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Luverne population may break 5,000 mark

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne's population may have surpassed the 5,000-person threshold to qualify for more state and federal funding for public infrastructure.

That's according to correspondence received by Luverne City Administrator Jill Wolf Thursday from Minnesota State Demographer Susan Brower.

Despite efforts to publicize and encourage local participation in the 2020 census, Luverne's official census count landed at 4,946.

It was a 4-percent increase over the 2010 census count, but still shy of the 5,000-person goal.

The demographer's letter stated that Luverne's April 1, 2022, population estimate is 5,033 with an estimated 2,099 households.

That was all the information in the memo, that had the subject line, "2022 Population and Household Estimates." It was dated June 1.

"We are going to request more information and possibly a waiver on getting the state to formally recognize the increase," Wolf said Monday.

"The city can receive more benefits from the state, such as local gas tax for road repairs, once the population is over 5,000."

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said he, too, is encouraged by Brower's letter.

"It's great news," he said. "This could mean a significant increase in state aid for us."

The demographer's office is required by law to produce annual population and household estimates for Minnesota cities and townships.

The figures represent estimated population and household

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State grant allows RCRW to 'age' water

By Mavis Fodness

Sampling will take place this fall to determine how old the water is within the Rock County Rural Water system.

System director Ryan Holtz stated May 2 to county commissioners he received a \$50,000 grant from the state Department of Health.

The grant will pay for the collecting of water samples and testing at a Canadian company.

"They can actually age the water to tell how old it is so we would have a good idea if it is man-made fertilizers," he said. "It would give us a good idea where our contaminants are coming from."

Sampling will focus on the west edge of the system's drinking water supply management area, where high nitrate issues persist on the west side of the Rock River.

"We've done a lot of implementation of grasses and cover crops and all these different things," Holtz said.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0608 buffalo days parade

Luverne's Main Street was bustling Saturday morning with more than 70 units in the 2023 Buffalo Days parade, which lasted 1½ hours on the four-block route. This year marked the 39th time the event was conducted in Luverne, and both sides of Main Street were crowded with spectators and children eager to pick up candy and other giveaways tossed by parade participants.

Luverne observes 39th annual Buffalo Days

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 39th annual Buffalo Days Celebration is in the books after four days of events and activities that drew thousands of people to town.

The lineup featured classic Buffalo Days events like the Friday Night Cruise-In and the Saturday morning run, Main Street parade and vendor event in the Courthouse Square.

"Hats off to our community partners for doing their part to offer so many special things to do for the four-day weekend," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Lanphere.

The 33rd Classic Car Cruise-In had a rocky start with a 20-minute downpour just ahead of the 5 p.m. setup. However, the clouds cleared,

Buffalo Days/continued on 3A



Mavis Fodness photo

Luverne High School marching band color guard (from left) Brooklynn Wicks, Morgan Hadler, Hannah Woodley, Joselyn Altman and Rebecca Hoogland lead the band down Main Street for the Buffalo Days Parade Saturday morning. In the inset above left, Calla Thone shows off her face paint at the Buffalo Days Expo at the Courthouse Square.



Mavis Fodness photos/0608 buffalo days Olivia Rigney peeks over the side of the Spotlight Dance float and waves at spectators. On the left is Grace Habben, and Charlotte Rensink is on the right.

At right, Nobles-Rock Beef Ambassador Maddie Feikema waves and throws out beef jerky to parade watchers while Aiden Bootsma drives the tractor.



Lori Sorenson photo

Downtown Luverne was packed with people during the Buffalo Days Cruise-In downtown.

Community celebrates trail with 'Tour de Loop'

Grand opening party kicks off Buffalo Days, to be annual event

By Lori Sorenson

Community leaders, residents and visitors celebrated the grand opening of the Luverne Loop Trail during a ribbon-cutting and "Tour de Loop" bike ride Thursday, June 1.

Mayor Pat Baustian congratulated local leaders and volunteers for their efforts in getting the local trail completed.

"Ten years ago we started putting money in the general fund to make this happen," Baustian said. "We had a vision 10 years ago, and today is a culmination of many efforts of everybody here who made this happen."

The Luverne Loop offers 7.4 miles of trail around the outskirts of the city, and by linking to the Blue Mound Trail, the combined route offers more than 13 miles of continuous paved path.

Baustian credited Luverne Economic Development Director Holly Sammons for her planning work and for applying for grants that helped get the trails built.

"Holly has done a phenomenal job on this; she deserves a lot of credit for her persistence and determination to make this happen," he said.

"This whole project is about 60 percent grants and 40 percent local."

Grant funding came primarily from the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails Commission in partnership with the Minnesota Legacy Fund and Minnesota DNR.

Tour de Loop/see page 2A

PIP bids on bankrupt Windom pork plant

By Lori Sorenson

Premium Iowa Pork has reportedly offered to pay \$13 million for the bankrupt HyLife Foods pork processing plant in Windom.

The plant, which was converted from a beef processing facility in 2016, has the capacity to process 1.2 million hogs per year and employed more than 1,000 employees.

The outcome of the sale will hinge on proceedings in bankruptcy court, and PIP officials are withholding comment until those proceedings are complete.

The Hoppers, Iowa, company spent \$30 million in 2019 to establish its antibiotic-free pork processing business in Luverne.

Premium Minnesota Pork expanded the 78,000-square-foot building to 145,000 square feet and now processes 4,000 hogs

PIP buys Windom plant/see 3A



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meetings

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Edgerton Ag conference room. Call 507.220.0679 with questions.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at the Kenneth Community Center. American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 14, at Pizza Ranch in Luverne. Call Dianna Tomlinson, 507-283-1934, with questions.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 12, at Sanford Luverne. Call Sharon Zinnell, 507-227-3821 with questions.

'Tin Can Phones and Typewriters' at plaza June 8

The Rock County Historical Society will host "Tin Can Phones and Typewriters" from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 8, at the Plaza on Main as a free hands-on summer event for children.

Live music on plaza June 12

Local guitarists and vocalists Ron and Jane Cote will provide live music from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Plaza on Main. Bring a chair and enjoy lunch from Wildflower's Lunch Trailer.

'Touch a Truck Night' June 12

Meet the vehicles and drivers who keep Luverne moving. See, touch, explore, honk is a free event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Luverne School north parking lot. The event is free, and the first 200 kids receive a gift.

A burger meal for \$5 will be available by Rock County Cattlemen & Rock County Historical Society as a fundraiser for the Historical Society.

Bloodmobile in Luverne June 13

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will accept donations from noon to 6 p.m. June 13 at Living Rock Church on East Main Street in Luverne. Make an appointment through the donor app or through redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

SAIL classes in Magnolia

SAIL classes meet from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, June 6 through Aug. 24, in the Magnolia Post Office. The free classes, Stay Active and Independent for Life, improve strength and balance. Call A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota manager Linda Wenzel, 507-283-5064, or A.C.E. volunteer Connie Frahm, 507-220-3584.

Rock The Edge accepting service projects from community

Rock The Edge will host the local Service Over Self mission week June 26-29. If you have a project you need assistance with (painting, cleaning, yard-work, small construction, etc.) call 605-261-4000 or 507-227-1978. To volunteer as an adult, call 401-500-3427. Childcare provided upon request.

Community Ed

Community Education will offer the following classes in the next few weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Defensive Driving 8-hour class will be Sept. 11 and 18 (four hours each evening). The Refresher four-hour classes are June 12 and July 10.

Soccer League meets for four weeks in August for children ages 4 through grade 7 as attended during the 2022-23 school year. Fee is \$30 if paid by June 12. After June 12 registrations are accepted only if spots on rosters are open and the fee is \$60.

Grades 5 through adult, will get a **basic introduction to working with clay** on June 10. Fee is \$20 plus \$5 for materials paid to instructor at studio.

Grades K-4 during the 2022-23 school year will have fun at **Paint and Snack Classes** on June 12, July 17 and Aug. 14. Sign up for one class or for all three. Fee is \$33/class.

Students grades 6-12, as attended during the 2022-23 school year, can learn basic yoga poses and breathing exercises at **Teen Yoga** for four sessions starting on June 12. Fee is \$40.

Grade 5 through adult can work on a clay project with assistance from an instructor during **Open Studio**. Reserve two hour blocks of time on June 13, July 8 or August 12. Fee is \$25 and covers all materials, glaze and firing.

Grades 9 through adult will get an introduction to the pottery wheel at **Throwing on the Potter's Wheel** on June 17. Fee is \$30 plus a \$10 material fee paid at class.

Sanford Luverne Summer Speed, Agility and Quickness (formerly Sanford Power) for grades 7-12 in the Luverne area starts June 21. Fee is \$80 if paid by June 9.



The Tour de Loop event at the Trailhead building on East Main Street celebrated the grand opening of the completed Loop trail Thursday, June 1. Pictured are (front, from left) John Stoffel, Kevin and Mary Aaker, Don Dinger, John Call, Holly Sammons (with scissors) Gary Kurth, Kraig Rust, Jill Wolf, Matt Knips, Cary Radisewitz, Pat Baustian, Preston VerMeer, Dan Nath, Rick Anderson, (back) Caroline Thorson, Lisa Dinger, Paula Lammert, Chad McClure, Amanda McDonald, Peggy Adams, Scott Bowman, Brian Pike, Damian, Knute Oldre, Chuck Tweet and Craig Oftedahl.

Tour de Loop ribbon-cutting event/continued from page 1A

At Thursday's ribbon-cutting Baustian credited local bicycling enthusiast Preston VerMeer for his role in the early stages of planning.

"I'd like to thank Preston VerMeer for all of his passion and vision," Baustian said. "He said 'Let's get a bike trail,' and he was definitely the driving force with the dream and the vision."

VerMeer replied, "I love it. You did an awesome job."

Baustian singled out several other local individuals and public officials, but said the trail was the result of many different people and groups working together.

"It takes a community to make this happen," he said. "We're fortunate that we've had everyone working toward this common goal. ... It's really a cool thing that ties our whole community together."

Bicyclists participating in the Tour de Loop could pick up ride maps and instructions for entering drawings at five individual stops for prizes that were drawn at 8 p.m.



John Berry of Berry's Bicycles checks the brakes on Jill Wolf's bike at the Trailhead.

The event at the trailhead building on East Main Street offered prizes for youth and adults totaling \$2,500.

They included Trek bikes, bike accessories, helmets, repair gift certificates

and more.

"We're going to try to make it an annual event that's on the Thursday before Buffalo Days," Chamber Director Jane Lanphere said about the Tour de Loop.

"It's going to be a family-friendly community bike ride ... and this year because we're celebrating the completion of this beautiful trail system through our community, we pulled out all the stops."



At left, Amanda Hoppe picks up a trail map from Luverne Chamber Director Jane Lanphere. Above, the Van Dyken family gets ready to hit the trail. They are Nathan and Kirsten and their children (from left) Levi, Joanna, Faith and Asher (in cart) and Anne Van Dyken.

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Walravens to lead Hills Friendship Days parade June 10

By Mavis Fodness

Brothers Del and Robert Walraven will lead the Hills Friendship Days parade Saturday morning. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

Each year, parade organizers honor a long-standing business owner as parade marshal. This year they chose two.

The brothers own Wally's Nursery, located on 250th Avenue just outside Hills.

Older brother Robert agreed to be the parade marshal and told Del he also needed to be on the float.

"I haven't gotten too excited about it yet," Del said of the honor. "Been just too busy with things."

Typically, during Friendship Day parades, Del said he stays at the nursery and landscape business to help customers who come to Hills for the activities.

Robert generally walks the parade route as part of the American Legion Honor Guard.

This year they will ride on a float the brothers orga-

nized this week.

Wally's Nursery was started in 1967 by their father, Henry, who grew and sold garden plants to supplement the farm's income.

In a matter of years, both brothers returned from college to join the family nursery operation and create a landscape business.

After 56 years in business, neither brother is ready for retirement.

"Both the mind and body need to stay active," Del said. "It is not good to sit and watch out the window."

Three days of Friendship activities planned

The Helping Build Communities Stronger (HBCS) committee has been busy planning activities for this weekend's Hills Friendship Days.

"We sure hope to have something for almost everyone this year," said HBCS treasurer Corey Metzger.

"This can only be done

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Take 16's Friday Night block party was packed with people during the Buffalo Days Cruise-In downtown.

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the sun came out, and more than 150 classic vehicles found their way downtown.

The Starfire band provided live music near the beer garden and food court. Take 16 hosted a packed block party with Buffalo Gal concessions and music by Chavez and Friends.

Saturday morning's Buffalo Days Run for a Cause, a benefit for Carson's Cause, had 40 registered runners at the Luverne City Park (see related story), and the parade had over 70 entries for a crowded four blocks of Main Street.

"We had a terrific parade that was almost an hour and a half long," Lanphere said.

The Buffalo Days Expo in the Courthouse Square had 48 vendors, live music, family activities and 11 different food vendors.

"The Expo provides a wonderful opportunity to shop for handmade and unique items," Lanphere said.

"We had wonderful vendors and food trucks at the Courthouse Square."

Throughout the weekend, more than 60 youth baseball teams were scheduled to compete in the Junior Legion Buffalo Days Tournament.

"Town was busy," Lanphere said.



Al Hinz (left) and Merlin DeJongh visit during the cruise-in.



Pictured above, Shelbie Nath of Southwestern Mental Health carries Ellie the goat along the parade route.



Above, Bill and Judy Miller dance to the music of the Starfire Band during the cruise-in.



At left, Tom Rau and Lon Remme enjoy the Friday Night Cruise-In with Remme's 1947 Ford Super Deluxe.



Estelle Olson, Luverne, gives a fist bump to the Boba Fett character from the 501st Legion (a costuming organization) in town to promote the free "Return of the Jedi" movie at the Palace Theatre.



Enjoying a picnic at the Buffalo Days Expo are (front, from left) Liam Jones, Welta Dunn, (back) Simon and Rebecca Strand and Elise and Emily Jones. At right, Jayda Walgrave seeks sun shelter under her umbrella at the courthouse.



Rural Water grant/ continued from page 1A

"There is one question we've always come down to: 'Where do they come from? Where are the nitrates at? Are they at 3 feet, 10 feet deep?'"

Water samples will be collected at 5-foot intervals down to 30 feet in depth.

"We will be able to tell the depth we find the nitrates and will be able to age the water as well — to find out if it came this year, last year or 20 years ago," Holtz said.

Knowing the water's

age will pinpoint what cropping practices, if any, should be implemented and what restrictions, such as manure application, should be in place to keep water quality at drinkable levels.

Holtz said he will reapply for the same grant to resample next spring and compare the nitrate levels.

"We can hopefully pinpoint some of these things and clean up what we have and care for what we have," he said.

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changes since the 2020 Census.

The state uses data from sources such as the Census Bureau and building permits to estimate population. Broad changes in Rock County contributed to the increase in Luverne.

The estimates also

have been sent to the county auditor for review and are subject to change. They are not considered final until released by the Minnesota Department of Revenue in July.

The city has reached out to the State regarding next steps to formalize the new population estimate.

