\$1<sup>.25</sup> Luverne High School tennis team takes on tough opponents... See page IB

**Rock County** 

# Tour de Loop to celebrate trail opening

#### By Lori Sorenson

The community will celebrate the grand opening of the Luverne Loop Trail during a ribbon-cutting and "Tour de Loop" bike ride Thursday, June 1.

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

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

The ribbon-cutting will be at 5:30 p.m. at the trailhead building on East Main Street where ride maps and Tour de Loop instructions will be available from 4 to 7 p.m.

Bicyclists will ride the trails from 4 to 7:30 p.m. entering drawings at five individual stops for prizes that will be drawn at 8 p.m. (must be present to win). They need to pick up their number at the trailhead before they ride.

Prizes for youth and adults totaling \$2,500 include Trek bikes, bike accessories, helmets, repair gift certificates and more.

Berry Fast Bike Equipment and Repair, Madison, South Dakota, will be at the Trailhead from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Luverne's Second Mile Bicycles will offer bike adjustments from 4 to 6 p.m.

Wildflowers Food Trailer and Bluestem Catering will serve at 5 p.m. with music and free root beer floats from 6 to 8 p.m. "We have great partners working with us on this, and it's just

Fred and Amy Wilgenburg

Commissioners unanimously

won't receive a refund for 20

years of property tax overpay-

denied the abatement request

May 16, because the assessor's

mistake is not considered a cleri-

**By Mavis Fodness** 

ment.



Rock County's oldest business, printing since 1873

Mavis Fodness photo/0525 LHS Senior Twins

On Sunday, three sets of twins will graduate from Luverne High School. They are (front, from left) Christina and Elizabeth Wagner, Jocelyn and Jadyn Hart and (back) Nicholas and Lucas Hansen.

# Class of '23 has three sets of twins

to be a new home, but the interior

"It seems to me the statute is

pretty clear we have no authority

thing at this point," said Commis-

we've got things in line to prevent

"I just want to make sure that

or any basis for changing any-

sioner Greg Burger.

was still the 1940s structure.

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

In 2003 the Wilgenburgs

moved a 1940s house onto their

acreage near Valley Springs and

built on a small addition and an

attached garage. The home had a

new foundation, roof and match-

From the outside, it appeared

When the 83 Luverne High School seniors cross the graduation stage Sunday afternoon, three sets of twins will be among them.

Nicholas and Lucas Hansen, Jocelyn and Jadyn Hart, and Christina and Elizabeth Wagner have journeyed with their classmates Two of them look nothing like each other. Two of them have enough similarities that the casual observer would easily mix them up. The Hansens are identical twins. "I couldn't tell them apart," Christina

Wagner admitted. "Fourth grade was so hard." However, subtle differences were noticed.

#### Thursday, May 25, 2023

# Brain health group hosts community conversation about suicide

#### **By Lori Sorenson**

FRALD

About 80 people gathered in the Generations Events Center Friday morning for a community conversation about mental health.

The group included a diverse mix of local leaders in city, county and school government and also mental health professionals from local and regional organizations.

Angela Nolz, mental health counselor at Sanford Luverne Clinic, said the goal of the meeting was to increase understanding of how suicide affects community members and identify ways to prevent it.

"As most of you know, our community has been affected heavily over a number of years with suicides, and our aim is to reduce suicide along with educating those around us," she said.

"I want to thank everyone for being here to have these difficult but important conversations."

An important component of Friday's meeting focused on round table discussions.

"What we'd like to hear from you is your ideas about what's going well in our community and what else we need to adopt to create improvement," Nolz said.

Groups were asked to discuss several questions:

•If someone approached you and shared that they were struggling with their mental health.

Tour de Loop/see page 3A

since kindergarten. Along the way students and staff have learned how to tell them apart, which was no

small task considering two are identical twins.

**Commissioners deny Wilgenburg tax abatement** 

"One of you wore long sleeves," she said. Lucas Hansen admits he was the one.

Three sets of twins at LHS/see page 3A

ing again.'

would you know what to do? If yes, list the resources you would use.

•If you or someone close experiences loss by suicide, what are your coping skills or resources you would use at this time?

•What barriers keep people in our community from receiving the help they need with their mental health?

•How can we help our youth feel more comfortable about seeking support for their mental health and suicide prevention?

•How can we help parents feel

Brain health, suicide/see 5A



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ing siding.

Mavis Fodness photo/0525 Smoke Forest Fires

A smoky haze gathered on the horizon in Rock County Thursday afternoon, May 18, as is visible in this image of the city of Magnolia taken from the east facing west. The smoke was due to wildfires burning in Canada.

# State under air quality alert due to wildfire smoke

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

The entire state of Minnesota was under an air quality alert May 18 due to wildfire smoke originating in Canada.

The alert, issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Department of Health, was in effect through the morning of May 19.

"Fine particle levels are expected to reach the red air quality index category, a level considered unhealthy for everyone," the alert stated.

"In the red area, everyone should avoid prolonged time outdoors." Rock County was in the "red" zone where the air was hazy and had a distinctive smell of smoke. The compromised air qual-

ity was due to a band of heavy ground smoke from wildfires in northern Alberta and Saskatch-

#### Air quality alert/see 3A

# Dollars for Scholars awards 40th year of scholarships

#### **By Lori Sorenson**

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Wilgenburg request/see 5A

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At Monday night's awards ceremony in the Luverne school performing arts center, Don Klosterbuer announced that Luverne's Dollars for Scholars program was 40 years old.

The program dates back to 1983 when the local chapter was established and two \$500 scholarships were awarded the following spring.

On Monday, 67 scholarships totaling \$523,750 were awarded to Luverne High School seniors.

It marked 2,144 awards over the 40-year period for a total of nearly \$6.3 million.

There are now 296 individual scholarships in Luverne's Dollars for Scholars program. "That means age individu

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"That means 296 individuals determined that assisting graduates in pursuing their goals and dreams and aspirations was important enough to them to put their money where their mouth was."

#### - Don Klosterbuer, Dollars for Scholars

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# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### UMC community free meal May 24

The United Methodist Church will host its Wednesday night free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. A pick-up option is available by calling 507-283-4529.

#### **Beaver Creek services May 29**

Beaver Creek will sponsor Memorial Day services Monday, May 29, at the First Presbyterian Church beginning with coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. with services to follow at 10:30 a.m. Twenty-two year veteran John Roberts from Baltic, South Dakota, will be the featured speaker. Cemetery services with Honor Guard will follow at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

#### Hardwick program is May 29

Hardwick American Legion Post #478 will sponsor a Memorial Day Program at 10 a.m. Monday, May 29, at the Hardwick Veterans Memorial. In case of inclement weather it will be in the Hardwick Community Hall.

Guest speaker is U.S. Army Retired Colonel Kim Henningsen, a Vietnam veteran, of Jefferson, South Dakota. Readers will be Girls Stater Kiesli Smith and Army ROTC Cadet Gunnar Oldre, University of Notre Dame. Madi Oye will provide special music. Coffee, juice and cookies will follow the program.

#### Maplewood program May 29

Luverne American Legion and VFW will host a Memorial Day ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 29, in Maplewood Cemetery. Guest speaker is Kent Heronimus. The service will be broadcast on KQAD.

#### Park bison tours begin May 26

The Blue Mounds State Park has announced that it will begin offering bison tours on Friday, May 26. Call the park at 507-283-6050 for more information or reservations.

#### Pop-up book sale June 1-3

Friends of the Library will have a pop-up book sale in the Rock County Community Library in Luverne over Buffalo Days weekend. Hours will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 11 to 4 Friday, June 2, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

#### Pie and ice cream June 2

Luverne United Methodist Church will serve pie and ice cream from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 2, in the church courtyard on Main Street Luverne.

#### June 5 meeting for walk

A community planning meeting for the Sept. 16 Out of the Darkness Luverne Walk to Prevent Suicide will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, in Luverne City Park.

The walk is a fundraiser for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which provides research, education and advocacy to prevent suicide. Event organizer Angela Nolz can be reached at angela.nolz@ sanfordhealth.org.



Mavis Fodness photos/0525 CEO Showcase 2023

Nineteen area high school students set up businesses for the 2023 Southwest Minnesota CEO Showcase Wednesday night, May 17, at Big Top Tents and Events in Luverne. The two-hour program allowed the public to view each business, buy an item or two, or learn more about the entrepreneurial program.

# Young entrepreneurs showcased at annual CEO trade show event

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

For the fifth-consecutive year, the Southwest Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) program showcased student-developed business in its annual showcase event.

This year's showcase took place May 17 at the Big Top Tent Rental in Luverne.

CEO participants, along with their school and business name, include:

•Kai Buss, LHS junior, "Airrends."

•Kayla Bloemendaal, LHS junior, "Macra-kay & Co."

•Anika Boll, LHS junior, "Simply Crafted."

•Abby Boltjes, LHS junior, "Connected Creations."

•Morgan Bonnett, LHS junior, "Memories by Morgan."

•Liv Bork, Hills-Beaver Creek High School senior, "Liv Cleanly."



Camden Hoven (left), a senior at Luverne High School, wraps a glass for customer Jane Nelson. His business, "Mocked," sells customizable pint or coffee glasses.



Jacie Graham (right), a Luverne High School senior, talks with customer Claudia Soto about the various candied suckers and gift bouquets she made with the help of her grandmother, Lila Bauer. Graham calls her business "Sweet Creations by Jacie."

### **Bloodmobile in Luverne June 13**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will accept donations from 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.

### Storytelling kits at library

Libraries in the Plum Creek Library System are rolling out its new Storytelling Kits in a wide range of subjects from ABCs to Zoos.

Each of the more than 130 kits contain a variety of materials based on the kit's theme. Some include Wonderbooks, puppets, music CDs and DVDs, Various learning activities can also be found in the kits as well.

The initial checkout period is one week.

# **#TellUsTuesday Results**

Scan Here to Vote for this Week's Survey!

Age is only a state of mind. Which category best describes your state of mind right now?

Cheeky Child	<b>26</b> %
Tormented Teenager	0%
Mad Mid-Lifer	37%
Groovy Grandparent	37%

•Conner Connell, LHS junior, "CK Baseball Academy."

•Kristofer Eischens, Pipestone Area High School junior, "Sled X."

•Jacie Graham, LHS senior, "Sweet Creations by Jacie."

•Mason Hamm, Southwest Minnesota Christian High School senior, "Polar Fury Rods."

•Lauren Hansen, LHS senior, "Front Porch Market."

•Henry Hartquist, LHS junior, "Outdoor Apparel." •Camden Hoven, LHS

senior, "Mocked." •Chloe Olivier, PAS High School, "Prairie Winds Lamb Supply." •Isabella Oye, LHS senior, "B's Blankets."

•Gavin Reisch, LHS senior, "Get Money Golf." •Will Serie, LHS junior,

"Serie Socks." •Belle Smidt, LHS junior, "Carried by Christ." •Ana Wolf, Adrian High

School junior, "Elation Gifts." The CEO program is open to students in

Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian, Edgerton, Pipestone, Ellsworth and Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

Each year, the CEO committee chooses a group of incoming juniors and seniors to complete the program.

Over the course of the school year, the students follow the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship model of visiting area businesses, where they develop connections and skills toward a successful future as adult entrepreneurs.

CEO students develop a business, and their work is showcased to the public at year-end.

According to CEO facilitator Katie Baustian. many CEO graduates continue their businesses after the program's showcase is over.

"The impact is different for all alumni, but the fact is all have learned something — one little thing that a business owner or guest speaker shared with them, that down the road they will remember as they have a fond memory of their CEO experience," she said.

The Southwest Minnesota CEO Program awarded its first Legacy Award to the Troy and Niki Buss family of Luverne. Kai (pictured above) is the last of the couple's three children who graduated from the program that began five years ago. They are the first family to receive the award, recognizing their dedication to the program.

#### First Legacy Award presented to Buss family

For the first time in its five-year history, the Southwest Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program gave out a legacy award.

The Troy and Niki Buss family has had all three of their children participate in the CEO program.

The CEO Legacy Award recognizes those families and their children for their dedication.



Kendall in 2021. "They pretty much inspired me to do it," Kai admitted.

Family discussions about the business professionals they've met and the experiences among CEO students led Kai, a Luverne High School junior, to apply to the program.





## Tour de Loop/from page 1A

going to be a fun night for everyone to come out," Lanphere said.

More information about the ribbon-cutting and Tour de Loop is at luvernechamber.org or 507-283-4061.

#### About the Loop

The Luverne Loop offers 7.4 miles of trail around the outskirts of the city. By linking to the Blue Mounds Trail, the Loop provides users a safe route for recreation and transportation that connects areas of interest throughout Luverne and Rock County.

Trail users can access the Loop by parking at the Trailhead or at other public parking places along the route.

Starting at the trailhead, users can go counterclockwise around the Loop by heading north on the Blue Mounds Trail past Luverne Aquatics & Fitness and turning west on 131st Street. Then, heading south on Hwy 75, users have the option to take the spur to the fishing pier at Veterans Pond or cross Hwy 75 and continue on the Loop.

Along the Loop, users

will pass by the Sanford Healing Garden, Veterans Pond and Fishing Pier, city pocket parks, Child's Remembrance Garden, prairie views northwest of town, Luverne Public Schools athletic fields (Prairie View Complex), Nature Explore Classroom, Poplar Creek, restaurants, shops, and hotels along the I-90 / Hwy 75 commercial corridor, wildlife habitat and native grasslands, Dybedock Pond, the scenic Rock River and Redbird Field.

At the Luverne City Park, Loop users can also get on the Chris Ashby Memorial Trail that is 1.95 miles in length.

Starting on the east side of the Rock River near the Trailhead, the Ashby Trail crosses the Rock River, winds through the Luverne City Park and meanders east out of Luverne along Rock River Road and terminates at Rock County Road 9 near the Luverne Country Club.

An interactive map on the city of Luverne website, cityofluverne.org, provides more details.

### Air quality alert/from 1A

ewan, according to the MPCA release.

"The smoke should clear rapidly overnight," the MPCA said Thursday.

A full description of air quality categories is available at airnow.gov.

On Monday afternoon, the MPCA and state Department of Health issued an air quality alert due to ozone.

"Southerly winds are transporting pollutants into the state," the statement read.

"Sunny skies, warm temperatures and low

humidity will allow these pollutants to react to the air to produce ground-level ozone. ... This is considered unhealthy for sensitive groups."

The ozone alert was made for the southern half the state and lasted through

During ozone alerts residents should:

fill up the gas tank at dawn or dusk.

•carpool when possible. •postpone use of gaspowered lawn and garden equipment.

•avoid backyard fires.

### Three sets of twins/from 1A

"I didn't get glasses until when you are in different



Heather Johnson photos/0525 pops concert

# Students perform spring pops concert

Luverne choir students in grades 6-12 perform their spring pops concert, "It's R Time," the music of 2010-2021, Friday night in the school performing arts center. The Luverne Music Boosters served Take 16 root beer floats between the two performances, and senior students were recognized after the second show. Sixth-graders performed "Underdog" and "Permission to Dance." Seventh- and eighth-graders sang "Drag Me Down," and "Steal My Girl." The Cardinal Choir sang "Count on Me" and "Firework." The ninth- and 10th-graders sang "Taylor Swift Suite," "Bad Blood," "Style," "You Belong With Me" and "Girl Power." The concert choir sang "A Thousand Years," "Sucker," "Geronimo" and "Everybody Talks."







Tuesday.

reduce vehicle trips and

the fifth grade," Lucas said.

As seniors the two continue to take advantage of look-alike features, admittedly getting into mischief that included one switcha-roo when Lucas went to Nicholas' class so he could leave the school campus early.

"You abuse it sometimes," admitted Nicholas.

Doctors said the Wagners are fraternal twins, but even as seniors the tall blondes are hard to distinguish from one another.

On April Fool's Day in fifth grade, they made one attempt at switching places.

"It was for like 10 minutes," Christina Wagner said. "Just in the morning we sat in (each other's) classrooms."

Each indicated that teachers easily recognized the switch.

They attempted no switches as they progressed through middle and high school.

The Harts are fraternal twins. As a blonde (Jocelyn) and a brunette (Jadyn), they can't easily fool classmates or the teachers.

All the twins were placed with different teachers beginning in the second grade, something the Hart sisters appreciated.

"It is definitely easier

classes," Jadyn Hart said. "You're not with the same person the start of the day to when you go to bed."

Jocelyn readily agreed, "When we get home, we won't fight.'

After Sunday, the three sets of twins at LHS will be disbanding, as they all set out on different career paths.

But they will always remember the special bond they shared in primary and secondary school.

"I think it will be hard because she has always been there," Jocelyn Hart said. "In the end it will help build our relationship, let us appreciate each other more."

The Wagners, however, are staying together for four more years, as they both will attend Southwest State University in Marshall.

They will also be roommates.

"I don't think I could be any place without Elizabeth," Christina said. "We shared a room for 16-plus years. We kind of have each other's habits, the way we live, down."

Parents of the twins are Jerry and Kathy Hansen, Beaver Creek; Mike and Kristee Hart, and Matt and Jill Wagner, all of Luverne.

Card Shower Wilma Elbers Happy 90th Birthday on May 31! Greetings may be sent to: Parkview Manor 308 Sherman Ave, Ellsworth, MN 56129



### **ACREAGE FOR SALE**

LEGAL: Acreage consisting of approximately 8.10 acres located in the NE1/4 of 27-102-43, Nobles County, MN.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2023 at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN. All bidders who have submitted a bid prior to said deadline will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing with possession going to Buyer at closing.

Sale is subject to approval by the Heirs of Ralph J. Mauch. For further details and an information packet contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 227-2829.

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### Dog Licenses Due During Month of May

City of Beaver Creek residents are reminded that dog licenses are due during month of May. Cost is \$4 per dog, however, residents age 65 and over are exempt from the license fee. Copy of current rabies vaccination required. A \$20 late fee will be added to utility bill if license not renewed. Clerk office hours are Monday 7am to 11am & Tuesday 5:30pm to 9pm. You can also leave payment and vaccination certificate copy in the clerk's drop box and license and tag will be mailed to you. If you no longer have your pet, please notify clerk's office at 673-2266 or email at

jane@citvofbeavercreekmn.com

Jane Blank City Clerk/Treasurer



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<ul><li>Shower/Restroom</li><li>Electrical Hookup for each site</li></ul>		Shelter House City Park/Ballfields connected
Dump Station		to the campground
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Contact City Hall @ 507-967-2373 or email: cityofellsworthmn@gmail.com



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# **Opinion**

Offer more than 'thoughts and prayers' ...

Support Carson's Cause

I have a good friend and co-worker who's hurting. You'd

never know there's something

wrong or amiss about Lori as she continues to handle editor duties without missing an issue.

Except I see the occasional cracks in her strong facade and the forced smiles of someone who's grieving.

It breaks my heart because I wish I could do more to ease her pain.

