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Series of violent storms pummel Rock County

By Lori Sorenson

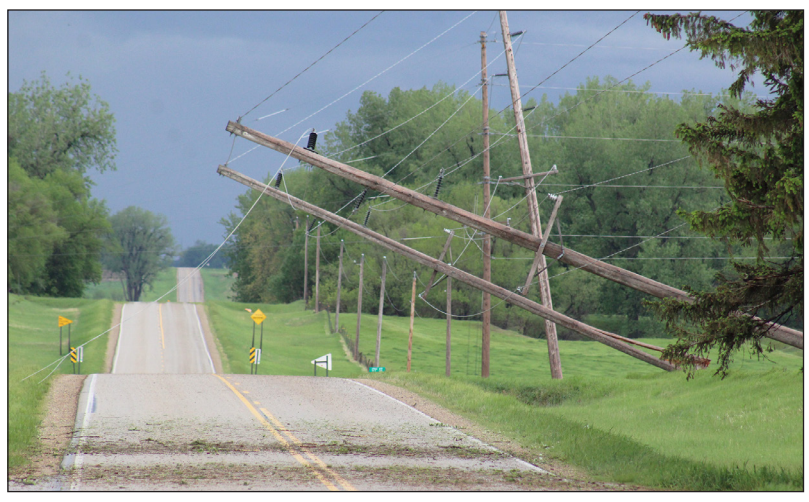
Neighbors have been helping neighbors in rural Rock County this week after tornado-like weather ripped through southwest Minnesota around 2:30 a.m. Monday.

There have so far been no reports of injuries, but property damage has been extensive, with reports of trees falling on houses and vehicles, downed powerlines and outages, and livestock buildings and machine shops either collapsed or missing rooftops.

After a sleepless night of violent wind and rain, Rock County residents on Monday afternoon were again sent to basements and tornado shelters when a tornado was spotted on the ground south of Jasper headed east.

The storms dropped nearly two inches of rain, which was welcome in most parts of the county, which has been on the dry side this spring. However, wet fields and muddy farm yards have complicated cleanup efforts.

In most cases, pieces and parts of grain bins, machines and other destroyed structures were scattered for miles in area fields, most of which had been freshly planted with corn and soybeans just beginning to emerge.



Mavis Fodness photo/0602 Storm Damage May 30

Power poles and electrical lines lean over County Road 2 south of Kenneth Monday morning after an early morning thunderstorm and strong winds came through Rock County. Other power poles were snapped along County Road 3 south of Kanaranzi and along 111th Street in Beaver Creek Township. As of Monday morning, 56 customers were without power in Rock County, according to the Sioux Valley Energy website. At right, one silo remains where there were once two at the Pam and Spencer Sells farm north of Beaver Creek.

While some large hail was reported Monday afternoon, it appears local crops were mostly spared.

According to Rock County Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre, three separate storms came through — one around 2:30

Violent storms/see page 5A



Lori Sorenson photo/0602 storm sells silo

Luverne to celebrate Buffalo Days

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's 38th annual Buffalo Days Celebration is on deck for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 3-5.

The lineup includes all the weekend classics — the Friday Night Cruise-In, Saturday's parade on Main Street and Buffalo Days Expo at the Courthouse Square.

The Cruise-In is from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Friday with free vehicle registration (all collectibles welcome) and live music, food and beer garden.

Also on Friday the Annual Luverne Baseball Tournament (9U thru 14U & Junior Legion) begins and continues through Saturday and Sunday.

Live performances of the Luverne High School musical,

Buffalo Days/see page 3A



Lori Sorenson photo

City Administrator John Call has been with Luverne for 17 years.

Luverne city administrator announces Dec. retirement

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Administrator John Call formally announced his retirement at the Tuesday, May 24, city council meeting.

"The last 17 years in Luverne have been the highlight of my 35-year career in city management," Call wrote in his resignation letter to the council.

"With a progressive mayor and council and highly competent department heads and employees, we have been able to move the city forward in many areas of economic development, housing and quality of life while at the same time delivering great city services on a daily basis."

Mayor Pat Baustian thanked Call for his contributions.

"You've done a phenomenal job and we have been privileged to have you as an administrator," Baustian said.

"I look back on the projects we have done the last 17 years, and it is remarkable what we have all accomplished. Because of your relationship-building, your communication ability ... you've always put our community first. Thank you."

The list of projects includes nearly $50 million in city capital improvements.

"Some of them were generational things, in terms of just

Administrator/see page 3A



Eighty-one LHS students receive diplomas

Friends and family gathered Sunday afternoon in the Luverne Elementary School gymnasium for the LHS Class of 2022 commencement exercises. Speakers encouraged the 81 graduates to achieve the impossible while remembering the years they spent together in elementary, middle and high school. They also remembered their late classmate, Daniella Rose Gacke, with a bouquet of rainbow roses displayed on the stage, where each received their high school diplomas. As per tradition, high school principal Ryan Johnson received a small "gift" during the handshakes with students. On Sunday he received ping pong balls. See page 13A for photographs of the senior "walk through" Friday on the last day of school.



H-BC Class of 2022 has 38 graduates

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School Class of 2022 graduated Friday night during commencement excercises in the high school gymnasium in Hills.

The ceremony also recognized Teacher of the Year Samantha McGaffee and Friend of Education Scott Harris. Those stories and photographs, along with a feature on graduating Leenderts triplets, are on page 3A

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Community calendar

Meetings

Parkinson's support group will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, June 6, at Poplar Creek Care center in Luverne.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, in the township hall.

Luv1LuvAll board will meet from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, June 10, at the Southwest Health and Human Services building. Luv1LuvAll works to "create opportunities for people to move out of poverty," and all are welcome. Call Holly at (605) 413-5415 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 13, in the Township Hall.

UMC pie and ice cream June 3

Luverne United Methodist Church annual Pie and Ice Cream Social will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 3, during the Buffalo Days Friday Night Cruise In. The event will move inside the church if it is raining.

Quilt show June 4

The Blue Mound Quilters Guild will host its annual quilt show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Hinkly House at 217 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne. Featured at this year's show will be the works of Leola Sweeney and Arlene Bendix, the Guild's 2022 Quilters of the Year.

'Tales from the Grave' June 5

The Rock County Historical Society will present its 10th annual "Tales from the Graves" and pie and ice cream social from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Maplewood Cemetery.

Local actors will play the roles of featured "guests," including newspaperman Irid Bjerk, probate judge Helga Skyberg, architect and contractor, W.E.E. Greene, farm boy and tractor accident victim Elroy Sievert, businesswoman Adahlia Wildung, Luverne Automobile founders Al and Ed Leicher, Civil War Veteran and early settler Morris C. Smith and Army nurse Tilda Rossum.

The event will also highlight the move of the Old Luverne Cemetery to Maplewood. The rain location is the History Center on East Main Street. Call 507-283-2122.

Donate blood June 6

Community Blood Bank "All American" blood drive is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m. Monday, June 6, at Sanford Luverne. Donors receive an "All American" blood donor t-shirt. Visit cbblifeblood.org or call 605-331-3222 to schedule an appointment. Community Blood Banks is the sole blood provider to Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Sign up by June 6 for children's musical, 'Have You Heard?'

Shirley Harrison is seeking children ages 7 to 14 for a community musical, 'Have You Heard the Good News?' that will be performed at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Sign-up sheets are available at local churches as well as Grace and the Luverne Chamber Office and need to be returned by June 6 to Grace or the Chamber. Practice will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 20-24. Dress rehearsal is from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 25. Call 507-227-3154.

'Service Over Self' plans projects on June 8, July 20

Rock The Edge Service Over Self days will be June 8 and July 20. Youth who have completed grades eight through 12 are welcome to register, as well as adults. (Sign up by June 2 for the June 8 service day and by July 14 for the second day.) To request a registration form email rocktheedgemn@gmail.com or call 507-283-2316.

Food distribution is June 16

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is now at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple St. in Luverne.

The next distribution is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, until the food is gone.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the west side of the building. Parking lot opens at 3 p.m. Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot, intersection or alley entrance. Food will be loaded into vehicles, which then exit via the alley going west toward Estey Street.

Call 507-283-8963 or 507-283-4366 with questions.



Lori Sorenson photo/0602 luverne auto dedication

Descendants of Luverne automakers Al and Ed Leicher participated in a dedication ceremony Saturday afternoon for the 1911 Luverne Thirty in the History Center showroom. Pictured are (clockwise from lower left) Wendy Grill, Juli Kuipers, Barb Wise, Dan Anderson, Lynn Herrick, Laura Hollaren, Tanya Light, (in the car's front seat) Jerry Schmuck and Stephanie Frankman and (standing) Jodi Nerny, Sheryl Mapke, Steve Anderson and Tom Anderson.

Leicher family, community celebrate Luverne Thirty dedication at History Center

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Historical Society and Leicher family descendants celebrated the official dedication of the Luverne Automobile Saturday afternoon in the History Center showroom.

The 1911 Luverne Thirty is one of only two known Luverne automobiles in existence, and one now resides — appropriately – in Luverne.

Dan Anderson, Hills, and his cousin, Tanya Light, Luverne, worked with their Leicher relatives to pool resources for the Historical Society to buy the car from a collector in Minneapolis.

"It belongs in Luverne," Light said. "It belongs in the History Center, where everyone can enjoy it — including the cousins. This way they can go and take their kids and grandchildren to see it."

Light and Anderson are great-grandchildren of Al Leicher, who owned and operated the Luverne Automobile Co. with his brother, Ed Leicher, from 1904 to 1917.

The Luverne Thirty arrived in the History Center showroom on Nov. 30, 2021, and on Saturday roughly 60 Leicher descendants, wearing color-coded T-shirts to designate their family affiliations, attended the dedication ceremony.

"They were all just so excited to be included in this to be part of history this way," Anderson said after the weekend.

"I was tickled to see all the younger generations here to learn about the family heritage and keep the Leicher story alive."

He said the family has been grateful to the Historical Society for keeping detailed records of the local company and its founders.

"Without the History Center and what it's doing, that would all be lost," Anderson said. "How many young people in the community even know that a car was built in Luverne?"

In a picnic at the Luverne City Park that afternoon, the family passed a bucket to collect donations to have the car's upholstery repaired and to support the Rock County Historical Society.



On stage are Ed Stearns post commander, Jim Klosterbuer, Dianna Tomlinson, Janice Koedam, Terrie Gulden, Jerry Hoff, Dave Banck, Jay Mann, Jerry Weiman, Diane Banck, Mary Jo Graphenteen, Pat Baustian, Rodger Ossenfort and Gary Hassebroek.

Storms move Memorial Day services indoors

A series of thunderstorms Monday morning forced traditional outdoor Memorial Day services indoors.

The event planned at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne moved to the school performing arts center where members of the Rock County VFW, American Legion Dell Hogan Post 123 and its auxiliary members presented the colors and conducted the service.



Robert Walraven places a flag on a veteran's grave Friday evening at Flowerfield Cemetery near Steen along with fellow American Legion members Orv Sundum (in background) and John Den Besten. The cemeteries near Steen and in Hills were all visited by Legion members and flags placed to honor those who served.

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McGaffee receives H-BC Teacher of Year award

Harris named 'Friend' by H-BC Education Association

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills-Beaver Creek Education Association honored an H-BC alumnus Friday night as the 2021-22 Teacher of the Year.

Samantha McGaffee graduated from H-BC in 2010 and returned seven years ago as the district's secondary special education teacher.

Her colleagues have noticed McGaffee's dedication to her students.

"Miss McGaffee shows genuine care and guidance to her students," one nomination comment read. "She knows how to balance between challenging and supporting students as they navigate their middle school and high school careers."

McGaffee grew up in Hills, the daughter of Glenda and Sam McGaffee.

Experiences in leading Bible school classes and babysitting in her middle and high school years ignited her passion for working with children.

