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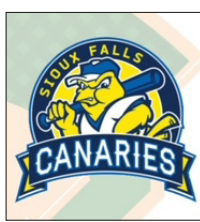
## Redbirds to host Canaries in exhibition game Saturday

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Redbirds baseball team will face the Sioux Falls Canaries at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, for an exhibition game on Redbird Field in Luverne.

The event is sponsored by Take 16 Brewing Co., which is brewing a special craft beer for the Canaries baseball program.

"It's kind of a fun kick-off for summer," said Luke Rensink, Take 16 master brewer and general manager.



The Canaries beer, "Birds Brew," is essentially Take 16's signature Country Mile Kolsch packaged in a Canaries label.

Some cans will be available at Saturday's game in Luverne, but the majority will be sold at the Canaries stadium in Sioux Falls.

As part of a marketing deal, Take 16 also purchased advertising on the third base bar for the season.

Rensink is brewing 128 cases (3,072 cans) that will also be available in the Luverne brewery and other regional outlets.

He said proceeds from Saturday's game will benefit the Luverne Baseball Association, which is the official event host. Tickets cost \$5.

LBA board member Don Dinger said the Redbirds will be missing some players who are still finishing college, but they'll field a complete team for the game.

For both teams, he said it will be a chance to test pitchers' and players' abilities ahead of the regular season.

"Basically, it's a way to bring something cool to town," Dinger said. "It helps the brewery and it helps us."

An after-game party in Take 16 will feature a meet-and-greet with Canaries players along with food, games and beverages.

## State orders school to remove 15-year-old tennis landscaping that's in right of way

By Mavis Fodness

A Minnesota Department of Transportation official notified Luverne Public Schools in writing that landscaping near the tennis courts needs to be removed.

Board members were informed at their Thursday night, April 27, meeting that a portion of the flower and shrub garden is in the right of way.

Business manager Tyler Reisch said discussions about meeting MnDOT's demand may include more than what's required.

"Once we take out what is necessary, we may have to take everything out because it will



Mavis Fodness photo/0504 Tennis Court Landscape Removal

Surveyors working on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's plan to resurface North Highway 75 in 2025 discovered that the landscaping installed as the result of the successful "Campaign for Courts" in 2008 was built in the MnDOT right of way. Luverne High School received a letter to remove the flower and shrub garden within 60 days.

Tennis landscaping/see 3



Mavis Fodness photo/0504 Planting April 26 2023

Nathan Braun applies anhydrous ammonia to a field east of Luverne on Wednesday afternoon, April 26. Braun, along with many other farmers across the state, is waiting for soil temperatures to warm before planting seed in the ground.

## Soil temps slowly climb for corn planting

By Mavis Fodness

Area farmers have been patient this spring as cool temperatures keep planters in the shed instead of in the fields.

Nathan Braun of Garretson was applying anhydrous ammonia to a field east of Luverne on April 26 and said he hopes to be planting in the same field this week.

"The calendar was saying it was time to go, but Mother Nature says it's not ready," Braun said.

On Monday soil temperatures at the 2-inch depth still registered in the 40s,

about 20 degrees cooler than what's ideal for young seeds to thrive.

"Last year some farmers realized they started planting too early and it cost them," Braun said.

Some seed failed to thrive and either was replanted or yield was compromised at harvest.

Two weeks ago, with air temperatures climbing into the 80s and 90s, soil temperatures were reaching into the 50s-degree levels.

"The soil temperature was warming

up nicely," Braun said. "And then the next week it was cool again."

He is hopeful this week will improve soil conditions and the recent windy conditions will dry fields to ideal levels.

"A few guys have worked up the ground and it's dry on top but it is wet underneath — it's not working up perfectly yet."

According to Monday's crop condition report, planting had just barely started. Corn planting was 5 percent complete

Spring corn planting/continued on 2

## Hardwick city park gets \$10,000 grant for shelter and more

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick is one of six communities in southwest Minnesota selected for a \$10,000 age-friendly community project grant.

The grants from Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging (MNRAAA) help to meet needs identified by the local leadership teams within each community.

Hardwick's leadership team chose the city's Milford Remme

Memorial Park, which was an ideal grant recipient, according to Kris Hohensee, the region's MNRAAA program developer.

"What I see in Hardwick is a close-knit community trying to stay here as their own community," she said.

"They are not trying to blend in as a community to nearby towns. They are trying to maintain their identity and are push-

ing themselves forward to stay vibrant."

Several park improvement efforts were already underway:

- American Legion members purchased supplies to construct a pickle ball court. They also purchased park benches.

- City officials already purchased materials to improve the existing picnic shelter.

- Received a \$2,600 Prairie

Rose Community Fund grant for playground improvements.

"I thought it was great that Hardwick was already moving forward with all these projects," Hohensee said. "What we can do is come in and give a little boost to these."

The age-friendly community grant will:

Hardwick park/see page 5

## Marlene and Darlene return to stage May 11 for dessert

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne comedy duo "Marlene and Darlene" will return

to the stage Thursday night, May 11, for a dessert theater fundraiser at the Generations Event Center on South Estey Street.

Actresses Brenda Winter (Marlene) and

DJ Luethje (Darlene) will join auctioneer Yvette Vander Brink to raise money for the Generations special events fund.

The event will mark the third stage appearance of the hapless

elderly sisters who "travel in their Toyota from Leota, Minnesota" to Luverne to advocate for a cause.

This time, their visit has two primary objectives, according to Winter: to make people laugh and to convince people that Generations is a fun place to be.

"People need to laugh," Winter said. "It's been a tough go these past couple years for so many people. We must laugh."

Marlene and Darlene/see 3



Brenda Winter (left) and DJ Luethje will play the roles of Marlene and Darlene, respectively, on May 11 at Generations.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Meetings

**Kenneth Cemetery Association** annual meeting will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, in the Kenneth Community Center. Members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

**Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies** will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, in the Sanford Luverne meeting room. Call Sharon at 507-227-3821 with questions.

**Beaver Creek Township Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, at the township hall in Beaver Creek.

**MS Support Group** will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday May 16, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 507-283-2069 or 507-283-2964.

**American Legion Auxiliary Post #123** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Call Dianna Tomlinson at 507-283-1934.

### 'Addams Family' musical

Luverne High School Drama Department will perform the "The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy," on May 4, 5 and 6 in the performing arts center. Curtain opens at 7 p.m.

### Powerful Tools for Caregivers starts May 3 at Generations

A series of six classes, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, starting May 3, at A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, located in the Generations building in Luverne. Classes to help caregivers take better care of themselves are free, but registration is required by calling 507-283-5064.

### Nutrition for seniors May 4

A.C.E. of SW MN will offer its Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The drive-thru distribution will be in the parking lot off Maple Street on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required by calling 507-283-5064.

### Fifth-grade band concert May 5

Luverne elementary fifth-grade band concert will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, in the performing arts center. The public is welcome to attend.

### SAIL classes start May 8

SAIL classes meet from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings starting May 8 through June 30 in Generations Event Center in Luverne.

The classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required by calling Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064, or ACE Volunteer Cory Ziegler, 507-920-0587.

### Register until May 10 for 4-H camps in June

Youth who have completed grades 3-6 can attend one of two residential camps at Lake Shetek June 19-21 and June 21-23. 4-H staff and high school youth counselors lead activities, small group discussions and outdoor activities during the camps.

Registration is open until May 10. Contact the Rock County Extension Office, 507-283-1302, or mnnext-rock@umn.edu.

### Mobile dental clinic May 18

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Thursday, May 18, at ATLAS of Rock County to provide dental care for adults and children of all ages. Call 612.746.1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. Organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.



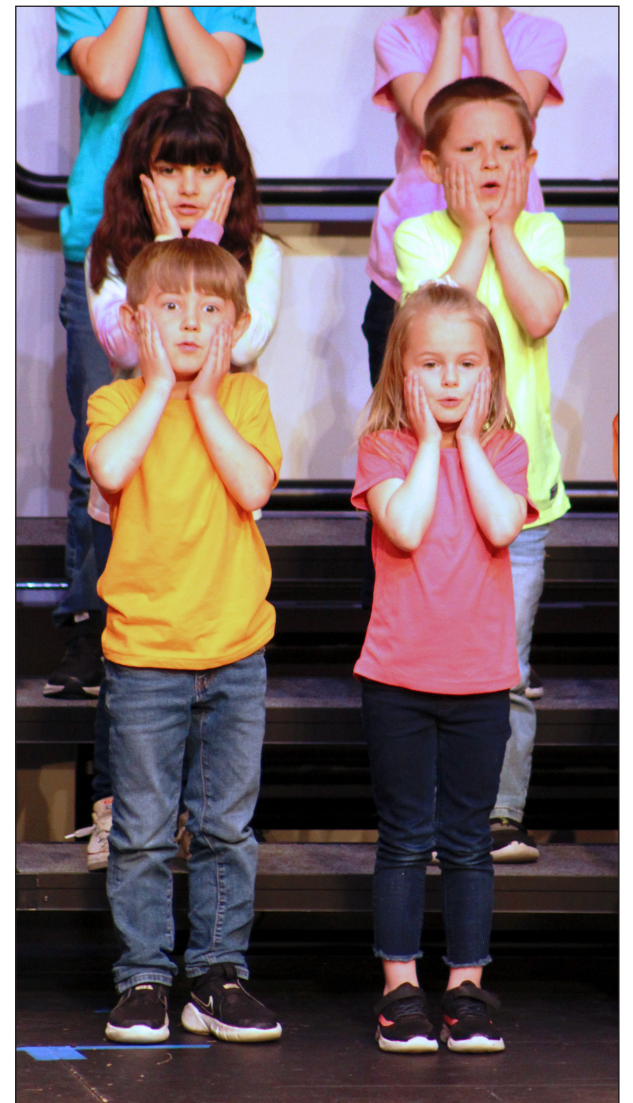
Mavis Fodness photos/0504 Kindergartners 2023

## 'Getting Down with Mama Goose'

Kindergartners at Luverne Elementary School took to the performing arts center stage Friday afternoon for their first music program of their academic careers. The 71 students sang several popular Mother Goose rhymes including "Mother Hubbard," "Jack B. Nimble," "Three Little Kittens" and "Humpty Dumpty." Conducting the students is Morgan Van Holland.



Singing "Jack B. Nimble" are (front, from left) Madilyn Lysne, Jamison Balster, Sarah Kadhim, (second row) Vance Dressen, Gabriella Lynch, William Wynia, (back) Guinevere Carlson and Beckham Elgersma.



Pictured at right are (front row, from left) Tenzin Hood, Luna Gillen, (back, left) Allyda Rodas Chicas and Aydin Fodness.

## Wessels keeps Luverne's 28-year record going with government finance award

### By Lori Sorenson

For the 28<sup>th</sup> year, the city of Luverne has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

At their April 25 meeting, City Council members formally recognized city finance director Robyn Wessels for her efforts in qualifying the city for the award.

"Thanks for the great job you do," Mayor Pat Baustian told Wessels.

He pointed out that Wessels had big shoes to fill when former city finance director Barb Berghorst retired, and he thanked Wessels for maintaining the legacy of excellence.

Wessels thanked the council but also credited city staff for their contributions to qualifying for the award.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. It represents a "significant



Lori Sorenson photo/0504 wessels finance award  
City Finance Director Robyn Wessels (left) accepts the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from Mayor Pat Baustian during the April 25 Luverne City Council meeting in City Hall.

accomplishment by a government and its management."

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial

Reporting to the city of Luverne for its comprehensive annual financial report every year since 1994.

It is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with high standards for preparing government financial reports.

## Spring corn planting gets slow start/ from page 1

last week, up from 1 percent the previous week.

There was no planting report for soybeans.

The five-year planting average for this time of year is 23 percent for corn, with no report for soybean progress average.

Kent Thiesse, farm management analyst, urges continued patience.

"Most university and private agronomists are encouraging producers to be patient with initiating field work, and to wait until soil conditions are fit for good corn planting and germination," he wrote in his latest Focus on Ag column.

"Given the high cost per acre of seed corn ... most growers do not want to take the risk of planting in poor soil conditions. ... Normally, in early May, the soil temperatures warm up quite rapidly."

Farmers have until May 10, if soil conditions are favorable, for corn to achieve optimal yields.

## #TellUsTuesday Results

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## Motorcycle group expected in Luverne Saturday for 'International Female Ride'

A group of women motorcycle riders will ride through Luverne Saturday as part of the International Female Ride.

The riders, roughly 100 expected to participate, will leave Sioux Falls around 10 a.m. and will take county roads to Luverne, arriving between 11 and noon.

They'll parade through town before stopping for lunch at JJ's Tasty Freeze on South Highway 75.

The event is sponsored by Vern Eide Motoplex to spotlight women riders in the area, but all riders are welcome, according to organizer Lynnette "Nettie" Lawrence, Vern Eide apparel consultant and two-wheel enthusiast.