When Lori decided to take a little time off this summer to focus her energies into "Carson's Cause," I couldn't be more supportive and even more proud of her decision.

The loss of a 21-year-old son to suicide would have meant crippling grief for many people. Lori's response has been the opposite. She's channeling her grief into advocating for better brain health, and I want to be right there for her.

In the last eight months, she's used her writing talent to educate us about gaps in mental health care, has stepped up into a public speaking role and formed the non-profit "Carson's Cause" with monetary gifts that flowed in after Carson's death in September 2021.

"Carson's Cause" is helping our schools reframe the dialogue around brain health and teaching students that seeing a counselor is no different from going to the dentist.

Her advocacy highlights

# RUMINATIONS

#### By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

We completed a 5k challenge trail featuring 16 mud obstacles to crawl over, through, or under.

As I came to the last series of obstacles, Adam, who had already finished, came back on the course to accompany my finish.

He then spent Sunday at a horse show.

In reversed roles he supported me as I was the one in the saddle, after a decade of me watching him do the same.

In a few months he's leaving to start a new career in California.

In his 25 years, California will be the farthest he's ever lived away from home, and it brings tears to my eyes.

However, these tears of mine are not forever- and very different from Lori's loss.

I know Adam will still be that cheerleader from afar, as I know Carson is cheering his mother as an angel in heaven. In return, I'll be Lori's cheerleader here on earth, with my thoughts and prayers and with active support.

The June 3 "Buffalo Days Run 4A Cause," is a fundraiser for Carson's Cause to support community brain health. Participants can show their support by walking, riding or running, and their registrations and T-shirt purchases benefit the cause.

# Don't forget the veterans who made it home but suffer unseen wounds

Memorial Day is a time to honor the memory of men and women who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military.

But we must also never forget the veterans who made it home but are struggling with addiction and mental health issues and suicide thoughts.

Early intervention and prevention is critical to help veterans find the treatment they need.

More than 300,000 veterans live in Minnesota, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and 16 percent of them have served since Sept. 11, 2001.

"There are many reasons veterans become addicted to drugs or alcohol, but addiction and mental health issues are treatable," said Michael Leach of addicted.org.

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, over 3.9 million veterans have substance use disorders or mental illness.

Substance abuse significantly increases suicidality among veterans ages 18 and older and remains problematic among veterans ages 18 to 49.

Many veterans struggle with adjusting to civilian life and face financial hardships, difficulty finding employment and accessing benefits.

They're at a higher risk of com-

## **GUEST EDITORIAL**

#### **By Veronica Raussin**

promised mental and emotional health, often due to untreated trauma, and they tend to lean on alcohol and drugs for coping.

Veterans also experience significant barriers to care with insurance gaps, inadequate funding and limited treatment access in rural locations. Stigma regarding mental health and substance use is still an issue.

Outside of the usual VA-Facility locator offered by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, there are other options to consider.

For example, the VA has extensive resources and support for veterans and their families.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides a treatment facility locator where veterans can find specific options for substance use and mental health treatment.

And helpful phone numbers include the Veterans Crisis Line, 1-800-273-8255, and the Lifeline for Vets, 1-888-777-4443.

Drug and alcohol treatment

facilities are increasingly better equipped to treat veterans by offering specific rehabilitation options and treatment for co-occurring disorders.

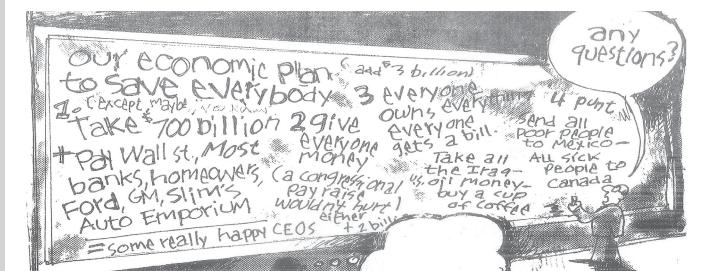
Families play a significant role in supporting veterans through difficult times. Speak to them openly and honestly about their substance use, and express concern without casting judgment. Help them find treatment.

Be patient and show compassion for what they are going through. Substance use and mental health disorders are treatable.

It takes communities and families coming together to help veterans who are struggling. Too many battle these issues in silence and never get their needed help.

Early intervention and prevention save lives, and providing quick and easy access to treatment and support is critical for veterans struggling with addiction.

Veronica Raussin is a community outreach coordinator for addicted.org





the struggle of her youngest son and others like him. This weekend I spent three days with my youngest son. Let's join Lori and support the cause ... and show our youngest sons that we care about them and their brain health.

## Know proper boat ramp etiquette to tamp down fellow fishermen's short tempers

The biggest outdoor day of the year in Minnesota was May 13. The fishing opener, to many, is better than any of the other holidays when you don't have to go to work.

Minnesota sells more fishing licenses than any other state per capita. There will have been long lines at many boat ramps across the state and especially at the most popular walleye lakes in the state. There will be a larger than normal number of folks who will have lost their patience with other users on this day than almost any other.

The reason for this is that there is always going to be a certain percentage of folks who either do not understand or just don't care to abide by some of the most common boat ramp etiquettes.





By Scott Rall Outdoors columnist

The following ideas will make sure you are not the cause of your fellow fishers' short tempers. The first is that you should never learn how to back a trailer on opening day at a busy boat ramp. I have spent many a day over the past 35 years just sitting on a lawn chair at a boat ramp to watch the follies. Backing a trailer is really not all that hard when you get the hang of it. Getting the hang of it should be in an empty parking lot done well in advance of the opening day rush.

The key to backing a trailer is simple. Put both hands on the bottom of the steering wheel and turn the wheel in the direction you want the trailer to go. Back up slowly and make slow, small movements of the wheel until you can back that trailer like a professional semi-driver. Be ready before you get in the unload line. This means you remove the boat tie-downs, load you gear from the vehicle, arrange the boat so you can move freely front to aft.

There is great benefit to unplugging the trailer lights before you back in. This is not always necessary but if you have any questionable light issues, the bulbs will most likely not burn out if they get wet with no power supplied. LED boat lights have pretty much solved this problem, but my old boat does not have them. I carry an entire box of replacement bulbs in the boat's glove box to ensure I can replace them when needed.

If you are unloading a boat as a solo operator, you should always move the boat around the dock to the non-ramp side once the boat is off the trailer. (I tie it off with a short rope that is never removed from the nose anchor point in the front.) Doing this allows others to continue to use the ramp while you go park and return. This does not work when there are two ramps, one on each side of the dock, but on many smaller lakes and landings there is one dock and one ramp.

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Whatever you do, don't budge in line. Everyone wants on the water as fast as they can, and if you think sneaking into the line and saving a few minutes is OK, then you are one of those folks who either don't care or don't know about boat ramp etiquette. Remember that when entering

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### **ON THE RECORD**

#### **Dispatch report** May 12

•Complainant on E. Lincoln Street reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on County Road 4 and Interstate 90 overpass, Beaver Creek, reported a parking complaint.

•Complainant on S. Main Street, Steen, reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on S. Cedar Street reported a complaint with road and drive laws.

#### May 13

•Complainant on Mag Road reported found property.

•Complainant on W. Edgehill Street reported theft.

 Another department assisted on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Lincoln Street. •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

#### May 14

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, exit 1, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

#### May 15

•Complainant on County Road 4 at Interstate 90 overpass, Beaver Creek, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•A warrant was issued in Nobles County, Worthington.

•Complainant on N. Oakley requested a residence check.

•Complainant on S. Anna Avenue, Hills, reported a civil issue.

•A warrant was issued on Airport Road, Worthington.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a disorderly.

#### May 16

•An outage was reported.

•Complainant on 121st

Street reported trespassing.

•Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported theft.

May 17 •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75 reported an open door/window.

·Complainant on N. Summit Avenue reported a parking complaint.

•A warrant was issued on Airport Road in Worthington.

•Complainant reported a civil issue.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported debris.

#### May 18

•Complainant on 161st Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and Mag Road, Luverne, reported found property.

•Complainant northbound at Interstate 90 and Highway 75, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant reported a scam.

•A warrant was issued in Orange City, Iowa.

May 19 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an assault.

home.

2003.

 Assistance from another department was requested on S. Kniss Avenue.

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•Assistance from another department was requested in Rock County.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 2 escorts, 5 ambulance runs, 9 paper services, 9 animal complaints, 9 fingerprint requests, 22 burn permits, 1 alarm, 4 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled

Wilgenburg tax abatement request/continued from 1A rowly by the courts stating a clerical error is 'a mistake in the clerical work of

> transcribing the particular record," Haubrich stated. "That is not what happened here. There was no transposing of numbers, no missing a decimal point,

no mistake that would be considered clerical. There was a substantive determination of a valuation that turns out not to be correct, but it was the judgment of the township assessor at that time."

State statute limits tax assessment appeals for clerical errors to the current tax year and two years prior.

procedures have changed since 2003.

In 2008 a list of building permits was provided to the assessor's office from the Land Management Office. Since then, copies of building permits are forwarded to the assessor's office providing project details and contact numbers of the property owners.

In 2020 most town-County contracted with the

Jacobs said her office reviews the majority of all 8,500 parcels in Rock County every five years.

As a courtesy her office now sends postcards alerting homeowners about an upcoming review visit, which includes an interior inspection, if the homeseniors.

It will be distributed at Sunday's commencement ceremony in the Luverne elementary gym.



Lori Sorenson photo/0525 dollars for scholars

lass of 2023

Luverne Dollars for Scholars president Don Klosterbuer addresses students and parents at Monday's awards ceremony in the school performing arts center. He said the program has awarded more than \$5 million in the past 40 years.

# Dollars for Scholars observes 40 years/continued from 1A

Luverne

**Dollars** for Scholars.

Awards Ceremony

important enough to them to put their money where their mouth was," said Klosterbuer, president of the Luverne Dollars for Scholars board of trustees.

The Wilgenburgs ques-

tioned the property's pro-

posed 2024 market value,

which led to the discovery

that the home is older and

than a newly built home of

As a result, for 2024

market value was decreased

On May 9, Fred Wil-

property taxes, the home's

by \$100,000 to \$325,000.

genburg approached the

commissioners requesting

a refund for the tax over-

payment due to the incor-

On May 15, county

attorney Jeff Haubrich

rect assessment.

therefore has less value

He encouraged students to learn about the people who sponsored scholarships. "There are some fascinating stories in there about individuals

Scholars publishes an an-

nual booklet outlining all

the scholarships and the

ships and cities in Rock county assessor's office for annual services.

owner grants permission. Most homeowners are not home nor do they respond to the request to complete an interior inspection.

Home owners can call the assessor's office to ask questions about what information has been recorded about their properties.

So far, 30 appeals have been made to the assessor's office involving the 2024 evaluation statements. Each has had interior inspections completed.

In some instances, the home's evaluation increased due to upgrades not noticed during an external evaluation.

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

•Complainant on 121st

vehicles, 62 traffic stops, 22 abandoned 911 calls, 3 welfare checks, 4 reports of cattle out, 1 OFP and 3 follow-ups.

drafted a response letter to the commissioners about the assessment error.

"The question as to what is a clerical error has long been interpreted very narAssessment procedures have changed County assessor Rachel Jacobs said her office

To assist commissioners with future requests, a county abatement policy for evaluations is being developed.

### Community brain health conversation for suicide awareness and prevention/continued from 1A

more comfortable about discussing mental health and suicide prevention?

•How can we help our grandparents and elderly population to have the discussion about mental health and suicide prevention?

•What did you come here hoping to share today but have not had the opportunity to share?

Nolz organized Friday's conversation with Luverne School guidance counselor Amy Cook, Luverne School social worker Stacy Schepel, Jennifer Stratton of Southwestern Mental Health and Sherri Smith with Minnesota courts and chemical dependency support.

They and other professionals meet monthly as part of Luv1LuvAll Brain Health Group that was approved last fall for a Pathway to Care grant through the Minnesota Health Department.

It's a two-year grant for suicide prevention, and Friday's meeting was part of a community assessment related to the grant.

"We're asking what are the things we're doing well, and what are the things that aren't happening that need to occur?" Nolz said.

"The community engagement piece is really at the heart of this."

She said the group has had training on language

and messaging. "Because how we talk about these things matters," Nolz said. "

The goal is to build a community resource list and make sure there are tools for screening and referral processes.

"I feel like we have a really good team of people working on this and everybody is really passionate about what we're doing."

Nolz encouraged everyone in the room to be part of the solution for preventing suicide, no matter how small their role.

"One of the things I've thought about is when we've hard years and hard situations that have occurred, it's really easy to decide this is

just too big and too hard," she said.

Once Friday's information is reviewed, a broader community conversation may be scheduled at a later date related to mental health and suicide prevention.

#### June 5 planning meeting for Sept. 15 suicide prevention walk

Meanwhile, plans are underway for the 2023 Out of the Darkness Luverne Walk to Prevent Suicide on Sept. 16 in Luverne City Park.

It's a fundraiser for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which provides research,

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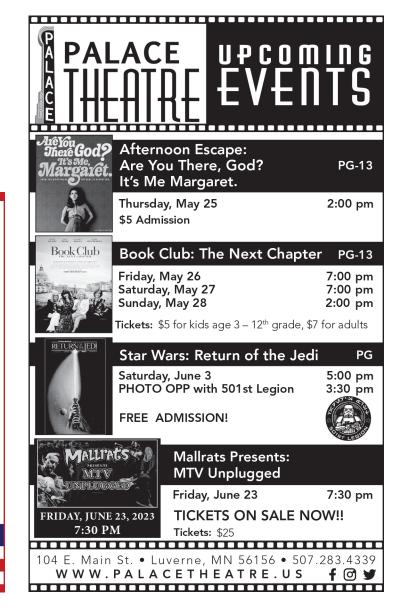
education and advocacy to prevent suicide.

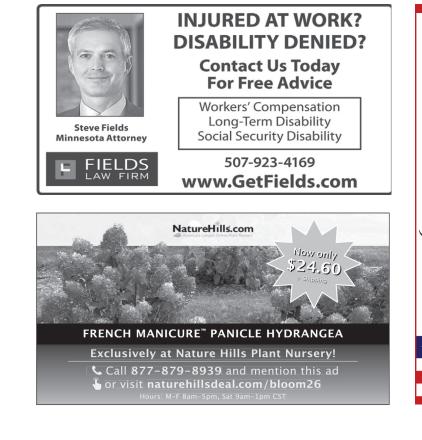
Nolz said the Sept. 16 walk promotes health and wellness by encouraging people to get out and walk together for a common cause.

"It's an excellent way to give back to your community and to show your support to those affected by suicide," she said.

To involve the community ahead of the event, the group is inviting the public to a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, in Luverne City Park.

Nolz can be reached at angela.nolz@sanfordhealth. org.





# **DO YOU HAVE A US FLAG TO RETIRE?**

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If your US flag is ready to retire and you'd like to properly dispose of it, please place it in the

**RETIREMENT BOX** 

located on the lower level of the

**Rock County Courthouse** 

across from the

Veterans Service Office.

# **Star Herald CONNUNITY**

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Eleven Luverne High School seniors signed Future Educator Letters of Intent in a committment ceremony earlier this month. They include (from left) Camden Janiszeski, Emma Beyer, Abigail Anderson, Ashton Eitreim, Tiana Lais, Logan Ommen, Katharine Kelm, Kamryn Van Batavia, Elizabeth Wagner, Jacie Graham and Anja Jarchow. Submitted photo

# Future educators in Luverne, H-BC sign Letters of Intent

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

Fifteen Rock County graduating seniors signed Future Educator Letters of Intent in the Hills-Beaver Creek and Luverne districts.

The program encourages graduates to return to their home districts to teach after completing their college degrees.

The H-BC Education Association conducted its first educator signing Wednesday morning, May 17.

"We commend you on making an honorable decision to improve the quality of education for students," said teacher and program host Samantha McGaffee.

"You will be a great asset as we work toward 'Educat-

The Hills-Beaver Creek Education Association conducted its first Future Educator Letters of Intent signing May 17. Four students promised to become future educators. They include (from left) Amallia Ternus, Britton McKenzie, Brayden Metzger and Taylor Huisman. Submitted photo ing America's Future."

Four H-BC seniors signed commitment letters. They include Braydon Metzger, Taylor Huisman, Britton McKenzie and Amallia Ternus.

The Luverne Education Association conducted a Future Educator Letter of Intent signing earlier this month.

Eleven LHS seniors signed letters of intent to become educators.

They include Camden Janiszeski, Emma Beyer, Abigail Anderson, Ashton Eitreim, Tiana Lais, Logan Ommen, Katharine Kelm, Kamryn Van Batavia, Elizabeth Wagner, Jacie Graham and Anja Jarchow.



## **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Card showers**

**Mel and Bev Viessman** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, May 24. Greetings may ber sent to them at 500 Phyleon Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Wilma Elbers** will celebrate her 90th birthday on Wednesday, May 31. Greetings may be sent to her at Parkview Manor; 308 Sherman Ave.; Ellsworth, MN 56129.

# **MENU AT GENERATIONS**

**Monday, May 29:** Memorial Day — Closed.

**Tuesday, May 30:** Pastain meat sauce, romaine salad with dressing, pineapple chunks, bread stick, dessert.

Wednesday, May 31: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, pears, bread, bar.

Thursday, June 1: Chicken a la king, brown rice, broccoli, fruit cocktail, cookie.

**Friday, June 2:** Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, California Norman-

dy vegetables, bread, fruit. Half-Price Day in memory of Delores Dreesen.

LSS Dining offers wellbalanced 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: Welzenbach used to work as cigar maker in Iowa

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.

#### John Welzenbach, Luverne...was Early Day Cigar Maker

Old time cigar smokers well remember the famous "Brown Beauty" and "Speckled Trout" cigars, but it may be a surprise to many of them to know that a Luverne man, John Welzenbach, once helped make them in a Davenport, Iowa, cigar factory. A carpenter's son, Mr. Welzenbach had little choice but to learn a trade of some kind. As there was an opening in the cigar factory, he served his apprenticeship, and continued in that line of work for 15 years. Then, his health was endangered so he quit and moved to Rock county where he started farming. Mr. Welzenbach was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 18, 1868, the son of Anton and Barbara Welzenbach. At the age of three, he came with them to the United States and grew to young manhood in Davenoort, Iowa. Heattended the public schools, but because he belonged to what he terms the "proletariat," he had to begin earning his own money early in life.



# BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

well. But at the insistence of his parents, he began learn-

# **Remember When**

#### 10 years ago (2013)

•The new Luverne logo that was unveiled April 16 is showing up on city vehicles, stationery and now on colorful banners that started going up on Main Street light poles Tuesday afternoon. There are 55 light poles between Highway 75 and the Rock River Bridge.