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per day with roughly 450 workers.

It later added a 10,000-square-foot, \$7 million cooler to the operation.

The company is now considering an additional \$70 million processing facility that would add more than 90 jobs in Luverne's

industrial park near its current pork processing facility along County Road 4 west of town.

PMP has not yet broken ground on that project that would process pork for bacon, smoked hams, case-ready products and ground pork.

Open House
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Kaitlyn Roberts
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Thank you for making our Buffalo Days 'Run for a Cause' successful!

The Buffalo Days Run for a Cause was an awesome event with 40 registered runners and dozens of supporters and donors. It was a meaningful way to remember and honor Carson, and we raised thousands of dollars for Carson's Cause to improve community brain health.

We're so grateful to our generous event sponsor, Southwestern Mental Health, and also business sponsors Sanford Health, City of Luverne Aquatics and Fitness, Nutrien and the Rock County Star Herald. Sunshine Foods graciously provided post-race snacks and bottled water.

Thank you to our team of volunteers and especially Dave Duffy for his running course expertise, event guidance and inspiring us to tackle something we've never done before.

Mostly, we thank those who have supported us both financially and with personal expressions of encouragement in our mission to change the dialogue around brain health. We are making a difference ... one mile, one conversation at a time.

In loving memory of Carson Ehde — Lori Sorenson and Gracie Rozeboom

I'm back at my summer job

... and I haven't forgotten the 'do not' list

This column marks the beginning of my 10th summer working part time at the Star Herald.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

In 2014, Editor Lori asked me if I could help as a part-time reporter for a few weeks that summer when the position was open.

General manager Rick agreed, and my temporary fill-in gig began.

It wasn't quite as random as it may seem, however.

When I graduated high school, I thought journalism was going to be my college major before I decided to go into teaching.

I had been a fan of newspapers since Mr. Olson introduced us to the Star Tribune in his fifth-grade classroom.

My mom made sure to buy a Star Herald during her lunch break on Thursdays so it would be at home for me to read after school.

When I was in college, she saved the Star Heralds for me to read when I came home.

During the year I lived near the Twin Cities, I got a subscription to the Star Herald to make sure I kept up with the news from Luverne.

For much of my teaching career, I've requisitioned Star Tribune newspapers for use in my own classroom and continue to do so.

So, my relationship with newspapers, my love of writing, and my interest in sharing news from my hometown made the Star Herald a natural part-time job in the summer of 2014.

That summer I learned some tough lessons right away from Editor Lori.

Do not take photos for the paper without people in the photo.

Do not take photos for the

paper with people's feet "cut off."

Do not write that an event "was held" in your articles.

And many more.

But I'm a relatively quick learner and was able to adapt quickly enough that they kept letting me write ... and occasionally take photos.

By the next summer, reporter Mavis was hired (thankfully) and my Star Herald role moved into covering for vacations and other reporting jobs as needed.

Sports editor John always took vacation for two weeks in June, so I found my way into writing about sports.

After sports editor John retired, I morphed into the summer "sports guy" for a few years and began covering mostly Junior Legion, Legion and Redbirds baseball.

And now, here we are.

Thankfully, we have a "new" sports editor, Greg, who is doing great and is a far, far better photographer than I am. The sports pages look great!

I'm back to writing news articles and will be covering some local government and other features throughout the summer.

Looking back 10 years, it's amazing how much things have changed ... but also how much they have stayed the same.

Luverne continues to be an active place with lots of news that the Star Herald does an outstanding job covering and documenting.

And they still let me help do that in the summers — as long as there are people in photos and those people's feet are in the frame.

'Get Outdoors' this weekend (and all summer)

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Gov. Tim Walz and Minnesota DNR are encouraging Minnesotans to get out in nature and enjoy the state's outstanding outdoor opportunities by proclaiming June 2023 as Great Outdoors Month.

The proclamation cites the health and wellness benefits of spending time outdoors as one of the many reasons to encourage Minnesotans to get outdoors.

We couldn't agree more.

The recently completed Legislative session is bringing more investment to state parks, trails, campgrounds, water areas and other public lands.

The newly enacted Get Out MORE (Modernize Outdoor Recreation Experiences) Initiative provides \$110 million in transformational, one-time investments for enhanced outdoor recreation access (\$25 million), modernization of camping experiences (\$5 million), modernizing boat access (\$35 million), modernizing fish hatcheries and fishing infrastructure (\$35 million) and restoring streams and modernizing water-related infrastructure (\$10 million).

Until those investments are complete, there are still plenty of existing amenities to enjoy outdoors. During Great Outdoors Month,

the DNR is offering special programs and incentives to encourage Minnesotans to get outdoors. June 9-11 is the annual Take a Kid Fishing weekend, when Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a fishing license. More information is available on the Take a Kid Fishing web page (mndnr.gov/takeakidfishing).

June 10-11 is also a no-registration riding weekend on motorized state and Grant-in-Aid trails. This weekend allows Minnesotans with an all-terrain vehicle registered for private or agricultural use to ride public trails without paying the registration fee. Find ATV trails on the trail locations map (mndnr.gov/ohv/map.html).

On Saturday, June 10, the DNR will also host a Free Park Day, which allows free entrance to all 75 state parks and recreation areas in Minnesota. There's a state park or recreation area within 30 miles of most Minnesotans.

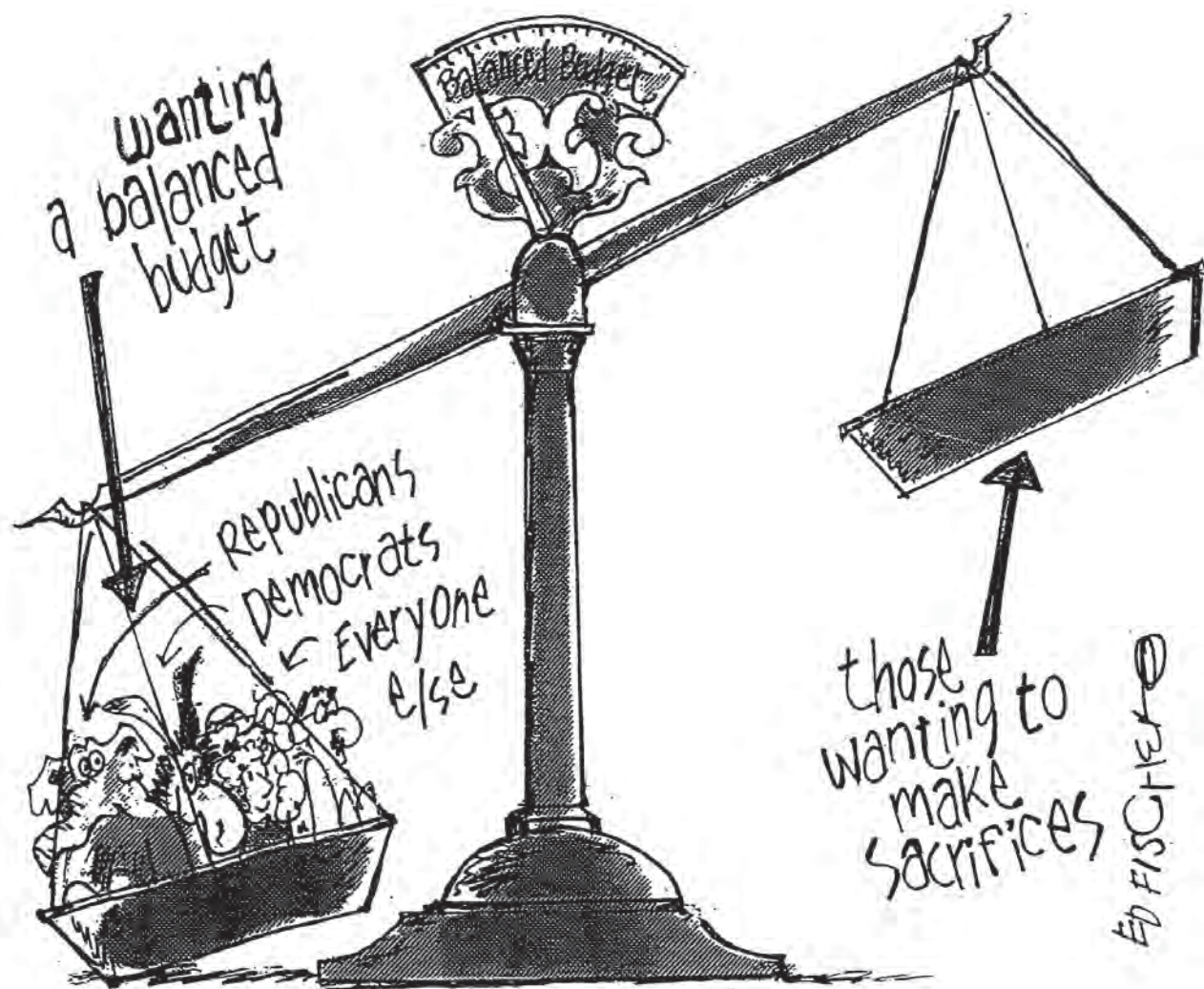
In addition to offering popular activities such as hiking, biking, camping, swimming, paddling and birding, a variety of state park programs are open to all visitors. Programs are free, but some require preregistration. Find state park programs online at the state parks and trails events calendar (mndnr.gov/ptcalendar).

But remember one important detail about the state's promotion for "Get Outdoors Month."

The entrance fee waiver for Free Park Day does not cover amenity or user fees for activities like camping, rentals, or special tours.

Details are on the Free Park Day web page, mndnr.gov/freeparkday. Celebrated across the United States since 2008, Great Outdoors Month highlights the diversity of public lands throughout the country and the benefits they provide.

It is also a great message to remember all the local amenities that get us out in the great outdoors.



Farm-permitted drivers can only operate vehicle during daylight hours

Question: If you are 15 years old and have a farm permit to drive a farm truck, how late at night can you drive?

Answer: A Minnesota Farm Work license allows a 15-year-old to drive alone only to perform farm work for his or her parent during daylight hours, within 20 miles of the farmhouse, and in cities with populations of less than 100,000.



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

The parent must complete a Farm Work License affidavit, available at all driver license

examination stations, and present a property tax statement and/or rental agreement.

A 15-year-old may qualify for a restricted farm work license after completing a driver education course and passing a road test. The applicant is not required to wait six months before taking the road test for this license.

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

Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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)

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

May 26

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported vandalism.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, Beaver Creek, reported a road and drive laws complaint.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported narcotics law complaint.

•Complainant on S. McKenzie Street requested extra patrol.

•Complainant reported lost property.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported a parking issue.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 21, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on 31st Street, Hills, reported a public nuisance.

May 27

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant reported an outage.

•Complainant on 41st Street, Ellsworth, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported suspicious activity.

May 28

•A warrant was issued at Mower County Sheriff's Office.

•Complainant on County Road 4, Beaver Creek, reported a theft.

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

•Complainant at the National Guard construction site reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported found property.

May 29

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported debris.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported vandalism.

May 30

•Complainant on 41st Street and 190th Avenue, Ells-

worth, reported an outage.

•Complainant in Luverne reported a theft.

•Complainant on 161st Street, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a disorderly.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported suspicious activity.

May 31

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported trespassing.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported vandalism.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on 91st Street reported a fire.

•Complainant on Lincoln Street and East Park Street reported road repairs.

June 1

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a civil issue.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13 exit ramp, Luverne, reported a fire.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported an outage.

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•Complainant on Maple Street and Oakley Street reported a parking issue.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.

June 2

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.

•Complainant on 80th Avenue, Hardwick, reported theft.

•Complainant on County Road 4, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 transports, 3 escorts, 7 ambulance runs, 8 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 5 fingerprint requests, 7 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 alarm, 5 purchase and carry permits, 6 stalled vehicles, 81 traffic stops, 17 abandoned 911 calls, 4 reports of cattle out and 3 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Projects at School

New parking lot, new alumni garden, new school sign

It will be a busy construction summer at Luverne Public Schools as work continues on the Alumni Garden, located on the east side of the middle-high school. Crews continue to bring in granite blocks that make up the outdoor classroom portion of the \$1.4 million project, which is expected to be finished in September. Parking lot improvements began May 31 when Hulstein Excavating of Edgerton milled off the old asphalt surface. The \$819,000 project is expected to be finished in August. Work has also started on the installation of a new, larger sign for the district along Highway 75.

Wyatt Vander Steen photo



MDA to set traps to survey for invasive moth

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture will set approximately 20,000 traps this year looking for spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*), formerly known as gypsy moth.

This work is part of the MDA's annual trapping survey program and is designed to protect Minnesota's forests and urban areas from new infestations of spongy moth by detecting potential problem areas for future treatments.

While the goal of the program is not to trap every

spongy moth, trapping is vital to early detection and slowing the spread. In 2022 a record number, 101,763 spongy moths, were trapped, making it even more important that efficient trapping efforts continue.

Survey staff have begun setting traps and will continue through July. Traps will remain in the field through August in the southern region of the state and through October in the northern region.

The "delta" traps are small, triangle-shaped and made of cardboard. Bigger

"milk carton" shaped traps will be set in select areas of Lake, Cook, and St. Louis counties to accommodate potentially higher numbers of moths.

All the traps contain a pheromone to lure in male spongy moths if they are present.

To be successful, it is important to maintain the trapping grid.

In addition, this year the MDA is asking the public to be extra vigilant on spotting potential infestations and reporting potential spongy moth sightings via the Report

a Pest online service or by emailing reportapest@state.mn.us.

"With the public's help, this work protects industries like tourism and forestry from economic harm and saves Minnesota's urban and forested areas from environmental damage," said Plant Protection Director Mark Abrahamson.

Spongy moth caterpillars are a problem because they eat the leaves of over 300 types of trees and shrubs, favoring oak, poplar, birch, and willow.

Reminder: June cut-off dates for dicamba use on soybeans in Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is reminding pesticide applicators of state-specific restrictions for the use of dicamba herbicide for the 2023 growing season. Engenia by BASF, Tavium by Syngenta, and XtendiMax by Bayer are the only dicamba formulations labeled for use on dicamba-tolerant (DT) soybeans. In Minnesota, dicamba products cannot be applied on DT soybeans after June 12 south of Interstate 94 and after June 30 north of Interstate 94.

In addition to the cut-off date, these three dicamba products cannot

be applied in Minnesota when the air temperature is over 85° Fahrenheit at the time of application or if the forecast high temperature of the nearest available location exceeds 85°. Forecast temperature must be recorded at the start of the application. This restriction is for the entire state.

When applying these products, applicators must have all applicable labels in their possession. Compliance with these Minnesota-specific restrictions and other restrictions listed on the product label is mandatory.

This year's cut-off

dates were first announced on Jan. 10, 2023, and follow the state restrictions of the 2022 growing season. Because of those dates, the MDA saw a significant decrease in alleged drift complaints.

"We understand there have been weather challenges this spring that may have caused concerns for growers who want to use this crop management tool," said MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen.

"However, delaying applications to try and control later emerging weeds may result in poor performance, and later applications present other

risks. We wish to preserve this tool for farmers without impacting neighboring crops, homes, farms, and gardens."