"Building lifelong bonds with local women and having a blast, all while riding and exploring the natural landscapes and historical landmarks of this region, can be rewarding," she said.

"There's a lot to be learned from group riding. Creating a community who watches out for one another, builds personal

character."

She said roughly 19 percent of motorcyclists are female, nearly doubling from 2009, with the median age of female motorcyclists being 39.

The largest interest appears mostly in cruisers, followed by scooters, and then sport bikes.

"Female motorcycle clubs have grown increasingly popular as women are drawn to motorcycling for the camaraderie and outdoorsy feel and fun," said Lawrence, a member of the local Litas lady riding chapter.

The International Female Ride Day will start at 9 a.m. at Vern Eide Motoplex with women-owned businesses serving coffee and breakfast on site.

Also, women-owned businesses will offer a vendor fair throughout the day, and a raffle drawing at 3 p.m. will benefit the Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety (formerly Children's Inn).

Lawrence can be reached at llawrence@verneide.com

## Marlene and Darlene/from 1

The dessert auction becomes part of the Marlene-and-Darlene skit when the sisters decide, "We don't need no auctioneer; we can do this ourselves."

Marlene makes Darlene promise that they will not call their sister, "Charlene, (Vander Brink), the famous, successful, good-looking auctioneer with a handsome husband."

But when things get out of hand, Charlene comes to the rescue.

When asked if Winter and Luethje have rehearsed with Vander Brink, Winter said, "You know Yvette, right? I am not writing any lines for her. DJ and I are just going to hold onto our hats. ... She's her own show."

In addition to George

Bonnema's legendary carrot cake, the dessert auction introduces featured cakes in the program, but two last-minute, *unplanned* entries show up when Marlene and Darlene add their own cakes to the lineup.

Advance tickets for the Marlene and Darlene dessert auction are \$20 in the lobby of Generations from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. through May 8 Tickets at the door will be \$25 the night of the event.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, and the show begins at 7.

Raffle tickets for several donated gifts — many valued at more than \$100 — are also available in the lobby. See the Generations Facebook page for details.

## Tennis landscaping/from 1

look odd," Reisch said.

The school district has 60 days to comply to the removal order, according to the letter received April 24 from MnDOT permitting manager Emily Eichner. "The State is preparing a road construction project on Trunk Highway 75 through Luverne," she wrote. "During MnDOT's work on this project, it has come to our attention that the landscaping near the southeast corner of the tennis courts is encroaching into the Truck Highway 75 right of way.

"Please remove the landscaping encroachment within 60 days."

MnDOT plans to resurface Highway 75 in front of the Luverne school campus in 2025.

The flower and shrub landscape project was part of the 2008 grassroots fundraiser, "Campaign for Courts" to expand and resurface the tennis courts.

The successful \$429,000 campaign was completed for the 2008-09 school year.

Eichner stated MnDOT doesn't actively search out encroachments but will address the issue with property owners once the encroachment is discovered.

"(We) understand this may seem like a minor issue and an unneeded expense to correct for you as a property owner," Eichner

wrote.

She states MnDOT personnel will mark the right of way if request.

Eichner also noted the district may need a miscellaneous work permit from her MnDOT office in order to complete the work.

### In other business, board members:

- hired Jon Schomacker as 2023 summer recreation director for \$9,600, a \$200 increase from last year; Jake Haugen as mathematics teacher beginning with the 2023-24 school year for a salary of \$43,727; and Kathy Hawes as special education teacher beginning with the 2023-24 school year for a salary of \$52,624.

- accepted the resignation of Tara Sudenga as high school mathematics teacher effective May 26; Austin Maxwell, special education teacher, effective at the end of the current school year; and Joel Evans, elementary physical education teacher and middle school football coach, effective at the end of the school year.

- approved a medical leave of absence for Jen Bose, Community Education paraprofessional, beginning April 3 for the remainder of the school year; and approved Ben Nath as a volunteer golf coach.



Mavis Fodness photo/0504 State Speech 2023

Four LHS students qualified for the 2023 Class A MSHSL Speech Tournament Saturday in Apple Valley. Pictured are (from left) coach Joseph Stearns, Bri Kinsinger, Roselynn Hartshorn, Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau and coach Gavin Folkestad.

## Zander Carbonneau finishes fifth at state speech tournament

By Mavis Fodness

The third time was the charm for Luverne High School freshman Zander Carbonneau, as he claimed a fifth-place medal in extemporaneous speaking at Saturday's Class A state speech tournament in Apple Valley.

"It was pretty nice. It was kind of a surprise to make it to the finals, but it was a good one (surprise) at that," he said.

The top eight speakers in each of the 13 competition categories moved on to the finals.

Also competing at the state meet were senior Parker Carbonneau, junior Roselynn Hartshorn and sophomore Bri Kinsinger.

Kinsinger finished 24<sup>th</sup> in creative expression and Hartshorn 21<sup>st</sup> in original oratory.

Parker Carbonneau, a three-time state tournament qualifier, placed ninth in extemporaneous



Minnesota State High School League photo

Zander Carbonneau, a freshman at Luverne High School, gets his fifth-place medal in extemporaneous speaking from Ceil McDonald, an MSHSL board member, Saturday at the 2023 Class A speech tournament in Apple Valley.

speaking, one place out of moving on to the final medal round.

A low score in Round 1 prevented the senior from advancing.

"Every judge has their own preferences and things they look for, and the political nature of extemporaneous speaking

can also introduce subconscious bias," said coach Gavin Folkestad.

"Parker was absolutely deserving to compete in finals. It is disappointing that it only took one judge who held a drastically different viewpoint from the other to significantly alter the outcome."



Mavis Fodness photo/0504 State Speech 2023

A Luverne Volunteer Fire Department truck on Main Street Luverne Thursday morning helps to send off the four students who qualified for this year's state speech tournament. A sign at the Palace Theatre read "Good Luck at State Speech."

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## New month, new 9,000-step goal, new way of thinking

Each day in May I'm walking at least 9,000 steps, and walking more than four miles a day allows for a lot of thinking.



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

A recent New York Times article with the headline, "Lean into negative emotions. It's the healthy thing to do," has me thinking differently.

It appears when we experience a bad feeling, we don't have to love the feeling. We just have to try to feel neutral about it.

The study found people who react neutrally were just as psychologically healthy as those who reacted positively. They suggest approaching the feeling with curiosity.

After all, the feeling won't be around forever.

And it appears well-being increases with age.

As I move toward my sixth decade of life, I've turned my focus on my physical well-being.

As a result, I recently put my negative emotions toward the medical community behind me.

I visited a physician for a health check-up after a decade-long hiatus.

"Normal" is what she confirmed as a baseline, just in case my health condition changes for the worse.

The best part of the whole visit was when the nurse asked me to step on the scale — that's when normal felt really good.

I was no longer considered obese.

When the "Healthy Communities" survey for planning at Southwest Health and Human Services appeared in my mailbox, I was excited to tell someone that I exercise regularly. I'm no longer considered overweight and I pay attention to my diet.

I answered all 64 questions and wondered if only those who work at their wellness respond to surveys?

Do people lie?

Tell the whole truth?

I'll admit that prior to starting my wellness journey six months ago, (I suspect this is what most people do) I would have set the survey aside and promptly forgot to answer the questions.

Those answers could bring more wellness benefits to our communities no matter what our physical conditions are.

Now that I am more aware of walking paths throughout the region, I appreciate communities and individuals who make these public amenities possible.

Now we just have to use them because there is nothing better for the mind than a little fresh air as we view the natural environment around us.

I don't know about you, but this month I am going to experience nature firsthand 9,000 steps at a time.

## Foster parents offer stability, support for Minnesota families during difficult times

Foster Care Month in May offers an opportunity to recognize foster parents for providing care and stability to children in crisis across Minnesota.

Children often experience mental health challenges from trauma and family disruption. In fact, mental and behavioral health is the most significant unmet health need for children and teens in foster care.

As many as 80 percent of children in foster care have significant mental health issues, compared to about 20 percent of the general population.

"Addressing the mental health needs of children, youth and parents can bring success to families who get the support and services they need," said Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead.

Children who cannot safely remain at home may be placed temporarily in family foster care or a group residential facility. In 2022, 11,235 children and young adults in Minnesota experienced out-of-home care.

When out-of-home placement

becomes necessary, relatives and kin are the first consideration.

Maintaining these relationships can increase stability, reduce trauma and help children maintain a sense of family, belonging and identity.

Minnesota counties and agencies are working to preserve family connections, with 62 percent of children in foster care in Minnesota placed with relatives.

Even with the growth in relative and kinship placements, many agencies still need more foster parents, particularly those who can help meet children's mental health needs.

Counties are seeking foster families with expertise — or willingness to learn — to support children with trauma and other mental health needs.

Culturally appropriate mental

health supports that recognize the identity, culture and lived experiences of children and youth help make services and supports more effective and result in better long-term outcomes.

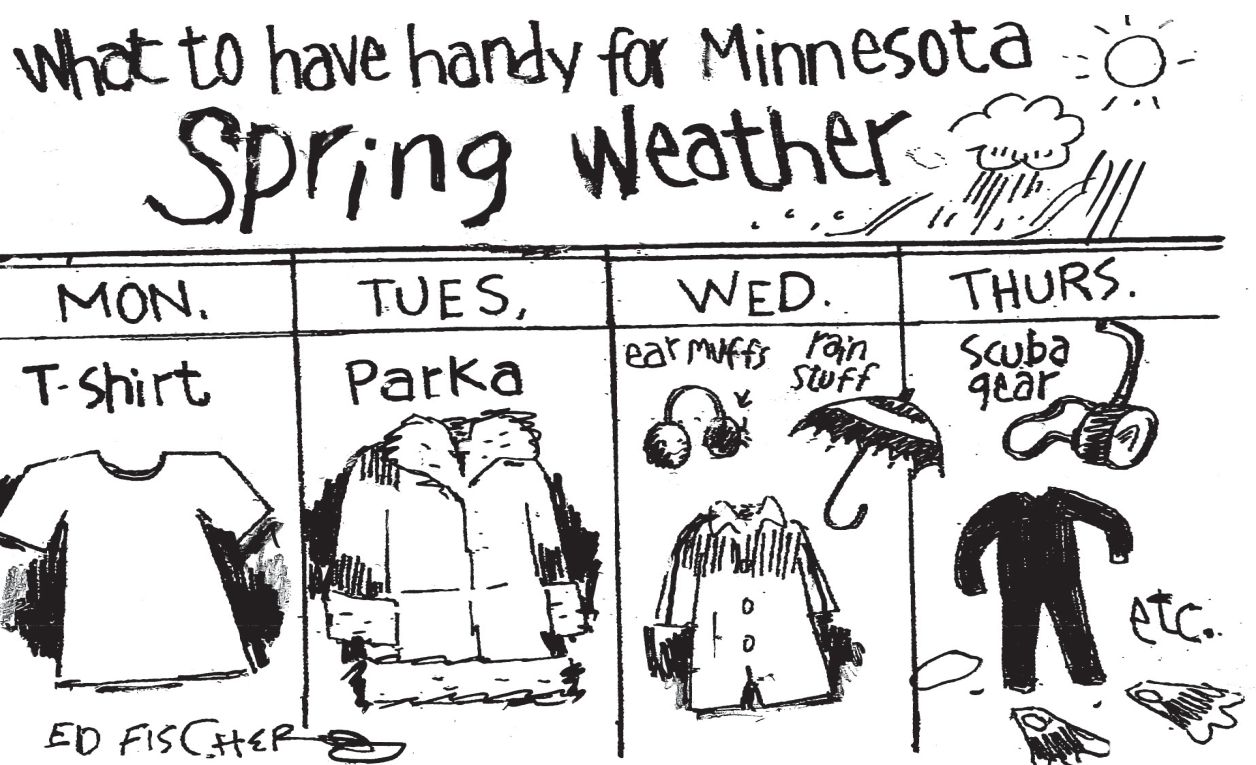
Foster parents may be licensed to provide training and assess foster families' strengths and needs. They also help create individual training plans to meet the needs of children in foster care.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services provides funding to train and support foster families.

Ideally, these agencies have a large enough pool of foster parents to enable children and youth to remain in their communities and schools, while having their needs met.

For more information visit the Department of Human Services' webpage, [mn.gov/dhs](http://mn.gov/dhs).

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL



## May brings flowers, fishing and baseball

It's the first week of May, and until this week it felt more like March. Prom has passed, citywide cleanup is in the books, and Mother's Day and the Minnesota fishing opener are just around the corner.

Driver, beware, because this week is garage sale week. Some sales start on Wednesday, but for the most part Thursday through Saturday are the big days. Traffic through the neighborhoods will be heavier than normal where quick stops and midblock U-turns will be the norm.

This week the city crews have been picking up branches and by week's end will more than likely be starting their weekly mowing schedules.