The 18-by-40-inch panels on each side of the light poles carry the various messages about Luverne. One panel has the Luverne logo, and the other says, "Love the life," or "Love the charm," or "Love the arts," and so on, incorporating different aspects that have been identified as sources of local pride.

The bottoms of the banners are 10 feet from the ground, and the tops are just under the street lamps. The Main Street banners cost roughly \$15,000, which is covered by Luverne's contingency fund.

#### 25 years ago (1998)

•George Bonnema is retiring from his job as a business education teacher at Luverne High School. As a native of the county, his ties to the community are long, strong and deep. He grew up just eight miles south of Luverne and graduated from Hills High School before going on to Northwestern College, Orange City.

When he graduated from college and got married in 1964, his first job was at Magnolia High School. Four years later, when Louise Berg took the library job at the high school, Bonnema applied for her business education position in Luverne. ...

In the next phase of his life, he's planning to use his time to volunteer and work part time. He also plans to continue duties as a referee at school.

#### 50 years ago (1973)

•There will be three Co-Valedictorians and four Co-Salutatorians in the Luverne High School graduating Class of 1973, school officials announced last week.

Named to Valedictorian honors were Susan Den Herder, Deborah Kirby and Debra Tofteland. Co-Salutatorians this year are Jane Estenson, Narcy Recker, Susan Toms and Ann VanderKooi.

The seven young ladies head a list of 44 Luverne seniors this year who attained a 3.0 or above average.

#### 75 years ago (1948)

•Orville Ohlen is now sole owner of The Grill café, having purchased Karl Heiden's interest in the business. He had previously purchased Arnold Ormseth's interest, with whom Heiden was associated when the business was bought from Marvel Roberts. The café will be closed today to install air conditioning equipment and for a general "spring housecleaning," Ohlen announced, but will re-open tomorrow for business. The Grill Room, in the basement is open every Saturday and Sunday night, and available for private parties on other nights.

#### 100 years ago (1923)

•With afternoon and evening sessions being held each day, the Rock County Sunday School association will hold their annual convention tomorrow and Sunday in this city.

Two state representatives will be here for the two days of the convention. They are Rev. P. A. Lang, field worker, and Miss Mabel Bailey, of Minneapolis, state primary worker. Both of these are said to be wonderful speakers, and great things are expected of them.

At the sessions tomorrow afternoon and evening, Rev. H. J. Meinders, of Beaver Creek, president of the association, will preside. The program will consist of worship and song, and addresses by the state representatives and by Rev. H.F. Rieke, of Pleasant View. An election of officers will be held in the evening.

# **College News**

#### Brake earns PhD at U of Nebraska

Joseph Brake, son of Curtis and Theresa Brake of Northfield and grandson of Ivan and Betty Brake of Luverne, received his PhD in biochemistry from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln on May 19, 2023.

His dissertation is titled "Copper in Hepatocyte Functions and Fat Metabolism: Protection from Hepatic Lipid Toxicity by Copper Homeostasis."

A graduate of Northfield High School, he earned his

BS degree in biochemistry from Winona State University.

#### DSU announces honors students

Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota, has released the Spring 2023 honors list. To be eligible, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0. Named to the list were Ethan Teunissen, Cade Wenninger and Austin Winter, all of Luverne.

#### Weeded Onions

One of his first salary jobs as a boy was weeding onions in the big onion fields near Davenport. He was about 12 or 13 years old at the time. Anyone who has done any weed pulling at all can well imagine how difficult a task he had. "We'd work on our hands and knees 10 hours a day for 25 cents a day," Mr. Welzenbach states, "and man, would the backs of our ears be sunburned and blistered!" Later, he was promoted from weed pulling to "topping" the onions. This was a more specialized job, and carried with it a salary increase of 75 cents a day, boosting his total earnings to \$1.00 a day.

One summer, he hired out to a farmer to herd cows, and if he had his way about it, he'd have been a farmer from the start, because he always liked working in the open so ing the cigar making trade, and although he didn't make it his life's work, it did provide him with experience that he perhaps never would have had otherwise.

For instance, in the fall of 1895, when the work was slack, he together with his brother and a friend pooled their resources and bought a cabin boat and travelled down the Mississippi river from Davenport to St. Louis. "We had all the comforts of home," Mr. Welzenbach states, "and as long as we were not pressed for time, we were in no hurry to reach our destination. The current of the river and the wind was all the power we had. All we had to do was to guide the boat to keep it in the center of the channel. Once in a while, we'd use our sweeps (a form of an oar) to go to shore where we would do a little hunting, we'd anchor occasionally if the weather was rough. It took us six weeks to get to St. Louis, and we really had a dandy trip. After we got there, we sold our boat and came back by train, just in time to go back to work again."

#### Came Here in 1900

When he was advised to get out of the cigar factory to protect his health, he immediately decided to begin farming. Being unable to rent a place in Iowa, he came to Minnesota, where his brother-in-law lived. Here, he found, he was able to buy a farm out of his savings, so he made a deal for the purchase of the southwest quarter of section 14 in Mound township. He moved there in March, 1900, and since then, has been a Rock county resident.

(Welzenbach's story continues next week.)

## **OBITUARIES**

#### **Margaret Kuiken**

Margaret Kuiken, age 96, of Luverne, Min-

nesota, went to be with her Lord on Monday, May 15, 2023, while at the **Pipestone County** Hospice House in Pipestone, Minnesota. Visitation will be Tuesday, May 23, from 5 to 7 p.m.

at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Funeral service will be Wednesday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne. To view Margaret's LifeTribute video or sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Margaret Kuiken was born on September 24, 1926, to Marinus and Jenny Louise (VerMeer) Intveld in Hull, Iowa. She grew up on the family farm, attending school at Lincoln Township No. 14 near Hull. She developed a good work ethic by helping in the home and on the farm.

On December 18, 1946, Margaret was united in marriage to Donald Kuiken. Throughout her life, she was a homemaker and helped with farm work when and where needed. Margaret and Don started farming north of Hull, then near Luverne, Minnesota, and also Montevideo, Minnesota. In 1957 they returned to Luverne, moving to their farm south of Luverne where they raised their family and farmed for the next 38 years. They retired in 1995 and built a new home in Luverne. Don passed to glory in 2007.

In 2015 Margaret moved into The Oaks, assisted living in Luverne. In June of 2022 she entered hospice care. Margaret was a faith-

ful member of American

**Reformed Church** in Luverne where she was involved in teaching Sunday school and Bible school. She was also active in a Bible study group, Circle, and Guild. She loved the Lord and doing the service

she was called to do. She was  $a\,member\,of\,the\,clintonaires$ extension club and an avid Twins fan, attending many games. She enjoyed playing cards, serving, yard work, reading, and cryptogram puzzles.

During their retirement years, Don and Margaret enjoyed spending their winters in California and Arizona. They also did a lot of traveling during the summer. One of her greatest joys was her family.

Margaret is lovingly remembered by her son, Leslie (Linda) Kuiken of Kingsville, Texas; daughter Virginia (Henry) Sandbulte of Luverne; daughter-in-law Verla Kuiken of Big Bear City, California; eight grandchildren, Tammy (Angie) Whitiken, Matt Kuiken, Aaron Kuiken, Arlin Sandbulte, David (Amy) Sandbulte, Tim Kuiken, Todd (Kari) Kuiken, and Jeremy Kuiken; five great-grandsons, Quinn and Micah Sandbulte, Nixon and Carter Kuiken, and Kollyn Kuiken; and brother Leroy (Wanda) Intveld of Sioux Center, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; daughter Carol Mae Kuiken; son Eddy Kuiken; granddaughter Ranae Sandbulte; sisters Elizabeth (Case) Boeve, Cynthia (Albert) Boeve, and Thelma (Arnold) Menning; and brother James (Gert) Intveld.

To God be the Glory.

#### Norman Wessels

Norman Wessels, age 94, County.

of Luverne, Minnesota, died peacefully on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Country View Manor in Sibley, Iowa. Visitation will

be Sunday, May 21, beginning at noon and followed by a funeral service at

1 p.m., all at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial will be held Monday at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

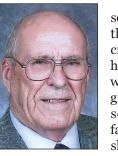
Norman Wessels was born August 28, 1928, to Frederick and Jennie (Bergman) Wessels in Nobles County, Minnesota. He was the second of twelve children. He grew up in the Ash Creek and Hardwick areas. The Wessels family moved to their family farm south of Ash Creek in 1942. He was baptized and confirmed at the State Line Ebenezer Church. He attended school in Rock

#### John Rodgers

Private family services

for John C. Rodgers, age 68, of Fairmont, Minnesota, will be held at a later date. John passed away from metastatic prostate cancer on Thursday, May 18, 2023. He was surrounded by his loving family at his

home in Fairmont. Memorials collected will be donated to the Lutz Cancer Center in Fairmont for the garden. John and Mary spent hours enjoying this thoughtful addition to the treatment center and would like to help contribute to the continuation of the joy it brought to them both. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements. John Calvin Rodgers was born on June 6, 1954, in Sac City, Iowa. He was the beloved son of Everett and Ruth (Decker) Rodgers. John graduated from Luverne High School in 1972, where he was an all-state baseball player for the Luverne Cardinals. He played French horn in the high school band, where he met Mary VandenHoek, the love of his life. He furthered his education at Augustana College where he also played baseball at the collegiate level. John completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska-



Following school, he lived on the farm. He first crossed paths with his future bride while attending first grade in country school. Norman's family moved for a short time and they

were reacquainted at Sunday School a few years later.

He was united in marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Joyce Reemts on January 14, 1949, at the Presbyterian Manse at the State Line Ebenezer Church. The couple lived for a short time in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and then Ash Creek before settling into their home in Luverne in 1954. Norman worked in manufacturing for his whole career. He was the plant and production manager at A.R. Wood Manufacturing Company for 29 years and then 11 years in that same position at Luverne Truck Equipment Company.

Following retirement, Norman and Joyce enjoyed spending more time at their lake home on Lake Shetek

and their winter home in Texas.

On May 23, 2020, Joyce preceded Norman in death. Norman joined her in heaven on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, while under hospice care at the Country View Manor in Sibley Iowa.

Norman was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne where he served as a deacon, trustee and also on various committees throughout the years. He was a member of the Rock County Historical Society. He was a Jaycee and past member of the Masonic Lodge and El Riad Shrine. He served as director of the board for the Pine to Palm Resort Park.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, pitching softball for many summers, bowling, and a game of horse shoes. He loved spending time with Joyce, his wife of 71 years, and working on her "honey do" lists. His family and friends knew him well for his skill as a handyman.

Norman is lovingly remembered by his children, Linda (Dick Knapper) Schoon of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Mark (Lin) Wes-

sels of Rock Rapids; eight grandchildren; 16 greatgrandchildren; brothers Lowell Wessels of Steen, Minnesota, Harold Wessels of Luverne, Douglas Wessels of Hardwick, and David (Beverly) Wessels of Steen; sister Enore Boelman of Luverne; daughterin-law, Linda Wessels of Rock Rapids; sisters-in-law Gladys (Herman) Walker of Sioux Falls, Theresa Wessels of Luverne, and Gertrude Wessels of Luverne; brotherin-law Ed Elbers of Luverne; other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; son Michael Wessels; grandson Andy Wessels; great-granddaughter, Lucille Sailor; siblings Vernice Wessels, Dale Wessels, Darrel Wessels, Stanley Wessels, Phyllis Schouwenberg, and Iva Elbers; sisters-in-law Dorothy Johnson, Sharon Wessels, Jolene Wessels, and Ginny Wessels; brothersin-law Edwin Boelman, and Donald Schouwenberg; and parents Fred and Jennie Wessels.

(Lovingly written by Joyce Wessels)

pre-requisite work for the veterinarian program at the University of Minnesota – Morris. He obtained his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

in 1983. Later in life, he received his master's degree in beef cattle reproduction from the University of Minnesota. John was an enthusiastic lifelong learner and avid reader.

On August 9, 1975, John was united in marriage to Mary at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. They had four daughters: Molly, Ingrid,

Sarah and Emily. The couple

spent most of their married

life in Fairmont. John and

Mary were blessed to have

over 47 years together. They

spent their favorite moments

drinking coffee, bird watch-

ing, planting flowers, mowing

the lawn, reading up on hor-

ticulture and native plants,

watching sunsets, enjoying

happy hour, pontoon cruises,

trips to the cabin on Roy Lake

and traveling to visit children

animal veterinarian at the

Fairmont Veterinary Clinic

for 13 years, where he enjoyed

caring for local farms. He

then became a beef cattle

reproductionist and con-

John worked as a large

and grandchildren.

sultant with Pfizer Animal Health. This gave him and Mary the opportunity to travel together.

He loved being outside; he often stated that there was "no bad weather, just bad gear." With his young family, he enjoyed many hours on Leech Lake and the Missouri River walleye fishing, tent camping adventures and biking trips with six bikes on top of the suburban and a boat behind. Later he trained and ran marathons and was able to complete a full marathon with each daughter. He even participated in an Ironman Triathlon during his cancer treatment. He also completed several triathlons with his daughters and sons-in-law. He cherished annual turkey hunting trips to Nebraska with his good friend, Dennis Katzer, where he enjoyed being close to nature on the prairie. Annual summer trips to Grandview Lodge were spent fishing with grandchildren, large family dinners, and nightly sunset boat rides. He was always up for an adventure with his sons-in-law including summer and winter trips in the BWCA, hiking on the Superior Hiking Trail and watching baseball games to cheer on the Minnesota Twins. He was an aspiring cowboy at heart, riding horses with the girls and cattle drives out west. Most recently he found

graduated from high school,

Kenny and Hazel bought a

farm outside of Pigeon Falls,

Wisconsin, and stayed in that

area until Robert graduated

from high school. He then

accepted a position as a

USDA Food Safety inspector

and they moved to Luverne,

made friends easily. Kenny

was a millwright at the

Wilson's packing plant and

could fix almost anything. He

was an expert welder and a

voracious reader and enjoyed

loving wife, Hazel, sons

Kenneth, James and his

wife Grace, and John and

his wife Nina; sisters Ann

Iris White and Frances

Ranelli; grandsons Mark and

Jacob Hopperstad; wonder-

Survivors include his

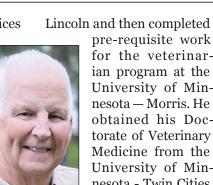
making people laugh.

He was outgoing and

Minnesota.

joy in water aerobics at the Fairmont Aquatic park and every morning and night like clockwork he would take his dog on a 0.5 mile walk.

Left to cherish his memory include his beautiful wife, Mary Rodgers; daughters Molly (Phil) Brummond, Ingrid (Darin) Bjerknes, Sarah (Jacob) Clements, and Emily (Joseph) Trindal; grandchildren (nicknames given by their granddad) Ava "Aviator" (11) and Brynlee "Brynzilator" (8) Brummond, Capri "Caprister" (12) and Beckham "Beckabooster" (11) Bjerknes, Layla "Layla Louster" (7), Calvin "Calvinator" (5), and Betsy "Betsyboo" (2) Clements, and Elenor "Ellie-ooper" (3) and identical twin girls, Hazel "Hazy-Daisy" (1), and Aila "Aila-Bella" (1) Trindal; sister Julie (Scott) Rosin; mother-in-law MildredVandenHoek; blacklab companion and friend Jack Rodgers; and other relatives and friends. Along with his parents Everett and Ruth Rodgers, John was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Calvin VandenHoek; brothers-inlaw Bob VandenHoek, Jon VandenHoek, and Terry Ohlsen; and sister-in-law Julie Ohlsen.



Judy Mae (Church) Gil- partner, Ray Davis of Spen-

man, 82, of Spencer, Iowa, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Monday, May 15, 2023.

**Judy Gilman** 

Judy was born on April 8, 1941, to Harvey and Ruth (Anundson) Church in

Volga, South Dakota.

She married Robert "Bob" Franklin Gilman on May 1, 1960. They were together for 24 years before Bob's death in 1984. In 1965 Judy and Bob moved to Luverne, Minnesota, where they raised four sons, Robert, David, Michael, and Roy.

Judy moved to Spencer in 1989 to be closer to family. There she met her partner, Ray Davis, where they happily spent more than 30 years together.

Throughout her life, Judy enjoyed traveling, camping, gardening, and cooking. She had an impressive garden and introduced family to many new rhubarb desserts. She loved bird watching and collected bird houses

Judy's boys and their families were the highlight of herlife. She adored spending time with family and always enjoyed get-togethers with her sons, wives, grandchildren and extended family.

Judy was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bob; mother and father, Harvey and Ruth Church; brother John; and sister Audrey.

Judy is survived by her

cer; four sons, Robert Jr. and wife Tracy of Plano, Texas; David and wife Robin of Big Lake, Minnesota; Michael and wife Anna of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; Roy and wife Maria of Maplewood, Min-

nesota; 12 grandchildren located in Minnesota, Texas, Colorado, Norway and Japan; two future greatgrandchildren arriving this summer; two sisters, Bonnie Axtell and husband, Jerry, of Spencer and Beckey Gagnon of Spencer; brother Norm Church and Sandy Rybacki of Lake Placid, Florida; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 500 N. Kniss Avenue, Luverne. Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Judy's home in Spencer.

Arrangements are under the care of Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Pillars Hospice Home located in Oakdale, Minnesota. Please visit www. beyondhospicemn.org/donate for online donations and specify Judy Gilman in the comments, or mail to Episcopal Homes Foundation (490 East Lynnhurst Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104) and include a note specifying your donation to The Pillars Hospice Home in memory of Judy Gilman.

#### Kenneth Hopperstad

Kenneth John Hop-

perstad of Luverne, Minnesota, peacefully entered the Kingdom of God on the afternoon of May 20, 2023, with his wife, Hazel, at his side. He was 88 yeas old.

Kenny, as he was known to his

friends, was born August 31, 1934, in Albert Lea, Minnesota, to Edwin Kenneth ("EK") Hopperstad and Sarah (Kinden) Hopperstad. He had an older sister, Ann Iris, and two younger sisters, Frances and Marilyn. EK owned the Touristville Service Station in Mason City for a couple years before buying the Ford garage in Emmons, Minnesota. At the start of World War II, the family

moved to Long Beach, California, where Kenny grew up.

> After his discharge from the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, Kenny settled in Albert Lea and worked at the Wilson and Company packing

plant where he met the love of his life and his wife of almost 67 years, Hazel Marie Christensen.

They began farming south of Emmons, Minnesota, then west of Emmons, and finally buying the Kinden family farm from his uncles and aunts north of Lake Mills, Iowa. Their family grew by four sons, Kenneth, James, John and Robert during that time. After John

He will be cherished in the hearts of his loved ones. www.lakeviewfuneralhome.net

ful neighbors Jolene and Mike Cronin; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joining Kenny in heaven are his father and mother, EK and Sarah Hopperstad; son Robert Hopperstad; daughter-in-law Lucy Hopperstad; sister Marilyn Skinner; brothers-in-law Bob White and Gino Ranelli; and sister-in-law and brotherin-law Frances and Phillip Teetzel.