Her career choice became more solid when, as a high school senior, she was a teacher's assistant for two class periods.

"I helped in preschool and first grade," she said. "It was actually with this year's graduating seniors, when they were in first grade, ironically."

McGaffee attended Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Her focus on special education came as she liked the smaller classroom settings and the chance to work with students for several years.

Her first teaching position was in special education at West Side Elementary School, Marshall, working with third- and fourth-graders. She came to H-BC for the beginning of the 2016-17 school year as the secondary special education teacher.

"As a secondary teacher, you get to be there for them and help them navigate some of the most difficult years of their lives," she said. "Some of the challenges are they aren't as easy to please."

McGaffee admitted she was first drawn to working with elementary-aged students and didn't see herself teaching students older than third grade.

"Older students are still kids — just bigger bodies," she said. "They still need patience, grace and help to develop socially, emotionally and academically."

McGaffee has excelled with her older students, according to her colleagues.

"She and her classroom often are safe havens for students (many of our students stop in for a chat, snack or a moment of support in her room). I've heard some students refer to Miss McGaffee as their 'second mom' and I'm beyond grateful for our district to have a teacher like her for our students to access as a resource."

McGaffee said her main goal at the secondary level is to develop positive relationships during the years the students are in her classroom.

"I know that this isn't always as easy or attainable in the general education setting and is one reason I chose special education," she said. "Transparency, honest communication and consistency help build this trust and support."

McGaffee emphasized when working with older students she doesn't always have a quick solution and has to take a different route as a teacher by letting the student grow and become independent.

"One of my mantras in these situations is: You may not be able to control your circumstances but you can always control your actions and responses," she said.

McGaffee's also found that taking an interest in a student's extra-curricular activity has helped with positive relationship building.

"They notice when you're there and get so excited to share their passions with you," McGaffee said. "It is fun to see them excel in other capacities outside of the classroom."





Mavis Fodness photo/0602 H-BC TOY 2022

Samantha McGaffee (**above on the right**) is the 2021-22 Hills-Beaver Creek Education Association's Teacher of the Year and was honored Friday night at the H-BC commencement in Hills by HBCEA President Megan Klumper. Scott Harris (right) is the 2021-22 Hills-Beaver Creek Education Association's Friend of Education. Harris was honored by HBCEA President Megan Klumper at the H-BC Commencement Friday night.

Scott Harris keeps H-BC 'hydrated'

As the district sales manager with Chesterman Distributing in Sioux Falls, Scott Harris keeps area grocery stores and events at the Hills-Beaver Creek schools stocked with beverages.

Because of his dedication to H-BC, Harris was selected by the education association as the 2021-22 Friend of Education.

Nomination comments were quick to recognize Harris' ability to "keep us hydrated."

"Scott has gone out of his way to help better H-BC schools by providing water, Powerade, etc., to events such as the H-BC spelling bee, G.R.A.D. student council events, sports banquets and more," one nominee wrote.

Harris and his wife, Heather, live in Hills and have three children. The oldest, Andrew, is a Class of 2022 graduate.

"Andrew was early in elementary school and I got some Powerade for them to give to the students after the event," he said. "Chesterman Coca-Cola has been a part of H-BC since before I worked for them (20 years) and I hope that I have helped strengthen that partnership."

Leenderts triplets graduate from high school, take separate career paths

By Mavis Fodness

Advice bestowed at the Hills-Beaver Creek High School commencement Friday night encouraged graduates to continue leaning on those who supported them during their school years.

Three of those 2022 graduates will also rely on each other.

Star Herald readers were first introduced to the Leenderts triplets — Donavon, Danette and Drew — in July 2003, a month before their births.

For parents Dave and Dawn Leenderts and their soon-to-be 3-year-old, Dawson, the doubling of the family's size was a surprise and an adjustment.

"The toughest part after the babies are born will be adjusting and figuring out how to manage three infants at one time — three schedules, three feedings — and trying to find room in our house," Dawn said in 2003.

That house in rural Martin Township is "chaotic, at times," Donavon said, sharing knowing looks and a grin with Danette and Drew. "There are three of us running around trying to do our own thing."

This fall the three will go separate routes for the first time.

"It's going to be different," Donovan said.

He will attend Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, South Dakota, for diesel technology. He'll return to a job he has now at a Larchwood, Iowa, repair shop.

Danette plans to attend South Dakota State University, majoring in animal science before moving on to vet school.

Drew will also be at SDSU, studying agronomy, a career choice influenced by his dad's work with New Vision in Hills.



Mavis Fodness photo/0602 H-BC Graduation 2022 Leenderts Triplets

Dave and Dawn Leenderts' triplets, Donavon (left), Danette and Drew, graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in Hills Friday night. After 18 years of experiencing major events together, they will separate this fall when they leave for different post-secondary education options.

It will be an adjustment for the triplets. "You just always had someone there," Danette said, adding she won't miss the teasing from her brothers.

While the Leenderts siblings won't see each other daily, they plan to be in contact with one another, much like they do now.

"We're not crazy far away," Danette said, adding that texts become more frequent "when we need something."

Their independence was fostered early in the triplets' lives when they were split between the morning and afternoon preschool sessions.

However, H-BC's small class sizes meant the three were often together. The boys graduated with honors and Danette with high honors.

"I think I just tried a little harder," she said. Drew added, "She had to deal with us."

Because they are not identical in appearance and of different genders, teachers and students had no trouble telling the three apart.

"I feel most people didn't know we were triplets," Danette said.

People's reaction when they find out was "Wow," Drew said.

The triplets agree on how their parents will do when they all leave. "Lonely," Danette said grinning and giving a knowing look at her brothers.

Buffalo Days/From page 1A

"Beauty and the Beast," are at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Buffalo Days weekend in the school performing arts center. (See the related story on page 6A.)

On Saturday the lineup of entertainment and activities includes:

•Sanford Buffalo Days Fun Run – Registration at 7 a.m. – at Luverne City Park.

•4-H Waffle Feed at the Masonic Temple from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

•Sno-Masters Membership Drive & Side by Side/ATC Poker Run at 9 a.m.

•Buffalo Days Expo vendor show at the Rock County Courthouse Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•Ninja Anywhere Interactive Inflatables at the Courthouse Square from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

•Parade on Main Street at 10 a.m.

•Quilt Show at the Hinkly House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (See the related story on page 7A.)

•Block Party at Take 16 Brewing Company.

On Sunday the 10th annual Tales from the Graves and Pie and Ice Cream Social returns to Maplewood Cemetery from 1 to 4 p.m. with a full slate of local actors portraying distinguished Rock County residents.

(See the related story on page 7A.) Also, see page 13A for the full lineup of Buffalo Days activities according to the Luverne Chamber.

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needing to be done," Call said. "Hopefully what we've accomplished together will be there for the next 40 to 50 years."

Call's retirement will be effective Dec. 31, 2022, which will allow six months to fill his position.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council also took action to establish a city administrator recruitment committee to fill Call's position.

Committee members include Craig Oftedahl, Mike Cox, Ashley Kurtz, Tim Gust, Caroline Thorson, Mayor Baustian and Connie Connell.

City Clerk Jessica Mead has also been working with the League of Minnesota Cities and other professional development colleagues to establish a recruitment plan.

Call, 63, said he and his wife, Brenda, will continue living in Luverne, and he will work with the council to ensure a smooth transition to the next administrator.







'Why me?' or 'Why not me?'

Ask instead, 'How have I been blessed?'



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

As I surveyed storm damage through the Star Herald camera lens Monday, I couldn't help but notice how Mother Nature took out her wrath on two neighboring farms but skipped the one across the road.

When the National Weather Service jarred us from our sleep at 2:15 a.m., we sheltered in the basement like everyone else. We emerged to find our home and property still intact. Others didn't.

It raised a question that often pops into my mind in times of crises. "Why me?" Why was my home spared when others in my neighborhood are dealing with disaster?

Or, depending how you ask the question, "Why not me?" Why didn't I have pestilence when others around me are struggling?

Of course, many people — in fact most of us — weathered the storm unharmed, but why some got hit while others in the same storm path didn't is bewildering to me.

The question applies to all sorts of circumstances.

How do 99 vehicles safely travel through an intersection but the 100th motorist gets T-boned by someone who blows a stop sign?

I lost another friend to cancer last week. There have been so many that I now wonder when it will be my turn.

And why do some get to be cancer survivors while others "lose their battle" with cancer?

On Memorial Day our thoughts turn to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Why did some return home from battle while others didn't?

They're often fair questions, but we all know there are no answers.

No earthly ones, that is.

A more productive approach might be to consider blessings amid heartache. The best way to honor the fallen soldier is to never forget that freedom isn't free.

To live gratefully.

I admired our storm victims Monday who were quick to point out, "We're just grateful no one was hurt."

And I'm grateful my home was unscathed Monday ... and that my own health has been untouched by cancer ... and that I haven't been in a car crash ...

I've certainly seen heartache and loss, but I've also been blessed beyond measure.

We can't control most things that happen to us, but we can control how we respond to them (to paraphrase Charles Swindoll).

Instead of wondering "Why me?" or "Why not me?" let's find our silver linings and choose to live gratefully.

Drive carefully during 100 deadliest days on Minnesota roads

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Summer in Minnesota brings sunshine and the excitement of school being out for summer and families heading out on vacation.

However, all the campers, trailers and extra vehicle traffic makes the next 100 days the deadliest days for traffic fatalities on Minnesota roads.

That's why the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety issued a reminder this week that law enforcement will be out in extra patrols to remind motorists to drive safely.

According to DPS, 2021 was the deadliest summer for travelers since 2007, which had 179 fatalities that summer. That same 100-day stretch last year accounted for 167 of the 488 traffic fatalities. That's 34 percent of all the traffic deaths in 2021.

In 2020, 158 people were killed on Minnesota roads during the 100-day stretch. That was 40 percent of all traffic deaths that year.

Preliminary numbers show 124 fatalities so far on Minnesota roads in 2022.

Your final destination is never guaranteed

Driver behaviors continue to play a significant role in motor vehicle crashes with speed, distraction, lack of seat belt use and drunk driving the top contributing factors in Minnesota road fatalities.

Troopers, deputies and officers are conducting extra seat belt enforcement now through June 5.

Data shows 108 unbelted motorists died in 2021 compared with 105 in 2020.

As the weather heats up, so do speeds. Extra enforcement to slow down speeding motorists will take place July 1 through July 31.

Alcohol-related crashes not only take lives, they change them forever. Alcohol-related crashes contributed to an average of 368 life-changing injuries each year from 2017-2021. The extra impaired enforcement campaign runs Aug. 19 through Sept. 5.

The Minnesota State Patrol will continue "Highway Enforcement for Aggressive Traffic" (HEAT) patrols through the summer to target speed and criminal activity.

Project 20(22) traffic patrols will happen over four more weekends this summer. Teams of troopers will focus on the deadliest traffic violations: speed, lack of seat belt use, distraction and impairment.