Dicamba is most effective early in the growing season. Product labels recommend application on small broadleaf weeds that are up to 4 inches tall.

To manage weeds after the June 12 or June 30 cut-off dates, herbicides from Group 9 (Glyphosate), Group 2 (Pursuit, Classic, FirstRate), and Group 14 (Flexstar, Cobra, Cadet, Ultra Blazer) can be used. If your soybeans contain the Enlist trait, broadleaf weeds can be

controlled with Enlist One or Enlist Duo herbicides. Other 2,4-D formulations cannot be used postemergence on Enlist soybeans. If you have herbicide resistant weeds such as waterhemp, follow University of Minnesota Extension recommendations on layer-

ing of residual herbicides such as Dual, Outlook, Warrant, and Valor.

The postemergence dicamba products for use on soybeans are "Restricted Use Pesticides" for retail sale to and for use only by certified applicators.

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314.50 ACRES AVAILABLE IN 3 TRACTS

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Lori Sorenson photo/0608 stories from the graves

Elaine Hansen portrays Rock County historical character Edia Headley Sunday afternoon at the plaza on Main Street near the History Center. Headley (pictured, below) was county superintendent of schools for many years, beginning in 1906 at a time when being an accomplished leader presented difficulties for women.

Tales from the Graves moves to History Center

By Lori Sorenson

The popular Tales from the Graves historic reenactments for the Historical Society moved this year from Maplewood Cemetery to the plaza on East Main Street.

The event attracted nearly 300 people and organizers noted that the new venue has better access for parking and walking, and the shelter house offers protection from hot sun and other elements.

Featured characters this year were Simon Skovgaard, Edia Headley, Margaret Vegge and Hugo Goehle. Performers were Pucky Sandager, Elaine Hansen, Terri Ebert and Tom Goehle,

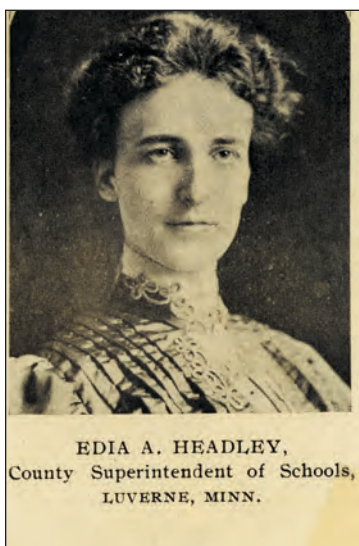
respectively.

"They put much time and thought into this, and their preparation definitely showed," said History Center director Wendel Buys.

He said this year's stories featured historical characters that provided a broad spectrum of Rock County eras and employments.

The Tales from the Graves booklets detailing the life history of featured Rock County characters are sold as a fundraiser for the Historical Society.

The books are still available for \$5. Call the History Center at 507-283-2122.



COLLEGE NEWS

Students graduate from MSU

Two area students received degrees at Minnesota State University, Mankato, following the Spring 2023 semester.

Faith Mounce, Hills, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in marketing and in CERT, graphic design.

Jesse Kontz, Luverne, earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and in law enforcement.

Schultz graduates at Northwestern

Amanda Schultz, Luverne, graduated from Northwestern NEXT, a 2-year program for students with intellectual or developmental disabilities, Saturday, May 13, at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Gehrke, Ripka earn degrees

Dyllon Gehrke and Braydon Ripka, both of Luverne, graduated from Mitchell Technical College in Mitchell, South Dakota, on May 3.

Gehrke earned a degree in heating and cooling technology, and Ripka graduated with a degree in power line construction and maintenance.

Raymon receives degree at NW

Garrett Raymon, Hills, graduated summa cum laude at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, Saturday, May 13, with a Bachelor of Arts in biology and ecological science.

USD announces dean's list, honors

The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, has released the dean's list and the academic honors list for the Spring 2023 semester.

Named to the dean's list were Kailey Rozeboom, Hills, and Sydney Bieber, Brandy Pilaczynski, Sadie Reisdorfer, Madeleine Schmuck, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Lauren VerSteeg, and Gracie Zewiski, all of Luverne.

Named to the academic honors list were Mackenzie Petersen and Mace Walgrave, both of Luverne.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with at least 12 graded credits. Stu-

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Rock County Historical Society volunteers hosted their Buffalo Days Hoe Down at the fairgrounds Sunday afternoon under picture-perfect weather conditions.

After a weekend of rainy blustery weather, Sunday dawned with blue skies, sunshine and light breezes.

The Hoe Down, a fundraiser for the Historical Society, featured live music by Luverne musicians Ron and Jane Cote, a pie and ice cream social and tours of the Fitzer Barn, country school and summer kitchen on the fairgrounds.

A highlight of the event was free rides on antique Luverne firetrucks through Luverne's historic district.

One of the trucks, driven by Tanya Light, was built by her grandfather, Fenton Albert Leicher, started Luverne Fire Apparatus, Co. in 1893.

Her father, Jim Leicher, bought back the old firetruck in the early 1950s and had it restored, and it's been in her family ever since. "We all learned to drive in this," Light said. "My dad figured if we could drive this, we could drive anything."

25 years ago (1998)

•Call it brave, call it stupid, but Luverne's Terrie Gulden jumped out of an airplane Saturday at roughly 9,300 feet, with the help of a trained sky diver.

The South Dakota Sky Divers offered "tandem jumps" to

members of the public Sunday morning during the annual Buffalo Days Fly-In Breakfast at Quentin Aanenson Field near Luverne.

He said a "tandem master instructor" was strapped to his back, and they both jumped out of a small plane at about 9,300 feet in the air.

50 years ago (1973)

•A 16-year-old Rapid City youth, Jeff Thorson, won the Blue Mound 100 bicycle race held here Sunday. He made the three loops, totaling 109 miles in five hours and 55 minutes. This was 23 minutes ahead of the second-place winner, Dr. Bob Barden, Pierre, S.D. Dr. Barden's time was 6:18. Dr. Barden and Tom Hamilton, Minneapolis, were neck and neck. Hamilton's time was six hours, 18 minutes and 57 seconds.

The champion is the grandson of Luverne's veteran cyclist, Ralph Herreid. His parents are formerly from Luverne, his father being Jim Thorson, a Rapid City pharmacist, and his mother is the former Sharon Herreid.

75 years ago (1948)

•The 1949 Ford, which reveals a radical departure from traditional Ford styling and engineering, will be on display at the Herman Motor Company here on June 18, Fred Herman

CELEBRATIONS

Open house

An open house bridal shower for **Kaitlyn Roberts**, bride-to-be of **Thomas Vagirt**, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 18, at Take 16 Brewing Co. at 501 E. Main Street, Luverne.

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MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, June 12: Parmesan chicken, green beans, fruit cocktail, bread stick, dessert.

Tuesday, June 13: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, pudding.

Wednesday, June 14: Turkey noodle casserole, broccoli florets, cinnamon baked apple slices, dinner roll, cookie.

Thursday, June 15: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, peaches, bread.

Friday, June 16: Lemon pepper fish, scalloped potatoes, mixed green

salad with dressing, dinner roll, birthday cake.

Half-Price Day sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church.

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.

1943: Varah's start to life was helped by maple sugar water

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 October 14, 1943.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

This may sound funny, but Mrs. Anna Varah, Hardwick, swears it's the truth. She owes her life to maple syrup water.

Born in Clayton county, Iowa, Dec. 25, 1869, the daughter of William and Rosella Ostreich, she was a mere baby when she became very ill. The physician from Elkader, who was called to care for her, prescribed maple syrup water as her only medicine. She eventually recovered, after she had once been considered dead. She was so ill that she lay motionless and cold, and was given up by the family. However, when they began to bathe her with warm water, she began showing signs of life, and she is still lively to this day. Because of her illness, she was unable to walk until she was three years old.

Her family lived on the Big Turkey river, in Clayton county, and she recalls that the river often provided them with fish for the family table. One catfish her father landed, she relates, touched the ground and he was carry-

ing it over his shoulder.

She attended public school but little, because she was third oldest of a family of 12, and her help was required at home. "I got some schooling," she states, "but I forgot about everything I did learn, which wasn't much."

As a girl she helped her father with the farm work. When he cut the small grain with a "cradle," her brother raked it together, her mother bound it into bundles, and she would gather the bundles together and would set them in a shock.

She had planted corn, dropping three kernels at a time by hand. In those days, no one thought of using a cultivator, she states. All the corn was kept clean with a hoe, and a hoe was also used in planting and covering the

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corn.

Their farm was a clearing in a wooded area. The settlers had no money to buy wire fencing so they made rail fences from the available timber, to keep the cattle from going into the fields. "Sometimes the cows would get smart," said Mrs. Varah, "and they'd learn the crochets in the posts. Then they'd get into the fields, and we'd have a lot of trouble."

One cow in each herd, she added, would always have a bell so that the cattle could be located in the timber land where they were pastured.

Local sugar shortages are considered a joke by Mrs. Varah. "Why, we'd go

a year at a time, and even more, without seeing a grain of white sugar," she stated. "Father raised sorghum, and we'd tap the maple trees in the spring and get maple sugar and that's all."

Farmers raised a few hogs, and in the early days, they butchered them out during the winter time. She recalls neighbors would have "regular slaughtering bees" at which time, several farmers worked together killing several head of hogs. These would be stored in huge coolers for some time, until they were frozen solid, and then would be hauled like cordwood to town from where they were shipped to the market.

Later, when more hogs were being raised, the farmers would get together and drive them to the stockyard in their town from where they would be shipped to the packers. Mrs. Varah remembers how much trouble the men often had in driving them across the bridge across the Big Turkey river. Many times, they would have to make them swim across, when they would start across the plank flooring of the bridge. Mrs. Varah pointed out that making a hog swim is dangerous, as they are naturally poor swimmers, and often cut their own throats with the hooves on their front feet.

(Continued next week.)

Local students selected for girls, boys state

By Mavis Fodness

Two area students will be attending American Legion-sponsored camps next week.

Kiesli Smith (pictured, right), Luverne, will attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State June 11-17 at Bethel University in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

She is the daughter of Mike and Andrea Smith and will be a Luverne High School senior this fall.

Gabe Vis, Edgerton, will attend the American Legion Boys State taking place at the same time as girls state but at St. John's University



in Collegeville, Minnesota.

He is the son of Shawn and Karmen Vis and will be a high school senior at Southwest Minnesota Christian this fall.

The week-long state experiences focus on leadership and citizenship.

Girls State highlights the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of government practiced in the democratic society.

Boys State is a practical learning experience, which focuses on county and state government levels through mock exercises that promote leadership development.

The Hardwick American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring Smith's trip to Girls State. The Hardwick Legion is sponsoring Vis.

OBITUARIES

Vernon Bergin

Vernon Bergin, 98, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at Dow Rummel Village in Sioux Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Garretson, South Dakota. Visitation was from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 5, 2023, followed by a Liturgical Wake Service and Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory in Sioux Falls. A light lunch will be served after Mass with interment to follow at the Hills of Rest Cemetery in Sioux Falls. Memorials may be directed to St. Rose of Lima Parish in Garretson.

Vernon Bergin, son of John and Margaret (Bresnahan) Bergin, was born May 31, 1925, in Sherman, South Dakota. Vernon lived in Lanesboro, Minnesota, with his grandparents to help on the farm until moving back to Sherman. Vernon met Stella Svaren at the Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls and was married to Stella on September 4, 1954, at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The wedding was a double wedding with Harvey and Eunice Quamen. The couples remained lifelong friends.

Vernon grew up in the St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gar-

retson and was a longtime member at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls. He continued to work the land his family had owned with his brother, Ed, and also worked for Northern States Power.

Vernon was a self-made man with a great work ethic. His early upbringing on the farm taught him valuable skills that he used to fix nearly anything, and he had a green thumb that extended from gardens to flower beds.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Margie (Tom) Lynch of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and David (Liz Spivey) Bergin of Yankton, South Dakota; a sister, Catherine McCulloch of Sedona, Arizona; seven grandchildren, Rosia Bergin, Nicole (Thomas) Argubright, Michael Bergin, Kyle Bitterman, Kathleen Bergin, Jessica Bergin, and Kayla Bergin; 25 great-grandchildren; and a host of additional family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Margaret; wife, Stella; daughter, Jodie Bergin; siblings, LeRoy (Margaret) Bergin, Joyce (Jerry) Zwartz, Veronica (Merle) Herrman; Gertrude (Otis) Benson, Edward (Norma) Bergin, and Joy (Bob) Page.

Beverly Fleseland

Beverly Mae Fleseland was born to Lester and Edna (Vogt) Wieck on October 31, 1933, in Luverne, Minnesota. She was baptized and confirmed at the Magnolia Methodist Church and attended public school in Magnolia. Growing up, she enjoyed singing in the choir at the Magnolia Methodist Church. She graduated from Magnolia High School in 1951.

Soon after graduation, Beverly married the love of her life, Art Fleseland, on August 15, 1952, at Zion Lutheran Church in Luverne. Their marriage lasted 70 years, and where you saw one, the other was always close by.

In the early years of their marriage, Beverly worked as a bookkeeper/accountant in the Twin Cities and Luverne. They later started a grain bin business, Rock County Harvestall in Magnolia. She later helped Art on the farm with whatever needed doing, from bookkeeping to driving the tractor to building grain bins and taking care of the milking. The couple raised three wonderful girls together on the farm.

In early 2022, health

issues caused Beverly to move into the Mary Jane Brown Nursing home for one year and then to the Hospice Cottage where, on May 24, 2023, surrounded by her loving family, Beverly went to be with her Lord and Savior at the age of 89 years, 6 months, and 23 days.

Left to cherish Beverly's memory are her husband, Art Fleseland of Luverne; children, Linda Kramer of Luverne, Nancy (Kent) Davis of Magnolia, and Deb (Lyle) Stroeh of Magnolia; grandchildren, Chad (TyAnn) Kramer, Scott Kramer and Jen Wiebe, Shane (Kelsey) Kramer, Eric Wentzel, David (Nicole) Wentzel, Austin Stroeh, Cory Stroeh and Freddrikke Stroeh; nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Evelyn Bruhn of Adrian, Minnesota, Marilyn Sudenga of Windom, Minnesota, and Verlyn (Alma) Wieck of Omaha, Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Loretta Lynn; sister, Generose Bush; and parents, Lester and Edna Wieck.

Darlene Bosch

Darlene (Rozeboom) Bosch, age 91, of Brandon, South Dakota, formerly of Steen and Luverne, Minnesota, died Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday, June 16, 2023, with a Celebration of Life service at 11:00 a.m. at Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Burial will be in Eastside Cemetery, rural Steen. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Darlene Margaret (Rozeboom) Bosch was born on September 29, 1931, to Charles and Margaret (De Noble) Rozeboom in Luverne, Minnesota. She was raised on various farms near Steen, Minnesota, and attended the local country school. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1949 and started working at JCPenney in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

On February 23, 1950, Darlene married the love of

her life, Cornelius Bosch, at the Steen Reformed Church. The couple lived near Steen until they completed building their own home in Steen. Darlene loved being a homemaker and took great pride in raising the couple's five children, as well

as nurturing multiple generations of family and friends. When the children got older, she completed her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) requirements and worked as a CNA at the Tuff Home in nearby Hills, Minnesota, and also helped in the laundry department. In 2002, after living in Steen for 50 years, they moved to Luverne. In 2017 Darlene and Cornie became residents at Bethany Meadows in Brandon, South Dakota. Cornie preceded her in death on November 26, 2021. On Sunday, April 2, 2023, Darlene went to be with her Lord at the age of 91 years, 6 months, and 3 days.