Kenny's memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Dingmann Funeral Home, Luverne, officiated by Monsignor Gerald Kosse. A time of fellowship will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday. Inurnment will be a private family gathering at a future date.

**New Obituary Pricing** 

All death notices and obituaries are 25 cents per word. This includes one photo. A second photo is \$10. If a death notice is submitted, then later an obituary, the death notice fees will be waived.



# Blue Mounds State Park to host naturalist programs in June

The Blue Mounds State Park naturalist will offer the following upcoming programs. Questions: bluemounds.statepark@state. mn.us or 507-283-6050.

**Colors of the Prairie** will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 2, at Eagle Rock Vista. Join the naturalist for a walk on the prairie to see what plants are blooming in early June. The prairie walk may cover up to 1.5 miles. Come prepared with sun and insect protection, a water bottle, and good walking shoes. All ages welcome.

**Pollinator Power Nature Cart** will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, at the Eagle Rock Vista. Pollinators — birds, bees, and butterflies — play an important role in the ecosystem and putting food on everyone's table. Meet some of the Blue Mounds' most common pollinator species during the stop-and-go style program. **Bison Babies Nature Cart** will be from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Eagle Rock Vista. With calving season in full swing, drop by the pop-up naturalist's station for some quick facts about the park's new herd members.

**Predators of the Sky** will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Satur-

the ramp and figuring out

## **Rall**/continued from page 4A

day, June 3, at the amphitheater. Learn about the park's birds of prey and how these birds use their adaptations to conquer the sky. Bring a chair as seating is limited. All ages welcome.

**Our Fellow Travelers** will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the amphitheater

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those wanting on.

ing or a long-term lake

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user who just doesn't get

loading your boat on and

off before you hit a busy

ramp. I have seen opera-

tors who attempted more

than a dozen times to drive

their boat onto the trailer.

They either have the trailer

backed way too far in or

not far enough. Learn

Join the naturalist to learn about migration — the how and why of seasonal migration, how it has changed over time, and the current migration paths through Blue Mounds State Park. Who is passing through and who is here to stay? Bring a chair as seating is limited.

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#### MAY Mental Health Awareness Month

The Maplewood Cemetery Board would like to remember all Veterans this Memorial Day

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where the boat fenders are in relation to the water line. Watch this in the rear view mirror. When the step on the fender is just even with the water level, that is my boat/trailer sweet spot.

> I was visiting with a stranger at a boat ramp last year as we entertained ourselves watching the antics of an unprepared boat launcher. The gentleman looked at me and said with a smile, "I know exactly what that guy's problem is." When I asked him to clarify, he very patiently responded that the person had just not been yelled at enough yet.

Don't be that person. Practice and get at least recreationally proficient at backing a trailer and knowing simple boat ramp etiquettes. The only thing that I know for sure is that when boating activity is brisk, you will need to pack a much larger cooler full of patience. If anybody knows where you can get a good deal on that, please let me know. I will stock up so I can share it at a busy boat ramp the next time someone runs out of it.

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

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# Star Herald SPORTS

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The Luverne girls' track team captured first place at the Minnesota Class A True Team State Meet Saturday, May 20. Pictured is the girls' track team and coaches. **Front left:** Grace Ingebretsen, Josie Anderson, Isabella Oye, Jocelyn Hart, Tiana Lais, Jadyn Hart, Elizabeth Wagner. **Middle left:** Coach Jodi Nelson, Abby Boltjes, Makena Nelson, Kendra Thorson, Corynn Oye, Kayla Bloemendaal, Jenna DeBates, Sarah Stegenga, Cassi Chesley, Roselynn Hartshorn, Maria Rops, Hannah Sneller, coach Cole Meester. **Back left:** Coach Katelyn Hart, coach Corey Nelson, Reinha John, Ella Schmuck, Anna Banck, Morgan Hadler, Jerzey Hood, Baylee Smidt, Hailey Como, Augusta Papik, head coach Pete Janiszeski. (submitted photo)

# Luverne High School girls' track team takes Class A True Team State meet, boys place fifth overall

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School girls' track and field team placed first and the boys' team placed fifth in the Minnesota Class A True Team State Meet in Stillwater Saturday, May 20.

Head coach Pete Janiszeski said he was pleased with Saturday's results.

"Luverne had the best combined finish of all schools that qualified both boys' and girls' teams," he said.

Luverne had four first-place individual finishers, 41 Top 10 finishers, 20 personal records and six season bests at the meet. Relay runners were Tiana Lais, Stegenga, Reinha John and Elizabeth Wagner

Luverne boys' top performances came from the secondplace-winning 4-by-800-meter relay team of Carsen Tofteland, Dylan Ommen, Sage Viessman, and Owen Janiszeski with a time of 8:44.66.

Lucky Dara was second in the 400 and Camden Janiszeski was second in the 3,200 meters.

"We are extremely proud of the kids for their tremendous effort and performances at the meet," Janiszeski said.

"Everyone competed hard and

with 371.5 and Howard Lake-Waverly 12th with 344.5 Combined scores for boys' teams are as follows:

Howard Lake-Waverly first with 561, Sauk Center second with 539, Maple River third with 518.5, St. Charles fourth with 500.5, Luverne fifth with 470.5, GMLOKS sixth with 430.5, L-FC-MC seventh with 421, Montevideo eighth with 392.5, Pierz ninth with 384, Holdingford tenth with 351, Pelican Rapids 11th with 328.5 and Fertile-Beltrami 12th with 238.

Janiszeski relayed a special message to the team before Sat-

**Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay** Third, 10:21.34, Tiana Lais, Ella Schmuck, Maria Rops, Cassi Chesley

**Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay** Second, 8:44.66, Carsen Tofteland, Dylan Ommen, Sage Viessman, Owen Janiszeski

**Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles** Sixth, 17.12, Augusta Papik 22nd, 19.24, Roselynn Hartshorn

Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles 18th, 18.52, Isaac DeBates 23rd, 20.60, Micah Anderson

**Girls' 100 Meters** 12th, 13.53, Isabella Oye 18th, 13.76, Anna Banck **Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay** Fifth, 53.26, Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Baylee Smidt, Hailey Como

Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay Ninth, 46.69, Ashton Hood, Coy Thone, Coulter Thone, Isaac DeBates

**Girls' 400 Meters** Fifth, 1:01.95, Elizabeth Wagner Seventh, 1:02.97, Tiana Lais

Boys' 400 Meters Second, 51.63, Lucky Dara 13th, 53.81, Zachary Terrio

**Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles** Fourth, 49.17, Reinha John 20th, 53.70, Roselynn Hartshorn

Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles

The Hart twins dominated the shotput and discus with Jocelyn first in the shot at 41-01.75 (Jadyn was second with 39-09) and Jadyn first in discus with 123-10 (Jocelyn was second with 120-02).

Jenna DeBates captured first place in the 1600 meters with a time of 5:13.89

Elizabeth Wagner placed first in the high jump event with a leap of five feet.

Sarah Stegenga was second in the long jump at 16-01.5, and the Cardinal girls' mile relay was second with a time of 4:16.78. did their very best to score points for their team, which is all you ever ask for as a coach."

Combined scores for girls' teams are as follows:

Luverne first with 551, Grand Meadow, Leroy-Ostrander, Kingsland, Southland second with 510, Chatfield third with 473.5, Minnewaska Area fourth with 459.5, West Marshall fifth with 425, Lanesboro-Fillmore Central-Mabel Canton sixth with 415.5, Pierz seventh with 406, Holdingford eighth with 403, Paynesville ninth with 394, Jackson County Central tenth with 379.5, Barnesville 11th urday's competition.

"Don't worry about what the stopwatch says; don't worry about what the tape measure says; don't worry about the scores," he said.

"Just worry about competing the whole time and being your best for that day, and they did just that."

The LHS track teams are scheduled to travel to Pipestone for Section 3A Sub-Sections Thursday, May 25.

Individual event results for the meet are as follows:

Boys' 100 Meters Ninth, 11.66, Lucky Dara 12th, 11.84, Gavin DeBeer

**Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay** Fifth, 1:52.15, Sarah Stegenga, Makena Nelson, Anna Banck, Bella Oye

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay Sixth, 1:35.94, DJ Rock, Coy Thone, Coulter Thone, Zach Terrio

**Girls' 1600 Meters** First, 5:13.89, Jenna DeBates 11th, 5:42.45, Cassi Chesley

Boys' 1600 Meters Fourth, 4:30.53, Camden Janiszeski Sixth, 4:34.85, Ryan Fick 22nd, 47.87, Coy Thone

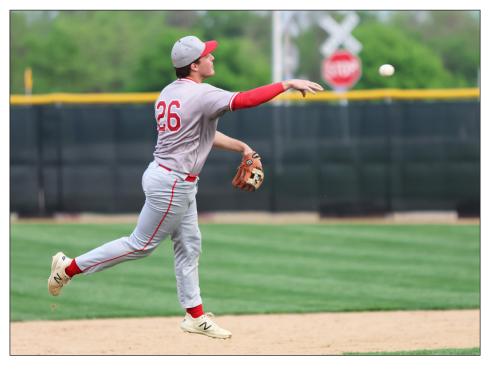
**Girls' 800 Meters** Third, 2:27.75, Jenna DeBates Fifth, 2:30.51, Elizabeth Wagner

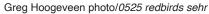
**Boys' 800 Meters** Third, 2:03.89, Ryan Fisk Fourth, 2:04.68, Carsen Tofteland

**Girls' 200 Meters** 15th, 28.44, Isabella Oye 21st, 28.76, Anna Banck

Boys' 200 Meters Seventh, 23.67, Lucky Dara 19th, 24.61, DJ Rock

LHS true team track/see page 3B





Casey Sehr flips the ball to first base against Jackson May 17. The Redbirds beat the Bulls 10-2 at Redbird Field.

# **Redbirds beat two tough teams**

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Redbirds collected two wins over the past week, beating Jackson at home 10-2 on May 17 and holding back Gopher League Milroy Irish with a 4-1 win on the road May 21.

Luverne will take on the Pipestone A's on the road Wednesday, May 24, and will host Ruthton Wednesday, May 31.

#### Redbirds 10, Jackson 2

The Redbirds clipped the Jackson Bulls 10-2 May 17 at Redbird Field.

The Redbirds and the Bulls started off the game scoreless in the first three innings and traded runs

Redbirds baseball/see page 3B

# Cardinals drop four tennis matches

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Cardinals boys' tennis team began section tournament play Monday night in Benson following three losses on the road over the past week.

LHS dropped games to Fairmont 7-0 on May 16 and Benson 7-0 and Dawson Boyd 6-1 on May 18 before returning Monday, May 22, to Benson where they lost to the No. 1-seeded team 7-0 in Section Quarterfinal play.

Next up is the Individual Section 3A Tournament Thursday, May 30, in Redwood Falls.

#### Fairmont 7, LHS o

The Luverne tennis team fell to Fairmont 7-0 at home on May 16 in several close matches.

"Against Fairmont, Parker Carbonneau's match was the one to watch," head coach Nathan Rud said.

"It was a very close match with lots of excellent shots by both players. Unfortunately Parker came up just a bit short with a strong showing."

In singles play, senior Ethan Nath fell 6-2, 6-3 to Jack Hagen, the No. 1 singles player in the Big South Conference.

Parker Carbonneau lost to



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0525 tennis carbonneau hemme Freshman Zander Carbonneau and sophomore Kaleb Hemme team up in doubles competition against Fairmont May 16 at home. The duo dropped two games at the meet.

Dominic Lund-May 6-3, 6-4 and senior Ross Bergman lost 6-1, 6-2 to Noah Vetter.

Luverne gave up one match to Fairmont by forfeit from lack of athletes able to play.

In doubles, freshman Zander Carbonneau and sophomore Kaleb Hemme fell 6-2, 6-0 to Carter Quist and Olivia Ortega.

Freshmen Austin Sandbulte and Elijah Henrichs were defeated 6-0, 6-1 by Wylee Frederiksen and Anthony Stegge.

LHS gave up one doubles match by forfeit due to lack of available players.

LHS tennis team/see page 4B

# Luverne Cardinals softball team wins three games in a row

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne High School softball team won three games in the past week to improve their season record to 13-6.

LHS beat Worthington at home 16-7 Tuesday, May 16, and took two games from Edgerton on the road 7-6, 9-6 Thursday, May 18.

Luverne will host Redwood Valley in Section 3AA play Saturday, May 27.

#### LHS 16, Worthington 7

The Cardinals softball team beat the Trojans 16-7 at home May 16 with a fifth-inning, eight-run rally.

Luverne started out slow, falling behind 6-3 in the third inning, giving up five runs in the first and committing several errors in the field.

The Cardinals tied the game in the fourth inning with help from a home run from sophomore Payton Behr that scored junior Anika Boll and freshman Allie Kracht.

In the fifth inning Luverne's bats came alive with eight runs.

Behr doubled to center, scoring junior Tori Serie and Boll.

Junior Elizabeth Smidt drove in Kracht, and Behr reached second on a Worthington error at shortstop.

Smidt scored on a fly ball by sophomore Ella Reisdorfer who reached first on an error.

Reisdorfer scored on a passed ball error by the catcher. Serie drove in two runs on a fly ball to center field, scoring sophomore Amira Cowell and senior Kaysie Lenz.

Luverne took a 15-7 lead after the fifth inning and added one more run in the sixth.

Junior Gracie Nath relieved Cowell in the first inning and pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing five hits and two runs and striking out 13 batters.

She also threw a total of 123 pitches in the game with 78 strikes. She faced 31 batters.

"We had a rough start to the Worthington game, but Gracie Nath came in and pitched well and we strung together some good at bats," head coach Brooks Maurer said.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0525 softball behr

Sophomore Payton Behr arrives home surrounded by her teammates after driving the ball over the fence for a home run against Worthington May 16. LHS beat the Trojans 16-7 at home.

#### BOX Score

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LHS	0	2	1	4	8	1	x <b>16</b>
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Behr		5		3	3	5	
Smidt		5		1	0	3	
Olson		4		0	1	0	
Reisdor	fer	5		2	1	0	
Cowell		5		2	1	0	
Franker	ı	2		0	0	0	
Lenz		2		1	1	0	
Serie		4		3	4	3	
Boll		3		2	2	2	
Kracht		3		2	1	0	
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#### PITCHING

Luverne R ER SO Cowell .3 5 5 5 0 Nath 6.3 5 13 2 1 Pitches-Strikes: Cowell 7-6, Nath 123-78 Batters faced: Cowell 6, Nath 31

#### LHS 7, Edgerton 6

LHS took both games from Edgerton in the doubleheader on May 18.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0525franken

Junior Kenedee Franken bunts to move base runners against Worthington at home May 17. Luverne beat the Trojans 16-7.

Winter scored on the same play, winning the game 7-6.

Behr smacked her second home run for the year in the fifth inning on a fly ball to center field.

surrendering six runs on seven hits, striking out five batters.

#### **BOX Score**

LHS	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	7	
EDCD	Δ	Δ	Δ	Δ	2	1	Δ	6	

Olson	3	1	2	5					
Reisdorfer	4	0	0	0					
Cowell	4	0	0	0					
Franken	2	0	0	0					
Lenz	2	0	1	0					
Serie	4	0	1	0					
Boll	4	0	1	0					
Kracht	2	1	0	0					
Winter	-	-	-	-					
2B: Olson									
HR: Olson,	Behr								
Total bases: Olson 6, Behr 5, Smidt									
Lenz, Serie, Boll									
SB: Smidt, Winter									

#### PITCHING

Luverne IP R ER SO н Nath 7 7 6 5 1 Pitches-Strikes: Nath 108-73 Batters faced: Nath 32

#### LHS 9, Edgerton 6

The Cardinals took the second game May 18 from EHS 9-6, scoring three runs in the seventh inning.

Reisdorfer started the seventh inning grounding out while scoring Behr from third.

Smidt scored on a passed ball by the Edgerton catcher and Cowell drilled a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Olson.

In the second inning Smidt hit her first home run, driving the ball over the left field fence and scoring courtesv runner sophomore Regan Mehlhaff and Behr.

The Cardinals covered a total of 12 bases, Smidt with five, on seven hits in the game.

Behr stole two bases in the game with Cowell, Olson and Smidt adding one each.

Cowell started the game pitching three innings while surrendering five runs on five hits and one strikeout.

Nath pitched four innings allowing one run one hit and struck out one batter.

# **BOX Score**

EDGR		0	4	0		0	0	0
LHS	2	3	0	1	0	3	х	9

BATTING				
Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI
Behr	3	3	2	0
Smidt	2	3	2	3
Olson	2	2	1	1
Reisdorfer	4	0	1	0
Cowell	3	0	0	1
Serie	3	0	0	0
Boll	3	0	0	0
Lenz	2	0	1	0
Kracht	2	0	0	0
Winter	1	0	0	0
2B: Olson, F	Reisdo	orfer		
HR: Smidt				
Total bases	: Smio	dt 5,	Behr	2, Olson 2,
Reisdorfer 2	, Lenz	Z		
SB: Behr 2,	Cowe	ell, O	lson,	Smidt

"Behr and Serie were really good offensively. Tori with three doubles and Payton only a single away from hitting for the cycle."

The Cardinals won the first game after breaking a 6-6 tie in the bottom of the seventh inning. Serie reached first on an error,

and designated batter Kianna

Senior Carly Olson collected her fourth home run of the season in the sixth inning, scoring base runners Kracht, Behr and Smidt. Nath toed the rubber for LHS.

BATTING				
Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI
Behr	4	2	2	1
Smidt	4	2	1	0

Luverne	IP	н	R	ER	SO						
Cowell	3	5	5	5	1						
Nath	4	1	1	0	3						
Pitches-St	Pitches-Strikes: Cowell 54-30, Nath										
55-46											
Batters fac	ed: C	owell	16, I	Nath <sup>-</sup>	15						

PITCHING

# Patriots golf teams participate in Red Rock Conference meet

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams participated in the Red Rock Conference meet in Worthington Tuesday, May 16.

Individually **for the** boys, the Patriots Micah Bush and Cameron Allen both turned in a two-round total of 93, Callum Bartels finished with a 112, Brock

Harnack with a 115, Camdyn Broesder with a 132 and Cooper Gehrke finished with a 143.

"Micah Bush placed 13th individually in the fourweek competition, missing the All-Conference team by three places, which consists of the Top 10 players," head coach Dan Ellingson said. "The boys are still looking to break that 400 barrier in team scoring. We are inching closer, and it would be a great way to finish the season and reach that goal."

Week 4 of the Red Rock Conference boys' team event saw Adrian/Ellsworth finish in front with a combined team score of 343. Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda/Westbrook Walnut

Grove took second with 346, Southwest Christian-Edgerton placed third with 388, Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey was fourth with 410, Hills-Beaver Creek finished fifth with 413, Murray County Central was sixth with 414 and Rock Central finished seventh with 432.