A week or so ago we all received our proposed property



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

taxes for the upcoming year. It's no surprise there was a bit of grumbling at the coffee shops and bars, but I challenge you to find a city that does a better job of plowing streets in the winter and cleaning up our household junk, not to mention the hours and hours of mowing they do every summer.

Another treasure this city has is Redbird Field, which by the way is the site of an exhibition baseball game between the

hometown Redbirds and the Sioux Falls Canaries at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6.

The Take 16 Brewing company is sponsoring the event. Admission is bucks for adults and free for students.

Birds Brew Pale Lager, brewed by Take 16, will be available at Redbird Field and at the after-party in the Take 16 beer garden.

Nothing says summer like baseball, beer and brats.

## Ask a trooper: Husband correct in never using cruise control while it's raining

By Sgt. Troy Christianson  
Minnesota State Patrol

**Question:** My husband always used to say "never use your cruise control during any rain." Is that still true with advances on tires and technology?

**Answer:** He is correct. Cruise control should never be used on wet or icy roadways. If your wheels lose traction, the cruise control will continue to accelerate, causing the vehicle to skid. By the time you realize you are skidding, it could be too late.

With dry road conditions, cruise control helps you safely monitor your speed, stay within the speed limit, and improve driving comfort on long, fairly straight stretches of road. It should be used only when you are able to drive at a steady speed with safe road conditions.

When deciding if you should set your cruise control:

• Ask yourself if it's safe to travel the speed limit. If not, it isn't safe to set your

cruise.

• Is there limited visibility? If it's foggy, snowing, or raining and your range of visibility is significantly reduced, play it safe. Don't set your cruise.

• Is traffic moving smoothly? If it's stop-and-go, or there's heavy traffic around you, it's not safe to use cruise. Remember that using your cruise control can be an advantage when driving long distances, but YOU are your vehicle's best safety feature.

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

*If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, [Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us](mailto:Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us))*

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**April 21**

•Complainant on 211<sup>th</sup> Street, Hardwick, reported theft.

•Complainant on Highway 24, mile marker 3, Steen, reported debris.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

**April 22**

•Complainant on County Road 11, Hills, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Hills, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported assault.

•Complainant reported a miscellaneous call.

**April 23**

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a missing person.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 7, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on Redbird Road reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Luverne and Estey streets reported illegal burning.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, requested motorist assistance.

**April 24**

•Complainant on Linden

Street requested assistance from another department.

•Complainant on W. Interstate Drive reported a fire.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street requested an unlock.

•A warrant was reported on E. Dodge Street.

•Complainant on Oak Drive reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on Main Street, Steen, reported suspicious activity.

•A warrant was reported on S. Kniss Avenue.

**April 25**

•A warrant was reported at Day County Sheriff's Office.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a parking issue.

•A warrant was reported on 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaver Creek.

•A warrant was reported on E. Crawford Street.

•Complainant on Dodge Street and Highway 75, Luverne, reported harassing communications.

•Complainant on Highway 75, Interstate 90 overpass, Luverne, reported debris.

**April 26**

•Complainant on County Road 4 and 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported weapons.

•Complainant on Pine Drive reported a disorderly.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 10 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 33 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 alarm, 3 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 46 traffic stops, 11 abandoned 911 calls and 2 OFPs.



Earth moving equipment is on site to bring a Kwik Trip to South Highway 75 in Luverne.

## Dirt work begins to prepare site on South Highway 75 for Kwik Trip construction

By Lori Sorenson

Earth moving work is underway to bring a Kwik Trip to South Highway 75 in Luverne.

Company officials said Luverne's Kwik Trip footprint will be 9,000 square feet located on 2.88 acres just south of the Econo Lodge Hotel near the intersection of Highway 75 and Gabrielson Road.

The Luverne Kwik Trip will be open 24 hours per day, seven days a week, with 20 full-time employees.

The newer "Gen 3" design will be similar to the Kwik Trip in Windom and will include all the same amenities except a car wash.

The gas station convenience store is known for its fried chicken and take-home meals, and it also has vegetables and fresh meat for grilling, plus potatoes, bread and bakery items.

Kwik Trip has its own dairy, sweet goods and bread production in La Crosse, Wisconsin, from where it distributes directly to more than 800 of its stores in

the Upper Midwest.

In addition to standard convenience store merchandise and grocery items, Luverne's Kwik Trip fuel pumps will have unleaded, premium and E-85 gas (no diesel).

The Luverne location is among several new Kwik Trip stores in the works, including one in Worthington and several in Sioux Falls.

Construction will begin this fall, with opening expected in January 2024.



A new sidewalk was poured in the Hardwick city park last week as part of an age-friendly grant through the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging. It's part of several projects the \$10,000 grant will add to the park before an unveiling celebration occurs in late June.

## Hardwick park improvements/from page 1

•finish enclosing the existing open-sided picnic shelter

•move the existing basketball hoops to make room for the pickle ball court.

•construct a sidewalk allowing more accessibility for strollers, walkers and wheelchairs.

•upgrade the existing bathrooms with improved flooring and fixtures.

•install more accessible playground equipment for all ages.

Hohensee said Hardwick stood out as an ideal age-friendly community candidate to the selection committee.

It was among five communities selected for the grant program. Also selected were Vesta, Lynd, Winsted, Bird Island and Maynard.

Other communities who have received age-friendly community grants include Adrian, which hired an intergenerational coordinator, and Pipestone to purchase benches for the downtown area.

MNRAA partnered with the Southwest Initiative Foundation in 2017 to work with rural com-

munities with populations under 2,000 in a shortened version of the AARP age-friendly designation community process. The process takes less than a year.

The process through AARP (Association of Retired Persons) focuses on eight common denominators which allow all ages of citizens to participate in community life.

The areas include transportation and mobility options, housing, inclusion, digital connections, community resilience, civic engagement and creation vibrant public places.

Shortly after Hardwick was selected and a local leadership team was formed, a community survey narrowed the group's focus to the city park.

### Project unveiling slated for June 24-26

All projects are expected to be complete in time for the Hardwick Jubilee Days scheduled for June 24-26.

Several activities are planned at the city park, with a special party planned to celebration Hardwick's

steps toward being an age-friendly community.

"When we look at age-friendly communities and how to make things more appealing to older adults, we don't forget about other community members," Hohensee said.

"The tagline for AARP says it best: 'What's good for an 8-year-old is good for an 80-year-old.'"

## 30 for Freedom runner stops in Luverne

Nineteen-year-old Zach Jennissen traveled on foot from Sioux Falls to Luverne Monday night as part of a 600-mile trek to Canada.

The 2022 Foley High School grad has been making the trip since he was in sixth grade to promote the 30 for Freedom cause to end human trafficking.

"I'm blessed that I get to use my gift to improve the lives of others," he said Monday.

"Human trafficking is something that is near to my heart and it's a large issue in this country. It's much larger than people know and I'm trying to make it known."

He stayed with Canaan Petersen in Luverne Monday night and continued the next day to Mankato. His future route includes St. Cloud, Brainerd, Duluth and eventually through Grand Portage.

30 for Freedom started with one man's vision to get 30 of his friends to run 30 miles to raise \$30,000 on his 30th birthday to help victims of sex trafficking.

Brent Silkey's vision has since then inspired thousands to raise \$1.56 million in the past seven years.

Jennissen's FB page has a Venture Miles link to support his cause.



Nineteen-year-old Zach Jennissen traveled on foot from Sioux Falls to Luverne Monday night as part of a 600-mile trek to Canada to promote the 30 for Freedom cause to end human trafficking. (Canaan Petersen photo)



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Students at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School give their attention to raptor handler Max Borge with the kestrel falcon, Malar, in a special assembly conducted Monday morning in Beaver Creek. Borge is from the U of M veterinary medicine's Gabbert Raptor Center.

## An Eagle, falcon, owl and hawk visit H-BC Elementary School

Story and photos  
by Mavis Fodness

Elementary students at Hills-Beaver Creek learned about raptors Monday.

The birds, not the dinosaurs.

Max Borge with the Gabbert Raptor Center on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, said many people ask him if he has dinosaurs in the blue plastic kennels emblazoned with "The Raptor Center" stickers on each side.

"No," is his polite answer.

Instead, he often travels with a falcon, an owl, an eagle and a hawk, all of which he brought to Beaver Creek so the elementary students could learn about the non-extinct raptors.

Each bird is an ambassador at the Raptor Center and each has injuries that prevented survival in the wild. Each raptor posed on Borge's arm as he talked about it, except for the

eagle, who was hesitant to leave the darkness of the plastic kennel.

Borge left students with a message.

"Each raptor is very important to the environment," he said. "If you see raptors, the environment is healthy."

Borge slipped each raptor raw meat as a reward for sitting patiently on his left arm. Each gobbled the treat as students watched.

The Raptor Center treats about 1,000 eagles, hawks, owls, falcons and vultures in a year, with 60 percent successfully returned to the wild.

Those who survive and are not rehabilitated back into nature become ambassadors at the center or become exhibit birds for nature centers across the U.S.

The Raptor Center's visit was sponsored by the H-BC Elementary PTO.



Max Borge with the Gabbert Raptor Center in St. Paul holds Luta, a red-tailed hawk. At right: Ricke, a great horned owl, looks past Gabbert Raptor Center educator Max Borge.

Gladdie (pictured below), a bald eagle, hesitantly watches Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary students file past his travel carrier Monday morning during a group assembly featuring ill and injured eagles, hawks, owls, falcons and vultures cared for at the Gabbert Raptor Center in the Twin Cities.



Malar, is an American kestrel, and is the smallest falcon found in North America.



## 1943: Herbert continues his Diamond Club story

The following article is part of the Diamond Club Member group that began in the January 7, 1943, issue of the Rock County Star Herald. Members of this group consist of persons of age 75 and older.

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on September 23, 1943.

### Herbert recounts 1888 blizzard (cont.)

With the clotheslines to follow, the neighbor was able to bring his family to the Herbert home.

### Worked in Harness Shop

Here he worked as foreman in the shop for Burley and Kennicott. After three years, Kennicott was in full charge of the business and he was employed by him for 10 years. He was a shop mate of the late Ed Lynch for 12 years, and later worked for him in his own shop. He went to Alden, Minn., where he remained one year working at his trade, then he came back and worked 12 years for Steve Kennedy and three years for John Albert. On March 1, 1919, he opened



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,  
Rock County Historian

his own shoe repair shop in the rear of what then was the Handy grocery, and what now is the Schlader jewelry building. This he operated until going to California in February, 1928. He opened a shop in San Fernando, and after his wife's death on May 15, 1929, he moved to North Hollywood where he is still proprietor of "Dad Herbert's" shoe repair shop.

Racing was one of Mr. Herbert's favorite sports in his younger days. When he was a boy of nine, he rode on

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## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2013)

•Luverne High School Class of '97 graduate Bill Aanenson brings 16 years of experience to a brand new business on Highway 75.

Aanenson and his wife, Michelle, opened Rock Motor Sports LLC in April.

The business, located in the former TriState Auto building, offers parts and service for every kind of outdoor power equipment — boats, motorcycles, four-wheelers, lawn mowers and more.

Bill said he began working on small engines when he was a student at Alexandria Technical College. "I worked for a shop when I was in school," he said. "I worked four years in Sheldon, Iowa, and I worked more than 10 years at Outdoor Motor Sports in Spearfish, S.D."

Michelle will be the office manager for the new business — when she's not caring for the couple's first child due in a few weeks. "That's why we came back," Bill said. "This is a better place to raise a family."

### 25 years ago (1998)

•Blue Mounds State Park Partners raised more than \$1,300 when 150 people showed up Saturday during their March for Parks event.

The money will be used to enclose and heat the open picnic shelter at the park, creating a winter warming house.

Though rain drizzled on the park at the start of the event, the remainder of the day was dry.

In addition to hiking, participants enjoyed puppet shows, music, games, nature crafts, scavenger hunts, campfires, hot-dogs and more.

March for Parks is held nationwide and is sponsored by the National Parks and Conservation Association.

### 50 years ago (1973)

•Style Shop to Celebrate 'New Look' — Completion of an improvement program which included the laying of new carpeting, paneling some walls, and other remodeling, will

be celebrated by the Luverne Style Shop during the next week.

Audrey Wildung, owner, announced that a number of valuable prizes will be given away during the celebration, and invites the public to come in and see the new interior and to register for the prizes.

Also there during the week to greet her many friends will be H.F. Wildung, founder of the store, who now lives in California, but is there for a visit.

### 75 years ago (1948)

•Another burglary at Beaver Creek was reported this week by Sheriff Roberts.

Thieves broke a window on the east side of the Walter Eads and Son garage, rifled the cash register, and escaped unseen with between \$12 and \$15 in cash Thursday night, the sheriff said. Nothing else was missing.

Discovery of the break-in was made about 4 p.m. Friday by Pete Drowden, village night-watchman.

Whether the break-in was linked in any way with the previous burglaries at Beaver Creek is hard to determine. The school building and the Noll service station were entered on the night of April 21, and Noll station had been entered several weeks previously.