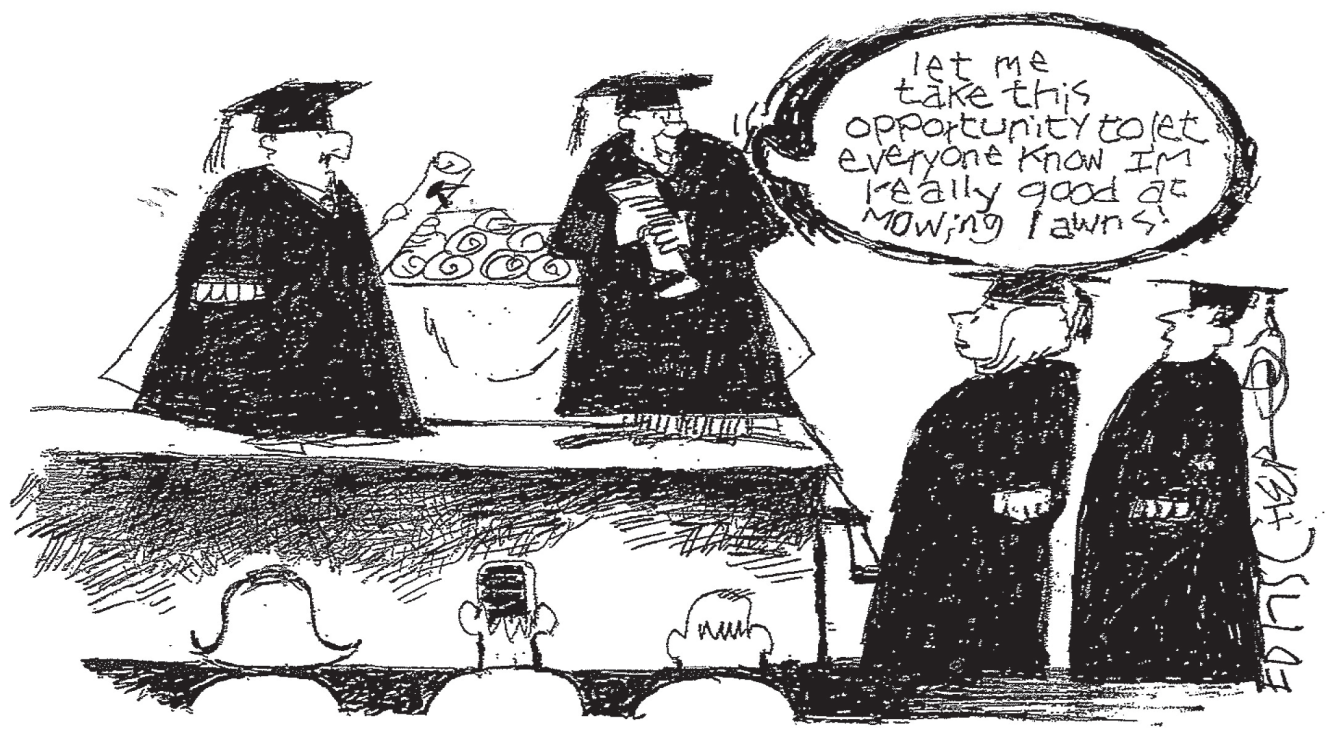
Drive smart and save lives

If you are with a driver who is distracted, speak up, tell them to put the phone down.

Refuse to drive until every passenger is buckled up.

Slow down; trying to save a few minutes of drive time isn't worth causing a crash.

Plan ahead before you go out by designating a sober driver, and if you see a person who has had too much to drink, speak up and find them a safe ride home.



Maybe 'Popiel' rocks are better than mulch?



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

About the only summer curb appeal improvement project that I am considering is replacing my mulch with landscaping rock.

Who would have thought choosing between mulch and rock would be column-worthy. I know ... compared to the bigger issues of the day, this issue isn't on most people's radar screen.

From the get-go I want to be clear I am not much of a fan when it comes to using landscaping rock. But after year after year after year of having to replenish the mulch that the winds of Rock County have blown away, the rock has a "stay in place" appeal.

For whatever reason, cleaning up the previous year's mulch that the winds have scattered to the far corners of our lawn, this might be the year I ditch the mulch.

My reluctance to putting down rock is that while rock should be "a one and done" kind of thing, it isn't. Using landscaping rock should be like Ron Popeil's Rotisserie oven ... you "set it and forget it." But also, like Ron always said while selling his latest product, "But wait! There's more!" and that is the major flaw in using rock. It's called the dreaded weeds that always seem to find their way into the rocks.

Most of the yards that I see landscaped with rock look nice, but the ones that don't really look bad, and to get them looking good again is a real pain in the butt.

Other considerations to keep in mind with the rock versus mulch debate are cost, color choices, and no doubt a bag of mulch is a lot less cumbersome than a wheelbarrow of rock.

Maybe the best choice to make while I ponder rock versus mulch would be to dig out the Popiel Pocket Fisherman and head down to the lake for the afternoon.

Here are a couple of Ron Popiel facts according to Google.

Ron died about a year ago at the age of 86 with a net worth of $200 million. The Popiel Rotisserie was by far his best seller with over 7 million units sold. The Pocket Fisherman was really his dad's invention, and with Ron's television informercials they sold over two million Pocket Fisherman.

Too bad Ron wasn't around today ... maybe he could invent mulch that wouldn't blow away.

Mayors: 'Residents of southwest Minnesota are waiting for help...'

To the Editor:

The recently concluded legislative session left a number of important issues unresolved, many of which are important to cities and our residents here in southwestern Minnesota.

Specifically, the agreed-upon final versions of the tax bill and the jobs and energy bill are much-needed items that will offer opportunities to our residents and our communities.

We ask the Senate and House legislative leadership of both parties to agree soon on a short agenda for a one- or two-day special session to act on bills which their conference committees have already agreed on as well as a capital investment bill for much-needed building projects all around Minnesota.

We know the parties may have compelling reasons to wait for these bills to be acted on but waiting while the state has a huge financial surplus makes absolutely no sense and will result in unnecessary delays and additional costs to the taxpaying public. Residents in southwest Minnesota are waiting for help, and our cities are eager to get going on long-awaited projects.

We urge the Legislature to finish its important work quickly and not hold up Minnesota from moving forward.

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On the record

Dispatch report

May 20

•Complainant reported theft of his dog.

•Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported suspicious activity at location.

•Complainant on E. Brown Street reported duct cleaning at location.

•Deputy reported road and driving laws violation.

•Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant in Brandon, South Dakota.

May 21

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, reported debris on roadway.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported theft.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported blackmail/scam.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a person attempting to leave the emergency room.

•Complainant on 91st Street, Beaver Creek, reported someone hit his mailbox.

May 22

•Complainant on 41st Street, Hills, requested to speak to a deputy.

•Administration reported phone system outage.

•Complainant on County Road 17 and County Road 4, Manley, reported a vehicle went off the roadway.

•Complainant on County Road 4 and 100th Avenue, Luverne, was out with transient.

•Complainant on E. Maple Street reported man attempting to break into property.

•Complainant on 20th Avenue, Valley Springs, South Dakota, reported damage at location due to motor vehicle accident.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported neighbor's music is too loud.

•Complainant on S. Main, Steen, reported a person looking in windows of business.

May 23

•Complainant eastbound on Warren Street reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, reported debris at location.

•Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, reported debris on the road.

•Complainant on Railroad Avenue S., Jasper, reported explosion at location.

•Complainant on Sioux Valley Drive reported threats.

•Complainant on S. West Park Street reported a trailer parked roadside and onto property.

•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen, reported possible violation of HRO.

•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen, reported harassment.

May 24

•Complainant on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen, reported an HRO issue.

•Complainant in Sheldon, Iowa, reported stolen vehicle.

•Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue and 131st Street reported camper broken down at location and waiting for tow.

•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported issue with neighbor.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported repossession of motor vehicle.

•Complainant on Iowa and Minnesota Line, Hills, requested assistance in stopping fleeing vehicle.

•Lyon County Sheriff's Office requested assistance.

•Complainant on W. Bishop Street requested assistance with address check.

•Complainant on W. Main Street reported a robbery.

•Deputies on N. Freeman Avenue checked on a warrant.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue requested to speak to a deputy.

•Complainant on E. 2nd Street and Ross Street, Hardwick, reported a fire in vacant lot.

May 25

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street and E. Luverne Street reported a possible theft in the area.

•Complainant on 190th Avenue, Interstate 90 overpass, Magnolia, reported suspicious activity at location.

•Complainant in Luverne requested information about towed vehicle.

May 26

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported an unattended child at location.

•Complainant on 111th Street, Beaver Creek, reported property damage.

•Revoked driver was reported at location on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Crawford Street.

May 27

•Complainant on N. Jackson Street reported threats/disturbance.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant at Luverne High School reported vandalism at location.

•Deputy out with vehicle at location of Barck and Freeman.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported vehicle blocking.

•Complainant on First and Main Street, Hills, reported a vehicle for poor driving conduct.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 2 transports, 2 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 10 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 10 burn permits, 3 background checks, 1 gas drive-off, 3 alarms, 6 drug court tests, 5 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 12 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 3 tests, 5 welfare checks, 3 curfew checks and 3 follow-ups.



Mavis Fodness photo and Lori Sorenson photos/0602 Storm Damage May 30

Farm buildings on locations stretching from County Road 6 east along County Road 5 to Luverne were damaged including a silo that was toppled at the Faber Farm pictured above. Below, a grain bin is scattered near Beaver Creek.

Storm damage in Rock County/continued from page 1A

a.m., another midday and a third later in the afternoon.

"Three cells came through with varying degrees of power and impact," Oldre said.

"But they each certainly carried a punch."

He said the county will seek disaster assistance to receive aid for public utility companies.

L & O Power Co-Op in Rock Rapids, which feeds power to Rock County, lost 12 to 15 transmission poles southwest of Luverne.

Sioux Valley Energy reported 25 damaged distribution and transmission poles, estimating nearly $100,000 in repairs.





Albert Van Belle surveys the damage to the 1,000-head swine facility on his and his wife, Deb's, farm west of Luverne Monday morning. Strong winds removed the roof from the 40- by 208-foot facility early Monday morning. Albert and Deb Van Belle were not home and no pigs were in the facility. "It was empty," he said. "We got lucky."

Below, the Hartz farm east of Van Belle's place had extensive damage, including a silo that crashed into the roof of a shop.



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COMMUNITY



Luverne High School students will present the musical "Beauty and the Beast" Thursday, Friday and Saturday and also June 9-11 at the school's performing arts center. Cast members include (front row, lying down) Alex Perkins, (sitting) Kaitlin Conger, Egypt Forrest Elijah Henricks, Camden Hoven, Zoey Berghorst, Cameron Aukes, Steven Woods, Aiden Worshek, (second row) Nora Louwagie (kneeling), Andrea Luitjens, Lexi Berg, Abby Boltjes, Ashlyn Johnson (sitting), Zander Carbonneau, Mia Wenzel, Parker Carbonneau, Luke Thorson, Priscilla Muehr (kneeling), Yoselyn Gonzalez, (back) Grace Sandbulte, Janica Oechsle, Audrie DeBates, Xavier McKenzie, Hunter Cope, Chris Bonilla, Myles Trimble, Chase Matthiesen, assistant director Morgan Van Holland, Bethany Behr, director Shawn Kinsinger, Brianna Kinsinger, Brooklyn Wicks, Alex Schoeneman, Joelia Lopez, Hannah Vaudrin and Morgan Jonas.

Addition of understudies makes six public performances possible

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School students will perform "Beauty and the Beast" Thursday, Friday and Saturday and three days next week, June 9-11, for a total of six musical performances.

All six shows are at 7 p.m. in the school's performing arts center.

According to director Shawn Kinsinger, many of the main characters are played by more than one actor to allow more students in the show.

"Many of the students I get to direct work extremely hard not only to be in the show but to also excel at athletics," he said.

Instead of forcing them to choose one activity over another, Kinsinger selected understudies to step into the leading roles for the second weekend of performances.

"The students who have understudies to take over for them when they go to the state track and tennis meets are the students that held the program together during the Covid lockdown," he said.

"They were the students who stayed engaged and wanted to put on good shows when we came back to the stage."

The musical, "Beauty and the Beast," follows the story of the live action Disney movie of the same name.

Belle is played by senior Mia Wenzel and sophomore understudy Alex Perkins. The Beast (junior Parker Carbonneau) is under a witch's spell that only true love will break.