The **Patriot girls'** golf team was not able to compile a team score due to only two golfers on their team.

In Week 4 Taylor Spykerboer finished with an 18-hole total score of 118 and Abigayl Olson shot a 121.

"Freshman Abby Olson made the Girls' All-Conference Golf Team, a great accomplishment for her since she has only been

golfing since last season," Ellingson said.

"Taylor Spykerbboer had her best 18-hole score of the year and has improved during this season."

The Patriot boys' and girls' golf teams will travel to Worthington Wednesday, May 24, for Section 3AA golf competition.



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### Redbirds baseball team/from 1B \_

in the fourth.

Luverne added one run each in the fifth and sixth innings to take a 3-1 lead.

In the seventh inning the Birds took flight, scoring five runs. Casey Sehr and Nick Smith both scored on wild patches, Phil Paquette crossed home on a Serie single, Skyler Wenninger scored on a Cade Wenninger fly ball to center, and Serie scored on a Derek Lundgren single.

The Redbirds added two more runs in the eighth inning to cap off a 10-2 victory.

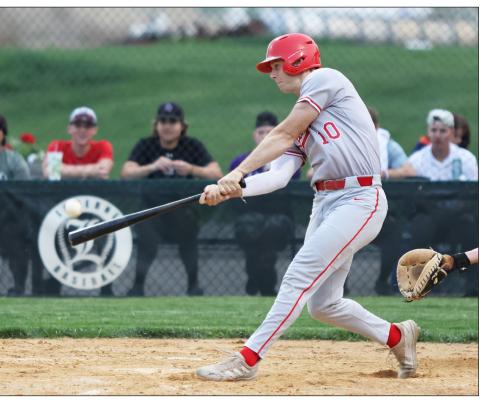
Ben Serie led the Redbirds with three runs on three hits, covering a total of four bases.

Serie started on the mound for the Redbirds, surrendering one run on three hits, striking out eight over six innings.

Jake Haugen came in to relieve Serie in the seventh inning, allowing one run on one hit, striking out three batters.

#### **BOX Score**

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RBirds	0	0	0 1	1	1	5	2	x 10	S.Wennir
									Beyer
BATTIN	G								Serie
Luverne	Э		AE	3	R	Н		RBI	Johnson
Smith			4		1	2		0	Ahrens



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0525 redbirds lundgren

Redbirds batter Derek Lundgren meets the ball against the Bulls May 17 at Redbird Field. Luverne beat Jackson 10-2 in the second game of the season.

Ripka	-	-	-	-	C. Wenninger	5	0	1	2	
Paquette	4	1	1	1	Lundgren	4	0	1	1	
S.Wenninger	3	1	1	0	Sehr	3	1	0	0	
Beyer	0	1	0	0	Nath	3	2	1	0	
Serie	4	3	3	1	2B: C. Wennir	nger,	John	son, S	Serie	
Johnson	3	0	1	1	Total bases: Serie 4, C. Wenninger 2,					
Ahrens	1	0	1	1	Johnson 2, Smith 2, Paquette, Ahrens, Nat					

Lundgren, S. Wenninger SB: Nath, C. Wenninger, Serie

#### PITCHING

Luverne	IP	н	R	ER	so					
Serie	6	3	1	1	8					
Haugen	3	1	1	1	3					
Pitches-Strikes: Serie 71-52, Hau-										
gen 48-34										
Batters faced: Serie 21, Haugen 12										

#### **Redbirds 4, Milroy Irish 1**

Luverne went on the road to beat Gopher League Milroy Irish 4-1 May 21.

The Redbirds racked up 12 hits in the game with four team RBIs.

In the third inning, Smith finally scored for Luverne on a Paquette single, closing the inning with the Redbirds up 1-0.

In the fourth inning, the Birds added three runs to go up 4-1 over the Irish.

Sehr tripled on a line drive to center scoring S Wenninger and C Wenninger.

Beyer singled to right bringing in Sehr from third

base. Sehr led the Luverne offense with three hits and three RBIs while scoring one

run Smith took the mound for the Redbirds, allowing seven hits and one run over seven innings, striking out 14 batters.

Fowler came in as the reliever, pitching two innings, allowing three hits and no runs, and striking out two batters.

#### **BOX Score**

RBirds 0 0 1 3 0 0 0 0 4 Irish 00010000**1** 

#### BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI				
Nath	4	0	0	0				
Smith	5	1	2	0				
Paquette	5	0	2	1				
S Wenninger	4	1	2	0				
C Wenninger	3	1	1	0				
Sehr	4	1	3	2				
Beyer	3	0	1	1				
Overgaard	3	0	0	0				
Ripka	4	0	1	0				
2B: Smith								
3B: Sehr								
Total Bases: Sehr 5, Smith 3, S								
Wenninger 2,	Paqu	lette	2, Be	eyer,				

Ripka, C Wenninger

#### PITCHING

R ER SO IP Luverne н Smith 7 7 1 14 0 Fowler 2 3 0 2 Pitches-Strikes: Smith 101-76, Fowler 22-18 Batters faced: Smith 30, Fowler 9

# Successful outings for H-BC track

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Hills-Beaver Creek track and field teams had successful outings in the past week with top placings in Worthington and Slayton.

The Patriots competed in the Trojan Relays Tuesday, May 16, where the H-BC boys and girls placed second among Class A teams.

H-BC athletes competed in the Red Rock Conference meet May 18 in Slavton where the girls' team placed third and the boys were fourth.

The Patriots will travel to Pipestone Thursday, May 25, for Section 3A Sub-Sections and Montevideo Thursday, June 1, for Sections.

#### **Trojan Relays**

with 42 and Worthington was eighth with 20.5 combined team points.

Individual event results for the meet are as follows:

#### Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles Fifth, 19.20, Ava Steinhoff Ninth, 19.95, Larissa Steinhoff

**Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles** Sixth, 21.24, Jackson Gehrke Seventh, 21.50, James Vanden Bosch

Girls' 100 Meters First, 12.77, Brynn Bakken Fourth, 14.23, Brynn Rauk

Boys' 100 Meters Second, 12.08, Cooper Gehrke Third, 12.33, Beau Bakken

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay Third, 1:58.49, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Hailey Moser, Sage De-Boer

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay Second, 1:39.33, Cooper Gehrke, Beau Bakken, Blake Leenderts,

**Girls' Triple Jump** First, 33-10 Brynn Bakken Fourth, 27-09, Bailey Spykerboer

Boys' Triple Jump Third, 37-10, Blake Leenderts Fourth, 36-11.75, Sawyer Bosch

Girls' High Jump Second, 4-09, Ava Steinhoff Sixth, 4-06, Larissa Steinhoff

Boys' High Jump Fifth, 5-06, James Vanden Bosch Seventh, 5-02, Elisha Taubert

#### **Red Rock Conference** Track Meet

The Patriot boys' team placed fourth with 114 combined team points out of seven and the girls were third with 140 points in Slavton, May 18.

H-BC had five firstplace finishes at the meet. Brvnn Bakken placed

first in the 100 meters with a time of 13.05, the 200 meters with a time of 26.67, long jump at 16 feet, one inch.

# LHS baseball team takes four wins, loses one

**BOX Score** 

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne baseball team played five games this past week and improved their record to 16-4 for the season.

The Cardinals beat Worthington 14-4 away May 16, they blanked Windom 9-0 on the road May 18, lost to Fairmont 5-1 in the Big South Championship in Fairmont May 20, and took down Adrian/Ellsworth 1-0 and Edgerton 7-2 at Redbird Field May 22.

The Cardinals were scheduled to play Murray County Central at home Tuesday, May 23.

Seeding for Section 3AA baseball took place Wednesday, May 24.

#### LHS 14, Worthington 4

Luverne started out strong against Worthington and took home a 14-4 win in Worthington May 16.

LHS	6	2	4	0	2	х	x 14
WRTH	1	0	3	0	0	х	x <b>4</b>
Batting	1						
Luvern		Δ	в	R	н	R	BI
Sehr		2		2	0	0	2.
Ahrend	ŧ	0		0	õ	Ő	
Sneller		3		3	3	1	
Vorther	me	1		0	0	0	
Stroh	1113	3		3	2	1	
Connel		2		3	1	0	
Serie		3		1	2	3	
Miller		0		0	0	0	
Domag	داد	4		0	1	1	
DeBoei		2		1	0	0	
Buss		0		0	0	1	
Schloss	or	4		1	1	2	
Kroski	ser	4		0	1	2	
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			50	nios	sser,	Seri	ie, Stroh
3B: Sn		_					
				•		Kros	ski, Schlosser 2
Serie 3	, Sn	eller	• 7,	Stro	bh 3		

SB: Connell 2 Kroski Sehr Sneller 2 Stroh

Both the boys' and girls' H-BC teams placed second in Class A team competition at the Worthington Trojan Relays on May 16.

H-BC placed first in four events at the meet.

Brynn Bakken took first place in three individual events, 100 meters with a time of 12.77, 200 meters with a time of 26.75 and the triple jump with a distance of 33 feet, 10 inches.

Bakken was part of the 4-by-100-meter relay with Abigail Harris, Layla Deelstra and Brynn Rauk that took first place with a time of 52.65.

Beau Bakken placed first in the shot put with a throw of 43 feet, 51/4inches.

In the boys' team competition, Southwest Minnesota Christian-Edgerton placed first in Class A with 143 team points. Hills-Beaver Creek was second with 95, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton was third with 87, Heron Lake-Okebena/Fulda was fourth with 85, Worthington was fifth with 80.67, Adrian/Ellsworth was sixth with 73, Westbrook-Walnut Grove-Red Rock Central was seventh with 61, and Murray County Central was eighth with 55.33 combined team points.

In the girls' team results, Southwest Minnesota Christian-Edgerton placed first in Class A with 179 team points. Hills-Beaver Creek was second with 137, Murray County Central was third with 121, Tracy-Milroy-Balaton was fourth with 77.5, Westbrook-Walnut Grove-Red Rock Central was fifth with 51, Adrian/Ellsworth was sixth with 43, Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda was seventh

Elisha Taubert

#### Girls' 1600 Meters

Fourth 6:14.40, Bailey Spykerboer 11th, 7:07.55, Emma Deelstra

#### Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay

First, 52.65, Abigail Harris, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk, Brynn Bakken

#### Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay

Second, 46.34, Mason Shaffner, Beau Bakken, Elisha Taubert, Cooper Gehrke

#### Girls' 400 Meters

Second, 1:06.16, Abigail Harris Sixth, 1:09.11, Hailey Moser

#### Boys' 400 Meters Sixth, 56.94, Micah Bush

Seventh, 57.38, Bode Kruger

#### Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles Third, 57.37, Ava Steinhoff

Seventh, 1:01.98, Larissa Steinhoff

#### Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles

Fifth, 48.45, James Vanden Bosch Sixth, 50.46, Jackson Gacke

#### Girls' 800 Meters Third, 2:26.63, Bailey Spykerboer Seventh, 2:59.20, Ella Sammons

Boys' 800 Meters 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:27.08, Lukas Hubbard

#### Girls' 200 Meters First, 26.75, Brynn Bakken

Second, 28.69, Abigail Harris

#### Boys' 200 Meters Seventh, 25.61, Blake Leenderts

**Girls' Discus Throw** Third, 85-00, Ally Birger Fifth, 82-01, Isabel Wysong

#### **Boys' Discus Throw** Third, 106-00, Riley Tatge Seventh, 97-04, Brayden Metzger

Girls' Shot Put Third, 29-10, Isabel Wysong Fourth, 29-07, Ally Birger

#### **Boys' Shot Put** First, 43-05.25, Beau Bakken Sixth, 38-07, Brayden Metzger

Girls' Long Jump Sixth, 13-11, Brynn Rauk Seventh, 13-08, Abigail Harris

#### Boys' Long Jump Third, 18-06.25, Mason Shaffner Seventh, 17-02, Sawyer Bosch

The Partiots' team of Claire Knobloch, Layla Deelstra, Hailey Moser and Brynn Rauk took first in the girls' 4-by-100-meter relay with a time of 54.72.

Beau Bakken placed first in the shot put with a toss of 40 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Southwest Minnesota Christian-Edgerton placed first in Class A boys' competition with 139 team points. Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey placed second with 129, Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda was third with 116, Hills-Beaver Creek took fourth with 114, Adrian/Ellsworth was fifth with 74, Murray County Central was sixth with 63 and Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central placed seventh with 57 team points.

In the girls' team competition Southwest Minnesota Christian-Edgerton placed first in Class A with 191 team points.

Murray County Central was second with 144, Hills-Beaver Creek was third with 140, Mountain Lake Area-Comfrey was fourth with 78.5, Westbrook-Walnut Grove/Red Rock Central was fifth with 56, Adrian/Ellsworth was sixth with 47.5 and Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda placed seventh with 35 team points.

Individual event results for the meet are as follows:

#### Girls' 4x800 Meter Relay Fifth, 11:42.20, Bailey Spykerboer, Ella Sammons, Emma Deelstra, Sage DeBoer

H-BC track/see page 4B

In the first inning LHS fired up

the offense, scoring six runs. Sophomore Carter Sehr started off

the drive, stealing home from third.

Senior Riley Sneller scored on a fly ball by junior Will Serie to left field.

Junior Conner Connell scored, stealing home.

Sophomore Alex Schlosser doubled and scored Serie.

Senior Zach DeBoer scored from third on an error by the pitcher.

Schlosser scored on an error by the Trojans right fielder.

Luverne ended the first inning with a 6-1 lead.

In the second inning LHS added two more runs from Sneller and junior Jacob Stroh.

In the third inning the Cardinals scored four more runs.

Sneller tripled, scoring Sehr.

Serie singled to center, scoring Sneller and Stroh, and Connell scored on a wild pitch.

The Trojans rallied in the bottom of the third, scoring three, and cut the lead to 12-4 in the Cardinals' favor.

In the fifth inning Luverne added two more runs with Stroh scoring when junior Kai Buss got hit by a pitch.

Connell scored after tagging up on a Schlosser fly ball to center field.

Buss got the win, pitching two innings, surrendering zero runs on no hits, striking out two and walking one.

### LHS track/from 1B

#### Girls' 3200 Meters

Fifth, 12:15.06, Grace Ingebretsen Seventh, 12:37.29, Ella Schmuck

Boys' 3200 Meters Second, 10:07.22, Camden Janiszeski Fourth, 10:18.45, Owen Janiszeski

Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay Second, 4:16.78, Tiana Lais, Sarah Stegenga, Reinha John, Elizabeth Wagner

#### Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay Ninth, 3:45.40, Carsen Tofteland, Zach Terrio, Coulter Thone, Ryan Fick

Pitching IP ER SO Luverne н R 2.1 2 2 2 Sehr 1 Ahrendt .2 2 2 2 1 0 Buss 2 0 0 2 Win: Buss

Pitches-Strikes: Sehr 46-27, Ahrendt 24-12, Buss 31-17

#### LHS 9, Windom o

The Cardinals held the Eagles scoreless, winning 9-0 on the road May 18.

LHS opened the first inning with four runs on a Sneller triple, scoring Sehr. Sneller scored on a Stroh single, and Connell parked one over the fence and drove in Stroh from first base.

In the second inning Sehr singled on a fly ball to center, scoring Schlosser.

After two innings LHS went up 5-0.

In the fifth inning the Cardinals added two more runs. Sneller scored, tagging up from third on a Connell drive to center field, and Stroh scored on a Domagala single.

In the sixth inning Vortherms scored when Connell was hit by a pitch, and Sneller scored on a wild pitch.

Connell played a solid game, scoring once on two hits, and one home run. He also had four RBIs and had six total bases in the game.

Sneller finished the game with three runs, one RBI, one triple and covered three total bases.

DeBoer pitched a full game, surrendering zero runs on two hits, striking out five and walking one.

#### LHS baseball/see page 4B

Boys' Long Jump Fourth, 20-01.5, Gavin DeBeer 20th, 17-07.75, DJ Rock

Girls' Triple Jump Seventh, 32-10.5, Augusta Papik 17th, 30-07.25, Kendra Thorson

**Boys' Triple Jump** Tenth, 37-11, Gavin DeBeer 24th, 33-09, Coy Thone

**Girls' High Jump** First, 5-00, Elizabeth Wagner 18th, 4-04, Augusta Papik

Boys' High Jump Seventh, 5-08, Gavin DeBeer Ninth, 5-06, Isaac DeBates

**Girls' Discus Throw** First, 123-10, Jadyn Hart Second, 120-02, Jocelyn Hart

> **Boys' Discus Throw** 12th, 114-02, Elijah Woodley 23rd, 89-11, Keaton Ahrendt

**Girls' Shot Put** First, 41-01.75, Jocelyn Hart Second, 39-09, Jadyn Hart

**Boys' Shot Put** Sixth, 45-03.25, Elijah Woodlev Ninth, 41-08.25, Keaton Ahrendt

Girls' Long Jump Second, 16-01.5, Sarah Stegenga 19th, 14-04.5, Kendra Thorson

### LHS baseball wins four/from 3B

#### **BOX Score**

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LHS
    4 1 0 0 2 2 0 9
WHS
    0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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Batting								
Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI				
Sehr	4	1	2	1				
Sneller	2	3	1	1				
Stroh	3	2	2	1				
Buss	1	0	0	0				
Connell	3	1	2	4				
Serie	3	0	0	0				
Miller	1	0	0	0				
Domagala	2	0	1	1				
Vortherms	0	1	0	0				
DeBoer	3	0	0	0				
Schlosser	3	1	1	0				
Kroski	1	0	0	0				
Ahrendt	3	0	0	0				
Left On bas								
2B: Connell,	Schl	ossei	r					
3B: Sneller								
HR: Connell								
<b>TB:</b> Connell 6, Domagala, Schlosser 2, Sehr 2,								
Sneller 3, Sti	roh 2							
SB: Sehr								

Pitching

R ER SO IP н Luverne DeBoer 0 0 5 Win: DeBoer Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 75-51

#### Fairmont 5, LHS 1

Luverne traveled to Fairmont for the Big South Championship May 20.

Fairmont (15-1), the winner of the conference's Big School Division, hosted Luverne (14-3), the winner of the Small School Division, and won the game 5-1.

LHS was unable to get things going and fell behind Fairmont 3-1 through five innings.

In the sixth inning the Cardinals were finally able to score when Connell singled to left field, scoring Sehr.

The Cardinals produced one run on three team hits and left seven on base in the game while committing seven errors.

Connell, Sehr and Sneller each had one stolen base against Fairmont.

Connell started on the mound for LHS, pitching 5 1/3 innings. He surrendered five runs on five hits, striking out six batters.