### 100 years ago (1923)

•"Better Teeth Week" begins Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1923. During this week we hope to conduct an intensive campaign for the encouragement of more thorough and more frequent use of the toothbrush," announced Clara O. Herm, Luverne school nurse. "We have received attractive dental charts from the Florence Manufacturing Co. Gold starts will be placed after the name of each child who has brushed his teeth twice the day previous. ...

"We ask the co-operation of the parents in making this week a success. If your child has not been to the dentist within the year, we would urge that you make an appointment with your dentist at the earliest opportunity. Even though there are no cavities, it is well for the child to become acquainted with the dentist as early as possible."

## OBITUARIES

### Corinne Nath

Corinne Marion Rudy Nath, age 93, of Luverne, died Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.



She was born to Cletus and Carol Ruddy on January 3, 1930. She was raised on the Ruddy farm northeast of Luverne, Minnesota, and was the third of 17 children.

After graduating from Luverne High School in 1947, Corinne married Orlen Nath, and they were blessed with seven children, Mike, Steve, Joel, Gregg, Pam, Joni and Tom. She worked at Nelson Brothers Department Store and then worked at the Luverne Community Hospital for over 30 years.

She was an active member of St. Catherine Catholic Church for her entire life. She was famous for her love of flowers and her delicious cinnamon rolls. She looked forward to family picnics and the annual family Christmas party.

Corinne is survived by her children, Mike Nath (Janet) of Luverne, Pam Welch (Mickey) of Yankton, South Dakota, Joni Keck (Kraig) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Tom Nath (Lisa) of Luverne; daughter-in-law Wendy Nath of Luverne; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sons, Steve, Joel and Gregg; and many brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 3, from 1-2 p.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, officiated by Monsignor Gerald Kosse. Burial will be in the St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery in Luverne.

Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne is in charge of arrangements.

### Evelyn Ray

Evelyn G. Ray, 89, of Luverne, formerly of Windom, died peacefully on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.



A memorial service will be Friday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Windom, Minnesota. Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Memorials may be given in Evelyn's memory to the family or sent to: MN VA-Luverne, P.O. Box 539, Luverne, MN, 56156, to be donated toward our country's veterans. To sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

Evelyn Gertrude Ray was born on July 8, 1933, to Peter and Katarina (Pankratz) Toews in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She was baptized at the Bethel Mennonite Church and graduated from Mountain Lake High School in 1951. She then attended Mankato Commercial College.

While working at Kimberly-Clark in Windom, Evelyn was encouraged by co-workers to go on a blind date with her future husband, Eugene E. Ray. Two weeks later, on Sept. 6, 1954, she married the love of her life.

They began their married life in Germany after Gene was drafted into the United States Army. When they re-

turned from his service, they lived the "good life" on a farm north of Windom and raised their four children. Evelyn and Gene were often seen dancing and holding each other's hands until Gene passed away on Sept. 14, 2017.

Throughout her life, Evelyn used her talent as a seamstress to sew hundreds of beautiful dresses and designed draperies. She contributed her time and talents to the First Presbyterian Church, was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and found joy in reading to her grandchildren and baking Zwieback and pies.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Wyn (Sonja) Ray of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Daryl (JoAnn) Ray of Windom, Wayne (April) Ray of Leesburg, Florida, and Catherine (Bruce) Jorgensen of Fargo, North Dakota; grandchildren, Tessa (Jeff), Jessica, Sarah (Trent), Scott, Brandie, Jennifer and Charlie; great-grandchildren Jackson, Aria, Amira, Makaio and Caryl; sister, Mary (Dan) Engler; brother, Pete (Maureen) Toews; brother-in-law, Dwight Carlson; and many other family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene; parents, Peter and Tina Toews; sisters, Laura Bull and Verna Carlson; and other relatives.



Mavis Fodness photo/0504 Library History Display

Rock County Library Director Calla Jarvie lifts the final photographs into place Monday afternoon. The "Testify: Americana Slavery to Today" will be on display in the Luverne library basement through May 12. The collection depicts actual artifacts collected by former Minnesota Viking and judge Alan Page and his late wife, Diane. The family hopes that sharing the artifacts will help U.S. residents understand the history of divisiveness and help move people's thinking forward.

## Library hosts 'Testify' photo gallery

### By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Community Library is host to a photo gallery from the Diane and Alan Page Collection.

The photo collection called "Testify: Americana Slavery to Today" will be on display through May 12.

The collection renews the personal call to action by the Pages.

According to a press release by the collection organizers, the Pages created "Testify" in 2018 to better understand racial divide and that the U.S. was built on white supremacy and the lies of racial difference.

"Before reconciliation, there must be truth – and the truth can be ugly," Alan Page said. "But we cannot reconcile and move forward if an increasingly louder group of people continue to deflect, minimize and sweep history under the rug."

The series of photographs depict actual pieces in the private collection of Alan Page and his late wife, Diane.

Included among the pieces are photographs of Jim Crow signage, public slave sale announcement, real estate tokens and the Ghetto Game.

"We want as many people as possible to have direct access to this information so they can form their own opinions – and these objects are facts," said Georgi Page-Smith, Alan Page's daughter and director of the collection.

"What folks choose to do with these facts is obviously up to them, but we hope they will create more understanding and help us move beyond the divisiveness we've seen lately."

The traveling photo display is a result of the Greater River Regional Library System, who worked with Page-Smith to bring a smaller traveling version of "Testify" to all of Minnesota.

This display is currently set up in the Rock County Library basement.

The display will be in the Edgerton Public Library from May 15-31.

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the first half mile race track at the Minnesota state fair. For three seasons, he rode for a horse owner named Dilley, and when the latter was ruled from further competition from the track, Mr. Herbert's horse racing days were over.

### Won But Lost

The account of the last race as related by Mr. Herbert is interesting. Seven horses were entered in a seven heat race. His horse, a buckskin mustang, won three of the races, and a spotted horse, ridden by a Negro boy, also had won three. The other horse dropped out, leaving the two of them to finish the last race alone.

"That crazy horse I was riding got Mr. Dilley ruled off the race track," Mr. Herbert relates. "It was one of the fastest horses I've ever been on, and also one of the most unpredictable. It would just as soon run right through a crowd as go around a curve at the end of the track. In this particular race, I was about three lengths ahead of the other horse. Just a few feet from the finish line, the buckskin came to a dead

stop. It happened so fast that I went right over its head, and landed on the other side of the finish line ahead of the other horse, but my horse still hadn't crossed the line. The owners of the two horses, and the judges had quite a discussion about the whole thing, and finally, the victory was awarded my horse, but only on condition that Mr. Dilley would never race another horse on that track."

### On Fire Hose Team

Foot racing was also a favorite sport of Mr. Herbert, who said that one time he would just as soon have run a foot race as to go fishing. After coming to Luverne, he joined the Luverne fire department, and was a member of the hose cart team that won the world's championship in a tournament in Pipestone in 1895, by running 200 yards, laying 150 feet of hose and making the coupling in 26 and one-fifth seconds. Mr. Herbert was not one of the runners, but served as one of two "bracers" as they were called; men who braced the wheels just as the race was about to begin. Only a few of those men are living

at the present time, he said, among whom are Al Angell and Jim Wiggins of Luverne, Jean Barck, Spokane, and Ed Bronson, who lives in Idaho. Mr. Herbert served as a member of the fire department for about 20 years.

Mr. Herbert became the father of four children, three of whom are living at the present time. They are Mrs. A. B. Cowan, Luverne; Mrs. Maude M. Smith, North Hollywood, and Horace G. Herbert, also of North Hollywood.

### Nicknamed "Waxie"

He explained that his son, Horace, was known more generally by the nickname, "Waxie". After his second son, Horace grew older, it developed that he acquired the name "Little Waxie," his brother became "Big Waxie," and Mr. Herbert himself became "Old Waxie". On Nov. 11, 1939, Mr. Herbert remarried, his wife being Anna Mattison. She is here with him at the present time, and they expect to leave today for their home in North Hollywood.

In addition to his chil-

## CELEBRATIONS

### Birthday

Adam Cox will celebrate his 40th birthday from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Take 16 Event Center in Luverne. (Shhh...it's a surprise.)

## MENU

**Monday, May 8:** Parmesan chicken, green beans, fruit cocktail, breadstick, dessert.

**Tuesday, May 9:** Turkey noodle casserole, broccoli florets, cinnamon baked apple slices, dinner roll, cookie.

**Wednesday, May 10:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pudding.

**Thursday, May 11:** Lemon pepper fish, scalloped potatoes, mixed green salad with dressing, dinner roll, fruit.

**Friday, May 12:** Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, bread.

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

Call Pam Franken at 283-9846, extension 11 to reserve one day prior, to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

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

## Register for 4-H camps in June

Youth who have completed grades 3-6 can attend one of two residential camps at Lake Shetek June 19-21 and June 21-23.

Registration is open until May 10. Contact the Rock County Extension Office, 507-283-1302, or [mnext-rock@umn.edu](mailto:mnext-rock@umn.edu).

dren, his direct descendants include five grandsons and two great granddaughters. He has three brothers and one sister living; Charley Herbert and John Herbert, both of Sioux Falls, Cort Herbert, Galesburg, Wis. and Mrs. Fletcher Alger, of Sioux Falls.

He attributes his long life to hard work and having lots of fun. Always a lover of sports, his hobbies until later years have been hunting and fishing. His health is still good, he says, as a recent medical examination revealed that he was as "fit" as a fiddle."

He was never greatly interested in politics, and has never held a public office. He is affiliated with the AOUW lodge, of which he has been a member for 35 years.

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

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

## DEATH NOTICES

### Patricia Henning

Patricia "Pat" Mary Henning, age 89, of Adrian, died Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at the Parkview Manor in Ellsworth.

Visitation will be Friday, April 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian; visitation also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Adrian Catholic Church, in Adrian, officiated by Monsignor Richard Colletti. Burial will be in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the "St. Francis of Assisi Endowment Catholic Foundation" of southern Minnesota, P.O. Box 588; Winona, MN 55987 which was established by the couple to support continued faith education programs.

### Lyle Tobiason

Lyle Gordon Tobiason, age 72, of Magnolia, died Sunday, April 30, 2023, at his home.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Funeral will be at noon on Saturday at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will be in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

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**Beaver Creek Township Public Hearing Notice**

Beaver Creek Township will hold a public hearing on May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of adopting a town road map to record roads. The roads to be recorded will be as four road rods with the official and permanent alignment being 33 feet on either side of the existing center line. The hearing will be held in the Township Hall in Beaver Creek. Contact the Township Clerk at 507-227-2061 with any questions.

## Cardinals baseball team takes three conference wins

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne baseball team piled up three home wins against conference foes in the past week, improving its season record to 5-2.

The Cardinals beat Jackson County Central 16-5 on April 25, Windom 6-4 on April 27 and Worthington 11-1 on May 1.

Luverne was scheduled to travel to Pipestone Tuesday, May 2, and will take on Blue Earth in an away game Friday, May 5.

### LHS 16, JCC 5

The Luverne baseball team brought the wood against Jackson County Central Tuesday, April 25, beating the Huskies 16-5 on the road

"The bats came alive, and we attacked the plate," head coach Phil Paquette said. "Our awareness on the bases helped produce 16 runs."

Luverne opened the game scoring two runs on four hits with two errors on JCC's third baseman.

In the second inning the Cardinals extended their lead when junior Jacob Stroh reached base on a fly ball error in left, scoring sophomore Marcus Vortherms and senior Riley Sneller.

Luverne scored again when junior Will Serie doubled, driving in Stroh from second and junior Conner Connell from first base.

The Cardinals closed the second inning with a 6-1 lead.

Luverne went on to add one run in the third and one in the fourth innings.

At the top of the sixth inning Serie scored from third on a wild pitch by the Huskies, junior Elliot Domagala scored from third on a dropped third strike to Vortherms, and junior Patrick Kroski scored on an error by the catcher.

At the end of the sixth inning, Luverne had an 11-2 cushion with one inning to play.

In the top of the seventh, the Cardinals drove in five more



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS BB ahrendt

Sophomore Landon Ahrendt runs down a Windom player trying to steal home April 27. The Cardinals beat the Eagles 6-4 at Redbird Field.

runs, scoring Sneller on a catcher error. Stroh scored on a single by Serie, Connell scored on an error by the left fielder for JCC, Series scored on a Kroski ground ball, and Domagala scored on a fielder's choice to the short stop.

At the bottom of the seventh the Huskies were able to drive in three runs but fell short in catching the Cardinals.

### LHS 6, Windom 4

Luverne picked up another win at home Thursday, April 27, with a 6-4 victory over Windom.

"We got great starting pitching and made the plays we needed to defensively," Paquette said.

"We produced six runs in the game with some timely hitting and a two-run homer from our starting pitcher Jacob Stroh."

