decedent,
AMENDED NOTICE OF AND
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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(11-05, 11-12)

Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 6

Rock County Board of Commissioners 9:00 A.M.
Herreid Board Meeting Room/Zoom Video Meeting Oct. 06, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who were in attendance.
Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve the October 06, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

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

1. Resolution No. 18-20, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water Appointments
2. 2021 SSTS Block Grant - \$18,600
3. 4-Yr Re-appointment Tom Houselog, County Assessor, effective 01/01/2021

Ryan Holtz, Rural Water System Manager, presented a review of the current rural water system citing the following concerns: demand is increasing with new hook ups and usage of existing customers, MN Department of Health is demanding a 1-day storage of water (currently not at that level), request from City of Luverne to construct an interconnect with Rural Water which will benefit both entities as it will provide a redundant circle and additional water for fire protection, and low pressure issues with the northern part of the system. Holtz requested to move forward with an improvement project that would include the following: construction of a new 250,000 gal water tower located in the systems north services area, 2.25 miles of 8" water main along CR 147/Warren Street and control valve/pump station. Preliminary cost estimates are \$2.5 - \$2.9 million and Holtz stated he will utilize federal EDA fund, USDA Rural Development funds, and Drinking Water Revolving Funds. On a recommendation from the Rural Water Board, motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to authorize Holtz to move forward with the grant applications, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$500.00; motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

OCTOBER 6, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	\$4,223.82
A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	4,782.00
BROCK WHITE	3,905.00
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP	31,500.00
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	4,993.32
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC	22,833.57
DILIGENT CORPORATION	3,000.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,034.42
GRAINGER	15,799.56
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	53,433.80
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	10,620.00
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS	3,095.28
RACOM	7,711.76
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	19,842.59
WEX BANK	2,158.65
WILLIS INC DBA SCALE CENTER	2,021.29
53 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	16,871.78
TOTAL	\$213,826.84

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

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a brief elections update with no action taken.

Tom VonBische and Mike Weich, Next Era Project Managers, attended the meeting via telephone and requested approval of the Walleys Wind Decommissioning Plan; the decommissioning plan was tabled from the previous meeting to address questions regarding the decommissioning of the (7) MinWin turbines that were purchased by Next Era. Weich stated that those turbines already have a decommission plan approved by the State of MN Public Utilities Commission and Next Era will comply with those plans. The Walleys Wind turbines will have a 30-yr life and a bond will ensure there are funds for the decommissioning costs; certain components are sold and the fiber glass blades are recycled. The decommissioning of the (7) MinWin tower and new construction of Walleys Wind are expected to begin in the summer of 2021. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Decommissioning Plan for the Walleys Wind Project, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the financial data from Rock County Opportunities with no action taken.

The County Board was informed of the upcoming Community COVID Testing event scheduled for October 13-15 at the Prairie Event Center, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the Chair to sign law enforcement agreements with all cities in the county, the 1-yr contract reflects a 5% increase; motion declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a tax abatement request from Momadic Properties dba A-1 Jet located in the Greenvale Addition, Auditor's Plat #1 in the

City of Luverne; motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to set a Public Hearing for November 3rd at 9:05 a.m. in the Herreid Board meeting room, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that currently there are no Commissioners certified to serve on the Board of Appeals; the Assessor recommends 2-3 Commissioners become certified and the deadline for re-certification is Feb. 1, 2021.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the health insurance group rates with the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative for 2021 which reflects a 8.1% increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Union Negotiations and City/County Liaison.

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

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock County Opportunities, Landowners meeting with County Engineer Mark Sehr.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services Finance Committee, and Union Negotiation.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Solid Waste, City/County Liaison, and met with a Hardwick property owner regarding street project.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to go into closed session at 10:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing union negotiation contract details, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to arise from closed session at 11:36 a.m., declared carried on a voice vote.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to adjourn, declared carried on a voice vote.

Gary Overgaard, Chair

Attest:

Kyle J. Oldre, Clerk to the County Board
(11-12)

Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 20

Rock County Board of Commissioners 9:00 A.M.
Herreid Board Meeting Room/Zoom Video Meeting October 20, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all who were in attendance.
Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the October 20, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the October 06, 2020, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch to call a Public Hearing to order at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding a Rock Home Initiative (RHI) application for Colin Lyndorf and Ashley Nye, declared carried on a voice vote.

There was no comments voiced or received; motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to close the Public Hearing at 9:08 a.m., declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Lyndorf/Nye RHI application with an estimated annual abatement of \$785.00 not exceed (5) years, declared carried on a voice vote.

Calla Jarvie, Rock County Library Director, informed the County Board of a pilot program opportunity with the Purdue University entitled Digital Ready Communities; Rock County was a referral by the Blandin Foundation. The objective of the program is to develop a digital information network to spread news announcements quickly across the county. Currently, Jarvie is in the process of developing an asset group and developing an operating agreement.

Jarvie also stated that currently, efforts to utilize the Blandin grant dollars have stalled due to COVID and that the grant deadline will expire very soon.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and Per Diems of \$800.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

OCTOBER 20, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$13,662.79
BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	6,604.76
BURLINGTON-NORTHERN/SANTAFE RAILWAY COM	3,919.43
CEMCAST PIPE & PRECAST	3,768.00
CHS	8,580.66
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	3,299.35
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,491.00
FEY INDUSTRIES INC	2,394.00
FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,566.80
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	3,839.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	11,398.55
LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	3,264.87
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	16,324.34
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	27,817.50
SANDERS INC	2,132.10
SANFORD HEALTH	2,332.00
SNOW WHEEL SYSTEM INC	2,096.79
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	33,299.00
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	2,589.83
TITAN MACHINERY-SIOUX FALLS	4,161.75
66 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	31,482.81
TOTAL	\$192,025.33

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

Kurtz also stated that the October 15 Real Estate tax collection has passed and that they are sending out over 400 late payment letters, which is higher than usual.