Gaston (Pierce Cunningham) sits on the back of his sidekick, Lafou (Griffen Jarchow), as Gaston spouts about how handsome he is and the girls and village people can't resist him. **Left:** "You will join me for dinner," the Beast (portrayed by Parker Carbonneau) says to Belle (Mia Wenzel).

Gaston (senior Pierce Cunningham, eighth-grader Zander Carbonneau) selects Belle as his wife and is angry at Belle's relationship with the Beast. Lafou (senior Griffen Jarchow, junior Ashlyn Johnson) is Gaston's sidekick.

When Belle's father, Maurice (Perkins, junior Camden Hoven) becomes lost and is imprisoned in the Beast's castle, Belle takes his place.

At the Beast's magical castle are his servants: Lumiere (senior Luke Thorson), Cogsworth (freshman Xavier McKenzie), Mrs. Potts (freshman Brianna Kinsinger), Chip (junior Grace Ingebretson, freshman Nora Louwagie), Babette (junior Myles Trimble), and Madame Del La Grande Bouche (freshman Bethany Behr) try their best to convince the Beast that Belle "is THE one who can break the spell."

The insane asylum is run by Monsieur D'Arque (freshman Chris Bonilla), who imprisons Belle's father when he tells townsfolk about the Beast.

The girls who swoon over Gaston are played by Grace Sandbulte, Andrea Luitjens and Lexi Berg.

The wolves, gargoyles and cronies are Hunter Cope, Steven Woods, Aiden Worshek, Chase Matthiesen and Camden Hoven.

Villagers and castle staff are Chloe Schoneman, Yoselyn Gonzalez, Nora Louwagie, Abby Boltjes, Hannah Vaudrin, Audrie DeBates, Janica Oechsle, Brooklyn Wicks, Morgan Jonas, Priscilla Muehr and Joelia Lopez.

Stage manager is freshman Kaitlin Conger.

Stage crew are Egypt Forrest (lights), Zoey Berghorst and Cameron Aukes (sound), Elijah Henricks (camera) and Lizzy Mulder (robot ops).

Morgan Van Holland is assistant director.

Carol Ceynoya designed many of the customs with former students Sophie Holmberg, Josie Golla and Rylee Gee assisting with rehearsals.

The LHS robotics, art and woods departments helped with special effects and set construction.

The production will benefit from the technology of the performing arts center.

"I researched the show and decided it was a production we could make happen — especially with the capabilities of the new PAC," Kinsinger said.

Performances are at 7 p.m. June 2-4 and June 9-11. Cost is $6 for adults and $4 students.

Celebrations

Open Houses

Leroy Breuer will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 6, at NRCS Mini Gym at 712 20th Ave. SE in Rock Valley, Iowa. Greetings may be sent to him at 2662 East Meadows Road, Rock Valley, IA 51247.

John and Marg Vis will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Luverne Christian Reformed Church. Greetings may be sent to them at 26037 486th Ave., Valley Springs, SD 57068

Bridal Shower

There will be a come-and-go bridal shower for **Madisyn Dingmann**, bride-to-be of **Blake Stegenga**, from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Take 16 in Luverne.

Menu

New Location: 105 S. Estey, Luverne

Monday, June 6: Orange chicken, brown rice, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, dessert.

Tuesday, June 7: Goulash, peas, tropical fruit, garlic bread.

Wednesday, June 8: Ham and turkey chef salad, breadstick, fresh orange, dessert.

Thursday, June 9: Pepper steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, dessert.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Christian Reformed Church.

Friday, June 10: Fish patty on a bun with tartar sauce, cheesy hash browns, baked beans, dessert.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. All ages are welcome to make a reservation.

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

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

College News

Students graduate from U of N Lincoln

Three students from Luverne received degrees from the University of Nebraska Lincoln at commencement exercises May 13 and 14. They are Madilyn Dinger, College of Journalism and Mass Communications, Bachelor of Journalism; Samantha Pierce, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science; and Emma Verbrugge, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science with distinction.

Kueter, Gehrke graduate from LATC

Kyle Kueter, Hills, and Parker Gehrke, Beaver Creek, graduated from The Lake Area Technical College Friday, May 13, 2022. Kueter earned a degree in diesel technology, and Gehrke received a degree in environmental technology.

Lake Area Tech releases president's list

Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, South Dakota, has released the Spring 2022 President's List of full-time students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0. Students with a 4.0 have been noted by an asterisk. Area students named to the list are Kyle Kueter and Chase Bosch, Hills, and Nicholas Nekali, *Haylee Overvaag, and *Paige Sandbulte, all of Luverne.

Winona State releases dean's list

Winona State University has released the Spring 2022 semester dean's list. To be eligible, students must take a minimum of 12 graded credits and earn a GPA of a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Named to the dean's list from Luverne are Jessica Anderson, Regan Feit and Nicole Hoogland, and from Steen is Julia Ferguson.

Remember When

10 years ago (2012)

•A sense of jubilation accompanied the small group gathered to celebrate the reopening of the 24-hour self-serve gas pump in Hardwick last week.

It's been three years since locals have been able to get gas in town, and they are thrilled by the amount of time saved not driving 10 miles to a Luverne every time they need gas for a car or truck or boat or lawn mower or a snow blower.

City Clerk Tammy Johnson said not having a gas pump in town was inconvenient in all sorts of ways.

25 years ago (1997)

•Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore Tara Boeve successfully defended her 1996 championship in the long jump during the Section 3A Track and Field Meet in Benson Thursday.

Tara Boeve won the section meet as a freshman last year and went on to place second in the state with a distance of 17-9 1/2. She captured her second straight section title this year with a distance of 16-9 3/4.

Boeve, who missed most of her team's regular season meets with a quad muscle injury, will return to the National Sports Center in Blaine for the long jump competition.

50 years ago (1972)

•Mrs. Myrtle Kleine retired last week from the hot lunch staff at the Magnolia school. She had served 16 consecutive years, plus one additional year at the inception of the program. One of her co-workers summed up the feelings generally felt by the students and those who have been associated with her over the years when she said, "She's a very special woman to work with. She is one of those who gives of herself all of the time."

75 years ago (1947)

•Temperatures dipped to 28 degrees above zero here last Thursday, following last Wednesday's snow, and caused damage in varying degrees in the county.

County Agent Golla reports that corn which was planted shallow was hit the hardest, and some farmers are replanting. Damage by frost in these fields, he said, might run as high as 25 or 30 per cent. There are also a few fields in the northwest corner of the county which seem to be harder hit than others and some farmers are reported replanting there.

The corn that was planted deep in the ground and was nipped seems to be coming back, although maturity might be delayed somewhat.

100 years ago (1922)

•At a regular board meeting of the board of education last week, E. M. Hawes was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Herman B. Nelson.

Mr. Nelson's resignation followed his retirement from business in Luverne and his decision to resume his former work of traveling salesman for a wholesome grocery house, which would necessitate his being away from home to a greater extent than his duties as a member of the school board warranted.



Lori Sorenson photo/0602 stories from the graves

History Center director Wendel Buys (left) and Rock County historian Betty Mann are among a group of local actors and actresses who will tell "Tales from the Graves" on Sunday, June 5, at Maplewood Cemetery. Buys will play the role of Theodore Sievert and Mann is her own grandmother, Edith Eberlein.

'Tales from the Grave' returns June 5

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Historical Society will present its 10th annual "Tales from the Graves" and pie and ice cream social from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Maplewood Cemetery.

History Center Director Wendel Buys said he's looking forward to the 10th anniversary of the event and the first one since the Covid pandemic.

"We have new tales this year from many perspectives," Buys said. "Our featured guests will be from a wide variety of backgrounds and areas of interest."

Local actors will play the roles of featured "guests" who were prominent in Rock County history and help to tell the story of the community's past.

The stories this year include the lives of newspaperman Irid Bjerk, probate judge Helga Skyberg, architect and contractor W.E.E. Greene, farm boy and tractor accident victim Elroy Sievert, businesswoman Adahlia Wildung, Luverne Automobile founders Al and Ed Leicher, Civil War Veteran and early settler Morris C. Smith and Army nurse Tilda Rossum.

The event will also highlight the move of the Old Luverne Cemetery to Maplewood and information about the challenges and discoveries during that move.

The rain location is the History Center on East Main Street. Call 507-283-2122.

The event is free, but donations are accepted.

Quilts by Bendix, Sweeney featured at Saturday's show

Two longtime Blue Mound Quilt Guild members will be featured during the group's annual show from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hinkly House in Luverne.

Quilts made by Arlene Bendix and Leola Sweeney will cover the main floor of the Hinkly House, and 15 other quilters will have their work displayed throughout the rest of the house.

Arlene Bendix



Arlene Bendix is one of the winners of the Blue Mound Quilt Guild "Quilter of the Year" award for 2022. She has been a longtime member of the Guild.

Arlene has brought her talent of teaching, color expertise, sharing and encouraging to improve members' quilting skills.

She starting sewing by making her own clothes and over time transferred her skills to quilts. Arlene comes from a family of quilters that included her mother and grandmother.

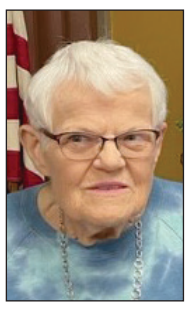
She has maintained this family tradition by introducing her daughters and granddaughters to the wonderful world of quilting.

Arlene never makes the same pattern twice because there are so many different patterns to try. She enjoys the challenge of choosing colors and piecing patterns to create the impression she wants the quilt to make. She also likes incorporating fabric received as gifts from families and friends.

One of her quilts is displayed in a room at the hospice cottage where it provides a warm and welcoming atmosphere for patients and families.

Arlene also shares her talents with the church in preparing their missionary quilts and other projects.

Leola Sweeney



Leola Sweeney also was named "Quilter of the Year" for 2022. She likes to sew, a talent she learned from her mother, who made most of the clothes and coats for Leola and her siblings.

She has made Cabbage Patch dolls and clothes plus other items for her nieces when they were little and sewed her own garments, especially suits, during her working career.

Leola also enjoys crocheting and tatting and didn't start quilting until she retired.

Her favorite quilt pattern is the log cabin, and the most challenging has been Native American quilts.

When Leola makes quilts for others, she works with them on selecting the pattern, size and color.

A love of family has inspired her creations, which include baby quilts for great-nieces and nephews and big graduation quilts for her grandchildren.

Almost all of the quilts that Leola has done have been machine-quilted on a regular sewing machine.

Leola joined the Blue Mound Quilters in 2000. She has been president of the organization. She has helped with sewing of the Hospice quilt projects and the pillowcase project.

Obituaries

Barbara Ashby



Barbara Ashby, 70, Luverne, died peacefully Monday, May 23, 2022, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, and at 1 p.m. until the service at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne.

Barbara Jean Ashby was born on October 17, 1951, to Ralph and Margie (Wild) DeGroot in Luverne, Minnesota. She grew up on the farm near the Ash Creek/Steen, Minnesota area. In her youth, she was active in 4-H with sewing and baking, and had regular attendance at church in Sunday school and youth group. Barb graduated from Luverne High School in 1970. She furthered her education at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota, graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology.

That same year, she began her career with the Social Security Administration where she would remain for the next 34 years. Barb spent a brief time in Omaha, Nebraska, and St. Louis, Missouri, before returning to Luverne in 1974.

On August 24, 1974, Barb was united in marriage to Gene Ashby in Luverne. During her employment with SSA, Barb worked up the ranks starting as a claims representative, field representative, supervisor, and then assistant manager until she officially retired in 2007.

In 2013 Barb was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, but she worked hard not to let it slow her down. She continued her active lifestyle until an injury in 2020 caused a loss of mobility. Gene continued to care for Barb in their home, but she struggled with not being able to continue with her hobbies and activities.

In December of 2021, Barb moved into the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, Minnesota where, on Monday, May 23, 2022, she died peacefully at the age of 70 years, 7 months, and 6 days.