Darlene was an active and beloved member of the Steen Reformed Church

and a faithful listener to the services when she could no longer attend in person. She enjoyed playing (and winning) a good game of cards, especially 500 and pinochle. She cherished the time she spent in her flower gardens and plumping up her ever-growing congregation of birds at Bethany Meadows. Spending time with family, and keeping up with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren brought her great joy.

Darlene also made time to travel to some of her favorite destinations with the Prime Timers and Prairie Coach. Her devotion to sending handwritten cards and letters to her grandchildren and great grandchildren will always be remembered along with the unique memory books she made for them. She was a terrific cook, who always had a snack and to-go container for her visitors. She appreciated spending time visiting with friends and taking in gospel concerts. She was a patient and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who

emphasized the importance of family, faith and kindness.

Darlene is lovingly remembered by her children, Larry (Janet) Bosch of Vero Beach, Florida, Colleen Bosch (Wayne Ystebo) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, Nancy Hilbrands of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, David (Maria) Bosch of Tifton, Georgia, and Michael (Ellen) Bosch of Gainesville, Florida; grandchildren Adam, Clinton, Aaron, and Moreen; James and Jeremy; Nathan, Nicole and Nolan; Rebecca and Matthew; Kendall, Carsten and Jacob; and 19 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Gert Hup of Hills.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cornie Bosch; parents, Charles and Margaret Rozeboom; siblings, Conrad (Vera) Rozeboom of Clara City, Minnesota, and Raymond (Henrietta and Mona) Rozeboom of Rogers, Minnesota; sisters-in-law Henrietta Rozeboom, Mona Rozeboom, Vera Rozeboom, Betty Boeve, and Laura May Bosch; and brothers-in-law Dries Bosch, Dick Hup, and Edwin Boeve.

Diane Staeffler

Diane Elise Staeffler passed away in the comfort of her own home surrounded with love after a two-year battle with cancer on May 29, 2023.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2023, at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 5, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City, with Rev. David Piper officiating. Online condolences can be left at www.osheimschmidt.com

Diane was born on July 3, 1956, to Dewey and Doris Dooyema in Luverne, Minnesota. She graduated from Edgerton High School in 1974.

On August 17, 1974, she married her high school

sweetheart, Dan Staeffler, in Kenneth, Minnesota. Following marriage they lived in Farmington, New Mexico, for three years before moving closer to family in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they had two children, Dustin and Danielle. Dan and

Diane moved to Rapid City in 1985 where they have lived since.

Diane was always joyful, positive and fun to be around. She had a gift for organization and enjoyed being involved in Zonta, Beta Sigma Phi, HOG, Chamber Diplomats, Leadership Rapid City, Motor Maids and other numerous activities. She was always on the go, visiting friends and family, shopping (with a special emphasis on shoes),

motorcycle trips, Windjammer cruises, RZR rides and camping. Diane was a positive light with her bright eyes and beautiful smile.

Family was so important to her; she was active in her children's activities and in their lives as they grew up. Her grandchildren were such a source of joy for her, and she adored each one.

Diane was diagnosed with cancer two years ago on May 1. In her battle, she wanted to do everything she could to be here as long as she could. In her "Mighty Mouse" way, she fought until the end with her attitude, optimism and beauty in full force.

Diane will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Dan, of 48 years; her two children and four grandchildren: her son Dustin (Brook) Staeffler, Bree (15); her daughter

Danielle (Zack) Gimpel, Piper (14), Cash (11), Oliver (8); her brother Doug Dooyema and her sister Denise Padilla. She will also be missed by brothers and sisters-in-law, extended family, her sorority sisters that are like family and so many friends and community members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dewey and Doris Dooyema, and brother David, and her father and mother-in-law LeRoy and Vangie Staeffler.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking you to donate to Zonta Foundation for Women www.zonta.org - Donate or WAVI (Working Against Violence Inc) at <https://www.wavi.org/donate/>

Black Hills Woman Magazine www.blackhillswoman.com for an article on Diane.

DEATH NOTICES

Harold Jacobsma

Harold Jacobsma, age 81, of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, while at Sanford USD Medical Center.

A visitation will be Friday, June 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be Saturday, June 3, at 10:30 a.m. at American Reformed Church in Luverne, with a private family burial to follow at Valley View Cemetery in Rock Valley, Iowa.

To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

James Swenson

James "Jim" Swenson, age 65, of Marshall, Minnesota, formerly of Jasper, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at his home in Marshall.

A private graveside service will be held at the Jasper City Cemetery in Jasper.

Arrangements are with the Hartquist Funeral Home - Jasper Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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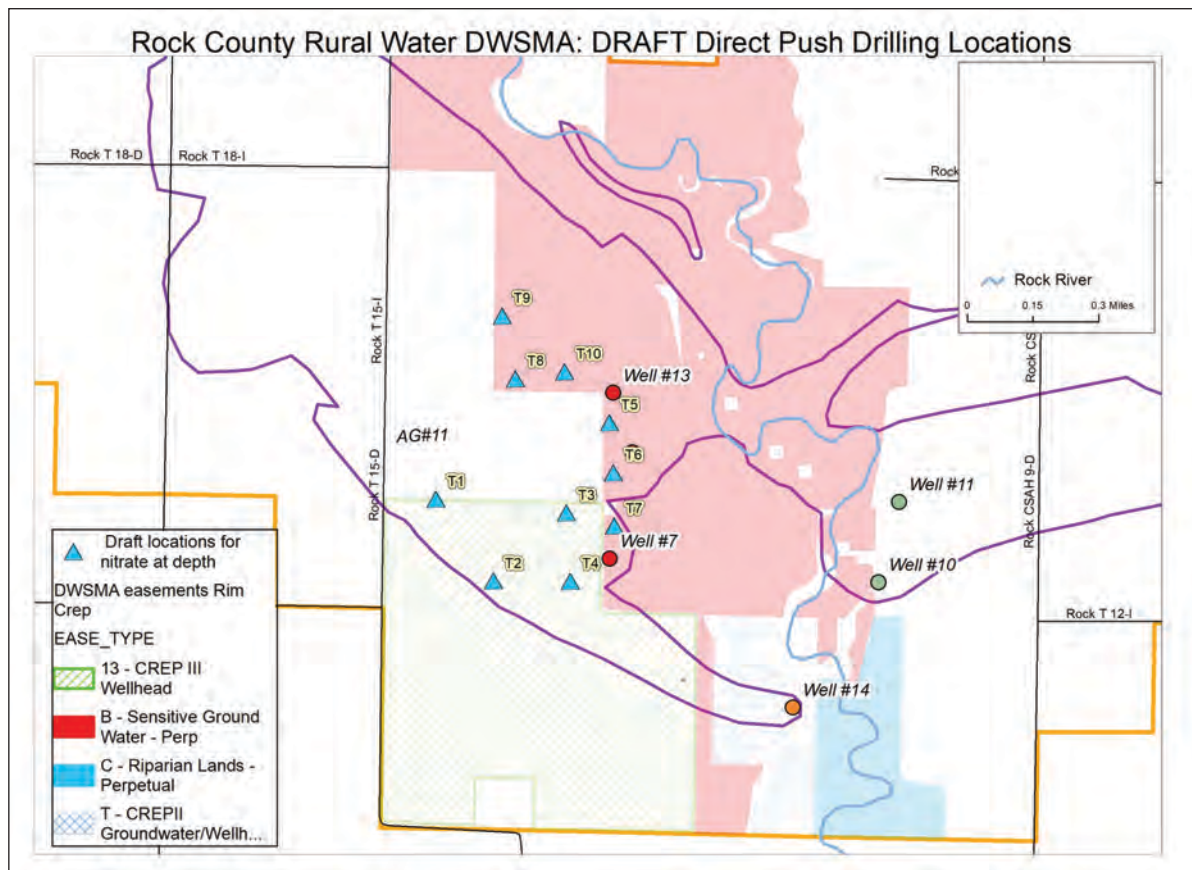
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A grant through the Minnesota Department of Health will determine the age of the water on the west side of the Rock County Rural Water system. Testing will be done this fall.

Map courtesy of Rock County Rural Water

RCRW will test water for age/continued from page 1

“There is one question we’ve always come down to: ‘Where do they come from? Where are the nitrates at? Are they at 3 feet, 10 feet deep?’”

Water samples will be collected at 5-foot intervals down to 30 feet in depth.

“We will be able to tell the depth we find the nitrates and will be able

to age the water as well — to find out if it came this year, last year or 20 years ago,” Holtz said.

Knowing the water’s age will pinpoint what cropping practices, if any, should be implemented and what restrictions, such as manure application, should be in place to keep water quality at drinkable

levels.

Holtz said he will reapply for the same grant to resample next spring and compare the nitrate levels.

“We can hopefully pinpoint some of these things and clean up what we have and care for what we have,” he said.

Luverne High School releases fourth quarter honor rolls

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Justis Ahrendt, Mariam Alinzi, Abigail Anderson, Brock Behrend, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe DeBates, Zachary DeBoer, Ashton Eitrem, Egypt Forrest, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Jacie Graham, Lauren Hansen, Nicholas Hansen, Jady Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszski, Anja Jarchow, Ashlyn Johnson, Katharine Kelm, Tiana Lais, Reese Louwagie, Lacey Morsemann, Ethan Nath, Logan Ommen, Joseph Remme, Alyia Renken, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Kamryn Van Batavia, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Tersch, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

Juniors: Morgan

Ahrendt, Tyler Arends, Alexis Berg, Zoey Berghorst, Abby Boltjes, Morgan Bonnett, Kai Buss, Cassandra Chesley, Conner Connell, Jenna DeBates, Elliot Domagala, Ryan Fick, Elle Halverson, Henry Hartquist, Roselynn Hartsborn, Kylianna Hendrickson, Uriel Hernandez, Julia Hoogland, Addison Huiskes, Kira John, Patrick Kroski, Maya Limones Gonzalez, Jacob Madison, Evan McCrary, Makena Nelson, Dennie Sandbulte, Sawyer Saker, Tori Serie, Elizabeth Smidt, Kiesli Smith, Sarah Stegenga, Zachary Terrio, Skylar VanderSteen, Brooklyn Wicks.

Sophomores: Keaton Ahrendt, Payton Behr, Zachary Brown, Jaycee Chapa, Kaitlin Conger, David Hapenny, Zariah Holmgren, Ka-

tia Jarchow, William Johnson, Caitlin Kindt, Brianna Kinsinger, Linkon Knorr, Nora Louwagie, Andrea Luitjens, Christopher Matthesen, Xavier McKenzie, Liam Murphy, Emma Nath, Janica Oechsle, Corynn Oye, Hallie Pergande, Katherine Pizel, Ella Reisdorfer, Maria Rops, Kylie Vander Lugt, Sage Viessman, Marcus Vortherms, Zane Walgrave, Piper Wynia.

Freshmen: Anna Banck, Rhiannon Bartels, Julia Beyer, Connor Bose, Zander Carbonneau, Fox Forrest, Tyler Hodge, Ella Hoogendoorn, Jaydon Johnson, Hannah Kempema, Allie Kracht, Addyson Mann, Logan Mann, Nicholas Mann, Greta McClure, Cameron McCrary, Elizabeth Mulder, Makayla Oechsle, Jordyn Reisch, Riley Ripka, Adelyn

Rodriguez, Emma Saarloos, Madison Schepel, Ella Schmuck, Ava Sieve, Jessika Tunnissen, Brooke Vos, Hannah Woodley.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Micah Andersen, Josie Anderson, Brady Bork, Tyson Cowell, Lily Ehlers, Marcus Feit, Andy Halverson, Lucas Hansen, Grace Ingebretsen, Isabella Lanoue, Cole Mann, Jocelynn Mann, Deziree Nath, Mallory Nelson, Carly Olson, Austin Ossefoort, Isabella Oye, Monica Padilla, Lola Peterson, Travis Schempp, Krystyn Skindelien, Riley Sneller, Carsen Tofteland, Myles Trimble, Harrison Uithoven, Daylin Velasquez, Ryan Vos.

Juniors: Tucker Banck, Kayla Bloemendaal, Anika Boll, Hailey Boll, Hallie

Bork, Brynn Boyenga, Zakada Bradley, Sarah de Cesare, Isaac DeBates, Gavin DeBeer, Brendan Eidem, Kenedee Franken, Morgan Hadler, Cade Kracht, Ava Loosbrock, Emma Lusty, Gracie Nath, Tyler Rolfs, Will Serie, Owen Sudenga, Perceyis Trierweiler, Zane Verba, Josie Voorhees.

Sophomores: Masyn Akkerman, Jaelyn Arp, Bethany Behr, Christopher Bonilla Soto, Kaelyn Braun, Hailey Como, Amira Cowell, Lucky Dara, Audrie DeBates, Trevor DeBates, Emma Deutsch, Marcos Diaz, Jack Gangestad, Kaleb Hemme, Ashton Hood, Leif Ingebretsen, Owen Janiszski, Ryker Johnson, Camden Kunkel, Elijah McLendon, Morgan McTigue, Regan Mehlhaff, Layke Miller, Gemma Nelson, Lilian Palmquist, Blay-

cie Remme, Tucker Remme, Layne Saker, Carter Sehr, Hannah Sneller, Maren Stegenga, Coutler Thone, Kendra Thorson, Elijah Woodley.

Freshmen: Ella Apel, Nicole Areualo, Treven Bell, Isabella Benson, Alexander Booe, Lucas Brockberg, Kasey Buss, Maddux Domagala, Joshua Hansen, Thomas Held, Elijah Henrichs, Samuel Hinz, Dawson Holtz, Rebecca Hoogland, Gavin Hoven, Levi Huisman, Aaron Kindt, Caleb Kracht, Aaron Lais, Paula Martinez, Nardy Merida, Gabriella Nath-Huls, Xander Remme, Austin Sandbulte, Blake Sauer, Zoey Smeins, Blake Swenson, Jace Tofteland, Katelynn Van Belle, Hadley Vanderburg, Kianna Winter, Aaliyah Xaysongkham.

Fourth quarter, semester honor rolls announced for H-BC

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Anthony Beaner, Devon Dysthe, Tyrae Goodface, Jenifer Martinyuk, Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser, Riley Sheppard, Aspen Shimp, Amallia Ternus, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

Juniors: Grace Anderson, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Kyler Hartz, Tahliya Kruger, Brynn Rauk, Justin Roelfs, Larissa Steinhoff, Avril Susie, Joylynn Taubert.