#### BOX Score

BOXS	core	•						
LHS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
FHS	0	1	0	0	2	2	х	5
Batting	q							
Luverr	ne	A	В	R	н	F	RBI	
Sehr		3	1	1	0	0		
Sneller		3	5	0	0	0		
Stroh		2	2	0	0	0		
Conne	II	3		0	1	1		
Serie		2	2	0	0	0		
Domag	jala	3		0	1	0		
DeBoe	r	3		0	0	0		
Schlos	ser	3	6	0	1	0		
Kroski		2	2	0	0	0		
Miller		0	)	0	0	0		
Left O	n Ba	se:	7					

TB: Connell, Domagala, Schlosser

seventh inning, allowing zero hits and zero runs, striking out one and no walks.

#### **BOX Score**

Batting

AHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	

Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI				
Sehr	3	0	1	0				
Sneller	2	0	0	0				
Stroh	2	0	0	0				
Connell	3	0	0	0				
Serie	2	0	0	0				
Vortherms	0	1	0	0				
Domagala	3	0	2	0				
DeBoer	3	0	2	1				
Miller	3	0	0	0				
Schlosser	2	0	1	0				
Left On base: 4								
TB: DeBoer 2 Domagala 2 Schlosser 3								

per 2, Domagala 2, Schlosser, Sehi

Pitching							
Luverne	IP	н	R	ER	SO		
Sehr	6	1	0	0	5		
Kroski	1	0	0	0	1		
Pitches-Strikes: Sehr 67-48, Kroski 10-7							

#### LHS 7, Edgerton 2

Luverne hosted Edgerton in a second game after the Adrian/Ellsworth game May 22.

The Cardinals beat the Flying Dutchmen 7-2 with a huge third inning run.

Edgerton struck first in the second inning, scoring one, and added one more in the top of the third.

In the bottom of the third inning Luverne came alive, scoring seven runs of their own.

DeBoer started the scoring by crossing home plate from second base on a Sehr fly ball to left field.

LHS added two more on the next batter. Sneller doubled to left,

scoring Schlosser and Sehr. With two outs on the board,

Connell sent one over the fence, driving in Sneller and adding one run himself.

Serie got hit by a pitch on the next at bat and took over first base, then advanced to second on an error by the catcher.

Domagala singled on a fly ball to second and Serie scored on the play.

Domagala reached third on a passed ball and scored on an error by the catcher.

Luverne finished the third inning with a 7-2 lead, and that is where the score stood for the rest of the game.

Stroh started on the mound for Luverne, throwing four innings, allowing two runs on one hit and an error, and striking out eight batters.

Buss came in to relieve Stroh in

# LHS/H-BC post trap scores

#### By Greg Hoogeveen

In the last week of Minnesota State High School League shooting, Luverne's Samuel Honerman and JT Remme shot perfect 25s at the Rock County Sportsman's Club. Honerman finished with a two-round total of 49, and Remme shot a 48.

LHS will compete in the 2023 Trap Shooting Championship in Alexandria June 12-20 with participating team members to be determined.

		Round 2	Total
Landon Ahrendt	23	22	45
Morgan Bonnett	19	18	37
Tyson Cowell	22	21	43
Alex DeWispelaere	20	23	43
Fox Forrest	10	10	20
Lucas Hansen	17	19	36
Jacob Henning	19	22	41
Samuel Honerman	24	25	49
Gavin Hoven	19	18	37
Andrew Kinsinger	20	22	42
Jacob Madison	22	19	41
Lucas Madison	23	23	46
Liam Murphy	22	23	45
Makayla Oechsle	20	19	39
Austin Ossefoort	23	22	45
Holden Overgaard	21	24	45
David Rathman	21	22	43
Jaden Reisch	23	23	46
JT Remme	25	23	48
Rayann Remme	16	18	34
Tucker Remme	17	15	32
Sawyer Sasker	19	18	37
Cameron Wieneke	17	16	33
Grant Wieneke	12	21	33
Piper Wynia	23	22	45

### LHS tennis team/from 1B \_\_\_\_

#### Benson 7, LHS o

The Cardinals tennis team lost on the road 7-0 to Benson May 18 in hard-fought matches.

"Luverne played very well against Benson, a fine tennis team," Rud said.

"Both doubles teams played particularly well. The matches were much closer than the team score reflected."

In singles play, Nath was defeated 6-3, 6-1 by Hunter LeClair, Parker Cardonneau lost 6-1, 6-1 to Blake Brehmer, senior Ross Bergman lost 6-1, 6-1 to Max Young and LHS gave up one match by forfeit.

In doubles play, Zander Carbonneau and Hemme played close games, falling 6-3, 6-3 to Isaac Carlson and Harold Habben, and Sandbulte and Henrichs were defeated by Jonathan Ilstrup and Brandon Sondag.

LHS gave up one doubles match due to forfeit.

#### Dawson-Boyd 6, LHS 1

The Cardinals took on Dawson-Boyd on the road May 18, losing 6-1. "Against Dawson-Boyd Ethan Nath and Parker Carbonneau

#### **Hills-Beaver Creek**

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School trap shooting team had eight shooters in the 40s this week.

They were Brekken Boen 43, Gunner Bork 42, Sawyer Bosch 42, Luke Fuerstenberg 43, Cooper Gehrke 42, Lukas Hubbard 41, Blake Leenderts 40 and Jack Moser 44.

Weekly scoring	Round1	Round 2	Total
Cameron Allen	18	19	37
Garrett Blank	16	20	36
Brekken Boen	21	22	43
Seyler Boen	10	3	13
Gunner Bork	20	22	42
Olivia Bork	11	16	27
Sawyer Bosch	18	24	42
Camdyn Broesder	18	21	39
Karis DeWire	16	15	31
Luke Fuerstenberg	23	20	43
Alexis Gardner Swenson	14	11	25
Cooper Gehrke	19	23	42
Alex Harris	18	21	39
Brooklynne Hubbard	16	15	31
Lukas Hubbard	19	22	41
Keaton Huisman	14	11	25
Clayton Kellenberger	19	20	39
Jayden Kueter	8	15	23
Blake Leenderts	19	21	40
Hunter Leenderts	16	18	34
Karson Metzger	10	6	16
Maddox Metzger	18	21	39
Cody Moser	17	17	34
Jack Moser	22	22	44
Max Sammons	12	10	22
John Tiesler	20	17	37
Gracyn Wegener	14	13	27
Cash Wilsey	13	17	30
Michael Ykema	20	18	38

Greg Hoogeveen photo/0525 tennis bergman

Senior Ross Bergman returns a serve against his Fairmont opponent at home May 16. Bergman and Luverne fell to Fairmont 7-0 in the meet.

hun and Mitchell Myers. LHS also gave up one doubles match by forfeit.

#### Benson 7, LHS o

In section quarterfinal play, No. 8-seed Luverne traveled to play No. 1-seed Benson and

"inspired" tennis.

"Ethan came very close to winning the first set against the No. 1 undefeated singles player in Section 3A," Rud said.

In singles play, Nath lost to Hunter LeClair 6-4, 6-2.

Parker Carbonneau fell to Blake Brehmer 6-3, 6-2.

SB: Connell, Sehr, Sneller

#### Pitching

Luverne	IP	н	R	ER	SO	
Connell	5.1	5	5	2	6	
Sehr	.2	0	0	0	0	
Pitches-Strikes: Connell 93-59, Sehr 5-3						

#### LHS 1, Adrian/Ellsworth o

The Luverne baseball team played a tight game against Adrian/Ellsworth at Redbird Field May 22.

The Cardinals pulled off the 1-0 win in the seventh inning when De-Boer singled on a ground ball to center field, scoring Vortherms from second base.

Luverne had six hits in the game and left four on base.

Adrian/Ellsworth had one hit and left one on base.

Sehr started on the mound for LHS, going six innings, giving up zero runs on one hit, striking out five, and walking one.

Kroski came in to relieve in the

the fifth inning, finishing the game without allowing a hit or run.

#### **BOX Score**

EDGR 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 2 LHS 0 0 7 0 0 0 x 7

#### Batting

Luverne	AB	R	н	RBI			
Sehr	4	1	2	1			
Sneller	4	1	2	2			
Stroh	3	0	0	0			
Connell	3	1	1	2			
Serie	2	1	0	0			
Domagala	2	1	1	1			
Miller	2	0	0	0			
DeBoer	2	1	0	0			
Schlosser	3	1	1	0			
Left On bas	<b>e:</b> 4						
2B: Sehr 2,	Snelle	ər					
HR: Connell							
TB: Connell 4, Domagala, Schlosser, Sehr							
4, Sneller 3							

#### Pitching

Luverne IP н R ER SO 2 1 8 Stroh 1 3 0 0 0 0 Buss Pitches-Strikes: Stroh 73-41, Buss 39-21

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played phenomenally in singles with Nath winning and Carbonneau losing a close tiebreaker," Rud said.

In singles play, Nath defeated Jackson Buer 7-5, 6-4.

Parker Cardonneau fell to Gavin Stulz 7-5 in match one, beat Stulz 6-3 in match two and fell 10-8 in the third match.

Bergman lost 6-4, 6-1 to Matthew Martinson, and LHS forfeited one match.

In doubles play, Zander Carbonneau and Hemme fell 6-3, 6-3 to Gunner Olson and Luke Stock.

Austin Sandbulte and Elijah Henrichs lost 6-1, 6-1 to Brody Bot-

### Hills-Beaver Creek track/from 3B

Boys' 4x800 Meter Relay Fifth, 10:00.33, Jed Fagerness, Lukas Hubbard, Bode Kruger, **Riggins Rheault** 

#### Girls' 100 Meter Hurdles Sixth, 19.05, Ava Steinhoff Ninth, 19.66, Larissa Steinhoff

**Boys' 110 Meter Hurdles** Third, 18.86, James Vanden Bosch Seventh, 21.36, Jackson Gacke

Girls' 100 Meters First, 13.05, Brynn Bakken Third, 13.72, Abigail Harris 10th, 14.74, Sage DeBoer

Boys' 100 Meters Fourth, 12.06, Cooper Gehrke Fifth, 12.21, Beau Bakken Sixth, 12.26, Mason Shaffner

Girls' 4x200 Meter Relay Second, 1:57.74, Claire Knobloch, Layla Deelstra, Hailey Moser, Brynn Rauk

Boys' 4x200 Meter Relay Second, 1:38.19, James Vanden Bosch, Beau Bakken, Micah Bush, Cooper Gehrke

Girls' 1600 Meters Third 6:01.09, Bailey Spykerboer

Boys' 1600 Meters 13th, 5:48.91, Max Sammons

Girls' 4x100 Meter Relay First, 54.72, Claire Knobloch, Layla Deelstra, Hailey Moser, Brynn Rauk

lost 7-0, giving up one singles and one doubles match by forfeit May 22.

"Today's match went about as expected for an 8-seed team playing a 1-seed team, as we were beaten convincingly in three matches and forfeited two," Rud said.

"However, we were very competitive in our first and second singles matches."

He praised Nath and Parker Carbonneau for continuing to play

Boys' 4x100 Meter Relay Second, 46.93, Mason Shaffner,

Beau Bakken, Blake Leemderts, Cooper Gehrke

#### Girls' 400 Meters Third, 1:04.67, Abigail Harris 12th, 1:15.05, Ella Sammons

Boys' 400 Meters Sixth, 54.65, Elisha Taubert Ninth, 56.83, Blake Leenderts 14th, 1:04.87, Riggins Rheault

Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles Fifth, 55.98, Ava Steinhoff

**Boys' 300 Meter Hurdles** Seventh, 50.60, James Vanden Bosch Eighth, 50.75, Jackson Gacke

13th, 56.27, Jamesyn Klosterbuer Girls' 200 Meters

First, 26.67, Brynn Bakken Fourth, 29.20, Abigail Harris Eighth, 30.73, Sage DeBoer

Boys' 200 Meters Fifth, 24.84, Elisha Taubert 10th. 25.67. Mason Shaffner 14th, 26.91, Sawyer Bosch

Girls' 4x400 Meter Relay Third, 4:34.09, Brynn Rauk, Hailey Moser, Bailey Spykerboer, Emma Deelstra

Boys' 4x400 Meter Relay Third, 3:52.14, Elisha Taubert, Micah Bush, Bode Kruger, Riley Tatge

Girls' Shot Put Second, 32-08, Isabel Wysong Third, 31-07,75, Ally Birger Fifth, 31-00, Larissa Steinhoff

Bergman lost to Max Young 6-0, 6-0 and Luverne forfeited one singles match to Benson.

In doubles play, Hemme and Zander Carbonneau lost to Harold Habben and Isaac Carlson 6-0, 6-2.

Elijah Henrichs and Austin Sandbulte lost to Logan Schauer and Jonathan Listrup 6-0, 6-0, and Luverne forfeited one doubles match.

Boys' Shot Put

First, 40-10.5, Beau Bakken Second, 40-01.5, Jackson Gacke Third, 39-06.75, Brayden Metzger

#### **Girls' Discus Throw**

Sixth, 82-04, Ally Birger Seventh, 81-10, Larissa Steinhoff 14th, 68-01, Isabel Wysong

#### **Boys' Discus Throw**

Second, 112-01, Jackson Gacke Fifth, 109-01, Rilev Tatge Sixth, 103-01, Brayden Metzger

#### Girls' High Jump

Third, 4-08, Ava Steinhoff Fifth, 4-06, Larissa Steinhoff

Boys' High Jump Fourth, 5-06, James Vanden Bosch Sixth, 5-04, Elisha Taubert 10th, 5-00, Jamin Metzger

Girls' Long Jump First, 16-01, Brynn Bakken Sixth, 13-10.25, Brynn Rauk Eighth, 13-07, Abigail Harris

#### Boys' Long Jump Sixth, 17-07, Mason Shaffner

11th, 16-09, Bode Kruger 11th, 16-09, Sawyer Bosch

#### Girls' Triple Jump

Second, 34-03, Brynn Bakken Fifth, 29-08.75, Bailey Spykerboer Sixth, 29-03, Emma Deelstra

#### **Boys' Triple Jump**

Third, 39-05, Blake Leenderts Seventh, 36-02, Sawyer Bosch Ninth, 35-00.5, Bode Kruger

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

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/stccluverne/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.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.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 broad-casts. 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, May 25: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, May 28: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, May 29: Office is closed. Tuesday, May 30: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, May 31: 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, May 26: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, May 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, May 30: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

#### Rock River Community Church 1075 110<sup>th</sup> 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 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade — Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service — Kids age 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

United Methodist Church 109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4529 on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays). Monday, May 29: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Quilting group. Wednesday, May 24: 1:30 p.m. Staff meeting.

#### St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net 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. igtwlb@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, May 28: 10 a.m. JOINT worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. No Sunday School. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

#### Palisade Lutheran Church 211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — palisadechurch@alliancecom.net www.palisadelutheran.org

Sunday, May 28: 10 a.m. JOINT worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

#### First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025 email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Session meeting.

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Ph. 605-215-3429 email: 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

# Speaking the truth

Today our culture has an estranged relationship with the truth. Mankind's highest pursuit used to be seeking truth at all costs. Faith, science and philosophy were once kindred spirits chasing this same goal but from different approaches.

In the Middle Ages, theology was considered the queen of the sciences. God's revelation in the Scriptures provided the foundation upon which all other scientific discoveries could be built. It was the sovereign power that ruled over all scholarship.

In the course of time, a great revolt occurred. Humans usurped the authority belonging to God and His word, and made reason, feelings and personal experience their queen. As a result, truth was no longer measured against God's will but against mankind's most sinful desire: to be one's own god. This divorce of theology from science did not begin in our lifetime, but we now live with the consequences.

For instance, many people believe that marriage is no longer just for a man and a woman, as God designed it. Marital divorce is so commonplace that people accept it as an inevitability in half of all marriages. Unborn children, the godly gift that flows from marriage, continue to be aborted at alarming rates, even as states other than our own seek to protect these vulnerable humans.

Troubled souls are being taught to question and deny the truth of their biological sex. Children are subjected to mutilating surgeries in an attempt to "reassign" their sex. Minnesota now touts itself as a sanctuary for anyone who wants to defy the laws of their own state and undergo such life-altering surgery here. Men dress as women, not for a laugh but as a lifestyle, and insist on having young children as their audience. Meanwhile, some parents bring their children to these

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#### By Pastor Phil Booe, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

shows to demonstrate just how progressive they are.

Even some so-called Christian churches, who have long discarded the parts of the Bible they no longer agree with, proudly wave the rainbow flag of this new religion which seems more focused on embracing every new deviancy than seeking the truth of God. To say this is a Satanic attack is an understatement. The accuser delights in tempting us to follow our own divergent desires and prideful proclivities.

How should the Christian respond? First, in prayer and repentance for our own sins. It is important to recognize that none of us are without sin and we all fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). When we speak the truth to others, we do so as fellow sinners who share the will of God, "who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4)

Second, we must speak in love. As followers of Christ and with consciences bound to the Scriptures, we are obligated to stand up for what's true out of our love for fellow sinners who need to hear the truth. As Jesus said, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father." (John 14:21) And, "we love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:9) Thus, following God's will, we both reject the ideologies of the present age while also pointing all people to Jesus who said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Wednesday, May 24: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 5:30 p.m. Community meal. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, May 27: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, May 28: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/ Revelation Bible Study. Monday, May 29: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, May 30: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, May 31: 9 am.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

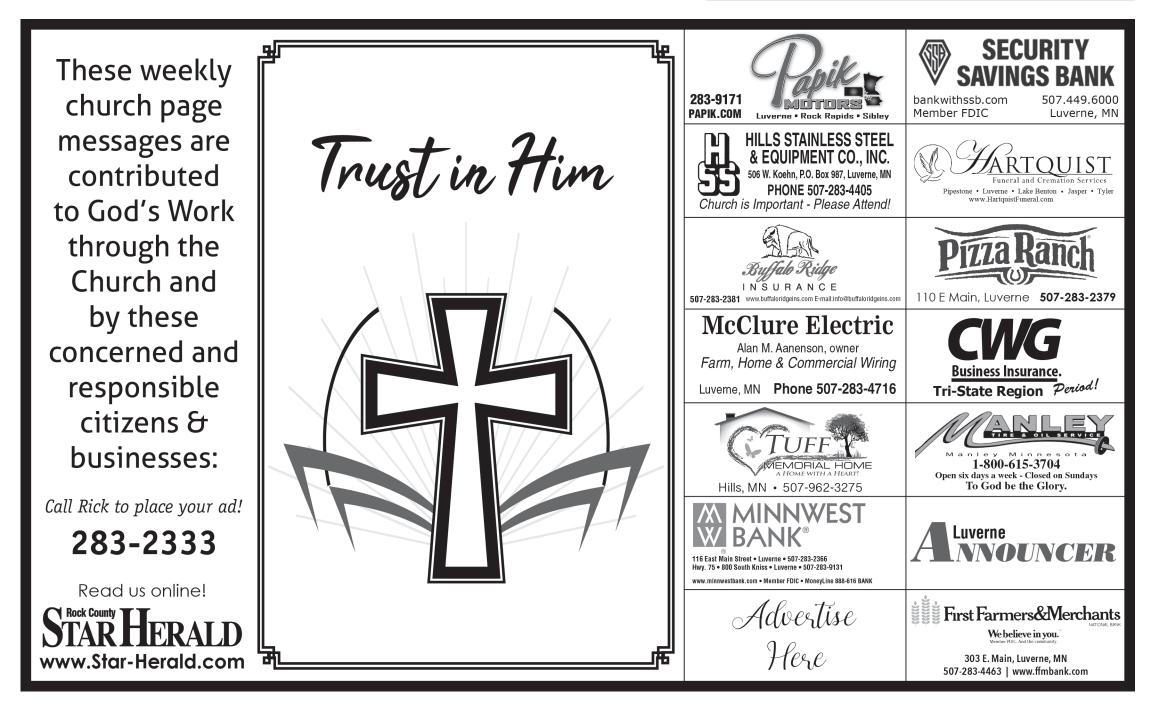
#### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: fpcemilie@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 24: 9:00 a.m. Morning circle, 1:30 p.m. Afternoon circle and staff meeting, 6:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting. Sunday, May 28: 10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or 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.