Barb was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne. She was involved with the University of Minnesota Extension and Mrs. Jaycees. The untimely death of Barb and Gene's son, Chris Ashby, brought about avenues in which to keep his memory alive. Barb was invited to be the commencement speaker for the Luverne High School class of 1989. Barb and Gene provided scholarships to all graduating seniors for the Luverne class of 2008. They also developed and financed the Chris Ashby Bike Trail in Luverne in memory of their son. Barb enjoyed biking and walking around town, boxing, exercising, croquet and croquet tournaments, playing cards, baking (especially pies and popcorn balls), movies and dinner on Saturdays, and traveling. Her travels included visiting all 50 of the U.S. states, trips to Egypt, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Austria, and Cuba. Barb and Gene spent 10 winters in Florida and went on many cruises together.

Left to cherish Barb's memory are her husband, Gene Ashby of Luverne; brother Dean (Liz) DeGroot of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and nieces, Sarah and Anna DeGroot of Minneapolis.

Barb was preceded in death by her son, Chris Ashby; parents, Ralph and Margie DeGroot; in-laws, Howard and Ruth Ashby; grandparents; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

Memorials can be directed to the Parkinson's Foundation and the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

(0602 V)

Elaine Snyders



Elaine Garnet Snyders, 81, formerly of Luverne, died peacefully under hospice care Thursday, May 26, 2022, at the Good Samaritan Society – Prairie Creek in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A committal service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Elaine Cragoe was born on Jan. 7, 1941, to Charles and Garnet (Hetrick) Cragoe in Luverne and raised on the family farm northwest of Magnolia. She attended Magnolia High School, graduating in 1959. She then attended beauty school in Minneapolis. She traveled to California and worked in a beauty shop for her aunt.

Elaine was married Dec. 29, 1961, to Gary Mark at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. The couple was blessed with two sons. Elaine and Gary later divorced.

On Aug. 14, 1976, Elaine married Dennis Snyders in Larchwood, Iowa. They raised their family of now five children in Luverne. Elaine was employed by the Luverne School District for a number of years and worked as a library assistant. She later worked at the Sanford Luverne Hospital in the kitchen.

In 2017 she moved to the Oaks Apartments in Luverne. A short time later she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and transitioned to the Good Samaritan Society – Prairie Creek in Sioux Falls.

Elaine attended St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She was a devoted Elvis Presley fan and even traveled to Graceland. She loved her dog, Bella, and enjoyed spending time with friends while camping at Lake Shetek.

Elaine is survived by her two sons, Duane (Phyllis) Mark of California and Scott (Michelle) Mark of Luverne; stepchildren Bradley (Michele) Snyders of Sioux Falls, Brenda (Tim) Welbig of Sioux Falls, and Bridget (Ken) Rist of Brandon, South Dakota; daughter Rhonda (Howard) Farrell of Florissant, Colorado; siblings Eugene (Colleen) Cragoe of Luverne and John (Patsy) Cragoe of Luverne; sister-in-law Doris Cragoe of Hastings; and other family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dennis Snyders; and a brother, Charles Cragoe.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

(0602 F)

John Thies



John David Thies, 81, Luverne, died Friday, May 20, 2022, in his home.

A funeral service was Friday, May 27, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne with burial at Salem Cemetery in rural Pipestone.

John Thies was born on Dec. 16, 1940, to Lawrence and Julia (Sutherland) Thies in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. He was baptized and confirmed at the Salem Methodist Church in Salem, South Dakota. John attended a small country school for his elementary grades and then Egan High School in Egan, South Dakota, where he graduated in 1958. John was very active in high school sports, and his nine-man football team won the state championship.

On Aug. 9, 1959, John married Judy Jones at the Presbyterian Fireside Room in Pipestone. John was a resident of Pipestone for 38 years and Luverne for 40 years.

John never retired. He worked for Ford Motor, Dars Texaco Gas, Robson Grocery Store, Pepsi, Sturdevants Automotive, and Jaycox/Titan.

John was a member of United Methodist Church in Luverne where he was involved as a choir member, played on the church softball league, and was active with the couples club. John loved music. He was involved in the Luverne Community Choir and was a member of Caballeros Del Norte. He and Judy were active with AFS for 25 years, connecting many foreign exchange students with local families. John was a member of the Lions Club and an avid supporter of Luverne sports and school events.

John loved the outdoors and horseback riding. He had a love for growing plants, especially African violets. He enjoyed car shows and was a car enthusiast, especially antique cars. He was an avid Louis L' Amour book reader and enjoyed western movies. He often would be seen riding his fat tire bike around town.

His life revolved around his family. He spent a good deal of time taking walks with his family. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his four children, Terry (Lisa) Thies of Minnetonka, Jeffrey (Jeanne Sadecki) Thies of Chaska, Kimberly (Jonathan) Mulder of Katy, Texas, and Shelly (Rolland (Marty)) Wold of Burnsville; seven grandchildren, Joshua Mulder, Maisey Wahlquist, Colin Thies, Cody Thies, Josie Wold, Rylie Wold, and Marissa Wold; three great-grandchildren; siblings Jim (Dell) Thies of Pipestone, Judy Jansen of Pipestone, and Mark (Diaine) Thies of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and AFS children, Anna, Paolo and Angela, Arias, Maria, Aparicio, and Rhonda Scully.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Judy; and siblings William (Bill) Thies and Mary Hargens.

Memorials are preferred to the Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquist-funeral.com.

(0602 F)

Steven Carlson



Steven Carlson, 82, Luverne, died Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A visitation was Monday, May 16, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A private family funeral service will be at a later date. Memorials may be given to Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne or to the American Cancer Society.

Steven Carlson was born Jan. 14, 1940, to Harvey and Ella (Newberg) Carlson in Luverne. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1958 and later attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls. He worked for Hanson Silo and also worked with his father doing custom farming.

Steven married Dianne Heckt on March 27, 1982, in Hardwick. The couple lived in Luverne, and Steven continued to work with his father and eventually managed the family farm near Hardwick until he retired.

He enjoyed racing cars, restoring cars and antique tractors, and going to auction sales and swap meets. He was a member of Tri State Chevy and State Line 2 Cylinder Club. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick for many years and was baptized and confirmed there.

Steven is survived by his wife, Dianne Carlson of Luverne; six children, Chris (Jeni) Zewiske of St. Paul, Joseph (Nancy) Zewiske of Mukwonago, Wisconsin, Ann Marie (Ola) Bildtsen of Roseville, Wayne Zewiske of Luverne, Robert (Ashley) Carlson of Hardwick, and Mary Ella Carlson of Seattle, Washington; 12 grandchildren, Ian, Zach, Katie, Jacob, Elsa, Isak, Jenna, Gracie, Nick, Erica, Garrett, and Guinevere; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Judith Carlson of Luverne and Jewell Gimble of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law Rusty Gimble; brother and sister-in-law David and Mary (Heckt) Maroon, sister-in-law Virginia (Heckt) Wessels, and brothers-in-law Donald and David Heckt.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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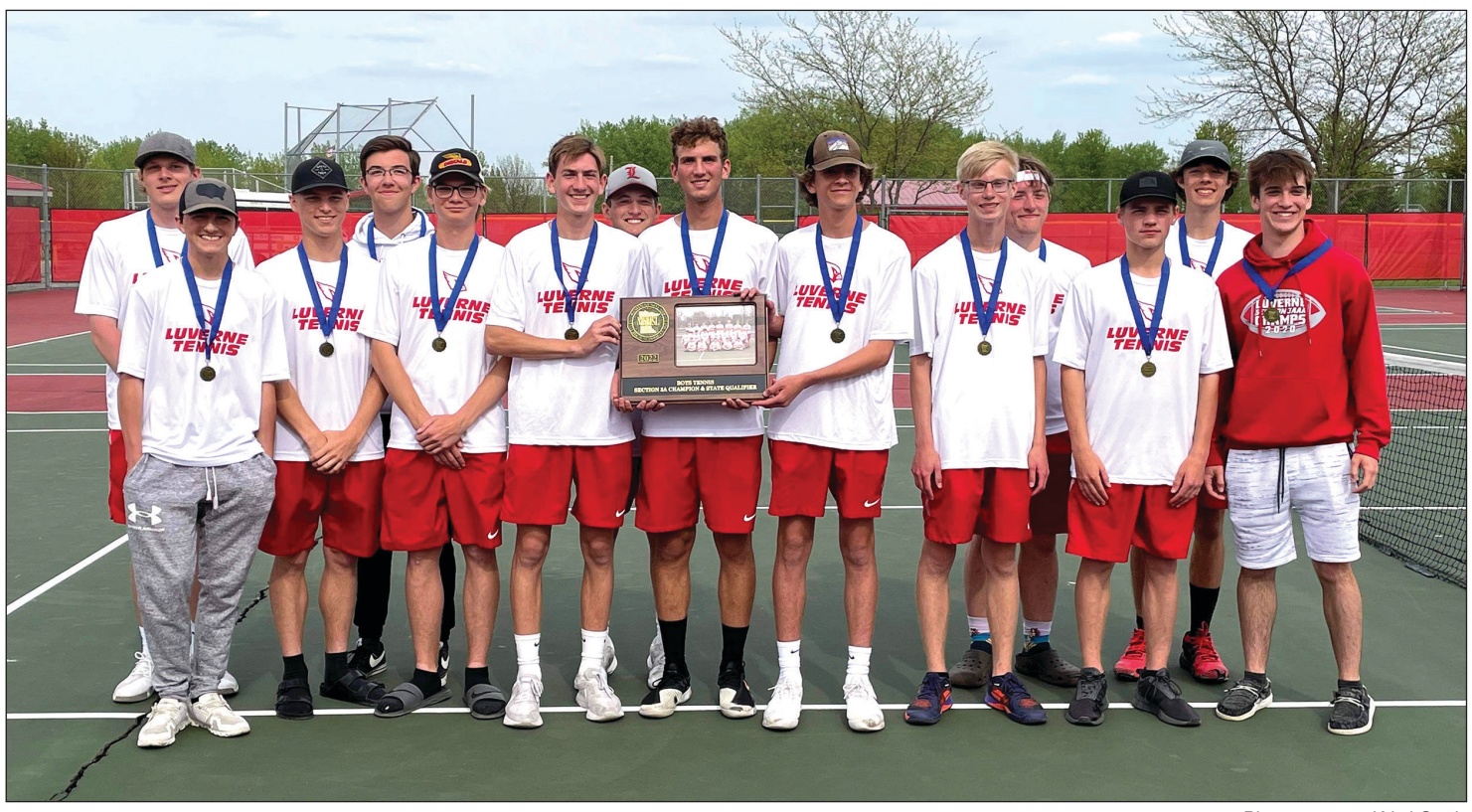


Photo courtesy Kristi Groth

The Luverne High School boys' tennis team won the Section 3A Championship Tuesday, May 24, in Redwood Falls and earned a trip to state competition. Pictured are (from left) Jase Arp, Terran Siebenahler, Hunter Gaffaney, Parker Carbonneau, Kyle Ferguson, Griffen Jarchow, Luke Bosch, Pierce Cunningham, Blake Frahm, Ethan Nath, Chance Tunnissen, Spencer Kracht, Logan Ommen and Levi Thielbar. State tournament play begins Tuesday, June 7, in Minneapolis.

Cardinals win 12th consecutive section tennis championship

By Jason Berghorst

Luverne will again represent Section 3A at the Minnesota boys' tennis state tournament next week in Minneapolis.

The Cardinals won their 12th consecutive Section 3A team championship on Tuesday, May 24, in Redwood Falls, continuing a streak that began in 2010 (excluding the 2020 no-sports pandemic year).

After defeating MACCRAY in the tournament quarterfinals 7-0 May 23, Luverne took down Redwood Valley 5-2 in the semifinal round Tuesday morning.