Sophomores: Beau Bakken, Gracie Fagerness, Jackson Gacke, Lukas Hubbard, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Jack Moser, Harli Rozeboom, Bailey Spykerboer, Johnathan Tiesler, Lexxus Wessels, Amber Wiersema.

Freshmen: Ally Birger, Micah Bush, Mya Erickson, Claire Knobloch, Jamin Metzger, Abigayl Olson, Austyn Pap, Sarah Prohl, Ella Sammons, Hadley Spath, Isabel Wysong.

Eighth Grade: Brynn Bakken, Katelyn Chesley, Brooklynne Hubbard, Hailey Moser, Ava Rainford, Ava Steinhoff.

Seventh Grade: Aspyn Bartels, Claire Boeve, Sage DeBoer, Karson Metzger, Ella Rheault, Maxwell Sammons, Ruby Susie, Lily Top, Annmarie Wiersema.

Sixth Grade: Kelsey Baker, Hope Bosch, Hailee Gehrke, Ryker Gehrke, Gavin Harnack, Kamron Kellenberger, Karissa Kerkhove-Brandt, Auston Olson, Kaleb Olson, Trinity Olson, Nicholas Zingler.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Carter Abels, Olivia Bork, Alexandra Drake, Luke Fuerstenberg, Brock Harnack, Ellynor Klosterbuer, Britton McKenzie, Cole Rozeboom, Elisha Taubert.

Juniors: Lanae Elbers, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Madison Gaugler, Chase Hansma, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Ty Leuthold, Logan Susie, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

Sophomores: Cameron Allen, Isabella DeBoer, Emma Deelstra, Kadence Rozeboom, Ashton Taubert, Quintyn Volden, Gracie Wilhelmi.

Freshmen: Callum Bartels, Caidence Ellis, Abigail Harris, Gavyn Leuthold, Donovan Mess, Teagan Rainford, Mason Shaffner, Joshua Ternus, Jacob Tiesler, Nate Van Maanen, Gavin Voss, Jacob Wallin, Eduardo Wegener.

Eighth Grade: Camdyn Broesder, Olivia Deelstra, Jed Fagerness, Hunter Leenderts, Carielynn Merson, Karlee Olson, Riggins Rheault, Tryg Tollefson, Tatyana Williams.

Seventh Grade: Garrett Blank, Raeanna Chesley, Jace Gacke, Keaton Huisman, Braxton Kaiser, Haven Kerkhove-Brandt, Brodie Metzger, Maddox Metzger, Khloe Susie, Bristol Teune, Norah Top.

Sixth Grade: Karis Dwire, Erica Jones, Gabriella Junge.

Semester 2

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Anthony Beaner, Olivia Bork, Devon Dysthe, Jenifer Martinyuk, Britton McKenzie, Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser, Riley Sheppard, Aspen Shimp, Amallia Ternus, Leif Tollefson, Joshua Wiersema.

Juniors: Grace Anderson, Sylvia Fick, Madison Gaugler, Taylor Gehrke, Kyler Hartz, Tahliya Kruger, Brynn Rauk, Justin Roelfs, Larissa Steinhoff, Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Joylynn Taubert.

Sophomores: Beau Bakken, Gracie Fagerness, Jackson Gacke, Lukas Hubbard, Blake Leenderts, Michael Martinyuk, Jack Moser, Harli Rozeboom, Johnathan Tiesler, Lexxus Wessels, Amber Wiersema.

Ninth Grade: Ally Birger, Micah Bush, Mya Erickson, Claire Knobloch, Jamin Metzger, Abigayl Olson, Austyn Pap, Sarah Prohl, Ella Sammons, Hadley Spath, Eduardo Wegener, Isabel Wysong.

Eighth Grade: Brynn Bakken, Katelyn Chesley, Brooklynne Hubbard, Hailey Moser, Ava Steinhoff.

Seventh Grade: Aspyn Bartels, Sage DeBoer, Karson Metzger, Lily Top, Annmarie Wiersema.

Sixth Grade: Kelsey Baker, Hope Bosch, Karis Dwire, Hailee Gehrke, Ryker Gehrke, Gavin Harnack, Kamron Kellenberger, Karissa Kerkhove-Brandt, Auston Olson, Kaleb Olson, Trinity

Olson, Nicholas Zingler.

Semester 2

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Carter Abels, Alexander Drake, Luke Fuerstenberg, Tyrae Goodface, Brock Harnack, Ellynor Klosterbuer, Elisha Taubert.

Juniors: Layla Deelstra, Lanae Elbers, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Ty Leuthold, Joshua Lohr, Logan Susie, Riley Tatge.

Sophomores: Cameron Allen, Sawyer Bosch, Isabella DeBoer, Emma Deelstra, Kadence Rozeboom, Bailey Spykerboer, Ashton Taubert, Quintyn Volden, Gracie Wilhelmi.

Freshmen: Callum Bartels, Caidence Ellis, Abigail Harris, Bode Kruger, Jack Kruger, Jayden Kueter, Gavyn Leuthold, Donovan Mess, Teagan Rainford, Mason Shaffner, Joshua Ternus, Jacob Tiesler, Nate Van Maanen, Gavin Voss, Jacob Wallin.

Eighth Grade: Camdyn Broesder, Olivia Deelstra, Hunter Leenderts, Ava Rainford, Riggins Rheault, Tryg Tollefson, Tatyana Williams.

Seventh Grade: Garrett Blank, Claire Boeve, Raeanna Chesley, Jace Gacke, Keaton Huisman, Braxton Kaiser, Haven Kerkhove-Brandt, Brodie Metzger, Maddox Metzger, Ella Rheault, Maxwell Sammons, Ruby Susie, Bristol Teune, Norah Top.

Sixth Grade: Gabriella Junge.

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dents who qualify with fewer than 12 credits are named to the academic honors list.

Olson graduates from Morningside

Rylee Olson, Luverne, graduated Saturday, May 13, from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry.

Area students receive degrees at USF

Three area students graduated from the University of Sioux Falls on Sunday, May 21. Jake Haugen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, and Derek Lundgren and Grace Steensma received Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Students earn degrees at LATI

Four area students graduated following Spring 2023 semester at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, South Dakota.

Paige Sandbulte, Luverne, received a degree in agriculture; Chase Bosch, Hills, earned a degree in diesel technology; Nicholas Nekali, Luverne, completed a degree in heavy equipment operator; Sean Elbers, Steen, earned a degree in welding technology.

Emery makes dean’s list at Winona

Sam Emery, Luverne, was named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2023 semester at Winona State University. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and have completed a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Wenzel makes MC dean’s list

Mia Wenzel, Luverne, was named to the dean’s list for the Spring 2023 semester at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.67 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

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Twenty-one LHS Track and Field athletes qualified for the 2023 State Championship on June 8-9. Pictured are (front, from left) Elizabeth Wagner, Augusta Papik, Ella Schmuck, Cassi Chesley, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates, Jocelyn Hart, Jady Hart, Isabella Oye, Sarah Stegenga, Reinha John, (back) Lucky Dara, Owen Janiszski, Carsen Totteland, Sage Viessman, Camden Janiszski, Ryan Fick, Dylan Ommen, DJ Rock, Darius Dolo and Zach Terrio.

Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 21 Track

Patriots qualify one, Cardinals 21, for state tourney LHS girls' team places first and boys take second

By Greg Hoogeveen

Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek track and field teams traveled to Montevideo Thursday, June 1, for the MSHSL Section 3A Championships.

Luverne qualified for state competition in 15 separate events, with 28 athletes in total moving on.

The Cardinals will also send Reinha John as an alternate in the 4-by-400 meter relay and 4-by-800 meter relay and Isabela Oye as an alternate in the 4-by-400 meter relay.

"I thought the kids had another great night and competed hard, challenged limits, and did their very best," said LHS head coach Pete Janiszski.

"Anytime you qualify 21 kids for the state meet, it's a tremendous testament to the kids and all of the work they pour into the season."

The Luverne girls' track team took first place with 114.5 team points, and the boys' team placed second (80 team points), falling to Montevideo (81 team point).

The H-BC Patriots girls' track team placed 10th overall with 28 team points, and the boys' team placed 20th with 7 total team points.

"Our team performed well and had some good performances in both our boys' and girls' events," said H-BC head coach Rex Metzger.

"Brynn Bakken had a great day, advancing to the state meet in three individual events."

The 2023 Class A State Track and Field Tournament will be June 8-9 at St. Michael-Albertville High School in St. Michael.

Prelims will be Thursday, June 8. The Class A finals will be Friday, June 9.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 bakken

H-BC's Brynn Bakken takes first place in the 100-meter dash Thursday, June 1, in Montevideo. She qualified for three events during the Section 3A Championship competition. She'll compete in the triple jump, 100-meter and 200-meter races June 8-9 at the state meet in St. Michael.

Individual event results for the meet are as follows:

Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First Place, Jenna DeBates, Tiana Lais, Cassi Chesley, Elizabeth Wagner, 9:56.67

Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First Place, Camden Janiszski, Owen Janiszski, Carsen Totteland, Ryan Fick, 8:16.96

Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles
STATE QUALIFIER LHS Second Place, Augusta Papik, 16.68 PR
H-BC 12th, Ava Steinhoff, 18.50

Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles
H-BC 10th, James Vanden Bosch, 18.03 PR

Girls' 100 Meters
STATE QUALIFIER H-BC First Place, Brynn Bakken, 12.61

Boys' 100 Meters
LHS 16th, Coulter Thone, 12.46

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay
LHS Fourth, Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye, 1:50.22
H-BC 13th, Bailey Spykerboer, Emma Deelstra, Hailey Moser, Sage DeBoer, 1:59.26

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay
LHS Third, DJ Rock, Gavin DeBeer, Zachary Terrio, Lucky Dara, 1:34.79
H-BC Fourth, Micah Bush, Beau Bakken,

Elisha Taubert, Cooper Tatge, 1:36.04

Girls' 1600 Meters
LHS Fourth, Cassi Chesley 5:40.35 PR
LHS Sixth, Ella Schmuck, 5:44.26 PR

Boys' 1600 Meters
LHS Third, Ryan Fick, 4:41.59
LHS 15th, Leif Ingebretsen, 5:20.04

Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay
LHS Fifth, Sarah Stegenga, Anna Banck, Makena Nelson, Isabella Oye, 51.90
H-BC Ninth, Abigail Harris, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk, Brynn Bakken, 53.42

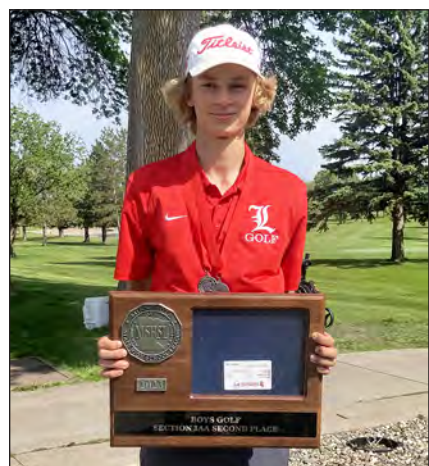
Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay
LHS Eighth, Ashton Hood, Coy Thone, Coulter Thone, Isaac DeBates, 46.25
H-BC Ninth, Mason Shaffner, Beau Bakken, Blake Leenderts, Cooper Gacke, 46.38

Boys' 400 Meters
STATE QUALIFIER LHS Second, Lucky Dara, 51.58 PR
LHS 10th, Zachary Terrio, 54.05

Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First, Elizabeth Wagner, 47.21
LHS Third, Reinha John, 48.77
LHS 13th, Jerzey Hood, 54.79

Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles
LHS Ninth, Isaac DeBates, 45.49 PR

H-BC/LHS section meet /see page 10A



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 LHS sudenga
Cardinal junior Owen Sudenga qualified for the Boys' 3AA State Golf Tournament May 31 at Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake with his 18-hole score of 74.

Sudenga advances to State Golf

By Greg Hoogeveen

LHS junior Owen Sudenga qualified for the Boys' 3AA State Golf Tournament at Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake Wednesday, May 31.

Sudenga shot an 18-hole score of 74 in Day 2 of the section tournament. On Day 1 action, May 25, he finished with a score of 74.

His two-day total score of 148 put him in second place overall in the section and punched his ticket

LHS golf sections /see page 13A

LHS baseball team wins two big games in sections

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne baseball team won two big games in the past week to advance to the Section 3AA Championship game.

The Cardinals beat Paynesville 2-1 on May 30 and Fairmont 2-1 on June 3 at Legion Field in Marshall.

Luverne will return to Marshall Thursday to take on the winner of the elimination bracket between Fairmont and Paynesville. Game time is 5 p.m.

LHS 2, Paynesville 1

The Cardinals defeated Paynesville 2-1 in Section 3AA play Tuesday, May 30, at Legion Field in Marshall.

Luverne scored first in the bottom of the first inning when Conner Connell singled on a fly ball to center field to score Carter Sehr from third base.

LHS added one more run in the sixth inning when Elliot Domagala scored on an Alex Schlosser single.

Going into the seventh inning, Luverne had a 2-0 lead with one



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 BB team win

Senior Riley Sneller clears the dugout with a single that drove sophomore Alex Schlosser across home plate in the seventh inning for a 2-1 win over Fairmont in Marshall June 3.

inning to play.

Paynesville was able to add one run in the top of the seventh only to come up one run short.

The Cardinals left six players on base and committed three errors in the game.

Connell pitched a full game, going seven innings, allowing one run on four hits, and striking

out seven batters.

LHS 2, Fairmont 1

Luverne snatched a 2-1 victory from Fairmont in Section 3AA semifinal play Saturday, June 3, in Marshall.

With the game tied 1-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Luverne had one out, and Fairmont intentionally

walked Sehr.

Riley Sneller came to the plate and got behind in the count, looking at two strikes.

Sneller then fouled two balls to stay alive in the count.

With a crack of the bat Sneller singled on a ground ball to left field, scoring Schlosser for the

winning run.

The dugout emptied as the Cardinals ran to first base to celebrate their victory.

"It has been awesome to watch this team come together throughout the course of our season," head coach Phil Paquette said.

The Cardinals did not commit one error in the game and only allowed six hits by Fairmont.

Fairmont also left 10 runners on base in the game, a testament to the defensive play by Luverne and the pitchers being able to shut down several batters.

DeBoer took the mound for LHS, pitching 3 1/3 innings, allowing zero runs on four hits.

Connell came in off the bench to relieve DeBoer, going 3 2/3 innings, giving up one run on two hits, and striking out eight batters.

"In the past season we have been able to get outstanding pitching and solid defensive play," Paquette said.

"At the plate and on

Luverne baseball /see page 13A

Luverne Redbirds beat Ruthton 11-1 at Redbird Field

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Redbirds extended their season record to 4-0 Wednesday, May 31, with an 11-1 home win over Ruthton.

The Redbirds flew past the Royals while collecting nine hits and 11 RBIs in the game.

Luverne's Nick Smith sent one over the wall in the seventh inning to put an exclamation point on the game win.

Smith covered six bases in the game and drove in four RBIs.