The County Board was in receipt of the 2019 Audit Exit; Kurtz stated that the county's audit resulted with an un-modified/clean opinion. Audits results for Rural Water and Soil and Water were good as well.

The Auditor/Treasurer stated that they are receiving a high volume of mail ballots due to numerous reasons.

The Administrator presented an update from the Community COVID testing event that was held on Oct 13-15. A total of 545 tests were administered resulting in 26 positive tests or a 4.8% rate for a population of 10,000.

The County Board was in receipt of the AMC District VIII Virtual meeting scheduled for November 5 at 9:00 a.m.

The Administrator briefly discussed the State of MN 2020 Bonding Bill of \$1.8 billion that was recently passed. There is nothing directly related to Rock County in the 2020 bill and that the Engineer will be able to access Rock County's local share of funds for infrastructure improvements.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2021 Cafeteria Contribution of \$777.70/mo for union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board review delegates for AMC and MCIT and determined to make know changes.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Community Corrections, Sergeants Union negotiation and Southwest MN Opportunity Council.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: A. C. E. and Next Era.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rural Water, Southwestern Mental Health, Rock Ranch Open House.

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

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock Ranch Open House, Rural (2) meetings - Energy Board/SW Electric Transmission, Next Era.

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

(11-12)

NorthStar Services assumes name

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MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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MAILING ADDRESS: None provided

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: northstarservice1@gmail.com

PHONE NUMBER: None provided

(11-05, 11-12)

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For Sale: Gas 2510 John Deere loader tractor with extra bucket and forks—\$4,600. Located in Dell Rapids, SD. Call 605-428-3940; leave a message.
(11.07-11.12)

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For more information, contact Rick Peterson at
rick@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.

EMPLOYMENT

American Reformed Church is seeking to hire a worship director. The worship director will lead a Christ-centered worship experience for our regular weekend service and special holidays. Job description and application can be found at www.arcluverne.org or by contacting the church office at 507-283-8600 or office@arcluverne.org. Application deadline is November 15. (10.29-11.14)

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EMPLOYMENT

American Reformed Church, Luverne is seeking to hire a part time custodian to begin January 1, 2021. The position includes interior cleaning and set-up and outdoor grounds maintenance, but can be separated based on the applicant's interests. Job description and application can be found at www.arcluverne.org or by contacting the church office at 507-283-8600 or office@arcluverne.org. Application deadline is November 15. (10.29-11.14)

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EMPLOYMENT

Schomacker's Home Galleries is seeking a full-time manager with a quilt-patterned heart to operate The Sewing Basket.

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Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for a FULL-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL.

Two-year college degree preferred. Submit letter of application and resume to Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156. EOE

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- Secure financial information by completing database backups; keeping information confidential.
- Prepare and submit weekly/monthly reports to managers/owners.

POSITION SPECIFICATIONS

- Two year or Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance or related field
- Qualifications (CPA, CMA) a plus but not required
- Detail oriented and highly organized
- Basic understanding of tax/cash basis accounting
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Questions? Call 283-2333

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Call Rick or Chantel **507-283-2333**

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The Star Herald office will be closed

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27.

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COVID-19

Isolation AND Quarantine

What's the difference?

Isolation	Quarantine
Separates sick people from people who are not sick	Separates people who were in close contact with a person with COVID-19 from others
People in isolation need to stay home and separate themselves from others in the home as much as possible	People in quarantine should stay home, limit their contact with other people, and monitor for COVID-19 symptoms

When can I return to normal activities?

<h4 style="text-align: center;">I was sick with COVID-19</h4> It is safe to discontinue home isolation when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms appeared AND *You haven't had a fever for 24 hours AND *Your symptoms have improved <p><i>Stethoscope icon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Seek medical attention if you are unable to manage your symptoms! <h4 style="text-align: center;">I was diagnosed with COVID-19, but never became sick</h4> It is safe to discontinue home isolation when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *At least 10 days have passed since your positive diagnostic test <p style="text-align: center;">For more information: Visit Minnesota Department of Health at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html</p>	<h4 style="text-align: center;">The person I was in contact with lives outside my home</h4> It is safe to discontinue quarantine when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *At least 14 days have passed since your last contact with the person with COVID-19 AND *You remain healthy <h4 style="text-align: center;">The person I was in contact with lives with me</h4> If you are able to separate completely from the person with COVID-19, it is safe to discontinue quarantine when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *At least 14 days have passed since your last contact with the person with COVID-19 AND *You remain healthy If you are unable to separate completely, it is safe to discontinue quarantine when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *At least 14 days have passed since the person with COVID-19 was allowed to end home isolation AND *You remain healthy
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LACF will publish honor/memorials received through November 7th in the November 12th issue of the Rock County Star Herald.

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How to give: Write a check to LACF, include a note with person's name and branch of service and mail to PO Box 623 Luverne, MN or go to www.luvacf.org and place a credit card gift. Go to "donate now", click on the Rock County Veterans Fund and follow the prompts.

We look forward to honoring these special service men and women. Questions please contact Emily Crabtree, Executive Director at emily@luvacf.org or 507-220-2424

Nothing says Christmas like a card from home...

Cards will be collected until November 30th.

SEND A CARD TO A SERVICE MEMBER!

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- Use a greeting card - or make your own!
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- Avoid using glitter - it's a problem if it gets on uniforms.
- Avoid political statements or religious discussions, but feel free to let them know you are praying for them!
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Nov. 19, 2020

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