The Cards then defeated Benson/Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sundberg 4-3 in an exciting section championship contest to keep one of Southwest Minnesota's most impressive state tournament appearance streaks alive for a dozen years.

"This is always one of our team goals," said No. 1 singles player Pierce Cunningham.

"No one wants to be on the team that loses the streak. ... We're looking forward to having fun up at state and getting the chance to compete with the best teams in the state."

The Cardinals also began play in the section individual tournament Thursday, May 26, with two entries in the singles competition and two teams in the doubles competition.

Cunningham won two singles matches and Griffen Jarchow and Blake Frahm won two doubles matches to advance to the semifinals that were played Tuesday, May 31, after this edition of the Star Herald went to press.

State tournament play will begin June 7 at the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center in Minneapolis with team quarterfinals and consolation semifinals.

First rounds of singles and doubles play at the state tournament begin on Thursday, June 9.

"Twelve straight appearances is a credit to the players now and before," Coach Lucas Larson said. "They are the ones who play the matches and the success is squarely on their shoulders."

Larson is coaching his second and final season for the Cardinals. He has resigned his teaching and coaching positions at LHS after accepting teaching and coaching positions at

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LHS golf team moves on to Day 2 of section tournament

Sudenga tied for third individually as play resumed Wednesday

By John Sichmeller for the Star Herald

The Luverne boys' golf team played in the first round of the Section 3AA Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 26, at Buffalo Lake Golf Club in Oakdale.

The Cardinals shot a team score of 325 to place fourth out of 16 teams in the tournament.

The top five teams in the section advance to Round 2 on Wednesday, June 1. New London-Spicer currently sits at the top of the leaderboard after shooting a team score of 311 on Day 1.



Owen Sudenga

"Our goal coming in was to be one of the five teams moving on to Day 2 and we accomplished that," said Luverne boys' coach John Sichmeller.

"It was a cold and windy day, and we were still able to shoot our lowest team score of the year. If we can have a good day in Round 2, you never know what can happen."

Leading the Cardinals was sophomore Owen Sudenga, who shot a 76 to place him tied for third individually and only one stroke off the tournament lead.

"Owen had a rough start to the season but he is starting to play some really good golf. It has been fun to see him figure things out and play the way that we know he can," said coach Sichmeller.

Sophomore Henry Hartquist had a solid round for the Cardinals as well with a 78 to tie for 10th place individually. Junior Brady Bork fired an 82 and senior Colin Schoeneman shot an 89 to contribute to the Luverne team score. Also competing for Luverne were freshman Levi Gonnerman (100) and sophomore Tyler Arends (101).

The winning team after Round 2 and the Top 5 individuals will advance to the state meet later this month.

The LHS girls' team had round one postponed due to weather and was scheduled to compete Tuesday, May 31, after the Star Herald press time.

Top teams and individuals from Round 1 will move to Round 2 the following day.



Facebook photo by H-BC Patriots

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' 4-by-100-meter relay team of Brynn Bakken, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk and Abbie Harris broke the H-BC school record Thursday, May 26, at the Subsection meet in Luverne. The Patriot girls won the event in 51.24 seconds, beating the previous record of 51.62 set in 2019 by Ashlee Kelderman, Sydnie Fick, Layla Deelstra and Taryn Rauk.

Sixteen Patriot athletes advance to Section meet

By Dalton Bass
For the Star Herald

Patriot athletes traveled to Luverne Thursday afternoon for the Section 3A Sub-section Southwest track meet that included Adrian/Ellsworth, Hills-Beaver Creek, Luverne, Murray County Central, Pipestone, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, Southwest Christian, and Tracy-Milroy-Balaton.

The Lady Pates finished in fifth place with 64.5 points while the boys finished in fourth place with 73 points.

Pipestone will host the meet Thursday with field events starting at 2 p.m.

The girls' first-place 4-by-100-meter relay was the highlight of the meet for the Lady Pates, who set a new school record with a time of 51.24.

Winning relay runners were Abbie Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra and Brynn Bakken.

Bakken also placed first in the 100-meter dash (12.99) and 200-meter dash (26.74).

Senior Kenadie Fick had a first-place finish for the Patriots in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:48.58, and she also qualified in the 800-meter run (2:35.72) with a fifth-place finish.

Layla Deelstra qualified for the section meet in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.35.

Abbie Harris will move on in the 400-meter dash after running a 1:05.75.

The 4-by-200-meter relay

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Luverne girls' track team claims sub-section team title, boys' team finishes second

By Blaine Radtke
For the Star Herald

Luverne hosted the Section 3A Subsection Southwest track meet on Thursday, May 26, where the Cardinal girls took the team title and the LHS boys were second.

In this competition, coaches are looking to win the team title, but athletes look to advance to the section meet and a chance for a trip to state.

The top four in each event advance to the section meet. Also, the next top four performances of all three subsections advance.

Luverne girls took the team title by 85 points over Southwest Christian-Edgerton High School, and LHS boys lost to SWC-EHS by four points to take second.

Tenley Nelson won the 800-meter run (2:21.15) and Cassi Chesley finished third (2:33.99).

Jenna Debates finished second (11:52.09) and Ella Schmuck third (13:07) in the 1,600-meter run.

Elizabeth Wagner won the 300-meter hurdles (48.10).

Mia Wenzel won the high jump (4-09).

Isabella Oye was second in the 200-meter dash (27.52). Tiana Lais placed second in the 400-meter dash (1:03.13).

The 4-by-400-meter relay team of Tiana Lais, Elizabeth Wagner, Sarah Stegenga and Tenley Nelson won in a time of 4:09.85.

The 4-by-800-meter relay team of Elizabeth Wagner, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates and Tenley Nelson finished first (9:38.06).

The 4-by-100-meter relay team of Mia Wenzel, Anna Banck, Isabella Oye and Sarah Stegenga was second in a time of 51.66.

The 4-by-200-meter relay team of Makena Nelson, Isabella Oye, Anna Banck and Sarah Stegenga was also second in a time of 1:49.80.

Jocelyn Hart finished first (40-02) and Jadyn Hart second (35-10) in the shot put. Jocelyn Hart was first (119-07) and Jadyn Hart second (113-00) in the discus.

Kendra Thorson was first (15-03.75) and Makena Nelson second (15-02.75) in the long jump. Kendra Thorson also won the triple jump (32-06).

For the LHS boys, Ashton Sandbulte won the 100-meter dash (11.01) and 200-meter dash (22.35). He also was a member of the first-place 4-by-100-meter relay team with Lucky Dara, Zachary Terrio and Eli Radtke (44.73).

Radtke also went on to win the pole vault at 12-03.

Lucky Dara was second in the 400-meter dash (53.45). Ryan Fick was third in the 800-meter run (2:06.23).

The 4-by-800-meter relay team of Ryan Fick, Sage Viessman, Camden Janiszeski and Owen Janiszeski won in a time of 8:35.

Luverne placed first, second and third in the 3,200-meter run with Camden Janiszeski (10:01.00), Owen Janiszeski (10:06.16) and Sage Viessman (11:06.18).

Jordan Friedrichsen had a third in the shot put (46-04.50).



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Luverne senior Mia Wenzel charges hard in the 200-meter dash, where she finished fourth and qualified for today's (June 2) Section 3A track and field championships in Pipestone. She was also a member of the 4-by-100-meter relay team with Anna Baank, Isabella Oye and Sarah Stegenga, who finished second at last week's sub-section meet in Luverne.

LHS girls
100 7. Hailey Como 14.00 12. Reinha John

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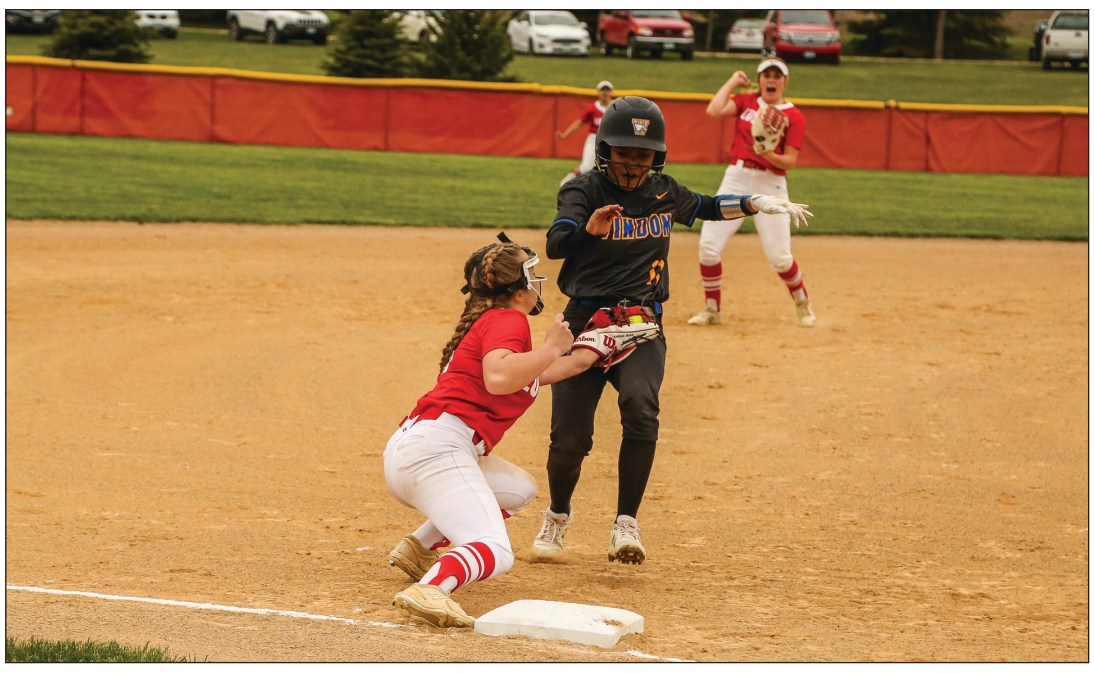
Luverne softball wins two, loses third game in section playoffs

By Stacy Olson
For the Star Herald

The Luverne High School softball team opened post-season play Tuesday, May 24, with an 11-6 victory over Windom at home after earning a bye for the first playoff game.

Playoff action continued in Marshall Saturday, May 28, when the Cardinals beat Dassel-Cokato 1-0 but lost to Pipestone 7-6.

The Cardinals dropped down to the loser bracket and will play Tuesday, May 31, in Marshall to try and earn their way back into the section championship game Thursday, June 2, in Marshall.



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Luverne's Kendall Buss tags a Windom Eagle runner out at third base May 24 in the second round of section playoffs at home. The Cardinals went on to win the game 11-6.

LHS 11, Windom 6

First-seeded Luverne had a bye for the first playoff game and played Windom in the second game played in Luverne.

The Cardinals started off strong May 24 against Windom in the bottom of the first inning with a lead-off homerun from Billi Connell. Carly Olson hit a single but was unable to score. The Cardinals led the Eagles 1-0 after one inning.

Windom scored two runs in the second inning, but Luverne was unable to put a run on the board. Windom took the lead 2-1 after two, outscoring the Cardinals again in the third inning with two runs.

Luverne was still unable to score to bring the Windom lead to 4-1.

The Cardinals took back the lead 5-4 in the fourth inning, scoring four runs. Kendall Buss and Anika Boll both singled to help regain the lead.

Luverne busted it open in the fifth inning with three more runs. Peyton Behr hit a double, Olson singled, Reghan Bork singled and Buss hit a sacrifice fly for the Cardinals.

Windom scored two runs in the sixth, but Luverne was able to win the inning with three more runs. Behr and Buss both hit singles to take the Cardinals to an 11-6 lead over Windom in the sixth.

Windom was unable to score any runs in the seventh. The Cardinals' 11-6 victory secured them a place in the second round of playoffs in Marshall on Saturday, May 28.