Stroh had a good day at bat, scoring one run on two hits and driving in three runs in the game.

In the top of the third inning, Windom was caught trying to steal home.

LHS shortstop Sehr grabbed a grounder and immediately threw it to Landon Ahrendt at home, and he ran down the Windom player trying to get back to third base.

Connell was able to get a double for Luverne in the bottom of the fifth inning that advanced Serie to third.

Stroh started on the mound for Luverne. He allowed seven hits and four runs over 6 1/3 innings, striking out five batters.

### LHS 11, Worthington 1

The Cardinals took care of Worthington in five innings, winning 11-1 at home Monday, May 1.

The Luverne bats came alive against the Trojans.

The Cardinals had six hits total with Zach DeBoer and Serie posting one double each.

Connell added one triple, and at the bottom of the fifth inning, sophomore Layke Miller drove a fly ball to right field for a homer that also scored Serie.

Every player on the LHS roster except Stroh had at least one run in the game.

Worthington had several costly errors, wild pitches and struck batters in the game, and Luverne was able to take full advantage of them.

DeBoer was the starting pitcher for LHS. He went four innings with no hits or runs, striking out four batters.

Ahrendt came in to pitch in relief in the fifth inning. He allowed three hits and one run.

### BOX Score

LHS	2	4	1	1	0	3	5	16
JCC	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	5

### Batting

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Sehr	6	1	2	2
Sneller	5	3	1	0
Stroh	3	3	0	0
Connell	4	2	1	0
Serie	5	2	5	5
Domagala	3	2	1	0
DeBoer	4	0	2	1
Ahrendt	4	0	2	0
Kroski	4	1	1	1
Vortherms	3	2	0	0

Left on base: 10, 2B: Connell, Domagala, Sehr, Serie 3 TB: Connell 2, DeBoer 2, Domagala 2, Kroski, Sehr 3, Serie 8, Sneller SB: Domagala, Kroski, Vortherms

### Pitching

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Connell	6	1	2	0	14
Sneller	1	2	3	3	1

Win: Sneller Pitches-strikes: Connell 93-60, Sneller 27-11

LHS	0	0	0	3	2	1	x	6
WHS	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4

### Batting

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Sehr	4	1	1	0
Sneller	3	0	1	1
Serie	3	1	1	0
Connell	3	2	1	0
Stroh	3	1	2	3
Domagala	2	1	0	0
DeBoer	3	0	1	0
Ahrendt	3	0	0	1
Kroski	3	0	0	0

Left on base: 6, 2B: Connell HR: Stroh TB: Connell 2, DeBoer 1, Sehr 1, Serie 1, Sneller 1, Stroh 5 SB: Sehr, Serie

### Pitching

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Stroh	6.1	7	4	2	5
Sehr	.2	0	0	0	1

Win: Stroh Pitches-strikes: Stroh 91-59, Sehr 9-6

LHS	0	4	4	1	2	x	x	11
WRTH	0	0	0	0	1	x	x	1

### Batting

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Sehr	3	1	0	1
Sneller	3	1	0	0
Serie	3	1	1	1
Connell	3	1	2	1
Stroh	2	0	0	0
Miller	1	1	1	2
Domagala	2	1	0	0
DeBoer	2	2	1	1
Schlosser	2	2	1	1
Kroski	2	1	0	0

Left on base: 7, 2B: DeBoer, Serie 3B: Connell HR: Miller TB: Connell 4, DeBoer 2, Miller 4, Schlosser, Serie 2 SB: DeBoer, Schlosser

### Pitching

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
DeBoer	4	0	0	0	4
Ahrendt	1	3	1	1	2

Win: DeBoer Pitches-strikes: DeBoer 59-36, Ahrendt 3-6

## Luverne trap team posts Week 5 individual scores

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School trap shooting team posted scores for Week 5 of the season at the Rock County Sportsman's Club.

Jacob Henning and JT Remme each scored a perfect 25 this week.

Henning posted a 25 in the first round and finished with a total score of 45.

Remme got his 25 in the second round and finished with a total score of 46.

Other shooters with final scores in the 40s include Tyson Cowell with a 44, Cash Bonnett 42, Samuel Honerman 46, Andrew Kinsinger 41, Lucas Madison 42, Holden Overgaard 40 and Piper Wynia with a 42.

### Week 5 scoring

	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Landon Ahrendt	22	16	38
Cash Bonnett	20	22	42
Morgan Bonnett	16	17	33
Tyson Cowell	22	22	44
Alex Dewispelaere	18	20	38
Fox Forrest	14	9	23
Jacob Henning	25	20	45
Samuel Honerman	22	24	46
Gavin Hoven	23	13	36
Andrew Kinsinger	19	22	41
Jacob Madison	21	17	38
Lucas Madison	18	24	42
Liam Murphy	15	20	35
Makayla Oechsle	12	16	28
Austin Ossefoort	21	18	39
Holden Overgaard	20	20	40
Jaden Reisch	19	16	35
JT Remme	21	25	46
Tucker Remme	16	17	33
Sawyer Saker	17	18	35
Cameron Wieneke	9	16	25
Grant Wieneke	17	19	36
Piper Wynia	24	18	42



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS trap

Above, LHS trap shooter Jacob Henning shot a perfect 25 in his first round this past week. Henning finished with a 45 in Week 5. Below, LHS trap shooter JY Remme shot a perfect 25 in his second round this past week. Remme finished with a 46 in Week 5.

## Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams compete in two road meets; girls play twice, boys play once

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team participated in two golf meets this past week.

The Patriots competed in a Red Rock Conference meet April 27 and played against Heron Lake-Okabe-na-Fulda/Westbrook-Walnut Grove May 1.

The Patriots will compete Thursday, May 4, with the girls in Adrian and the boys in Mountain Lake. On Tuesday, May 9, the girls will play in Fulda and the boys in Westbrook.

### Red Rock Conference

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' golf team traveled to Sanborn for a Red Rock Conference meet Thursday, April 27.

The H-BC boys' team finished the 18-hole, par 72 meet in fifth place out of seven teams.

HLOF/WWG took first place in the team competition with a total score of 358. Adrian was second with 363, Mountain Lake was third with 376, Southwest Christian was fourth with 387, H-BC fifth with 430, Murray County Central sixth with 431 and Red Rock Central was seventh with 468.

"The boys' team averaged 215 for each 9 holes. It is our best score so far this season,"

head coach Dan Ellingson said.

"We will continue to improve as they gain experience, especially on the putting side of their golf game."

### H-BC boys' scores

		total	
Brock Harnack	53	52	105
Callum Bartels	60	58	118
Camdyn Broesder	71	65	136
Cameron Allen	57	50	107
Cooper Gehrke	62	60	122
Micah Bush	53	47	100

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' golf team traveled to Fulda for a Red Rock Conference meet Thursday, April 27.

The Patriots sent two girls to participate in the meet. Addy Olson finished in 11th place, and Taylor Spykerboer finished in 12th place.

"Both played through the wind, but hit their irons very well," Ellingson said.

### H-BC girls' scores

		total	
Addy Olson	60	58	117
Taylor Spykerboer	56	61	118

### HLOF/WWG 166, H-BC 217

The Patriots golf team traveled to Rolling Hills Golf Course in Westbrook to take on HLOF/WWG

Monday, May 1, falling 166-217.

"The wind was tough for both teams," Ellingson said.

"But this meet is good practice for them before the next conference meet."

The H-BC boys' golf team brought six players to the meet.

### H-BC boys' scores

	total	place
Brock Harnack	51	fifth
Cameron Allen	52	seventh
Micah Bush	56	ninth
Callum Bartels	58	10th
Cooper Gehrke	62	11th
Camdyn Broesder	65	12th

"The boys scores are getting better each meet," Ellingson said.

"But we still need to better our team score by 17 strokes by the fourth conference meet."

The H-BC girls' golf team brought two players to the meet.

### H-BC girls' scores

	total	place
Addy Olson	54	first
Taylor Spykerboer	61	fourth

"The girls shot very well. Both posted season low scores," Ellingson said.

"The girls putted very well with Olson making three putts over 20 feet in the meet."



# Luverne softball team drops four tough games at home

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School softball team had a busy stretch of games on their home field in the past week, ending up with a 3-5 record so far for the season.

The Cardinals dropped two games to St. James 5-1 and 10-0 in a doubleheader on April 27. On April 28 they fell to Edgerton 13-6, and on Monday they dropped a 6-4 game to Pipestone.

The Cardinals were scheduled to travel to Pipestone Tuesday night and will play Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls Thursday, May 4.

## St. James 5, LHS 1

Luverne fell behind early in Game 1 of the April 27 doubleheader with St. James, giving up four runs in the first three innings.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, LHS was able to produce one run when Payton Behr scored from third base on a passed ball by the Saints catcher.

“Offensively we hit some balls really hard but have to do a better job manufacturing runs and taking advantage of girls on base,” head coach Brooks Maurer said.

“We also have to do a better job of limiting errors on defense.”

Amira Cowell was the starting pitcher for Luverne. She went seven innings, allowing five runs on six hits and facing 30 total batters.

“I thought that Amira pitched really well in the first game, striking out six and only walking one,” Maurer said.

LHS had five hits in the first game, two by Reisdorfer and Behr and one by Serie.

## St. James 10, LHS 0

Luverne batters had a hard time connecting with the ball in the second game with St. James.

LHS had a total of two hits, one by Elizabeth Smidt and the other by Carly Olson.

The Cardinals committed four errors in the game, allowing the Saints to extend scoring chances in the game.

Gracie Nath started at pitcher for Luverne, allowing six runs on three hits over 2 1/3 innings.

In relief Cowell and Reisdorfer came in as pitcher and tried to subdue the Saints’ offense to no avail.

The game ended in the fifth inning when St. James drove in their tenth run of the game.

## EHS 13, LHS 6

The Cardinals started off strong against Edgerton on April 28, taking a 6-2 lead into the fourth inning.

From there Edgerton fired up its offensive and pulled away, scoring six runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and four in the seventh.

Gracie Nath took the loss for Luverne. She lasted four innings, allow-



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS SB cowell  
Sophomore Amira Cowell pitches against St. James April 27 at home. Cowell threw three innings in relief of junior Gracie Nath. LHS lost to the Saints 5-1 and 1-0 in doubleheader action.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS SB boll  
Junior Anika Boll covers second base against Edgerton April 28 in Luverne. The Cardinals fell 13-6 to the Dutchmen.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS SB olson  
Senior Carly Olson drives the ball past first base against Edgerton April 28 at home. Luverne fell to the Dutchmen 13-6.

ing 11 hits and eight runs and striking out six.

Luverne had a total of 10 hits in the game and three stolen bases.

## PHS 6, LHS 4

Luverne came up short against the Arrows by two runs at home Monday night.

Pipestone started strong, leading Luverne 4-2 after three innings.

Luverne was able to match the Arrows’ runs in the fourth inning, but it wasn’t enough to take the lead.

LHS produced six hits, 12 total bases and one stolen base by Reisdorfer.

The high point of the game was senior Carly Olson’s two home runs.

Olson hit the ball over the fence in the first and third innings. She posted

three RBIs, clearing eight total bases in the game.

Cowell took the loss for Luverne. She allowed six hits and six runs over 4 1/3 innings, striking out five batters.

Nath came in as a reliever pitching 2 2/3 innings allowing one hit, no runs and striking out four batters.