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**PUBLIC NOTICES** 

### **Otten estate**

### STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of Lavonne Katherine Otten, Deceased

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT **PROBATE DIVISION** 

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)

Notice is given that application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Sharla Reisch, whose address is 1137 Spruce Ave., Luverne, Minnesota, 56156, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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

Date Filed: May 8, 2023	/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt District Court Judge	1
Attorney for Personal Representative Jennifer L. J. Gilk Gilk Legacy Law, PLLC 513 E. Bridge Street PO Box 126 Redwood Falls, MN 56283 Attorney License No: 238363 Telephone: 507-627-4525 FAX: 507-627-4528 Email: office@gilklegacylaw.com	/s/ Natalie Reisch Court Administrator (05-18, 05-25)	

### **Bork applies for** livestock feedlot permit

#### NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Barry Bork will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to expand a feedlot of 500 animal units (AU) or more.

The proposed expansion will be in the SE 1/4 of Section 2 of Martin Township, T101N, R47W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The feedlot currently has 816 head of swine over 300lbs, 300 head of swine under 55lbs and 70 head of sheep housed in three existing total confinement barns for a total of 348.4 AU. The proposed expansion will consist of the following:

-Constructing a total confinement barn with an under-floor concrete pit housing 2400 head of finishing swine

-Eliminating a total confinement barn that housed 250 head of swine over 300lbs. -Eliminating a total confinement barn that housed 146 head of swine over 300lbs. -Eliminating the north half of an existing total confinement and modifying the existing stocking density of the south half of the confinement barn to 100 head of sheep and 200 head of chickens. The south half of the barn will utilize a flush pit system that drains to a 70' diameter outdoor concrete pit. -Eliminating two existing 50' diameter outdoor concrete pits.

### **Rock County Highway Dept.** accepts proposals until June 5 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

S.P. 067-601-014

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota, until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 5, 2023.

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations. READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL

PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

•in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federallyassisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

•in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

•in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

•in accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of Compliance.

If you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in any state, on any single working day during the previous 12 months, you must have a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights to bid on any job in this advertisement. Please contact the Department of Human Rights immediately if you need assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of 1.9 % Good Faith Effort to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Construction of Bridge 67576, a 140' Concrete Slab Span. The project is located in Kanaranzi Township, 1.6 Miles East of CSAH 3 on CSAH 1 over Kanaranzi Creek.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 194 Cu. Yd. Structural Concrete; 4,892 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 332 Lin. Ft. of Type S (TL-4) Railing Concrete; 98,050 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 590 Cu. Yds. Random Rip Rap (Class IV); 480 Lin. Ft. 12" C-I-P Piling; 2 - 12" C-I-P Test Piles 70 Ft. Long; 840 Lin. Ft. 16" C-I-P Piling; 2- 16" C-I-P Test Piles 80 Ft. Long & Approach Work.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock. mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway 120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne. MN 56 (507) 283 - 5010.

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for June 29

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

TAX PARCEL NO.: 15-0283-000

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

700 Elizabeth Ave S

Hills, MN 56138

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$256,500.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$267,584.53

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: June 29, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN

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

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is December 29, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Dated: April 20, 2023

Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA, Assignee of Mortgagee

Court File No. 67-PR-23-101

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**Ron Boyenga** Mel and Chet DeJong Wanda and Mike Jarchow Mike and Angie Boyenga Hugh and Patrick Boyenga Nik and Chris Maag (5.25 - 5.27)

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# **ROCK COUNTY** 2023 Memorial Day Services

# May 29 10:30 am Luverne Memorial Day Program Maplewood Cemetery

# **Guest Speaker: Kent Heronimus**

Music by Luverne High School Band Host Organizations: Dell Hogan Post 123, VFW Post 2603, Legion Auxilary and Maplewood Cemetery.

Service Broadcast Live by KQAD 800 AM Volunteers are needed to help put up flags at Monday, May 29 at 7 am.

May 29

Rock County Veterans Memorial & Herreid Military Museum Rock County Courthouse Square

**3:00 pm** Taps Across America followed by reading of the names of Rock County's KIAs and MIAs and placing the wreath.

## Herreid Military Museum Open 2:00 - 4:00 pm





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# Hardwick Memorial Day Program

Hardwick Veterans Memorial

# **Guest Speaker: Kim Henningsen**

Readings by Kiesli Smith, 2023 Girl Stater and Gunner Oldre, Army ROTC Cadet, University of Notre Dame

Special Music by Maddie Oye Sponsored by: Hardwick American Legion Arthur Moeller Post #478

In case of inclement weather, program will be held at the Hardwick Community Hall.

Bring your own lawn chair. Refreshments to follow.



**Beaver Creek Memorial Day Program** First Presbyterian Church of Beaver Creek

9:30 am Coffee Hour at Church 10:30 am Program Guest Speaker: John Roberts

11:30 am Cemetery Service with Honor Guard

May 29 9:00 am Hills Memorial Day Program Hills American Legion Flag Detail



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Trimble, Travis Schempp, Lola Peterson, Averill Sehr<sup>1</sup>, (second row) Camden Hoven<sup>1</sup>, Michael Soto, Brock Behrend, Gavin Reisch, Riley Sneller, Tyson Cowell, Austin Ossefoort, Ryan Vos, Harrison Uithoven, JT Remme<sup>3</sup>, Lucas Hansen, Nicolas Hansen, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Logan Ommen<sup>1</sup>, Parker Carbonneau<sup>1</sup>, Andy Halverson, Anyuon Atem, (third row, seated) Marcus Feit, Reese Louwagie<sup>1</sup>, Isabella Oye<sup>2</sup>, Mallory Von Tersch<sup>1</sup>, Daylin Velasquez, Lacey Morseman<sup>1</sup>, Tori Hemme<sup>1</sup>, Priscilla Muehr, Lily Ehlers, Zoe Wek, Krystyn Skindelien, Micah Andersen, (fourth row) Egypt Forrest<sup>2</sup>, Ashlyn Johnson<sup>2</sup>, Zachary DeBoer<sup>3</sup>, Kaleb Hein, Camden Janiszeski<sup>1</sup>, Carsen Tofteland, Ava Vortherms<sup>2</sup>, Alyia Renken<sup>1</sup>, Ashton Eitreim, Gannon Ahrendt, Brady Bork<sup>3</sup>, Kaylee Voorhees, Yoselyn Gonzalez, Cole Mann, Harley Wendland, Trenton Carson, Joshua Evans, Ross Bergman<sup>1</sup>, Alexander Walgrave, Ethan Nath<sup>1</sup>, Acen Olsen<sup>3</sup> (seated), (back row) Lauren Hansen<sup>3</sup>, Kamryn Van Batavia<sup>3</sup>, Mallory Nelson<sup>3</sup>, Bonita Tiesler, Mariam Alinizi<sup>3</sup>, Emma Beyer<sup>1</sup>, Christina Wagner<sup>1</sup>, Ella Lanoue<sup>2</sup>, Elizabeth Wagner<sup>1</sup>, Josie Anderson<sup>3</sup>, Ryenn Stegenga<sup>2</sup>, Kaysie Lenz, Jacie Graham<sup>2</sup>, Katharine Kelm<sup>2</sup>, Justis Ahrendt<sup>2</sup>, Carly Olson<sup>2</sup>, Anja Jarchow<sup>1</sup>. Not pictured are: Gavin Baum, Phoebe DeBates<sup>2</sup> and Grace Ingebretsen<sup>3</sup>. <sup>1</sup>summa cum laude 3.900-4.000, <sup>2</sup>magna cum laude 3.750-3.899, <sup>3</sup>cum laude 3.500-3.749



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# Luverne High School

Sunday, May 28, 2023 2:00 p.m. Cardinal Gymnasium

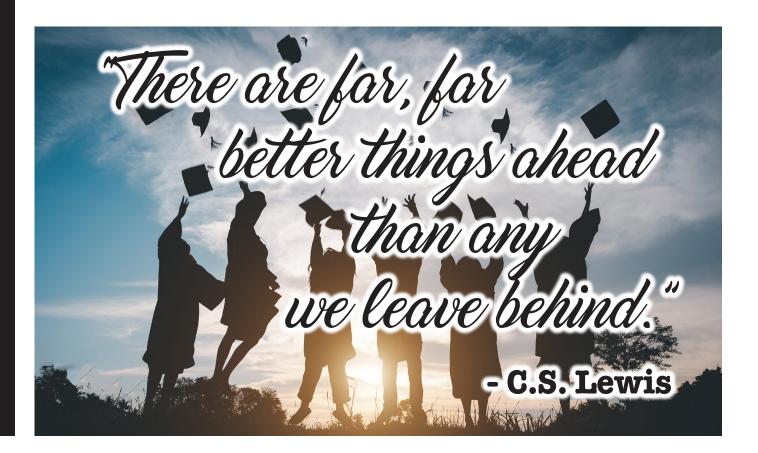
Hills - Beaver Creek High School

> Friday, May 26, 2023 7:00 p.m. H-BC High School





The Hills-Beaver Creek High School Class of 2023 includes (front, from left) Regina Afkas, Erianne Olopuy, Elly Klosterbuer<sup>2</sup>, Amallia Ternus<sup>1</sup>, Taylor Huisman, Tyrae Goodface<sup>2</sup>, Alexandra Drake, Olivia Bork<sup>2</sup>, Jenifer Martinyuk<sup>1</sup>, Aspen Shimp<sup>2</sup>, (second row) Leif Tollefson<sup>1</sup>, Britton McKenzie<sup>2</sup>, Riley Sheppard, Brayden Metzger<sup>1</sup>, Cole Rozeboom, Devon Dysthe<sup>1</sup>, Taylor Frederickson, (back row) Alex Harris, Eli Taubert, Joshua Wiersema<sup>2</sup>, Carter Abels, Cody Moser<sup>2</sup>, Cael Noteboom, Collin Schoneman, Luke Fuestenberg, Brock Harnack, Anthony Beaner<sup>2</sup>. <sup>1</sup>High Honors Student



Rock County Star Herald 2023 Graduates

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### Commencement: Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cardinal Gymnasium

Class Motto: "You'll appreciate the view more if you let yourself enjoy the climb." - unknown

Class colors: Ruby and Pearl

Class flower: White Rose



**Gannon Ahrendt** Gannon is the son of Brad and Angela Ahrendt, Luverne. Activities included football and basketball. Following graduation Gannon will attend college



**Justis Ahrendt** Justis is the daughter of Eric and Bobbie Ahrendt, Hardwick. Justis works at Mary Jane Brown Home and Luverne Sanford Medical Center, Activities included volleyball, Math League, peer helping and peer tutoring. Following graduation Justis will attend South Dakota State University in Brookings to major in nursing.



**Mariam Alinizi** Mariam is the daughter of Afrah and Ali Alinizi, Luverne, Mariam works at McDonald's. Activities included cheerleading, choir, Robotics and peer tutoring, Following graduation Mariam will attend Augustana University to major in biology and Spanish.



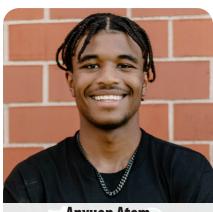
**Micah Andersen** Micah is the son of Heather Andersen, Luverne. Activities included football and track. Following graduation Micah will attend Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD.



Abigail Anderson Abigail is the daughter of Tim and Barb Anderson, Luverne. Activities included volleyball, Math League, Robotics, choir and golf. Following graduation Abigail will attend Minnesota State University in Mankato to earn a degree in elementary education.



**Josie Anderson** Josie is the daughter of Chad and Wendy Anderson, Luverne. Josie works at O'Neil's on Green Lake. Activities included volleyball, track and field, Math League, peer tutoring, choir and Cardinal choir. Following graduation Josie will attend University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire to major in psychology.



**Anyuon Atem** Anyuon is the son of Amber Scott, Luverne, and Atem Anyuon, Sioux Falls, SD. Anyuon works at McDonald's. Activities included football and track and field. Following graduation Anyuon will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College.



**Brock Behrend** Brock is the son of Brant and Chasity Behrend, Luverne. Following graduation Brock will play Junior Hockey.



**Ross Bergman** Ross is the son of Brian and Tami Bergman, Kenneth. Ross works for the City of Luverne and Bergman Farms. Activities included football, tennis, choir, student council, National Honor Society, FFA, peer helping and peer tutoring. Following graduation Ross will attend the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, to major in biological sciences and to eventually pursue a career in dentistry.



**Emma Beyer** Emma is the daughter of Jamie and Jen Beyer, Luverne. Emma works as a nanny in the summer. Activities included volleyball, basketball, concert choir, Cardinal choir, peer helping, peer tutoring, yearbook, Math League and National Honor Society. Following graduation Emma will attend Minnesota State University in Moorhead to major in elementary education with a minor in special education.













Brady is the son of Randy Bork, Luverne, and Susan Remme, Magnolia. Brady works at the Luverne Country Club. Activities included hockey, golf, student council and National Honor Society. Following graduation Brady will

attend University of Nebraska in Lincoln to study profes-

sional golf management.



Parker is the son of Mike and Molly Carbonneau, Luverne. Parker works at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness. Activities included band, choir, spring and fall play, One-Act Play, mock trial, Math League, Robotics, speech, peer helping, student council, National Honor Society and tennis. Following graduation Parker plans to go to college and study business.



**Trenton Carson** Trenton works at McDonald's. Following graduation Trenton will pursue welding.



Tyson is the son of Billy and Missy Cowell, Luverne. Tyson has his own lawn mowing and snow removal business. Activities included football, basketball, trap shooting and student council. Following graduation Tyson will travel and work road construction.

**Phoebe DeBates** Phoebe is the daughter of Mike and Sam DeBates, Luverne. Phoebe works at Verne Drive-In and Minnesota Veterans

Home. Activities included cheerleading, band and FCCLA.

Following graduation Phoebe will attend Winona State

University to major in nursing.



Zach DeBoer Zach is the son of Nicki Jonason, Luverne, and Isaac De-Boer, Luverne. Activities included baseball and football. Following graduation Zach will attend University of Nebraska-Lincoln to major in finance.



**Lily Ehlers** Lily is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Ehlers, Luverne. Lily works at Luverne Sanford Hospital. Activities included choir and FCCLA. Following graduation Lily will attend Minnesota West to study surgical technology.



**Ashton Eitreim** Ashton is the son of Allison Eitreim, Luverne, and Tomm and Melissa Eitreim, Luverne. Ashton works at JJ's and Bomgaars. Activities included basketball. Following graduation Ashton will attend Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall to earn a teaching degree for high school history.



**Marcus Feit** Marcus is the son of Jon and Jamie Feit, Luverne. Marcus works at Bomgaars. Activities included basketball. Following graduation Marcus will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College to study law enforcement.



Egypt Forrest Egypt is the daughter of Katie Walgrave and Russell For-rest, Luverne. Activities included marching band, pep band, concert band, peer helping, fall play, spring play and One-Act Play. Following graduation Egypt plans to attend Augustana University to major in English and play bassoon in the Augustana band.

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**Emmanuel Gonzalez** Emmanuel is the son of Juan Gonzalez, Luverne, and Zenaida Gonzalez, Luverne. During the summer Emmanuel works at hog barns. Following graduation Emmanuel will attend a technical college to study energy or renewable energy.



**Yoselyn Gonzalez** Following graduation Yoselyn will attend Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall to earn a degree in opthalmology.



Jacie Graham Jacie is the daughter of Randy and Leslie Graham, Adrian. Jacie works at Pizza Ranch. Activities included National Honor Society, peer helping, peer tutoring, golf, choir and Southwest Minnesota CEO. Following graduation Jacie will attend Minnesota State University, Mankato, to major in elementary education.



Andy Halverson Andy is the son of Kelly Halverson and Ryan Halverson, both of Ellsworth. Andy works at HSI. Activities included football. Following graduation Andy will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College for business.



Lauren Hansen

Lauren is the daughter of Adam and Tracy Hansen, Luverne. Lauren works for Hansen Farms. Activities included basketball, golf, student council, National Honor Society, Southwest Minnesota CEO, yearbook, peer tutoring and choir. Following graduation Lauren will attend South Dakota State University in Brookings to major in business economics.



Lucas Hansen Lucas is the son of Jerry and Kathleen Hansen, Beaver Creek. Lucas works for the Minnesota National Guard. Activities included trap shooting and FFA. Following graduation Lucas will attend Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD, for aviation - fixed wing pilot.



Nicholas is the son of Jerry and Kathleen Hansen, Beaver Creek. Nicholas works for the Minnesota National Guard. Activities included trap shooting and FFA. Nicholas' plans following graduation are undecided.



Jadyn Hart Jadyn is the daughter of Mike and Kristee Hart, Luverne. Jadyn works at The Bean. Activities included choir, basketball, track and field, mock trial and BPA. Following graduation Jadyn will attend Minnesota State University in Mankato to major in medical biology and participate in track and field.



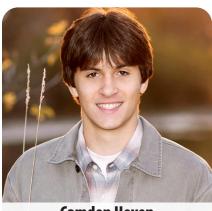
Jocelyn Hart Jocelyn is the daughter of Mike and Kristee Hart, Luverne. Activities included choir, student council, track and field and basketball. Following graduation Jocelyn will attend the University of South Dakota in Vermillion to major in kinesiology and exercise science to become a physical therapist.



Kaleb Hein Kaleb is the son of Chris and Becky Hein, Luverne. Kaleb works at Pizza Ranch. Activities included hockey, football and peer helping. Following graduation Kaleb will attend St. John's University to major in physical therapy.



**Tori Hemme** Tori is the daughter of Kyle and Mica Hemme, Hardwick. Tori works at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness. Activities included tennis, band, choir, peer helping, FCCLA, National Honor Society and Robotics. Following graduation Tori will attend North Dakota State University to study medical laboratory science.