Grace Nath recorded the win, throwing all seven innings. She allowed six runs on seven hits, struck out four, and walked two.

Box score	AB	R	H	RBI
B Connell	1	2	1	1
P Behr	4	2	2	2
C Olson	2	0	2	0
R Bork	4	1	2	0
K Buss	3	1	2	3
A Boll	3	1	1	2
B Smidt	2	0	0	1
J Smith	3	0	0	0
E Reisdorfer	2	1	0	0

LHS 1, D-C 0

Luverne faced Dassel-Cokato on Saturday, May 28, in Marshall for a game that remained scoreless for eight innings.

Connell had a hit in the first inning. Ella Reisdorfer hit a single in the eighth inning, but Luverne was still unable to manufacture any runs.

The Cardinals were able to put some runners on base in the ninth inning when a Dassel-Cokato error let Bork get on base. Buss bunted, advancing Bork, who was able to score on another Dassel-Cokato error.

Luverne kept Dassel-Cokato from scoring in the ninth, and the Cardinals advanced to the next game.

Gracie Nath threw all nine innings for the Cardinals and shut out Dassel-Cokato allowing six hits, striking out 11 and walking one.

Box score	AB	R	H	RBI
B Connell	3	0	2	0
P Behr	4	0	0	0
C Olson	3	0	0	0
R Bork	3	1	0	0
K Buss	4	0	1	0
A Boll	4	0	0	0
B Smidt	3	0	0	0
J Smith	2	0	0	0
A Cowell	1	0	0	0
E Reisdorfer	3	0	1	0

Pipestone 7, LHS 6

The Cardinals faced the Pipestone Arrows in Game 2 Saturday in Marshall.

Luverne took the lead in the first with a solo homerun off the bat of Connell to start the game. Bork and Buss both hit singles in the first inning but were unable to add any more runs to the board.

Jacey Smith had the only hit in the second inning, but neither team was able to score. Behr singled in the third inning but was the only runner to reach base for the Cardinals.

The Arrows took the lead 3-1 in the third off a couple of Luverne errors. Boll started off the fourth with a double but was left stranded on base. Pipestone plated two more runs to take a 5-1 lead after four innings.

Luverne plated two runs in the fifth with singles from Connell and Bork. Luverne held Pipestone and closed the Arrows' lead to 5-3.

The sixth inning was scoreless by both teams. Luverne rallied in the seventh to take the lead back. Connell hit a double, Behr reached on an error and Olson hit a double to put Luverne up 6-5. The Cardinals were unable to hold onto their lead in the seventh inning, and Pipestone won 7-6.

Gracie Nath took the loss throwing all seven innings. She allowed seven runs on 12 hits, walked three, and struck out three.

Box score	AB	R	H	RBI
B Connell	4	3	3	1
P Behr	4	2	2	0
C Olson	3	0	1	1
R Bork	2	0	2	2
K Buss	4	0	1	0
A Boll	4	0	2	1
B Smidt	4	0	0	0
J Smith	4	0	1	0
E Reisdorfer	3	0	0	0

LHS baseball begins tournament play

By Jason Berghorst
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals baseball team closed out a 13-6 regular season before opening play in the Section 3AA tournament last week.

The Cards bested Murray County Central 5-2 in Slayton Tuesday during their final regular season contest.

Luverne earned the No. 4 seed in the South subsection for the playoffs.

The Cardinals began postseason play by defeating No. 5-seeded Jackson County Central 4-2 in Fairmont Saturday before falling to Fairmont 1-0 in extra innings in Saturday's second game.

With the loss, LHS moved into the elimination bracket of tournament play and faced Windom Tuesday night at Irish Yard near Milroy after this edition of the Star Herald went to press.

A loss to the Eagles would end the Cardinals' season, while a win would advance the Cards to continue tournament play tonight (Thursday) at Legion Field in Marshall.

Luverne 5, MCC 2

LHS traveled to Slayton Tuesday, May 24, to play their final regular season baseball game.

The Cardinals came home with a 5-2 win, their 13th of the season.

Riley Sneller led the offense for Luverne, going two for three at the plate and adding one RBI.

Braydon Ripka, Kaden Anderson, Casey Sehr, Connor Connell and Zach DeBoer each scored one run for the Cardinals. Sehr had two RBIs in the contest.

The Cardinals stole nine bases during the game, with Connor Overgaard recording three of those steals.

Anderson pitched the first three innings for the Cards. The senior gave up only two hits and no runs while striking out six and walking none.

Sehr threw the next three innings for LHS. He offered three hits and two runs, but struck out five and walked only one. Connell pitched the final inning, striking out two Rebel batters.

LHS	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	5
MCC	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2

	AB	R	H	BI
B Ripka	3	1	1	0
K Anderson	4	1	0	0
Casey Sehr	3	1	1	2
C Connell	3	1	0	0
A Ossefoort	0	0	0	0
C Overgaard	3	0	0	0
R Sneller	3	0	2	1
W Serie	2	0	0	0
N Cole-Kraty	1	0	0	0
Carter Sehr	3	0	0	0
J Stroh	0	0	0	1
DeBoer	1	1	1	0

Luverne 4, JCC 2

The Cardinals opened Section 3AA play as the No. 4 seed against the No. 5-seeded Jackson County Central Saturday morning in Fairmont.

LHS advanced to play No. 1-seeded Fairmont with a 4-2 victory over the Huskies.

The Cardinals scored first in the game during the bottom of the second inning when a sacrifice fly by Carter Sehr scored Overgaard.

JCC took the lead by scoring two runs in the top of the fifth inning.

Luverne answered by plating three runs in the bottom of sixth inning to take the 4-2 lead.

Anderson and Connell both reached base with singles before Sneller scored Anderson with a line drive single to right field. Will Serie then scored Connell with an RBI-single to center field to take the 3-2 lead.

The Cards scored their fourth and final run when Sneller scored on a passed ball.

Luverne racked up

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Photo courtesy Sherri Thompson

Runners promote children's mental health

Elise Telford (left) and Greg Nance came through Luverne on foot Thursday, May 26, on their 3,000-mile across-country run to raise awareness of youth mental health. Nance started in Long Island, New York, with a foot in the Atlantic Ocean, and if all goes well, he'll reach the Pacific Coast on June 28. Along the way he's hoping to raise money for the Run Far Foundation, which supports youth-led volunteer projects in all 50 states "to enable meaningful community service and help young people find purpose, have fun, and stay healthy." See runfarfoundation.com for more information.

Redbirds shut out Hadley, Jackson

By Jason Berghorst

The Luverne Redbirds amateur baseball team moved to 5-1 on the season with two shutout, seven-inning victories this week.

The Redbirds defeated the Hadley Buttermakers 11-0 on Wednesday, May 25, and the Jackson Bulls 20-0 on Friday, both at Redbird Field.

Luverne was scheduled to play in Worthington Wednesday, June 1, after this edition of the Star Herald went to press. The Redbirds will play in Windom on Wednesday, June 8.

Luverne 11, Hadley 0

Jake Haugen pitched a complete, shutout victory for the Redbirds at home Wednesday, May 25, when he shut down the Hadley Buttermakers 11-0.

Haugen gave up only five hits, no runs and walked only one while striking out seven Hadley hitters.

"Our pitchers have been attacking, throwing multiple pitches for strikes in any count," Haugen said.

Phil Paquette started the scoring for the Redbirds in the first inning when he hit a double to score Derek Lundgren.

Newt Johnson then hit a ground ball and reached base on an error to score Paquette before Colby Crabtree (running for Declan Beers) and Johnson scored on a two-RBI single by Ethan Beyer to build a 4-0 lead at the end of the first inning.

Paquette scored for the second time in the game in the second inning when Beers lined into a fielder's choice.

Luverne added three more runs in the third inning.

Cade Wenninger scored on a single by Gaige Nath, Beyer scored on a single by Lundgren, and Lundgren scored on a double by Paquette.

In the fourth inning, the Birds' Ben Serie scored on a fly ball single from Beyer.

Serie plated his second run of the game when he opened the bottom of the sixth inning with a homerun. Beers scored the final run of the game when Cade Wenninger hit an RBI single later in the same inning.

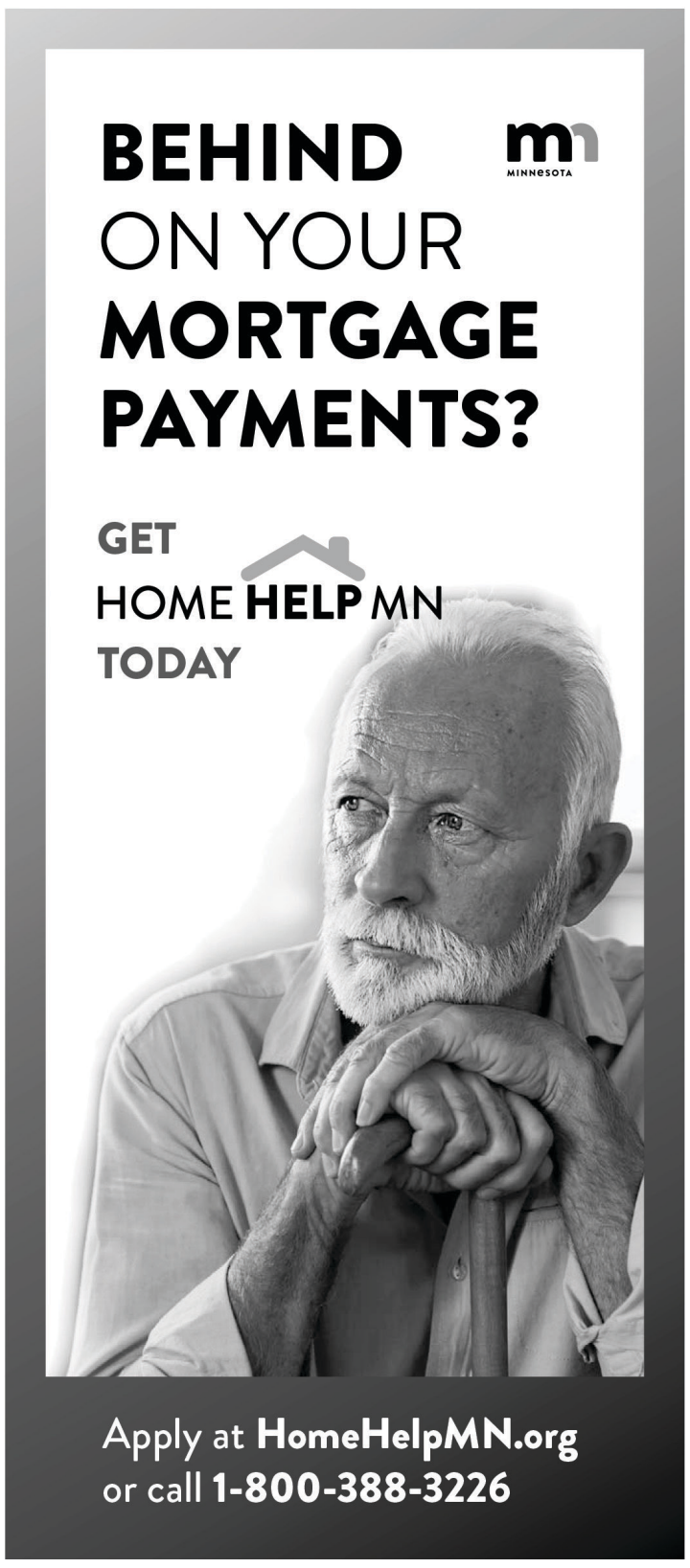
When the Buttermakers were unable to score in the top of the seventh inning, the game ended due to the 10-run rule.

Paquette led the offense for the Birds, going three for four at the plate with two runs and two RBIs.