**BOX Score**

LHS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
STJ	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	5

**BATTING**

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	4	1	2	0
Smidt	3	0	0	0
Olson	2	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	3	0	2	0
Boll	3	0	0	0
Cowell	3	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	1	0
Franken	2	0	0	0

Nath	1	0	0	0
Mehlhoff	3	0	0	0
<b>Total bases:</b>	Reisdorfer 2, Behr 2, Serie 1			

**PITCHING**

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Cowell	7	6	5	1	6
<b>Pitches-strikes:</b>	Cowell 106-73				
<b>Batters faced:</b>	Cowell 3				

LHS	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	0
STJ	3	0	3	1	3	x	x	10

**BATTING**

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	3	0	0	0
Smidt	2	0	1	0
Olson	2	0	1	0
Reisdorfer	2	0	0	0
Boll	2	0	0	0
Cowell	2	0	0	0
Serie	2	0	0	0
Franken	2	0	0	0
Lenz	1	0	0	0
<b>2B:</b>	Olson			
<b>Total bases:</b>	Olson 2, Smidt 1			

**PITCHING**

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	2.1	3	6	3	4
Cowell	1.2	3	1	1	1
Reisdorfer	0.2	2	3	3	0
<b>Pitches-strikes:</b>	Nath 68-38, Cowell 32-23, Reisdorfer 30-15				
<b>Batters faced:</b>	Nath 16, Cowell 8, Reisdorfer 7				

LHS	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
EHS	1	1	0	6	1	0	4	13

**BATTING**

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	4	1	1	0
Smidt	3	1	3	0
Olson	4	0	0	0
Reisdorfer	4	1	3	2
Boll	3	2	0	0
Serie	3	0	0	0
Franken	2	1	2	2
Lenz	1	0	0	0
Nath	1	0	1	2
Mehlhoff	1	0	0	0
Cowell	3	0	0	0
<b>2B:</b>	Reisdorfer			
<b>Total bases:</b>	Reisdorfer 4, Smidt 3, Franken 2, Behr 1, Nath 1			
<b>SB:</b>	Smidt 2, Reisdorfer 1			

**PITCHING**

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Nath	4	11	8	6	1
Cowell	3	3	5	1	1
<b>Pitches-strikes:</b>	Nath 94-63, Cowell 63-36				
<b>Batters faced:</b>	Nath 26, Cowell 17				

LHS	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
PHS	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	6

**BATTING**

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Behr	4	1	0	0
Smidt	4	0	1	0
Olson	3	2	2	3
Reisdorfer	4	0	1	1
Boll	2	0	0	0
Serie	3	0	0	0
Kindt	1	0	0	0
Franken	1	0	1	0
Nath	1	0	0	0
Lenz	3	1	0	0
Cowell	1	0	1	0
<b>HR:</b>	Olson 2			
<b>Total bases:</b>	Olson 8, Reisdorfer 1, Franken 1, Smidt 1, Cowell 1			
<b>SB:</b>	Reisdorfer 1			

**PITCHING**

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Cowell	4.1	6	6	2	5
Nath	2.2	1	0	0	4
<b>Pitches-strikes:</b>	Cowell 87-46, Nath 28-21				
<b>Batters faced:</b>	Cowell 27, Nath 9				

# H-BC track team travels to Davidson Invitational

By Greg Hoogeveen

Hills-Beaver Creek track and field team traveled to Slayton to participate in the Davidson Invitational at the Murray County Central Sports Complex Tuesday, April 25.

The H-BC boys’ team placed third out of seven teams and the girls placed fourth overall.

Team scores for the boys were Southwest Christian-Edgerton Public 165, Pipestone 104, H-BC 91, MCC 87, RTR 53, Adrian-Ellsworth 23 and WWG 15.

Girls’ team scores were Southwest Christian-Edgerton Public 139, Pipestone 113, Adrian-Ellsworth 88.5, H-BC 75.5, RTR 65, MCC 46 and WWG 14.

The Patriots did not compete in several events. They include boys’/girls’ 4-by-800 meter relay, boys’ 1600 meter, girls’ 400 meter, boys 800 meter, girls’ 200 meter, boys’/girls’ 3200 meter, 4-by-400 relay and boys’/girls’ pole vault.

“We had a great night on the track and in the field,” head coach Rex Metzger said. “We are always working toward PRs, and we had quite a few again in this meet.”

First-place finishes for the Patriot girls included Brynn Bakken’s 12.85 in the 100 meters and 14-9.75 in the long jump. She also anchored the winning 4-by-100-meter relay team of Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk and Layla Deelstra with a time of 53.95.

First-place finishes for H-BC boys included Beau Bakken’s 38-2.25 in the shot put, and a winning time of 1:39.02 by the 4-by-200 relay team of Blake Leenderts, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert and Cooper Gehrke.

Hills-Beaver Creek was scheduled to travel to Pipestone Tuesday, May 2,

and the Patriots will participate in the Howard Wood Relays May 5-6.

Individual event results from April 25 are as follows:

**Girls’ 100 Meter Hurdles**  
Larissa Steinhoff 19.93, sixth  
Ava Steinhoff 20.40, [PR], seventh

**Boys’ 100 Meter Hurdles**  
Jackson Gacke 22.19, [PR], eighth

**Girls’ 100 Meter Dash**  
Brynn Bakken 12.85, [SR], first  
Abigail Harris 13.87, [SR], third  
Brynn Rauk 14.10, [PR], fourth

**Boys’ 100 Meter Dash**  
Beau Bakken 12.09, [PR], third  
Blake Leenderts 12.26, [PR], sixth  
Sawyer Bosch 13.09, 11<sup>th</sup>

**Girls’ 4x200 Relay**  
Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Bakken 1:54.55, second

**Boys’ 4x200 Relay**  
Blake Leenderts, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert, Cooper Gehrke 1:39.02, first

**Girls’ 1600 Meters**  
Bailey Spykerboer 6:29.02, [PR], second  
Emma Deelstra 7:16.73, seventh

**Girls’ 4x100 Relay**  
Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Bakken 53.95, first

**Boys’ 4x100 Relay**  
James Vanden Bosch, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert, Cooper Gehrke 47.29, third

**Boys’ 400 Meter Dash**  
Lukas Hubbard 1:08.79, [PR], 13<sup>th</sup>

**Girls’ 300 Meter Hurdles**  
Ava Steinhoff 1:00.31, seventh

**Boys’ 300 Meter Hurdles**  
James Vanden Bosch 47.67, fourth  
Jackson Gacke 52.43, seventh

**Girls’ 800 Meter Dash**  
Bailey Spykerboer 2:58.51, seventh  
Ella Sammons 2:59.84, eighth  
Emma Deelstra 3:30.69, 12<sup>th</sup>

**Boys’ 200 Meter Dash**  
Elisha Taubert 24.24, [PR], second  
Blake Leenderts 25.64, [PR], sixth  
Riley Tatge 26.18, 10<sup>th</sup>

**Girls’ Shot Put**  
Ally Birger 30-07, third  
Larissa Steinhoff 30-02.5, [PR], fourth  
Isabel Wysong 29-03.25, sixth

**Boys’ Shot Put**  
Beau Bakken 38-2.25, first  
Brayden Metzger 37-10, second  
Riley Tatge 33-08.5, [PR], 11<sup>th</sup>

**Girls’ Discus**  
Ally Birger 82-02, [PR], fourth  
Larissa Steinhoff 78-03, fifth  
Isabel Wysong 72-04, ninth

**Boys’ Discus**  
Riley Tatge 106-02, second  
Brayden Metzger 96-07, [PR], fifth  
Blake Leenderts 85-04, 11<sup>th</sup>

**Girls’ High Jump**  
Larissa Steinhoff 4-06, fourth  
Ava Steinhoff 4-06, fifth

**Boys’ High Jump**  
James Vanden Bosch 5-06, second  
Elisha Taubert 5-04, fifth

**Girls’ Long Jump**  
Brynn Bakken 14-9.75, first  
Brynn Rauk 12-05.5, ninth  
Abigail Harris 12-0.05, 13<sup>th</sup>

**Boys’ Long Jump**  
James Vanden Bosch 17-04.5, [PR], sixth  
Sawyer Bosch 17-02.5, seventh  
Riley Tatge 16-10, [PR], ninth

**Girls’ Triple Jump**  
Emma Deelstra 29-00, third  
Bailey Spykerboer 28-00, fourth  
Ava Steinhoff 27-09.75, [PR], sixth

**Boys’ Triple Jump**  
Sawyer Bosch 36-04, [PR], sixth  
Jackson Gacke 36-02, [PR], seventh

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# LHS golf teams hit the course, claim second and third places

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne golf team played twice this past week.

The LHS girls' team traveled to take on Fairmont and New Ulm April 27, placing second behind Fairmont.

The team participated in a Big South West Conference event Monday, May 1.

The boys' team hosted six area teams, placing second behind Windom.

The girls' team traveled to Windom and competed against three other teams. The LHS girls tied for third with Marshall.

Luverne is scheduled to travel Saturday, May 6, with the boys' team playing in Fairmont and the girls' team playing in Winnebago.

Monday, May 8, is another Big South West Conference meet.

The boys will play in Marshall and the girls will play in Windom.

## LHS places second in Buffalo Lake

The Luverne girls' golf team traveled to the Oakdale Gold Club in Buffalo Lake Thursday, April 27, taking on Fairmont and New Ulm in an 18-hole meet.

"It was a good chance for them to get a look at the course before the upcoming section meets," head coach Chris Nowatzki said.

Luverne took second place behind Fairmont and placed ahead of New Ulm.

"This was our first 18-hole match of the year. The girls kind of ran out of gas toward the end, but we will work on getting better from start to finish," Nowatzki said.

"I was happy with how they handled the faster greens. We haven't seen anything like them so far this season."

### Luverne girls' scores (18-holes)

Lauren Hansen	104
Perceyis Trierweiler	112
Kiesli Smith	113
Abigail Anderson	122
Mallory Von Tersch	124
Averill Sehr	130



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS golf bork

Senior Brady Bork chips out of the sand on hole 4 at the Luverne Country Club. Brady finished the round with a 42 in the Big South West Conference meet.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS golf arends

Above, Junior Owen Sudenga chips his shot onto the green on hole 4. Right, Junior Tyler Arends sinks a putt May 1 at the Luverne Country Club.



## LHS boys' golf second in Big South West

The Luverne boys' golf team hosted the Big South West Event 2 Monday, May 1.

Six area teams participated in the team competition.

Windom came out on top with a combined team score of 168.

Luverne placed second with 169, Marshall took third with 172, Pipestone was fourth with 180, Redwood Valley placed fifth with 188 and Worthington finished sixth with 200 strokes.

Luverne placed three golfers in the top ten finalists.

Junior Owen Sudenga tied for first place with a 9-hole score of 39.

Senior Brady Bork and Junior Henry Hartquist tied for third place, shooting a 42.

Other LHS golfers in the meet were eighth-grader Will Bergman with a 46, junior Tyler Arends with a 48 and sophomore Levi Gonnerman with a 49.

## LHS girls' golf tied for third in Big South West

The Luverne girls' golf team traveled to Windom for the Big South West Event 2 Monday, May 1.

Four area teams participated in the team competition. Redwood Valley placed first with a combined score of 184.

Worthington took second with 196 and Marshall and Luverne tied for third place with 215 strokes.

"The girls did very well in this wind," Nowatzki said.

"The girls just keep improving and that's what I'm hoping for as the season winds down and we get closer to the playoffs."

### Luverne girls' scores

Lauren Hansen	46
Kiesli Smith	54
Deziree Nath	55
Mallory Von Tersch	60
Abigail Anderson	61
Jacie Graham	67

# LHS/H-BC track teams compete in Worthington Invitational

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track and field teams competed in the Worthington Invitational Thursday, April 27.

The Cardinals and Patriots were among 12 teams invited to the event.

In the girls' team scores LHS placed first with 181 points and H-BC placed fifth with 65 total team points.

In the boys' team scores LHS placed second with 119 points. H-BC placed 10th with 21 total team points.

"Anytime we can place Top 6 in relays or individual events, I feel we are doing well," H-BC head coach Rex Metzger said.

"Last night we had quite a few, which was fun to see."

As for Luverne's performance, Cardinals head coach Pete Janiszski said he thought the kids had a good night and took steps toward season goals.

"They are gaining more and more confidence with each meet," he said. "And we had a lot of nice performances on a less-than-perfect night weather-wise."

Brynn Bakken turned in solid performances for the Patriots with first-place finishes in the 100 and 200 meters (13.07 and 27.25) and the long jump (15-04). She also anchored the winning 4-by-100-meter relay team with Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk and Layla Deelstra with a time of 53.49.

Luverne had several first-place performances in the meet that also featured a new school record in the high jump. Elizabeth Wagner cleared 5-04 to beat Sharla Van Meeteren's (Reisch) 1988 record of 5-03.

Wagner also placed first in the 400 meters (1:02.32) and anchored the winning 4-by-800-meter relay team with Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, and Cassi Chesley. Their time was 10:00.24.

Other first-place finishes for the Cardinal girls include Augusta Papik's 18.78 in the 100-meter hurdles and 33-06.25 in the triple jump, Jenna DeBates' 11:17.97 in the 3200 meters, Jady Hart's 124-05 in the discus, Jocelyn Hart's 39-04.75 in the shot put, and the 4:24.51 finish by the girls 4-by-400-meter-relay team of Tiana Lais, Reinha John, Ella Schmuck and Cassi Chesley.

Cardinal boys' first-place finishes include Lucky Dara's 23.9 in the 200 meters, Camden Janiszski's 4:38.21 in the 1600 meters, Owen Janiszski's 9:58.63 in the boys' 3200 meters and DJ Rock's 12-0 in the pole vault.

Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne track teams were scheduled to travel to Pipestone Tuesday, May 2, and they'll participate in the Howard Wood Relays May 5-6.

Individual event results from April 27 are as follows:

**Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay**  
LHS Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley, Elizabeth Wagner 10:00.24, first  
LHS Reinha John, Grace Ingebretsen, Emma Jacobsma, Brynn Boyenga 10:56.47, fourth

**Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay**  
LHS Carsen Toffeland, Zachary Terrio, Dylan Ommen, Sage Viessman, 9:04.91, third

**Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles**  
LHS Augusta Papik 18.78, first  
LHS Roselynn Hartshorn 18.99, third  
H-BC Larissa Steinhoff 19.44, fourth

# LHS tennis team falls to three experienced teams

**By Greg Hoogeveen**

The Luverne High School boys' tennis team played three matches this past week, falling to all three teams.