Phil Paquette, Jake Haugen and Ethan Beyer scored two runs each for Luverne.

Declan Beers, Newt Johnson, Derek Lundgren, Brandon Fowler and Smith each crossed the plate one time in the game.

Ben Serie started the game on the mound for Luverne, pitching two innings, allowing three hits and no runs, striking out three with no walks.

Brooks Maurer pitched the final three innings, allowing two

hits and no runs.

Fowler closed the game pitching two innings, allowing one hit, one run and striking out one.

Ruthton scored one run on six hits with one RBI and five strikeouts against Luverne.

The Redbirds will travel to Worthington Wednesday, June 7, and to Hadley and Heron Lake Sunday, June 11.

BOX Score

Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RBirds	3	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	11

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
Beers	4	1	1	1
Ripka	0	0	0	0
Paquette	3	2	1	0
Sterrett	0	0	0	0
Serie	4	0	0	0
Johnson	3	1	2	1
Ahrens	1	0	0	0
Lundgren	4	1	1	1
Haugen	2	2	0	1
Beyer	3	2	1	1
Fowler	1	1	0	0
Reisch	1	0	0	0
Smith	2	1	2	4
Nath	2	0	1	2
Maurer	0	0	0	0



Phil Paquette heads home against Ruthton and scores a run for the Redbirds May 31. Luverne won the game 11-1 against the Royals at Redbird Field.

2B: Smith
3B: Paquette
HR: Smith
Total bases: Smith 6, Paquette 3, Johnson 2, Nath, Beers, Lundgren, Beyer

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Serie	2	3	0	0	3
Smith	1	0	0	0	2
Maurer	3	2	0	0	2
Fowler	2	1	1	1	1

Pitches-Strikes: Serie 42-28, Smith 8-6, Maurer 35-25, Fowler 30-21

Batters faced: Serie 10, Smith 3, Maurer 11, Fowler 9



Redbirds' Charlie Reisch swings his pencil-themed bat against Ruthton May 31.

2023 Buffalo Days youth baseball tournament attracts 65 youth teams



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 12U vntersch
 Charlie Von Tersch pitches against Brandon Valley Red Friday, June 2, during the Buffalo Days Tournament in Luverne.

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Baseball Association (LBA) hosted its 2023 Buffalo Days Baseball Tournament June 2-4 with 37 local and regional teams competing on multiple fields in Luverne.

Age brackets in the tournament were 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U and Jr. Legion (16U).

The tournament offers a fun and competitive environment for kids and families while bringing many visitors to the community, according to tournament director Barry Shelton.

"The tournament has been going on for over 20 years, but the LBA moved it to Buffalo Days in 2015 to coincide with the Buffalo Days activities and events," he said.

Shelton gave a special nod to local families and volunteers for their efforts.

"It would not be possible to run the tournament as smoothly as they do," he said.

"There were around 100 volunteers helping prep the fields, coaching, organizing activities and selling concessions during the games."

The Luverne 14U team took first place in the weekend tournament, and two Luverne teams, 12U and 13U, finished in second place.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 olson
 Abby Olson putts at a Hills-Breaver Creek golf meet at the Adrian Golf Course April 18.

Lady Pates Abby Olson places 13th in Section 3A golf

By Greg Hoogeveen

Hills-Beaver Creek High School freshman Abby Olson competed in the Minnesota Section 3A Girls' Golf Tournament Tuesday, May, 30, in Worthington.

Olson shot a season-low 18-hole score of 112 on Tuesday, the second day of the tournament for the Patriots.

On Day 1, May 24, she shot a 114 to advance to Day 2 play.

Olson had a two-day total score of 226, giving her 13th place overall within the section.

Head coach Dan Ellingson said Olson's section performance speaks well of her future high school golf career.

"Abby is looking forward to next year as she continually improved during the season," he said.

Ellingson said Olson was the Patriots' lone Red Rock All-Conference player this year.

This was Olson's last meet for the year, having missed the top cutoff placement to advance in the tournament.

More than 40 runners participate in Buffalo Days Run for a Cause

Saturday's Buffalo Days Run for a Cause attracted more than 40 runners and raised thousands of dollars for the Luverne non-profit Carson's Cause.

The 10K male winner was Matthew Hamersma with a time of 42:18 and the female winner was Natalie Bender with a 50:07.

The 5K male winner was Austin Winter with a time of 22:06, and Heather Johnson was first among female runners with a time of 27:57.

Levi Thielbar won the 1-mile race in 6:48 and 13-year-old Kinsely Comeau ran it in 8:55.

The Buffalo Days Run has for 20 years been organized



Carson Ehde's grandpa, Art Ehde (left), Zoe DeBates and Jordan Winter cross the 5K finish line Saturday morning at the conclusion of the Buffalo Days Run for a Cause. The event was a fundraiser for Carson's Cause, the local non-profit started in memory of Carson Ehde, who died last fall at age 21.

by Sanford Luverne, which opted not to host it this year. So, Carson's Cause volunteers picked it up as an opportunity to raise money for local brain health.

"We were pleased with the numbers for our first-time effort, and we're very grateful for everyone's support," said Lori Sorenson, mother of Carson Ehde who died last fall from suicide.

She and Carson's girlfriend, Gracie Rozeboom, channeled gifts and resources after his death into Carson's Cause, a non-profit that supports efforts to improve dialogue around brain health.

Run for a cause /see page 13A

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Girls' 800 Meters
 LHS 15th, Maria Rops, 2:42.87 SR

Boys' 800 Meters
 LHS 11th, Dylan Ommen, 2:12.26, PR
 LHS 13th, Carsen Tofteland, 2:12.57

Girls' 200 Meters
STATE QUALIFIER H-BC First, Brynn Bakken, 26.00 PR
 LHS 13th, Anna Banck, 28.54 SR

Boys' 200 Meters
 LHS Tenth, Coy Thone, 24.56 PR
 LHS 14th, Coulter Thone, 25.21

Girls' 3200 Meters
STATE QUALIFIER LHS Second, Jenna DeBates, 11:18.73
 LHS Third, Grace Ingebretsen, 12:32.74
 LHS 12th, Kayla Bloemendaal, 14:15.09

Boys' 3200 Meters
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First, Camden Janiszkeski, 9:59.08 SR
STATE QUALIFIER LHS Second, Owen Janiszkeski, 10:00.55
 LHS Fifth, Sage Viessman, 10:41.44 PR

Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First, Tiana Lais, Sarah Stegenga, Ella Schmuck, Elizabeth Wagner, 4:10.74

Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First, Zachary Terrio, Ryan Fick, Carsten Tofteland, Lucky Dara, 3:31.05
 H-BC 15th, Micah Bush, Elisha Taubert, Blake Leenderts, Bode Kruger, 3:50.73

Boys' Long Jump
 LHS Eighth, Gavin DeBeer 19-08.75

Girls' Triple Jump
STATE QUALIFIER H-BC Fourth, Brynn Bakken, 35-08.25 PR

Boys' Triple Jump
 H-BC 10th, Blake Leenderts, 38-11.25
 H-BC 12th, Bode Kruger, 37-01.75

Boys' High Jump
 H-BC 11th, Elisha Taubert, 5-06
 LHS 13th, Isaac DeBates, 5-06
 H-BC 14th, James Vanden Bosch, 5-04

Girls' Pole Vault
 LHS Fifth, Coryn Oye, 8-02

Boys' Pole Vault
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First, DJ Rock, 14-02, PR

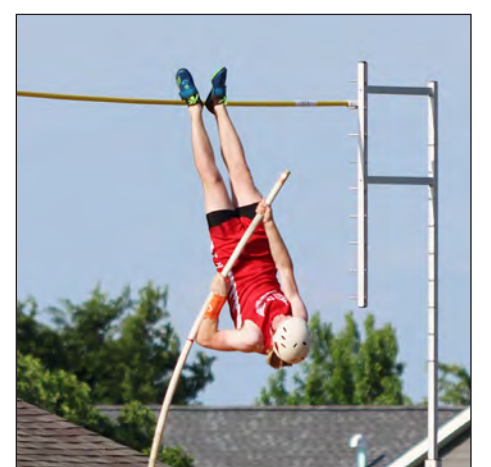
Girls' Shot Put
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First, Jocelyn Hart, 40-05.25
STATE QUALIFIER LHS Second, Jady Hart, 40-00.75 PR
 H-BC Seventh, Ally Birger, 32-10 PR
 H-BC Eighth, Larissa Steinhoff, 32-06
 H-BC 12th, Isabel Wylson, 30-06.25

Boys' Shot Put
 LHS Sixth, Elijah Woodley, 43-06.25
 H-BC Seventh, Beau Bakken, 43-03
 LHS Ninth, Keaton Ahrendt, 42-11
 H-BC 14th, Jackson Gacke, 37-05.75

Girls' Discus Throw
STATE QUALIFIER LHS First, Jady Hart, 123-04

STATE QUALIFIER LHS Second, Jocelyn Hart, 114-11
 LHS 14th, Hannah Sneller, 81-03

Boys' Discus Throw
 LHS Sixth, Elijah Woodley, 120-03.5
 H-BC 15th, 95-00.5



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 Track LHS rock
 Senior DJ Rock took first place in the pole vault at a height of 14 feet, two inches June 1 at the Section 3A Championship in Montevideo. Rock's vault was a personal record and qualified him for state competition.

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne

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

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

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverneccrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com

Joe Steenholdt, Pastor

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

First Baptist Church

103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org

Walt Moser, Pastor

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

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, June 8: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, June 11: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee with the Council. Tuesday, June 13: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, June 14: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at 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.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, June 9: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, June 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:45 a.m. Food and Fellowship. Tuesday, June 13: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, June 14: 6:30 p.m. Apologetics study. 6:30 p.m. Canaries Baseball game. 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.

Rock River Community Church

1075 110th Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church

Bob Junak, Pastor

Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529

Wednesday, June 7: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, June 10: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, June 11: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Prayer Warriors after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, June 12: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Pastor Dorie on vacation until June 18. Tuesday, June 13: 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7: VBS. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: fpccemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, June 7: 7 p.m. Committee meetings. Thursday, June 8: 9 a.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting. Sunday, June 11: 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship service with Holy 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). 10:30 a.m. Feast and Fellowship Cruise-In at the Luverne City Park (bring a dish to share). Monday, June 12: 1 p.m. Caring Friends. 5:30 p.m. Bible study (Chapter 5 – "Indepen-

dence"), Wednesday, June 14: 7 p.m. session meeting.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net

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. Holy Communion is offered on 2nd and 4th weekends and Liturgical Feasts.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Josh Hayden, Pastor

New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne

Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecel@iw.net

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662 – firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, June 11: 10 a.m. JOINT worship service with Holy Communion at Palisade Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 – palisadchurch@alliancecom.net

www.palisadelutheran.org

Thursday, June 8: 1:30 p.m. Palisade WELCA meeting. 7 p.m. Palisade council meeting. Sunday, June 11: 10 a.m. JOINT worship service with Holy Communion at Palisade Lutheran Church. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship Service in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com

Nita Parker, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Praveen Muthasamy, Pastor

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 5 p.m. Evening worship service.

What did you give up for Lent?

(The following column was submitted to appear in the Star-Herald on March 30 during the season of Lent. A different column was inadvertently used, and the Star-Herald staff apologizes for the error. We would like to share the intended column with you readers now.)

Mardi Gras! Fat Tuesday! Parties and parades! About a month ago these grand events were in the news. On February 22, the church season of Lent began. This is generally considered a time of repentance, of being sorry for sins. So for many people, they want to get all the celebrating out of their system before "Ash Wednesday" hits.

The beautiful, somber Lenten season lasts about six weeks. During this time many Christians choose to "give up" something that they enjoy, such as a favorite food or pastime, so that they can devote more time and thought to Jesus.

Whether or not you give anything up for Lent, consider what Jesus has given up for you. Even though he is true God, Christ Jesus also became a man. He did this so that he could live the life that God wants us to live: a perfect, holy life. He spent just over thirty years on this earth, teaching people about God's love and his plan of salvation, healing those who were sick or demon-possessed and training his disciples for future Gospel ministry. During his earthly life, Jesus experienced many things just like we do — hunger, pain, afflictions, sadness — yet he never sinned once, and he did not fully use his divine power, not even when it would have made his life easier.

As we approach Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week, ponder all that our Savior went through. Jesus was welcomed as a King on that festive day, with children and adults waving palm branches and shouting: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

Lord!" Yet just a few days later many in the crowds would turn on Jesus and cry out for his death by crucifixion. Even though he was totally innocent, our Savior allowed himself to be arrested, tried, and convicted for crimes he did not commit. He was severely beaten, mocked, and whipped/flogged. Then he gave up his very life when he was nailed to a Roman cross.

Jesus endured all this out of pure, selfless love — in your place. He lived a righteous life and died a humiliating death so that God would forgive all people — including you and me — all of our sins. He willingly gave up his life so that you and I could have life forever with him in heaven.

What's more, Christ gave up his life for you but he didn't stay dead. Throughout the Lenten season we look forward to Easter, when we celebrate Jesus' awesome victory of rising bodily from the dead. That's what makes all the sacrifices of Lent — including what Jesus gave up — so worth it. "Because I live, you also will live," our resurrected Lord promised (John 14:19). Repent in Lent, for Easter is coming!

Yes, what an honor for us to watch and pray with our Savior during Lent and Holy Week. How much richer and joyous our celebration of Easter will be when we take time to see the depth of his sorrow and suffering for us and how it resolves itself in his triumph over sin and death.

May the Lord bless your Lenten journey as we focus on his cross, his sacrifice, his forgiveness, and his peace. Praise God that Jesus went through all of this for you!

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The right to waive any informality in any bid and reject any or all bids is reserved to the Owner.