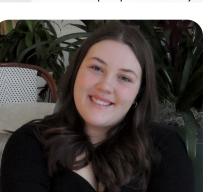
**Camden Hoven** Camden Stephanie Hoven, Luverne. Camden is the son of Perry and Stephanie Hoven, Luverne. Camden works at Luverne Aquatics and Fitness. Activities included Southwest Minnesota (EO, cross country, choir, student council, peer helping, peer tutoring, golf, Math League, National Honor Society and Yearbook. Following graduation Camden will attend University of Minnesota to major in finance.



**Grace Ingebretsen** Grace is the daughter of Christian and Rebecca Ingebretsen, Luverne. Activities included cross country, track and field, marching band, concert band, jazz band, choir, speech, FFA, fall play, spring play and One-Act play. Following graduation Grace will attend college to continue her education.



**Camden Janiszeski** Camden is the son of Pete and Angie Janiszeski, Luverne. Camden has his own business, Janiszeski Lawn Care, and will be working for Luverne Lawn Care this summer. Activities included student council, peer helping, peer tutoring, Math League, wrestling, boys hockey manager, cross country and track and field. Camden plans to attend the University of Sioux Falls to major in elementary education with a minor in math. He will also participate in cross country.





Anja Jarchow Anja is the daughter of Mike and Wanda Jarchow, Luverne. Anja works at Luverne Area Chamber. Activities included student council, National Honor Society, volleyball, BPA, Math League, Robotics, peer helping and peer tutoring. Following graduation Anja will attend University of Northwestern in St. Paul, to major in elementary education and play volleyball.









#### Ashlyn Johnson

Ashlyn is the daughter of Jim and Heather Johnson, Luverne. Ashlyn works at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Activities included choir, spring and fall play and One-Act Play. Following graduation Ashlyn plans to attend Dakota State University, Madison, SD, to major in production animation.



Katharine is the daughter of Joel and Sandra Kelm, Luverne. Activities included tennis and peer helping. Following graduation Katharine will attend the University of Minnesota, Morris, for elementary education and to play tennis.



Tiana is the daughter of Mark and Kari Lais, Luverne. Tiana works at Sunshine Foods. Activities included cross country, track and field, gymnastics, boys basketball manager, choir and peer helping. Following graduation Tiana will attend Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall to major in elementary education.

#### Ella Lanoue

Ella is the daughter of Tom and Sara Lanoue, Luverne. Ella works at Luverne Ace Hardware. Activities included FCCLA, BPA, mock trial, Math League, peer helping, choir and tennis. Following graduation Ella will attend college to become a pharmacist.

# Kaysie Lenz

Kaysie is the daughter of Ed and Sarah Lenz, Kenneth. Kaysie is seasonally employed as a lifeguard. Activities included girls' basketball manager, choir, softball, peer helping and school media. Following graduation Kaysie will attend a four-year university to major in criminal justice with a minor in psychology.





**Reese Louwagie** 

Reese is the daughter of Chris and Laura Louwagie, Luverne. Reese works at Minnesota Veterans Home and as a student election judge. Activities included volleyball, choir, Cardinal choir, student council, peer helping, peer tutoring, Math League, Robotics, BPA and FCCLA. Following graduation Reese will attend South Dakota State University in Brookings to major in business with the plan to become an accountant.



**Cole Mann** 

Cole is the son of Cory and Bridget Mann, Luverne. Cole works at Sunshine Foods. Activities included FFA. Following graduation Cole will attend Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls, SD, to major in land surveying and civil engineering.





Jocelynn is the daughter of Anthony and Candice Mann, Luverne. Jocelynn works at Bomgaars. Activities included Southwest Minnesota CEO. Following graduation Jocelynn will attend University of South Dakota to major in account-



**Lacey Morseman** 

Lacey is the daughter of Michelle Finkral, Luverne. Lacey works for Poplar Creek Good Samaritan Society. Activities included Robotics, Math League and choir. Lacey plans to pursue a degree in nursing and eventually become a nurse practitioner.



**Priscilla Muehr** 

Priscilla is the daughter of Lacey Sik, Luverne, and Craig Overgaard, Luverne. Priscilla works at Luverne Sanford Hospital. Activities included band, jazz band, choir, tennis, FCCLA, Robotics, theater and peer helping. Following graduation Priscilla will attend Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall to earn a degree in theater.



**Deziree Nath** Deziree is the daughter of Matt and Lisa Nath, Luverne. Deziree works at Pizza Ranch. Activities included golf. Deziree's plans after graduation are undecided.



**Ethan Nath** Ethan is the son of Tom and Lisa Nath, Luverne. Ethan works at Pizza Ranch and FACCO USA. Activities included band, choir, tennis, National Honor Society and Robotics. Following graduation Ethan will attend Northwestern College in Orange City, IA.



**Mallory Nelson** Mallory is the daughter of Chad Nelson and Jennifer Nelson, both of Magnolia. Mallory works at Dragonfly, Firefly Boutique and Nelson Farms. Activities included volleyball, hockey, golf, baseball manager, choir, Cardinal choir, Southwest Minnesota CEO, peer helping and peer tutoring. Following graduation Mallory will attend University of Minnesota to major in strategic communications.



**Carly Olson** Carly is the daughter of Stacy and Jeremy Olson, Luverne. Carly works for HSI and Community Education. Activities included volleyball, softball, peer helping and Math League. Following graduation Carly will attend Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, to major in athletic training and play softball.



Logan Ommen

Logan is the son of Mark and Stacey Ommen, Luverne. Logan works at Luverne Lawn Care. Activities included cross country, tennis, band, marching band, pep band, jazz band, Math League, Robotics and National Honor Society. Following graduation Logan will attend Concordia College in Moorhead, to major in music education.



**Austin Ossefoort** Austin is the son of Josh and Becky Ossefoort, Luverne. Austin works at Titan Machinery. Activities included FFA, baseball, football, trap shooting, band and ag mechanics. Following graduation Austin will attend Southeast Technical College to study diesel technology.



Isabella is the daughter of Jayne Brouwer, Sioux Falls, SD, and Eric Oye, Luverne. Isabella works at Boys and Girls Club in Sioux Falls. Activities included Southwest Minnesota CEO, peer helping, peer tutoring, National Honor Society, choir and field and track. Following graduation Isabella will attend Minnesota State University in Mankato for nursina.



**Monica Padilla** Monica is the daughter of Victor Padilla and Alma Flores, both of Luverne. Monica works at Good Samaritan Society. Activities included cheerleading. Following graduation Monica will take a break and then attend college to earn a degree in culinary arts.



Lola Peterson Lola is the daughter of Shane and Larissa Peterson, Luverne. Activities included Robotics. Lola works at the Mary Jane Brown Home. Following graduation Lola plans to attend South Dakota State University, Sioux Falls Campus, for biochemistry.



**Siyara Reese** Siyara is the daughter of Dionne Reese, Luverne, and Brian Reese. Activities included Special Olympics of South Dakota and intramural bowling. Following graduation Siyara plans to work with her brothers at their workplace.











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**Riley Sneller** 

Riley is the son of Robert and Angela Sneller, Luverne. Riley works at Sunshine Foods and Big Top Tent Rentals. Activities included football, basketball, baseball and peer helping. Following graduation Riley will attend Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, SD, to major in business administration and minor in sports management and digital marketing, and will play baseball.



**Michael Soto** 

Michael is the son of Carrie Soto, Luverne. Michael works at Sterling's Bar & Grille. Following graduation Michael will travel to El Salvador. Upon returning home, he plans to attend Firefighting Academy in Sioux Falls, SD, to serve as a firefighter and first responder.



**Ryenn Stegenga** 

Ryenn is the daughter of Seth and Kim Stegenga, Luverne. Ryenn works at Verne Drive-In Theater. Activities included choir, FFA, FCCLA, Math League, Cardinal choir, peer helping, peer tutoring and cheerleading. Following graduation Ryenn will attend South Dakota State University in Brookings to major in respiratory therapy.



**Bonita Tiesler** 

Bonita is the daughter of Cory and Crystal Tiesler, Luverne. Bonita works for Sunshine Foods. Activities included choir, gymnastics and peer helping. Following graduation Bonita will attend University of South Dakota in Vermillion to major in radiology.

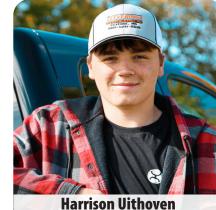


**Carsen Tofteland** 

Carsen is the son of David and Jamie Tofteland, Beaver Creek. Carsen works at Luverne Lawn Care. Activities included cross country and track and field. Following graduation Carsen will attend North Dakota State University in Fargo to major in exercise science with plans to study physical therapy.



**Myles Trimble** Myles is the daughter of Suzie Walgrave, Luverne, and Rob Trimble, Sioux Falls, SD. Activities included fall and spring play and cheerleading. Following graduation Myles plans to work, travel and take acting classes before deciding on college.



Harrison is the son of Adam and Linda Uithoven, Luverne. Harrison works for Luverne Lawn Care. Activities included FFA. Following graduation Harrison plans to work for Cleveringa Construction.



Kamryn Van Batavia Kamryn is the daughter of David and Jessica Van Batavia, Luverne. Kamryn works for Gary's Painting. Activities included volleyball, hockey, choir, Cardinal TV, Southwest Minnesota CEO and peer tutoring. Following graduation Kamryn will attend Minnesota State University in Mankato to major in elementary education and to play hockey.



**Daylin Velasquez** Daylin works at Tuff Memorial Home. Following graduation Daylin will study to become a radiologic technologist.



Cedar Viessman Cedar is the daughter of Scott and Tricia Viessman, Luverne. Cedar works at A-1 Jet. Activities included Math League, peer helping and peer tutoring. Following graduation Cedar will attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities College of Design to major in graphic design and minor in product design.



**Mallory Von Tersch** Mallory is the daughter of Pat and Kim Von Tersch, Luverne. Mallory works for South Dakota Selects. Activities included hockey, volleyball, golf, Math League, Robotics and BPA. Following graduation Mallory will attend St. Mary's University, Winona, to study law, play hockey and then eventually attend law school.



**Kaylee Voorhees** Kaylee is the daughter of Archie and Sheila Voorhees, Luverne. Kaylee works at MRCI and Tuff Memorial Home. Activities included BPA. Following graduation Kaylee will attend Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls, SD, to earn an associates degree in diagnostic medical sonography.



**Ava Vortherms** Ava is the daughter of Katie Oksness, Luverne, and Dave Vortherms, Luverne. Ava works at Sunshine Foods. Activities included choir, FCCLA and Math League. Following graduation Ava will attend Winona State University to



**Ryan Vos** Ryan is the son of Lisa and Toby Vos, Luverne. Ryan works at Fulda Electric and Luverne Lawn Care. Activities included FFA. Following graduation Ryan plans to be employed as a heavy duty equipment operator.



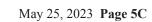
**Christina Wagner** Christina is the daughter of Matt and Jill Wagner, Luverne. Activities included volleyball, basketball, track and field, choir, National Honor Society and peer tutoring. Following graduation Christina will attend Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall to major in business and to play basketball.

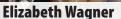
#### Submissions were not provided for the following students: Gavin Baum, Tyler Gebauer, Acen Olson, Travis Schempp and Alexander Walgrave.











Elizabeth is the daughter of Matt and Jill Wagner, Luverne. Activities included volleyball, basketball, track and field, choir, National Honor Society and peer tutoring. Following graduation Elizabeth will attend Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall to earn a degree in elementary education and to play basketball.

#### Zoe Wek

Zoe is the daughter of Kim Haraldson and Tim Haraldson, Luverne. Zoe works at Mary Jane Brown Home. Following graduation Zoe will attend Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls, SD, to earn a nursing degree.



**Harley Wendland** Harley is the son of Daniel and Jennifer Wendland, Luverne. After graduation Harley will be working for Lineage Logistics, LLC.



DJ is the son of Davey & Shayla Rock, Hardwick. Activities included football, wrestling and track. DJ's plans after graduation are currently undecided.

Luverne Homeschool Student

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**Carter Abels** Carter is the son of Eric and Melisa Abels, Hills. Carter works at Manley Tire and Oil Service. Following graduation Carter will be going to AIT at Fort Lee, Virginia, to train to be a wheeled vehicle mechanic for the South Dakota National Guard, then eventually attend school for automotive technology.



**Regina Afkas** Regina is the daughter of Alvin Afkas and Agina Afkas, both of Hills. Regina works at Tuff Memorial Home. Following graduation Regina will attend college.



Anthony Beaner Anthony is the son of Trisha Schmidt-McKenzie, Luverne, and Tom Beaner, Sioux Falls, SD. Anthony works at BP gas station. Activities included band, choir, golf and Knowledge Bowl. Following graduation Anthony will attend Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls, SD, to study to be a veterinary technician.



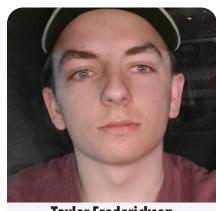
Ulivia Bork Olivia is the daughter of Stacey and Lisa Bork, Valley Springs, SD. Olivia works at Sterling's Cafe & Grille. Activities included volleyball, basketball, trap shooting, FFA, Knowledge Bowl, Math League, Southwest Minnesota CEO and FCA. Following graduation Olivia will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, to major in animal science.



Lexi Drake Lexi is the daughter of Christi Wilson, Luverne. Activities included mock trial. Following graduation Lexi will attend University of Sioux Falls.



**Devon Dysthe** Devon is the son of Jeff and Cammie Dysthe, Beaver Creek. Devon works for Dysthe Construction. Activities included student council, FFA, Math League and Knowledge Bowl. Following graduation Devon will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, to pursue a degree in architecture.



Taylor Frederickson Taylor is the son of Jamie Frederickson, Luverne. Taylor works on a farm. Following graduation he plans to continue farming.



Luke Fuerstenberg Luke is the son of Daryl and Amy Fuerstenberg, Beaver Creek. Luke works for Bomgaars. Activities included football and trap shooting. Following graduation Luke will attend Lake Area Technical Institute, Watertown, SD, for welding.



**Tyrae Goodface** Tyrae is the daughter of Jessica Shanahan, Hills. Activities included volleyball, theater, choir, band and FFA. Following graduation Tyrae will attend Iowa State University in Ames.



**Brock Harnack** Brock is the son of Chris and Jodi Harnack, Hills. Brock works at Tieszen Automotive. Activities included football, basketball and golf. Following graduation Brock will attend Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls, SD, for automotive technician.



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#### Alexander Harris

Alexander is the son of Scott and Heather Harris, Hills. Alexander works for S&S Locker. Activities included football and trapshooting. Following graduation Alexander will attend Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, SD.

#### laylor Huisman

Taylor is the daughter of Dana and Adam Huisman, Hills. Taylor works at Tuff Memorial Home. Activities included volleyball, basketball and FFA. Following graduation Taylor will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, to earn a degree in elementary education.

#### Ellynor Klosterbuer

Ellynor is the daughter of Brandyn and Becca Klosterbuer, Steen. Ellynor works at Robert's Buffet at Grand Falls Casino. Activities included FFA and volleyball. Following graduation Ellynor will complete basic training and AIT through the MN Army National Guard, then attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College for law enforcement.

#### Jenifer Martinyuk

Jenifer is the daughter of Igor and Aloyna Martinyuk, Beaver Creek. Jenifer works at Avera Prince of Peace and Sterling's Cafe & Grille. Activities included student council and Math League. Following graduation Jenifer will attend University of Sioux Falls to pursue a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

#### Britton McKenzie

Britton is the son of Casey McKenzie, Luverne, and Janelle Connor, Luverne. Britton works at Subway. Activities included band, choir, theater, mock trial and Knowledge Bowl. Following graduation Britton will attend Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa, to earn a history education degree.



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**Brayden Metzger** 

Brayden is the son of Ross and Heather Metzger, Hills. Brayden works for the City of Hills. Activities included football, basketball, track and field, student council, Math League, Knowledge Bowl and FCA. Following graduation Brayden will attend Northwestern College in Orange City, IA, to earn a degree in elementary education.



**Cody Moser** Cody is the son of Stuart and Karin Moser, Beaver Creek. Cody works at Meyer Electric. Activities included football, FFA and trap shooting. Following graduation Cody will continue working for Meyer Electric and will take classes to

earn his journeyman's electrician license.



Cael Noteboom

Cael is the son of Ericka Tollefson, Luverne, Jason and Amanda Noteboom, Sheldon, IA, and guardians Brett and Seth Nuffer, Steen. Cael works at Teune Dairy. Activities included FFA. Following graduation Cael will attend college for welding.



**Erianne Olopuy** Erianne is the daughter of Evlyn Kanis and Adrino Wishim. Activities included sports. Following graduation Erianne plans to either attend college or work.



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**Cole Rozeboom** 

Cole is the son of Kristin Bork and Jason Rozeboom. Cole works at S&S Locker. Activities included football. Following graduation Cole will continue working at S&S Locker.



**Collin Schoneman** Collin is the son of Brad Schoneman, Steen, and Heather Schoneman, Beaver Creek. Collin works at Tieszen Automotive. Activities included FFA. Following graduation Collin will continue to work for Tieszen Automotive.



Riley is the son of Benjamin Sheppard, Hills, and Deanna Sheppard, Hills. Riley works at BFB Painting, Inc. Following graduation Riley will continue working at BFB Painting, Inc. and on his own business, which he will launch at a later date.



Aspen is the daughter of Sasha Shimp, Steen, and Damon Shimp, Steen. Aspen works at Bethany Meadows. Activities included track and volleyball. Following graduation Aspen will work, pursue photography and possibly attend college at a later date.



**Elisha Taubert** Elisha is the son of Brent and Jodi Taubert, Beaver Creek. Elisha works at Manley Tire & Oil Service. Activities included track and field. Following graduation Elisha will attend Dakota State University in Madison, SD.



Amallia Ternus Amallia is the daughter of Brian and Michelle Ternus, Valley Springs, SD. Amallia works at Nyberg's Ace. Activities included student council, Knowledge Bowl, choir, volleyball, FFA and Math League. Following graduation Amallia will attend University of Nebraska-Lincoln, to earn a degree in agricultural education.



Leif Tollefson Leif is the son of Josh and Haley Tollefson, Luverne. Leif works at Cookie Co. Activities included band, Math League, Knowledge Bowl and Mock Trial. Following graduation Leif will attend University of Minnesota in Rochester to major in health sciences.



**Joshua Wiersema** Joshua is the son of Jeremy and Amanda Wiersema, Steen. Joshua works at Baker Farms in Steen. Activities included basketball and FFA. Following graduation Joshua will attend Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon to study to become a diesel technician





















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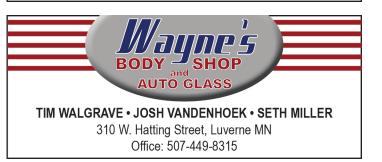






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