The Cardinals fell to Madison 9-0 on April 25 on the road, to Worthington 7-0 April 27 at home, and 7-0 to Blue Earth May 1 on the road.

Head coach Nate Rud has expressed how the boys have been growing better with every meet.

"I am very proud of their progress," Rud said.

The LHS tennis team was scheduled to host St. James Tuesday, May 2, and travel to Redwood Valley Thursday, May 4.

## Madison 9, LHS 0

Luverne traveled to Madison, South Dakota, Tuesday, April 25, losing nine matches.

"We went 0-9 to Madison, South Dakota, six in singles competition and three in doubles," head coach Nate Rud said.

"Madison had a very talented team which easily would win our section in southwest Minnesota."

**Singles Results**  
Senior Ethan Nath lost 6-0, 6-1  
Senior Logan Ommen lost 6-0, 6-0  
Senior Ross Bergman lost 6-1, 6-3  
Freshman Caleb Kracht lost 6-0, 6-1  
Sophomore Kaleb Hemme lost 6-0, 6-2  
Freshman Austin Sandbulte lost 6-0, 6-0

**Doubles Results**  
Ethan Nath and Ross Bergman lost 6-4, 6-2  
Caleb Kracht and Logan Ommen lost 6-4, 6-2  
Kaleb Hemme and Austin Sandbulte lost 6-0, 6-0

## Worthington 7, LHS 0

Luverne hosted Worthington Thursday, April 27, giving up seven matches.

"We lost to Worthington with a depleted squad," Rud said.

LHS had only four tennis players due to several team members involved with a high school play the



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0504 LHS tennis kracht

Freshman Caleb Kracht serves against Worthington on a windy April 27 match. Kracht ended up losing 10-4 in a third set super tiebreaker. He went 3-6, 6-0, 10-4 in his match.

same day. LHS also had to forfeit the doubles matches for the same reason.

"Caleb Kracht highlighted our efforts, losing 4-10 in a third set super tiebreaker."

**Singles Results**  
Ethan Nath lost 6-1, 6-0  
Ross Bergman lost 6-4, 6-2  
Kaleb Hemme lost 6-0, 6-0  
Caleb Kracht lost 3-6, 6-0, 10-4  
Austin Sandbulte won 6-1, 6-4 in exhibition play

**Doubles Results**  
Luverne forfeits 3 matches

## Blue Earth 7, LHS 0

The Luverne tennis team traveled to Blue Earth Monday, May 1, dropping 4 matches and forfeiting three others.

"Facing one of the best Big South Conference tennis teams with our partial squad went about as could be expected," Rud said.

"However, I was very pleased with how Ethan Nath competed with Blue Earth's No. 1 singles player."

"The match was much closer than the score would indicate, with multiple deuces in each."

**Singles Results**  
Ethan Nath lost 6-1, 6-0  
Ross Bergman lost 6-1, 6-0  
Caleb Kracht lost 6-0, 6-0  
Kaleb Hemme lost 6-0, 6-0  
Austin Sandbulte lost 6-2, 6-0 exhibition play

**Doubles Results**  
Luverne forfeits 3 matches

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Joe Steenholdt, Pastor

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Thursday, May 4: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 8:30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor painting. Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Coffee/Sunday. Tuesday, May 9: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6-8 p.m. Ministry night. Wednesday, May 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Voices of Grace rehearsal. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class. 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at [els.org](http://els.org)). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

**American Reformed Church**  
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Ph. 507-283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)  
Thursday, May 4: National Day of Prayer. Friday, May 5: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, May 7: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, May 8: 7 p.m. Leadership training. Tuesday, May 9: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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Bob Junak, Pastor

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**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529

Wednesday, May 3: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, May 6: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, May 7: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. FUEL party at bowling alley. Monday, May 8: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, May 9: 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, May 10: 9 am.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
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Wednesday, May 3: 9:30 a.m. Ecumenical spring coffee. 5:30 p.m. Bell choir. 7 p.m. Committee meetings. Sunday, May: 7: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service with

communion (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays), Youth Sunday School during worship. 11:15 a.m. Children's choir rehearsal. Monday, May 8: 5:30 p.m. Ruth Bible study. Wednesday, May 10: 7 p.m. Session.

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

Saturdays: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship Time. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis Class. 6:30 p.m. Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org). Holy Communion is offered on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

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Sunday, May 7: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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Sunday, May 7: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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**Magnolia United Methodist Church**  
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## Greatest cause of atheism

### BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jeremy Wiersema, Steen Reformed Church

*'The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.'*

*Those are some hard words for Christians. The first time I heard this quote was in 1995, and it has stuck in my mind ever since. The point being made is simple: How we live matters. It also means that, like it or not, we all live in a glass house. Brennan Manning's quote has often caused me to think about how I live and what my actions and words say to people. I will be the first to say I am not always proud of myself. I have said and done things that don't bear witness to my Christian faith, and I know I am not alone. It might be easy to feel upset with Brennan Manning for pointing out to us a hard biblical teaching. I heard this quote in 1995, and it continues to work on my heart. How can we use this statement to motivate us to live differently?*

*—Franciscan Priest Brennan Manning*

teach. There is nothing in Jesus' statement about encouraging unbelief. As followers of Jesus, do we really want to be known as the greatest cause of atheism in our culture?

Clearly this means our mission is to influence our culture to be Jesus people and not the opposite. I know I want to do better, even in Sioux Falls when I have to sit still at a green light for the slow person two or three cars in front of me.

I want to invite us to consider the following quote from Brennan Manning, a Franciscan priest. "The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable."

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It would seem that Jesus is always inviting us to consider how we live. As people who profess Jesus as Lord, what effect do we have on people around us? What impact does our lifestyle have?

Let's be careful not to over these questions. How we live matters, and it has a significant effect on our community.

Jesus' last words to us while on this earth are found at the end of Matthew 28: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

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# LHS/H-BC track at Worthington/from page 10

**H-BC** Ava Steinhoff 20.17, **[PR]**, eighth  
**LHS** Hailey Como 21.06, 11th

**Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles**  
**LHS** Micah Andersen 20.33, seventh  
**H-BC** Jackson Gacke 22.45, 12th

**Girls' 100 Meters**  
**H-BC** Brynn Bakken 13.07, first  
**LHS** Isabella Oye 13.53, third  
**LHS** Sarah Stegenga 13.96, fifth  
**H-BC** Brynn Rauk 14.53, tenth  
**LHS** Morgan Hadler 14.99, 18th  
**LHS** Skylar VanderSteen 15.79, 30th

**Boys' 100 Meters**  
**LHS** Lucky Dara 11.88, **[PR]**, fourth  
**LHS** Darius Dolo 12.22, **[PR]**, ninth  
**H-BC** Beau Bakken 12.35, 11th  
**LHS** Coulter Thone 12.36, **[PR]**, 12th  
**H-BC** Mason Shaffner 12.48, 15th  
**H-BC** Bode Kruger 12.80, 19th  
**LHS** Dawson Holtz 13.21, 28th  
**H-BC** Jamin Metzger 13.91, **[PR]**, 40th

**Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay**  
**LHS** Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye 1:53.03, second  
**H-BC** Bailey Spykerboer, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Abigail Harris 1:57.79, fourth  
**LHS** Adelyn Rodriguez, Baylee Smidt, Skylar VanderSteen, Morgan Hadler 2:02.04, 10th

**Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay**  
**H-BC** Mason Shaffner, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert, Blake Leenderts 1:39.31, fourth  
**LHS** Isaac DeBates, Coy Thone, Ashton Hood, Coulter Thone 1:40.28, fifth  
**LHS** Dawson Holtz, Linkon Knorr, Jack Gangestad, Trayton Sayavong 1:50.76, eighth

**Girls' 1600 Meters**  
**LHS** Grace Ingebretsen, 6:00.73, **[SR]**, second  
**H-BC** Bailey Spykerboer 6:26.16, **[PR]**, fourth  
**LHS** Josie Anderson 6:56.29, **[PR]**, 14th

**LHS** Brynn Boyenga 7:48. 15, **[PR]**, 19th

**Boys' 1600 Meters**  
**LHS** Camden Janiszski 4:38.21, **[SR]**, first  
**LHS** Ryan Fick 4:41.49, **[PR]**, second  
**LHS** Leif Ingebretsen 5:17.77, 17th

**Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay**  
**H-BC** Abigail Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Bakken 53.49, first  
**LHS** Hailey Como, Baylee Smidt, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck 55.12, sixth  
**LHS** Emma Nath, Adelyn Rodriguez, Skylar VanderSteen, Morgan Hadler 58.45, 11th

**Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay**  
**LHS** DJ Rock, Gavin DeBeer, Zachary Terrio, Lucky Dara 46.15, third  
**H-BC** Mason Shaffner, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert, Blake Leenderts 48.07, sixth  
**H-BC** Sawyer Bosch, Riley Tatge, EJ Wegener, Bode Kruger 49.77, seventh  
**LHS** Asher Barron, Ashton Pick, Jaymyn McLaughlin, Trayton Sayavong 52.21 10th

**Girls' 400 Meters**  
**LHS** Elizabeth Wagner 1:02.32, **[PR]**, first  
**LHS** Sarah Stegenga 1:06.60, fourth  
**LHS** Isabella Oye 1:08.45, **[PR]**, eighth  
**H-BC** Ella Sammons 1:14.08, 14th

**Boys' 400 Meters**  
**LHS** Darius Dolo 56.07, **[PR]**, ninth  
**LHS** Dylan Ommen 59.50, **[PR]**, 15th  
**LHS** Coy Thone 1:00.47, **[PR]**, 18th  
**H-BC** Lukas Hubbard 1:07.36 **[PR]**, 27th  
**H-BC** Jacob Wallin 1:09.65 28th

**Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles**  
**LHS** Roselynn Hartshorn 54.06, **[PR]**, second  
**LHS** Jerzey Hood 58.64, **[PR]**, eighth  
**LHS** Kayla Bloemendaal 59.08, 10th  
**H-BC** Ava Steinhoff 59.92, 12th

**Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles**  
**LHS** Micah Andersen 48.91, seventh  
**LHS** Ashton Pick 58.12, 16th

**Girls' 800 Meters**  
**LHS** Grace Ingebretsen 2:45.09, **[PR]**, seventh  
**H-BC** Bailey Spykerboer 2:55.48, **[SR]**, 10th  
**H-BC** Ella Sammons 3:08.22, 18th  
**LHS** Josie Anderson 3:08.49, 19th  
**H-BC** Emma Deelstra 3:09.66, 20th

**Boys' 800 Meters**  
**LHS** Marcus Papik 2:20.81, **[PR]**, fifth  
**LHS** Leif Ingebretsen 2:25.00, 10th  
**LHS** Eli McLendon 2:33.21, **[PR]**, 20th

**Girls' 200 Meters**  
**H-BC** Brynn Bakken 27.25, first  
**H-BC** Abigail Harris 29.13, sixth  
**LHS** Baylee Smidt 30.70, **[PR]**, 14th  
**LHS** Hailey Como 30.79, 15th  
**LHS** Corynn Oye 31.67, 24th  
**LHS** Emma Nath 31.80, **[PR]**, 26th

**Boys' 200 Meters**  
**LHS** Lucky Dara 23.90, **[PR]**, first  
**H-BC** Elisha Taubert 24.56, third  
**LHS** Gavin DeBeer 24.87, **[PR]**, ninth  
**LHS** Ashton Hood 25.90, 12th  
**H-BC** Bode Kruger 26.20, 17th  
**H-BC** EJ Wegener 26.60, **[PR]**, 20th  
**H-BC** Sawyer Bosch 27.29, 21st  
**LHS** Jack Gangestad 27.58, 24th

**Girls' 3200 Meters**  
**LHS** Jenna DeBates 11:17.97, first

**Boys' 3200 Meters**  
**LHS** Owen Janiszski 9:58.63, first  
**LHS** Sage Viessman 10:51.41, **[PR]**, eighth  
**LHS** Carsen Toftefeld 10:51.42, **[PR]**, ninth

**Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay**  
**LHS** Tiana Lais, Reinha John, Ella Schmuck, Cassi Chesley 4:24.51, first

**Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay**  
**LHS** Zachary Terrio, Camden Janiszski, Owen Janiszski, Ryan Pick 3:46.10, third

**Girls' Discus**  
**LHS** Jadyrn Hart 124-05, first  
**LHS** Jocelyn Hart 106-01, second  
**LHS** Hannah Sneller 82-06.5, fourth  
**LHS** Hannah Woodley 77-06, eighth