DATED THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023
END OF SECTION

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ISD #2184 School Board meets April 27

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on April 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Michael DeBates, Ryan DeBates, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Zach Nolz, Randy Saker, and David Wrigg. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Tyler Reisch, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Becky Rahm, Tom Rops, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald. Chairperson Tim Jarchow opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Ryan DeBates, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Michael DeBates, second by Eric Hartman, to approve the March 23, 2023, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Ryan DeBates, to accept the following donations:

- American Reformed Church - \$200 for the Angel Fund
- Kirk Terrio - \$3,000 for the Track Fund
- American Legion Post 478 - \$1,000 to FCCLA
- Mike and Traci Davis - \$200 for Community Education Shirts
- Walleye Wind, LLC, Neil Lockhart - \$1,500 for Robotics
- CHS, Inc. - \$500 for Robotics
- American Reformed Church Students/Youth - \$120 for the Angel Fund
- Schomacker Home Galleries - \$200 for Community Education Shirts
- Sandy Klein - \$750 for Boys and Girls Golf Fund

Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the District and Student Activity bills with the School Board. Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Zach Nolz, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$411,823.32 and Payroll in the amount of \$1,052,275.58 for a grand total of \$1,464,098.90. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Randy Saker, to accept the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of March 31, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the process and the bids received for Hospitalization Insurance. The school district received nine bids which was an unusually high number. The top two bids were received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Minnesota and Sanford Health Plans. Board member Zach Nolz recused himself from the vote as he is a Sanford Health employee. Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Eric Hartman, to accept the bid from Sanford Health Systems for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 health insurance coverage. The Sanford Health Broad Network bid reflects an 8% decrease in premiums for 2023-2024 and a rate cap of 9.9% for 2024-2025. The Sanford Health True Network reflects a 26.3% decrease in premiums for 2023-2024 and a rate cap of 9.9% for 2024-2025. Motion carried with Member Zach Nolz abstaining from the vote.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch also asked the School Board to approve Ameritas as our dental carrier which would replace AFLAC, Inc. Dental insurance is offered to employees with no cost to the School District - premiums are solely paid by the employee. The Ameritas plan is a little cheaper with better coverage. Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by David Wrigg, to approve Ameritas Dental as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Ryan DeBates, to accept the bid from EyeMed, Inc., for vision insurance. Vision insurance premiums are paid fully by the employee. The plan with Eyemed allows for new frames every 12 months. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Ryan DeBates, to approve Madison National Life Insurance for voluntary life insurance for employees. The employee would pay the full premium with no school district contribution. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch also requested the School Board to authorize National Insurance Services, Inc., to serve as a consultant to the School District in regard to insurance products and/or bids. Their fee is 1.5% and this is built into our premium amounts. Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Zach Nolz, to authorize National Insurance Services, Inc. to serve as a consultant to the School District. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Ryan DeBates, to approve the summer contracts as presented. Discussion was held regarding those positions that have not yet been filled. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl presented the following updated policies for the School Board's review and approval: Policy 209 - Code of Ethics; Policy 210 - Conflict of Interest - School Board members; Policy 410 - Family and Medical Leave; and Policy 709 - Student Transportation. All of the changes to these policies come from the Minnesota School Board Association to reflect statute

changes and review from attorneys. Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Zach Nolz, to approve all four of the revised policies. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by David Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Jon Schomacker as 2023 Summer Recreation Director for a salary of \$9,600.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Michael DeBates, to approve a medical leave of absence request from Jen Bose, Community Education Paraprofessional, beginning April 3, 2023, for the remainder of the school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Michael DeBates, second by Eric Hartman, to accept the resignation of Tara Sudenga, Mathematics Teacher, effective May 26, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by David Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Jake Haugen as Mathematics Teacher beginning with the 2023-2024 school year for a salary of \$43,727.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Randy Saker, to accept the resignation of Austin Maxwell, Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Zach Nolz, to approve Ben Nath as a volunteer golf coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Randy Saker, second by Eric Hartman, to accept the resignation of Joel Evans, Elementary Physical Education and Health Teacher, effective at the end of the school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Ryan DeBates, to approve the hiring of Kathy Hawes as Special Education Teacher beginning with the 2023-2024 school year for a salary of \$52,624.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Eric Hartman, second by Randy Saker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: April 27, 2023

David Wrigg, Clerk,
(06-08)

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Martens, Matthew	First-degree manufacture of methamphetamine	Convicted: 10/19/2005
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Victims of these individuals' crimes have a right to submit an oral or written statement at this meeting summarizing the harm suffered as a result of the crime, and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether a pardon should be granted or denied. To submit an oral or written statement, or to obtain additional information, email the Board of Pardons at mnboardofpardons@state.mn.us or call 651-361-7171.

(06-08)

Kirby estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
PROBATE COURT
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PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of
Rebecca Sue Kirby, a/k/a Rebecca S. Kirby, a/k/a Rebecca Kirby, a/k/a Becky Kirby,
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-23-108

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of July, 2023, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Patricia R. Pierson, whose address is 1562 201st Street, Hardwick, Minnesota 56134, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Date Filed: May 22, 2023 /s/ Terry S. Vajrt
District Court Judge

Damon T. Eisma /s/ Natalie Reisch
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LHS Baseball/from 9A

base we have been able to produce just enough runs against good pitching, and we'll need to continue this type of play to win in big games."

LHS 2, Fairmont 1
BOX Score

FRMN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LHS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2

Batting

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

Left on base: 5
TB: Connell 2, Schlosser, Sneller

Pitching

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
DeBoer	3.1	4	0	0	3
Connell	3.2	2	1	1	8

Win: Connell
Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 63-36, Connell 66-42

Paquette is looking forward to a big crowd and great playoff atmosphere at the Section 3AA Championship on Thursday night.

LHS 2, Paynesville 1
BOX Score

PYNS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
LHS	1	0	0	0	0	1	x	2

Batting

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

Left on base: 6
TB: Connell, Domagala, Schlosser, Sehr 2, Serie, Stroh

Pitching

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Connell	7	4	1	0	7

Win: Connell
Pitches-Strikes: Connell 107-73

Run for a cause/from 10A

Saturday morning's Buffalo Days 5K, 10K and 1-mile run also had hiking and biking options for people to join for the Carson's Cause fundraiser.

As of press time, organizers were still selling race T-shirts and accepting donations for Carson's Cause, but they

estimated fundraising results at nearly \$10,000.

They have committed to also hosting next year's Buffalo Days Run for a Cause. More information about the non-profit is at lucavf.org/carsonrsquos-cause.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0608 LHS golf team

The Luverne boys' golf team placed second at the Boys' 3AA State Golf Tournament May 31 at Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake. The LHS boys' team missed going to state by seven strokes to New London-Spicer. The LHS boys' golf team members are Will Bergman, Levi Gonnerman, Tyler Arends, Henry Hartquist, Brady Bork and Owen Sudenga.

LHS golf team/from 9A

to advance to state competition June 12 and 13 at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan.

The Luverne golf team finished in second place in team competition with a two-day total of 628.

The LHS boys' team missed advancing to state by seven strokes.

New London-Spicer finished in first place with a team score of 623 and advanced to the state tournament.

Junior Henry Hartquist finished the tournament in 11th place with a total of 158 and senior Brady Bork finished in 12th place with a score of 159.

Three other golfers for Luverne participated in the section meet.

Junior Tyler Arends shot a 163 in the two-day tournament, eighth-grader Will Bergman finished with a 173 and sophomore Levi Gonnerman shot a 174.

Take a Kid Fishing weekend is this Friday-Sunday

During Take a Kid Fishing weekend (Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June 11) Minnesota residents can fish without licenses if they take children 15 or younger along and participate in one among many ways to enjoy June as the 2023 Great Outdoors Month.

"Connecting kids and families to the outdoors is a professional priority and a personal passion for me," said DNR Commissioner

Sarah Strommen.

"With so many shore and pier fishing opportunities across our state, fishing is a fun and easy way to get outside and spend time together.

I hope Minnesotans across the state take the opportunity this weekend to get outdoors and introduce the next generation to fishing."

Youth 15 and younger do not require fishing licenses at any time of the year, though they must ob-



serve all fishing seasons and other regulations. Take a Kid Fishing weekend allows adult Minnesotans to fish without a license as long as they take a child fishing with

them. Minnesota residents also may generally fish in state parks without a fishing license if the body of water does not require a trout stamp.

"Fishing is fun and it's a great way to spend time outdoors together with kids," said Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Going fishing can be

as simple as finding some rods and reels, finding or buying worms for bait, and heading to a nearby lake to give fishing a try."

Take a Kid Fishing Weekend is one among many other outdoor opportunities available to Minnesotans during Great Outdoors Month.

During the month, Gov. Tim Walz and the Minnesota DNR are encouraging Minnesotans to get out in

nature and enjoy the state's outstanding outdoor opportunities including fishing, riding all-terrain vehicles on state ATV trails, and visiting state parks and recreation areas to hike, bike, camp, swim, paddle or go birding.

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Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to see if you qualify.

Contact: USDA Rural Development; 1424 E. College Drive, Suite 500; Marshall, MN 56258-2090 or call 507-537-1401 ext. 4.

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Friendship Days/ continued from page 3A

with the many generous donations and a lot of volunteer work, so they deserve a huge shout out."

Friday starts with a morning golf tournament at Meadow Acres in Larchwood.

At 5 p.m. the car show begins on Main Avenue that includes food trucks, a beer garden and live music. A little league tournament kicks off Friday evening.

A full day of activities is slated for Saturday beginning at 7 a.m. with a 1K and a 5K run/walk. The FFA alumni pancake breakfast also begins at 7 a.m.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by activities and a vendors fair taking place in Jacobson Park.

Saturday evening's activities include a 6 p.m. all-pro wrestling event and an 8 p.m. street dance.

Sunday features worship in the park with Hills-Beaver Creek alum Tom Goehle as guest speaker. Registration for the kids' fishing derby begins at noon.



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Members of the 2022-23 LHS concert band, under the direction of James Jarvie (on podium) are (front row, from left) Egypt Forrest, Lexi Berg, Brooke Vos, Jessika Tunnison, Elizabeth Mulder, Brianna Kinsinger, Tori Hemme, Zoey Berghorst, Brynn Boyenga, Fox Forrest, (second row) Linkon Knorr, Kaleb Hemme, Logan Ommen, Hallie Pergande, Xavier McKenzie, Emma Lusty, David Happany, Jocelyn Altman, Rayann Remme, Hannah Woodley, (third row) Hadley Vanderburg, William Johnson, Zander Fountain, Kaitlin Conger, Tyler Hodge, Ethan Nath, Parker Carbonneau, Travis Schempp, Hunter Cope, Christopher Bonilla, Priscilla Muehr, (back) Brendan Eidem, Zander Carbonneau, Katherine Pizel and Elijah Henrichs.

Heather Johnson photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS Concert Band

Highlights: Marching band awards include Waseca field first, parade second; Brandon field fifth; Sioux Falls field fourth, parade fifth; Orange City, field seventh. Concert band earned a superior at Large Group Contest. Individuals receiving superior ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Contest: Katherine Pizel, Hannah Kempema, Grace Ingebretsen, Fox Forrest, Travis Schempp, Zander Carbonneau, Zoey Berghorst. Excellent soloists: William Johnson, Hallie Pergande, Bri Kinsinger. Superior ensembles: flute and sax duet Logan Ommen and Brynn Boyenga; jazz band: Logan Ommen, Hallie Pergande, Xavier McKenzie, Emma Lusty, Bri Kinsinger, Travis Schempp, Parker Carbonneau, Kaitlin Conger, Chris Bonilla, Tyler Hodge, William Johnson, Camryn Aukes, Grace Ingebretsen, Katherine Pizel, Brendan Eidem, Zoey Berghorst, Priscilla Muehr; senior ensemble: Logan Ommen, William Johnson, Egypt Forrest, Grace Ingebretsen, Ethan Nath, Priscilla Muehr, Parker Carbonneau, Travis Schempp, Tori Hemme. Excellent ensembles: Flute duet Bri Kinsinger and Lexi Berg, sax ensemble Logan Ommen, Kaleb Hemme, David Happany and Xavier McKenzie. All-State Band: Grace Ingebretsen.



Mavis Fodness photo

Brayden Metzger (left) and Devon Dysthe are Hills-Beaver Creek High School Class of 2023 valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

Highlights: Of the 27 graduates in the H-BC senior class, three students earned high honor distinctions and eight students achieved honors.

Of the 83 students in the LHS senior class, 20 graduated summa cum laude (3.9-4.0 GPA), 12 students were magna cum laude (3.75-3.899) and 10 students achieved cum laude (3.5-3.749).



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS NHS

Members of the LHS National Honor Society include (front row, from left) Parker Carbonneau, Ross Bergman, Henry Hartquist, Brady Bork, Patrick Kroski, (second row) Isabella Oye, Jacie Graham, Averill Sehr, Julia Hoogland, Sarah Stegenga, Emma Beyer, Belle Smidt, Brynn Boyenga, (back) Ethan Nath, Camden Janiszski, Tori Hemme, Anja Jarchow, Elizabeth Wagner, Christina Wagner, Tori Serie, Lauren Hansen, Logan Ommen and Camden Hoven. Not pictured is Jenna DeBates.



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Members of the H-BC Math League include (front row, from left, kneeling) Blake Leenderts, Joshua Ternus, Brayden Metzger, Leif Tollefson, Brynn Rauk, Olivia Bork, (second row) Kyler Hartz, Riley Tatge, Micah Bush, Eduardo Wegener, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Larissa Steinhoff, Olivia Susie, Grace Anderson, Claire Knobloch, Abby Olson, Amallia Ternus, (back) Alexander Harris, Gavin Voss, Jamin Metzger, Beau Bakken, Cooper Gehrke, Austyn Pap, Isabel Wysong, Ella Sammons, Avril Susie and Lanae Elbers. Not pictured are Layla Deelstra, Devon Dysthe and Joy Taubert.

Highlights: Lead scorer for H-BC was Sylvia Fick.



Heather Johnson photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS Concert Choir

Members of the LHS concert choir include (from left) Katherine Pizel on bongos, director Seana Graber, Ross Bergman on piano, (front row, from left) Kenedee Franken, Jenna DeBates, Alex Perkins, Morgan Hadler, Addison Huiskes, Ryenn Stegenga, Lily Ehlers, Ella Lanoue, Josie Anderson, Ava Vortherms, Hallie Bork, Jady Hart, Emma Beyer, Jacie Graham, Reese Louwagie, Abby Anderson, (second row) Bella Oye, Bonita Tiesler, Ashlyn Johnson, Roselynn Hartshorn, Priscilla Muehr, Skylar VanderSteen, Elle Halverson, Lacey Morseman, Mallory Nelson, Kiesli Smith, Tori Hemme, Alyia Renken, Kaysie Lenz, Kayla Bloemendaal, Averill Sehr, Belle Smidt, Anika Boll, (third row) Rayann Remme, Kamryn Van Batavia, Lauren Hansen, Mariam Alinzi, Keaton Ahrendt, Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Ethan Nath, Evan McCrary, Xander Walgrave, James DeBates, Jude Hoven, Zach Brown, Josh Hansen, Jocelyn Hart, Elizabeth Wagner, Tori Serie, Christina Wagner, (back) Gavin DeBeer, Adam Ask, Cameron McCrary, Eli McLendon, Zach Terrio, Kaleb Hein, Elijah Henrichs, Landyn Lais, Camden Hoven, Carter Sehr, Jaxon Lais and Tucker Banck. Missing is Maddux Domagala.