**Boys' Discus**  
**LHS** Elijah Woodley 122-11.5, third  
**LHS** Adam Ask 120-00.25, **[PR]**, fourth  
**H-BC** Riley Tatge 106-02, 12th  
**H-BC** Brayden Metzger 99-08, **[PR]**, 18th  
**LHS** Keaton Ahrendt 97-09, 19th  
**LHS** Ryker Johnson 96-00.5, 24th  
**H-BC** Blake Leenderts 88-03.5, 28th  
**H-BC** EJ Wegener 65-00.5, 40th

**Girls' Shot Put**  
**LHS** Jocelyn Hart 39-04.75, first  
**LHS** Jadyrn Hart 35-09.5, second  
**H-BC** Ally Birger 30-08, seventh  
**H-BC** Isabel Wysong 30-03.25, ninth  
**LHS** Hannah Woodley 29-03, **[PR]**, 11th  
**H-BC** Larissa Steinhoff 29-02.5, 12th  
**LHS** Hannah Sneller 27-09.5, 14th

**Boys' Shot Put**  
**LHS** Keaton Ahrendt 41-00.5, third  
**LHS** Elijah Woodley 40-04.75, fifth  
**H-BC** Beau Bakken 39-10, **[PR]**, seventh  
**H-BC** Brayden Metzger 38-07.5, **[SR]**, eighth  
**H-BC** Jackson Gacke 38-01, **[PR]**, 10th  
**LHS** Adam Ask 35-10.25, 19th  
**LHS** Ryker Johnson 35-05.5, 21st  
**H-BC** Riley Tatge 34-00, **[PR]**, 25th

**Girls' Long Jump**  
**H-BC** Brynn Bakken 15-04, first  
**LHS** Kendra Thorson 14-02.5, third  
**LHS** Makena Nelson 13-03.25, ninth  
**H-BC** Brynn Rauk 12-06, 16th  
**H-BC** Abigail Harris 11-11, 21st

**Boys' Long Jump**  
**LHS** DJ Rock 17-11.25, eighth  
**LHS** Gavin DeBeer 17-11, ninth  
**H-BC** Mason Shaffner 16-09, 17th  
**H-BC** EJ Wegener 15-06, **[PR]**, 21st  
**H-BC** Bode Kruger 15-06, 21st  
**H-BC** Sawyer Bosch 15-02.5, 24th  
**LHS** Jaymyn McLaughlin 13-05, 33rd

**Girls' Triple Jump**  
**LHS** Augusta Papik 33-06.25, **[PR]**, first  
**LHS** Kendra Thorson 30-06.75, fourth  
**LHS** Jerzey Hood 29-06.75, sixth  
**H-BC** Emma Deelstra 29-01.25, **[SR]**, eighth  
**H-BC** Bailey Spykerboer 28-11, ninth  
**H-BC** Ava Steinhoff 28-03.25, **[PR]**, 10th  
**LHS** Abby Boltes 26-09.5, 12th

**Boys' Triple Jump**  
**H-BC** Blake Leenderts 38-02, **[PR]**, fifth  
**LHS** Anyuon Atem 35-07, tenth  
**H-BC** Sawyer Bosch 34-08.5, 13th  
**H-BC** Jackson Gacke 34-00, 14th  
**H-BC** Jacob Wallin 32-04.5, 19th

**Girls' High Jump**  
**LHS** Elizabeth Wagner 5-04, **[PR]**, first  
**H-BC** Ava Steinhoff 4-08, sixth  
**LHS** Reinha John 4-06, **[PR]**, ninth  
**H-BC** Larissa Steinhoff 4-06, ninth  
**LHS** Maria Rops 4-06, 11th  
**LHS** Augusta Papik 4-04, **[PR]**, 12th

**Boys' High Jump**  
**LHS** Isaac DeBates 5-08, **[PR]**, third  
**H-BC** Elisha Taubert 5-04, ninth  
**LHS** Darius Dolo 5-02, 10th  
**H-BC** Sawyer Bosch 5-02, 12th  
**H-BC** Jamin Metzger 5-02, 13th  
**H-BC** Jacob Wallin 5-00, 14th

**Girls' Pole Vault**  
**LHS** Corynn Oye 7-00, fifth

**Boys' Pole Vault**  
**LHS** DJ Rock 12-00, first  
**LHS** Tyler Rolfs 9-06, fifth  
**LHS** Leif Ingebretsen 9-00, sixth

# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for May 18

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 20, 2012  
MORTGAGOR: Travis Dammann, a single man.  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank its successors and assign .

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 21, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 180873.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated September 27, 2016 Recorded October 3, 2016, as Document No. 189217. And thereafter assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated June 14, 2019, Recorded June 21, 2019, as Document No. 194971.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1005210-0808005333-4

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Plains Commerce Bank  
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 413 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 201448000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Lot 5 in Block 23 in Van Eps and Vary's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$80,070.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$63,959.06

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 18, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 20, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: March 17, 2023

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.  
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee  
4500 Park Glen Road #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416  
(952) 925-6888  
37 - 23-002091 FC

IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(03-30, 04-06, 04-13, 04-20, 04-27, 05-04)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 29

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

Mortgagor: Logan Crosby and Hallie Crosby, Husband And Wife  
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First International Bank & Trust, its successors and assigns

Dated: September 9, 2022  
Recorded: September 14, 2022  
Rock County Recorder Document No. 203176

Assigned To: Citizens Bank, N.A.  
Dated: January 20, 2023  
Recorded: January 24, 2023  
Rock County Recorder Document No. 203954

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.  
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100080500000457556  
Lender or Broker: First International Bank & Trust, a Corporation  
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Citizens Bank  
Mortgage Originator: First International Bank & Trust, a Corporation  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Eight (8), except the South Five (5) feet thereof, In Block Two (2) of Park View First Addition to the City of Hills, Rock County, Minnesota.  
This is Abstract Property.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 15-0283-000  
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:  
700 Elizabeth Ave S  
Hills, MN 56138  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$256,500.00  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$267,584.53

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 29, 2023, 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is December 29, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.  
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: April 20, 2023  
Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, Assignee of Mortgagee

By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.  
Attorneys for:  
Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, Assignee of Mortgagee  
1333 Northland Drive, Suite 205  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120  
801-355-2886  
651-228-1753 (fax)  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
MN21479.

(04-27, 05-04, 05-11, 05-18, 05-25, 06-01)

## Bittner probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ROCK COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT  
COURT FILE NUMBER: 67-PR-23-63  
CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

In re the Estate of Thomas Jay Bittner,  
Deceased

**Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated August 8, 2022, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Kenneth Jay Bittner, whose address is 4371 Briarwood Lane, Minnetonka, MN 55343 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Dated: April 10, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt  
District Court Judge

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(05-04, 05-11)

## Javner probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

COUNTY OF ROCK

Court File No. 67-PR-23-85

Estate of  
**Deborah Maymee Javner, a/k/a  
Deborah M. Javner,  
a/k/a Deborah Javner,  
Decedent**

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 5, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown St., Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, May 9, 2022, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Greg Vanderpoel, whose address is 1721 75th Ave., Lake Wilson, MN, 56151 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: April 25, 2023

BY THE COURT

COURT SEAL

/s/ Terry S. Vajrt  
District Court Judge

Attorney for Petitioner  
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Runchey, Louwagie & Wellman, P.L.L.P.  
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Marshall, MN 56258  
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FAX: (507) 537-0518  
Email: paul@rlwlawyers.com

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(05-04, 05-11)

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## CARDS OF THANKS

**We want to thank those who donated (money or in-kind), or volunteered to help with the Trauma & Mental Health Conference that was held on April 20th**

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**Also, thank you to all those who attended the conference, and the movie "Break Every Chain"**  
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Diane Sherwood  
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## EMPLOYMENT



**Luverne Public Schools is seeking applications for FULL-TIME ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION/ HEALTH TEACHER.**

Questions may be directed to Stacy Gillette, Elementary Principal - [s.gillette@isd2184.net](mailto:s.gillette@isd2184.net) or 507-283-4497.  
District application form available at [https://www.isd2184.net/about\\_lps/open\\_employment](https://www.isd2184.net/about_lps/open_employment). Submit letter of application, 3 current letters of recommendation, college transcripts and completed district application form to Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, Luverne Public Schools, 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne MN 56156 or [c.oftedahl@isd2184.net](mailto:c.oftedahl@isd2184.net). Position open until filled.



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### ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Full-time Dispatcher

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of **Dispatcher** in the Rock County Sheriff's Office until **May 15, 2023 at 5:00PM.** Minimum qualifications are a High School diploma or equivalent with one year of work related experience. Applicants must possess excellent communication skills, have the ability to read a map and multi-task duties in a fast paced environment. The work is performed on a shift rotation basis and is a union position of Local Union No. 2558C. **Starting hourly wage will be \$21.65 - \$23.43 DOQ with additional compensation for overtime and shift differentials.** This is a **Full Time position** and Rock County offers an excellent benefit package to include **health, life insurances and pension.** All interested persons must complete a Rock County application form; for an application form and full job description, please go to [https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job\\_opportunities/index.php](https://www.co.rock.mn.us/job_opportunities/index.php).

For additional questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne, Minnesota. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or email [susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us).

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## DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Pursuant to City Code, Section 33.03, Subd. 3 (A), the City Administrator hereby declares the following City of Luverne property as "excess" property and authorizes its sale via sealed quotes:

**One (1) 2006 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup Truck with Utility Box**

Please submit your sealed bids by **May 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM, to the City Clerk's office, 305 E. Luverne St., PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156.** The City reserves the right to reject any or all quotes. If you have questions or would like to view the truck, visit [www.cityofluverne.org](http://www.cityofluverne.org) or contact Darrel Ykema at 507-920-5988.

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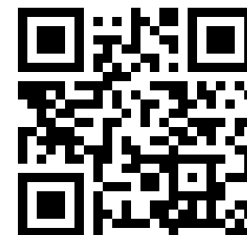
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Rock County **STAR HERALD** Luverne **ANNOUNCER**

## LHS Prom 2023: Night of a 'Thousand Lights'

More than 90 couples participated in the grand march Saturday night for Luverne High School's prom under the theme, "Prom 2023: Night of a Thousand Lights." Students later enjoyed a catered meal in the school commons followed by entertainment with a mechanical bull, Family Feud, card games and more. See the entire photo gallery at [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com).

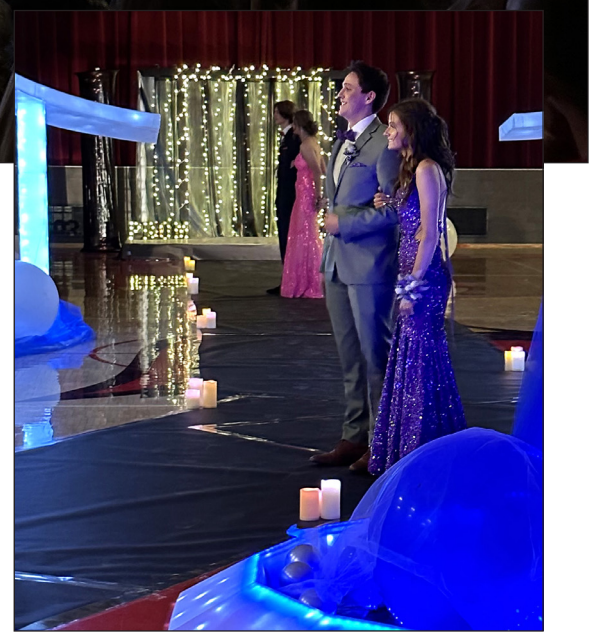
Below, Jack Vorhees and Grace Runia approach the grand march runway in the high school gym.



Pictured at right Anja Jarchow flashes a smile as she and Elliot Domagala approach the gym runway through the lighted arch.

Pictured at far right, Gavin Reisch and Jacie Graham pause for photographs during their trip through the high school gym for grand march.

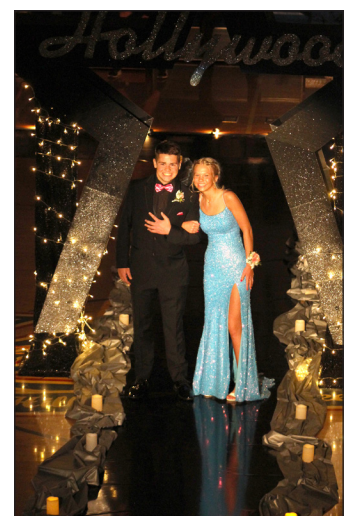
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## 'Roaring Twenties' comes to H-BC prom

Thirty-nine couples participated in grand march in the Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School gymnasium Friday night. Students enjoyed a catered meal and later traveled to SpringBrooke Events for after-prom activities. See the entire photo gallery at [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com).



Masters of ceremonies Blake Leenderts (above, left) and Cameron Allen dressed in "Roaring Twenties" attire. Brayden Metzger and Sara Bauder pose for pictures during the grand march at the center of the H-BC gymnasium.



Larissa Steinhoff and Jackson Gacke stop under the "Hollywood" sign during Friday night's grand march at Hills-Beaver Creek Secondary School in Hills.

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