Highlights: Received a superior rating at the Large Group Contest. Solo/Ensemble superior ratings went to Skylar VanderSteen, Belle Smidt, Kayla Bloemendaal, Parker Carbonneau, Tori Hemme, Averill Sehr, Ethan Nath, Grace Ingebretsen, Mariam Alinzi and Roselynn Hartshorn. All-State Choir: Parker Carbonneau.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS Fall Play

The LHS drama department presented two one-act plays Oct. 27-29 including "One Lane Bridge" and "Hamlet and Zombies." Cast members include (front row, from left) Isabella Benson, Travis Schempp, Ashlyn Johnson, Egypt Forrest, Kaitlyn Conger, Zoey Berghorst, Camryn Aukes, Bethany Behr, Alex Perkins, (second row) Myles Trimble, Emily Carrillo, Grace Ingebretsen, Xavier McKenzie, Parker Carbonneau, Abby Boltjes, Elizabeth Mulder, Bri Kinsinger, Jessika Tunnissen, (back, standing) Katherine Pizel, Joelia Lopez, Halley Pergrande, Chris Bonilla, Zander Carbonneau, Steven Woods, Chase Matthiesen, Leigha Ehlers, Brooke Vos and Rebecca Hoogland. Not pictured is Ayah Alinzi.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 H-BC FFA

Members of the H-BC FFA chapter include (front row, from left) historian Luke Tiesler, sentinel Luke Fuerstenburg, treasurer Cooper Gehrke, vice president Sylvia Fick, secretary Lanae Elbers, president Olivia Bork, reporter Jack Moser, parliamentarian Blake Leenderts, adviser Cloey Anderson, (second row) Cael Noteboom, Alexander Harris, Elly Klosterbuer, Amalia Ternus, Tyrae Goodface, Taylor Frederickson, Collin Schoneman, (third row) Megan Vis, Brynn Rauk, Riley Tatge, Carter Vande Voort, Beau Bakken, Logan Susie, Taylor Spykerboer, Alexis Gardner-Swenson, (fourth row) Lukas Hubbard, Jamesyn Klosterbuer, Augustus Jacobson, Sawyer Bosh, Cameron Allen, Gracie Fagerness, Bailey Spykerboer, Amber Wiersema, Emma Deelstra, (fifth row) Koel Hartz, Gavyn Leuthold, Clayton Kellenberger, Jamin Metzger, EJ Wegener, Joshua Ternus, Bode Kruger, Quintice Susie, Austyn Pap, Tessa Clark-Crawford, (back) Isabel Wysong, Abigail Harris, Ella Sammons, Claire Knobloch, Ally Birger, Abigail Olson, Jayden Kueter, Mya Erickson and Hadley Spath. Not pictured are Layla Deelstra, Cody Moser, Michael Martinyuk, Joshua Wiersema, Robert Wipf, Micah Bush, Evan Gruis, Taylor Huisman and Cole Rozeboom.

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The LHS drama department performed five shows of "The Addams Family: The Musical" over a two-week period April 27, May 2, May 4-6. Pictured are (front, from left) Alex Perkins, Rebecca Hoogland, Myles Trimble, Parker Carbonneau, Chase Matthiesen, Bri Kinsinger, James DeBates, Xavier McKenzie, (on the set clockwise from left) Janica Oechsle, Audrie DeBates, Bethany Behr, Hallie Pergande, Lexi Berg, Ashlyn Johnson, Chris Bonilla, Korben Fisher, Isabella Benson, Kaitlin Conger, Egypt Forrest, Makayla Oechsle, Elizabeth Mulder, Priscilla Muehr, Hunter Cope, Nora Louwagie, Brooklyn Wicks, Andrea Luitjens, Elijah Henrichs, Abby Boltjes and Zander Carbonneau.



The LHS FFA Chapter includes (front row, from left) adviser Matt Fodness, secretary Morgan Bonnett, reporter Julia Hoogland, vice president Maren Stegenga, president JT Remme, historian Layne Sasker, parliamentarian Ross Bergman, (second row) Tucker Remme, Coulter Thone, Landon Ahrendt, Alex Dewispelaere, Ryenn Stegenga, (third row) Jaden Reisch, Emma Deutsch, Mallie Fick, Andrea Luitjens, Piper Wynia, Grace Ingebretsen, (fourth row) Cash Bonnett, Luke Hansen, Harrison Uithoven, Jacob Madison, Nick Hansen, Ryan Vos, Holden Overgaard, (back) Jack Gangestad, Eli McLendon, Leif Ingebretsen, Andrew Kinsinger, Jace Tofteland, Tucker Holwell and Jesse Aning. Not pictured are treasurer Morgan Ahrendt and sentinel AJ Ossefoort.



Members of the H-BC concert choir include (front row, from left) Joy Taubert, Madison Gaugler, Harli Rozeboom, Ashton Taubert, Anthony Beaner, Elisha Taubert, Britton McKenzie, Jessica Jones, Kadence Rozeboom, Isabella Deboer, (back) Sadie Kessler, Nevaeh Auch, Lexi Drake, Amallia Ternus, Mya Erickson, Tyrae Goodface, Bailey Spykerboer, Hadley Spath, Sarah Prohl, Lexus Wessels, Talya Shanahan and Caidence Ellis. Not pictured are Abigail Olsen and Regina Afkas.

Highlights: Received a superior rating at the Large Group Contest. Students receiving a superior at the Solo and Ensemble Contest included Lexi Drake, Tyrae Goodface, Malli Ternus and Ashton Taubert along with duet of Lexi Drake and Sarah Prohl.

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Members of the LHS student council are (front row, from left) Tyson Cowell, Reese Louwagie, Jocelyn Hart, Camden Hoven, Brady Bork, (second row) JT Remme, treasurer Lauren Hansen, student body president Averill Sehr, vice president Anja Jarchow, secretary Parker Carbonneau, Camden Janiszski, (third row) Zach Overgaard, Sarah Stegenga, Tyler Arends, Kai Buss, Marcos Diaz, Xavier McKenzie, Marcus Vortherms, (fourth row) sophomore class president Keaton Ahrendt, Jacob Stroh, Jaydon Johnson, freshman class president Tyler Hodge, junior class president Patrick Kroski, Henry Hartquist, Carter Sehr, Josh Hansen, Zander Carbonneau, Conner Connell, (back) Kayla Bloemendaal, Ella Schmuck, Caitlin Kindt, Kiesli Smith, Jenna DeBates and Bergen Ask. Not pictured is Alex Schlosser.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS One Act

After a 23-year hiatus, the LHS one-act play returned to state competition by placing second at sub-section competition. The group placed fifth at state with their performance of "Ruby." Cast members include (front row, from left) Travis Schempp, Alex Perkins, Steven Woods, (second row) Hallie Pergande, Makayla Oeschle, Isabella Benson, Abby Boltjes, Zander Carbonneau, (back) Hunter Cope, Bri Kinsinger, Parker Carbonneau and Rebecca Hoogland. Not pictured is Hallie Bork.

Highlights: 23 students tried out to be on one of three Knowledge Bowl teams. Red Team placed eighth out of 21 teams at the sub-regional meet, Blue Team 12th and White Team 18th. The Red Team advanced to the regional knowledge bowl, placing 11th out of 24 teams.



Submitted photos

Members of the H-BC Knowledge Bowl Blue Team include (from left) Malli Ternus, Sylvia Fick, Cooper Gehrke, Britton McKenzie and Grace Fagerness.



Members of the H-BC Knowledge Bowl White Team include (from left) Taylor Gehrke, Larissa Steinhoff, Jackson Gacke, Devon Dysthe and Eli Taubert.



Members of the H-BC Knowledge Bowl Red Team include (from left) Grace Anderson, Brynn Rauk, Olivia Bork, Anthony Beaner and Leif Tollefson.

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The LHS mock trial team ended the 2023 season with a 4-1 record competing with the malpractice case of Jamie Morton v. Ardi Ramidus, M.D. Team members include (front row, from left) Parker Carbonneau, Mallory Von Tersch, Ella Lanoue, Jady Hart, Ross Bergman, (second row) Tyler Hodge, Makayla Oechsle, Cassi Chesley, Hallie Bork, Roselynn Hartshorn, Adam Ask, Keaton Ahrendt, (back) Xavier McKenzie, Eli McLendon and Zander Carbonneau.



Mavis Fodness photo/0112 Mock Trial LHS 2023



LHS sent a large contingency of students to the 2023 state Business Professionals of America conference, who qualified to compete at the state meet. Pictured (front row, from left) are Connor Bose, Maddux Domagala, Mallory Von Tersch, Kasey Buss, Jaydon Johnson, (back) Kylie Vander Lugt, Averill Sehr, Ella Lanoue, Augusta Papik, Anya Jarchow, Reese Louwagie and Jady Hart. Not pictured is Kaylee Vorhees.

Mavis Fodness photo/0223 BPA 2023

The H-BC concert band consists of members (front row, from left) Tyrae Goodface, Britton McKenzie, Lexi Drake, (second row) Elliott Morris, Leif Tollefson, Eli Taubert, Anthony Beaner, Ashton Taubert, (back) Gavin Voss, Tahliya Kruger, Sarah Prohl, Talya Shanahan and Kyler Hartz. Not pictured is Wyett Shimp.

Highlights: A superior rating was achieved at the Large Group Contest. Earning superior ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Contest were Anthony Beaner, Tyrae Goodface, Ashton Taubert, Leif Tollefson, Lexi Drake, Kyler Hartz and Elliott Morris.



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Members of the LHS Treble Choir include (front row, from left) Addyson Mann, Gemma Nelson, Jordyn Reisch, McKinzie Florey, Hadley Vanderburg, Jayden Dass, Ella Apel, Nardy Merida, Elizabeth Mulder, Ayah Alinizi, Zoey Smeins, Jessika Tunnissen, Bergen Ask, Lucy Smith, (second row) Leigh Ehlers, Hannah Wieneke, Isabella Benson, Morgan McTigue, Rebecca Hoogland, Jaina Fountain, Anna Banck, Brooke Vos, Hannah Kempema, Ella Hoogendoorn, Madilyn Wenzel, Amira Cowell, Hailey Como, Ava Sieve, Katelynn Van Belle, (third row) Sara Alinizi, Blaycie Remme, Ella Schmuck, Hannah Woodley, Alexis Hultgren, Emma Saarloos, Maria Rops, A'shaylah Davis, Caitlin Kindt, Emma Nath, Corynn Oye, Mallie Fick, Julia Beyer, Jocelyn Altman, Rhiannon Bartels, (back) Kylie Vander Lugt, Ella Reisdorfer, Greta McClure, Maddy Schepel, Janica Oechsle, Maren Stegenga, Augusta Papik, Kendra Thorson, Regan Mehlhaff, Bri Kinsinger, Bethany Behr, Kianna Winter, Gabriella Nath-Huls and Peyton Behr. Director is Seana Graber and at the piano Janine Papik.



Highlights: Superior rating at the Large Group Contest. Solo/Ensemble superior ratings to Bri Kinsinger, Hannah Woodley, Augusta Papik, Janica Oechsle, Hannah Kempema; excellent rating to Ella Hoogendoorn.

Heather Johnson photo/Arts 2023 LHS Treble Choir



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 LHS Robotics

Members of the LHS robotics team include (front row, from left) Tori Hemme, Parker Carbonneau, Charlie Mostad, Ethan Nath, (second row) Aiden Worshek, Priscilla Muehr, Lola Peterson, Travis Schempp, Brynn Boyenga, Reese Louwagie, Addison Huiskes, (third row) Xavier McKenzie, Elle Halverson, Logan Ommen, Abigail Anderson, Zander Carbonneau, Anja Jarchow, Steven Woods, (back) Rose-lynn Hartshorn, Lacey Morseman, Mallory Von Tersch, Skyler VanderSteen, Kenedee Franken, Zoey Berghorst, Alex Perkins, Katherine Pizel and Maddy Schepel. Not pictured are JT Remme, Lucas Hansen, Mariam Alinizi, Ayah Alinizi, Sara Alinizi and Cameryn Aukes.

Highlights: LHS was recognized by the Minnesota Robotics Coaches Association with a silver (3.5-3.74 GPA) team award. Zoey Berghorst was one of four Minnesota finalists for the FIRST dean's list. Three LHS seniors were selected to the All-State robotics team and included Parker Carbonneau, Mallory Von Tersch and JT Remme.

Members of the H-BC student council include (front row, from left) Cooper Gehrke, co-vice president Brayden Metzger, co-vice president Devon Dysthe, (second row) co-treasurer Layla Deelstra, co-treasurer Lanae Elbers, publicist Taylor Gehrke, secretary Malli Ternus, Bailey Spykerboer, Sylvia Fick, Claire Knobloch, Mya Erickson, Abby Olson, (back) Logan Susie, Jackson Gacke, Jamin Metzger, Jack Moser, Emma Deelstra, president Jenifer Martinyuk and Gavyn Leuthold.



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Members of the LHS FCCLA Chapter include (front row, from left) Madison Hansen, Ella Lanoue, Audrie DeBates, Janica Oechsle, Anna Reisdorfer, Lilly Johnson, (second row) Camden Kunkel, Tori Hemme, Priscilla Muehr, Nora Louwagie, Morgan Jonas, Alyia Renken, Bergan Ask, Addison Huiskes, (back) Lacey Morseman, Lily Ehlers, Gemma Nelson, Bethany Behr, Katia Jarchow, Ava Vortherms and Elaine Nath.

Highlights: Audrie DeBates was elected as state FCCLA president for 2023-24. Janica Oechsle is state vice president of community service. Area FCCLA officers are Anna Reisdorfer (secretary) and Hallie Bork (treasurer). Ten students received gold rankings at the state convention. Hallie Bork, Ella Lanoue, Gemma Nelson and Janica Oechsle qualified for national competition.



Participants in this year's LHS speech team include (front row, from left) Zander Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Grace Ingebretsen, Charlie Mostad, (back) Cassi Chesley, Roselynn Hartshorn, Elizabeth Mulder, Xavier McKenzie, Jessika Tunnissen, Maddy Schepel, Brooke Vos, William Johnson, Makayla Oechsle and Nora Louwagie. Not pictured Zoey Berghorst and Bri Kinsinger.

Highlights: Four LHS students qualified for the state speech tournament: Roselynn Hartshorn, Parker Carbonneau, Bri Kinsinger and Zander Carbonneau. Zander received a sixth-place medal in extemporaneous speaking. Parker Carbonneau earned all-state honors.



Members of the H-BC mock trial team compiled an 0-4 season and included members (front row, from left) Leif Tollefson, Blake Leenderts, Tahilya Kruger, Lexus Wessels, (second row) Kyler Hartz, Emma Deelstra, Lexi Drake, Joy Taubert, Britton McKenzie, (back) Tyrae Goodface, Sarah Proehl and Madison Gaugler. Missing are Gavin Voss and Isaiah Stefanyuk.

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Members of the LHS math league team competing at state include (front row, from left) Mallory Von Tersch, Zoey Berghorst, Anja Jarchow, Reese Louwagie, (back) Parker Carbonneau, Logan Ommen, Camden Janiszkeski, Ella Hoogendoorn, Steven Woods and Zander Carbonneau.

Highlights: Qualified for the state competition for third consecutive year, finishing seventh. Captured first-place in Section 2A and runners-up in the Dynamic South Division. A total of 46 students participated in math league.



Mavis Fodness photo/0608 Arts 2023 H-BC O Act

The H-BC drama department performed the one act play "Goldilocks on Trial" Jan. 22 and 23. Cast included (front row, from left) Tryg Tollefson (sitting), Tyrae Goodface, Joy Taubert, Brooklynne Hubbard (sitting on floor), Britton Mckenzie, (second row) Madison Gaugler, Lexi Drake, Leif Tollefson, Tahliya Kruger, Sarah Prohl, (back) Anthony Beaner, Lexxus Wessels, Gavin Voss and Caidence Ellis.

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