Beyer had two hits, one run and two RBIs while Serie tallied two runs, scored twice and had one RBI.

Hadley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luverne	4	1	3	1	0	2	x	11

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team of Harris, O. Deelstra, Rauk and Deelstra was fifth with a time of 1:52.67

The 4-by-400-meter relay team of Bailey Spykerboer, Fick, Olivia Deelstra and Taylor Durst was the final qualifier for the Lady Pates with a fifth-place finish in 4:33.78.

For the boys, Ty Bundesen (11.71) and Cooper Gehrke (11.80) finished second and third in the 100-meter dash to qualify.

The boys' 4-by-200-meter relay team of Ty Bundesen, Liam Raymon, Eli Taubert and Cooper Gehrke finished second with a time of 1;36.70.

The 4-by-400-meter relay team that placed third (3:48.20) was made up of Raymon, Eli Taubert, Micah Bush and Beau Bakken.

The Patriots' 4-by-100-meter relay team of Bundesen, Fuerstenberg, Bakken and Gehrke came away with a fifth-place finish at 46.70.

Raymon was second in the triple jump with 40-8.75 and fourth in the 400-meter run (54.63).

Junior Brock Harnack took fourth in the 110-meter hurdles (18.46) and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (46.85). He also qualified in triple jump (37-5) with a sixth-place finish.

Luke Fuerstenberg finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.65.

Bundesen was the final qualifier for the Patriot boys in the shot put with a throw of 43-1.5.

Following are the other H-BC results from Thursday's meet.

Girls' results:
100 11. Aspen Shimp 14.50 17. Hailey Moser 14.95
200 9. Brynn Rauk 28.67
400 9. Taylor Durst 1:09.29 10. Emma Deelstra 1:09.87
800 13. Bailey Spykerboer 2:56.38 15. Emma Deelstra 3:03.83
100mH 11. Larissa Steinhoff 19.66 18. Ava Steinhoff 20.82
300mH 13. Ava Steinhoff 58.50 14. Larissa Steinhoff 58.55
Shot Put 12. Isabel Wysong 27-3.5 14. Ally Birger 26-9.5 19. Tyrae Goodface 23-11
Discus 10. Larissa Steinhoff 77-1 12. Ally Birger 73-8 18. Isabel Wysong 62-10
High Jump 4. Ava Steinhoff 4-5 8. Larissa Steinhoff 4-3
Triple Jump 8. Bailey Spykerboer 28-11.5



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H-BC junior Brock Harnack advances to the Section 3A track and field championships today (June 2) in Pipestone. Harnack placed in the sub-section 100- and 200-meter hurdles along with the triple jump.

Boys' results:
100 6. Luke Fuerstenberg 12.12
200 12. Riley Tatge 26.71 13. Sawyer Bosch 26.86
400 11. Bode Kruger 59.16 12. Blake Leenderts 59.32
800 7. Micah Bush 2:15.31
300mH 11. James VandenBosch 48.5
Shot Put 12. Brayden Metzger 37-5.25 16. Max Scholten 35-3
Discus 8. Max Scholten 114-2 12. Brayden Metzger 93-6 21. Alex Harris 73-10
High Jump 7. Eli Taubert 5-5 8. James VandenBosch 5-3 10. Jackson Gacke 5-1
Long Jump 9. Brock Harnack 16-6.75 10. Sawyer Bosch 16-3.5 11. Blake Leenderts 16-1
Triple Jump 11. Sawyer Bosch 34-9.25

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ten hits in the game. Anderson and Sneller were both three for three at the plate.

Anderson was the winning pitcher for the Cardinals. The right-hander pitched five innings, surrendering only four hits and two runs while striking out three and walking one.

Casey Sehr spent the final two innings on the mound. He gave up no hits, no runs, struck out three and walked one.

JCC	0 0 0 0 2 0 0			2
LHS	0 1 0 0 0 3 x			4
	AB	R	H	
BI				
B Ripka	3	0	0	0
K Anderson	3	1	3	0
Casey Sehr	3	0	1	0
C Connell	3	1	1	0
C Overgaard	3	1	1	0
R Sneller	3	1	3	1
W Serie	2	0	1	1
Carter Sehr	1	0	0	1
J Stroh	1	0	0	0
DeBoer	2	0	0	0

Fairmont 1, Luverne 0

It was a low-scoring affair when Luverne faced the No. 1-seeded Fairmont Cardinals in the second playoff game of the day Saturday in Fairmont.

The pitchers' duel was tied 0-0 after seven and a half innings when Fairmont scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the eighth inning to secure the walk-off win.

Connell pitched 7 1/3 innings for Luverne. The strong sophomore gave up only four hits and one run while striking out 11 Fairmont batters and walking none.

Casey Sehr came in to pitch the final nine pitches of the game. He gave up one hit and no runs.

Anderson, Casey Sehr and Connell each had one hit in the contest.

Luverne	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				0
Fairmont	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1				1
	AB	R	H	B	
B Ripka	3	0	0	0	
K Anderson	3	0	1	0	
Casey Sehr	3	0	1	0	
C Connell	2	0	1	0	
C Overgaard	3	0	0	0	
R Sneller	3	0	0	0	
W Serie	3	0	0	0	
J Stroh	1	0	0	0	
Carter Sehr	3	0	0	0	
N Cole-Kraty	2	0	0	0	

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Rock County requests proposals for Group Life Insurance until June 30

Public Notice of Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that Rock County will accept proposals for group Life Insurance until 3pm June 30, 2022.

Request for Proposal specifications may be obtained from Integrity Employee Benefits at 866-437-7977, or email integrity@integrityeb.com .

Rock County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive formalities, and to make the award that is in the best interest of the group. Rock County desires a long-term relationship for this program and will maintain so, as long as cost and services are satisfactory.

(06-02)

H-BC School Board meets May 9

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
May 9, 2022

Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:02 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN.

Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Fransman, Gehrke, Knobloch, and Rozeboom. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board members Harnack and Rauk were absent.

Chair Appointed Acting Clerk: Tim Bosch.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve the agenda.

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness from the Star Herald.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-Administrative Assistants Day--April 27--Brenda Plimpton, Starla Scholten, Karin Gaugler, Amanda Rozeboom
-FFA State Convention Results
-Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6
-National School Nurses Day, Wednesday, May 11--Mrs. Leenderts
-Howard Wood Relay Participants
-National Lunch Ladies Day--Thanks to Mrs. Burgers, Mrs. Blank, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Durst

Board Committee Meeting Reports:

-Staff Development - 05/04/2022

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:

-Minutes—04/25/2022
-Bills and Imprest Cash
-Set time of 8:00 a.m. 3:07 p.m. for a Secondary Student Day for the 2022-2023 School Year and Elementary Student Day 8:15 a.m.-3:17 p.m.
-Accepting the resignation of Graham Sudenga Spanish Teacher/ Special Needs Paraprofessional at the end of the 2021-2022 School Year
-Hire Samantha McGaffee as Summer Office Support for the Summer of 2022
-Accepting the Resignation of Nicole Morey as ECSE Teacher/Paraprofessional Effective Summer of 2022.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Fransman, second by Bosch, and carried to approve incorporation of sixth grade into the middle school model for the 2022-2023 school year.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Secondary Principal Report
•New York World Classroom Tour Summer of 2024
•Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
•Legislative update- Rozeboom

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:

-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 23, 2022
-Commencement Friday, May 27, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Tim Bosch, Acting Clerk
(06-02)

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Triple jump 5. Makena Nelson 30-09.25 12. Abby Boltjes 26-05

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Roselynn Hartshorn competes in the 300-meter hurdles May 26 during the Section 3A sub-section track and field meet in Luverne. Hartshorn helped the Luverne Cardinals to a first-place team finish in the home event with the boys' team placing second.

Tennis/continued from page 8

Waconia High School for next school year.

"I'm very excited for one last state tournament opportunity," Larson said.

'We have a strong roster and letting them play their own positions is our method of success.'
— Lucas Larson, LHS tennis coach

LHS 5, Redwood Valley 2

The Cardinals won all of the five contested matches to secure a victory over Redwood Valley in the semifinals of the Section 3A team tournament March 24 in Redwood Falls.

Cunningham remained undefeated on the season by winning over Andrew Muetzel 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.

Jarchow, who has also not lost a match this year at No. 2 singles, defeated Jacob Zollner 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles play, Logan Ommen and Chance Tunnissen defeated Kanyon Hicks and Marco Ramos 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 1 slot. Kyle Ferguson and Jase Arp bested Joe Davila and Melayna Nez 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 3 doubles, Luke Bosch and Spencer Kracht defeated Yzykiel Rendon and Ben Jorgenson 6-2, 6-1.

With the five match victories and overall semifinal team win secured, LHS forfeited the No. 3 and No. 4 singles matches.

LHS 4, Benson/KMS 3

If a section team was going to defeat Luverne and end the Cardinals' 12-year state tournament streak, it was probably going to take some creative strategies.

That's exactly what Benson/Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sundberg attempted to do, by moving their best singles players to doubles play against Luverne in the section championship meet.

"Benson tried to stack their doubles and, credit to them, it was a clever strategy," said LHS head coach Lucas Larson.

"But our guys held their own. We have a strong roster and letting them play their own positions is our method of success."

Using this "stacked doubles" strategy, Benson/KMS won all three doubles matches.

Hunter LeClair and Tyler Hadfield defeated Ommen and Tunnissen 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, Ferguson and Arp lost to Mason Bakke and Matthew Thompson 6-1, 6-1.

At No. 3 doubles, Blake Brehmer and Alberto Vargas defeated Bosch and Kracht 6-2, 6-2.

The Cardinals' singles players held strong, however, and swept all four singles matches to secure the team championship.

At No. 1 singles, Cunningham defeated Taylor Duncan 6-4, 6-0 while Jarchow came out on top of Harold Habben 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Blake Frahm swept Alex Carlson 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles to tie the team score 3-3 before Ethan Nath defeated Isaac Carlson 6-4, 6-1 to earn the Cardinal section championship.

"It came down to Ethan at four singles," Cunningham said. "He played very well and did not let the fact that everyone was watching him get to his head."

Individual tournament

Luverne entered two singles and two doubles teams in the Section 3A individual tournament, which began Thursday, May 26, in Redwood Falls.

Cunningham was awarded the No. 1 seed for singles play. Jarchow and Frahm, who normally play No. 2 and No. 3 singles for the Cards, entered the tournament as a doubles team and also earned the No. 1 seed.

Nath also entered the tournament seeded seventh in singles play while Tunnissen and Ferguson formed a doubles team that also earned the No. 7 seed.

Cunningham swept Brent Rassat of MACCRAY 6-0, 6-0 in Round 1 and Ryan Syring of Yellow Medicine East 6-0, 6-0 in Round 2 to qualify for the semifinal round played on Tuesday after this week's newspaper deadline.

Nath defeated Matthew Martinson of Dawson-Boyd/Lac Qui Parle Valley 6-2, 6-2 before falling to Taylor Duncan of Benson/KMS 6-1, 6-0 in Round 2.

In doubles play, Frahm and Jarchow swept Josiah Seehusen and Daniel Seehusen of MACCRAY 6-0, 6-0 before defeating Jackson Buer and Liam Risch of D-B/LQPV 6-3, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals.

Tunnissen and Ferguson bested Derrick Lien and Isaac Olevson of YME 6-1, 6-2 and then lost 6-0, 6-0 to Andrew Muetzel and Drew Lundeen from Redwood Valley in Round 2.

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Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com
Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. We are streaming Sunday services live on YouTube at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

First Baptist Church
103 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ann Zastrow, Pastor
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
Thursday, June 2: 7:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Bible Study at Wildflowers. 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, June 5: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. 5 p.m. Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion. Tuesday, June 7: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online: Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on 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, 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
Thursday, June 2: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, June 3: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, June 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion with Guest Pastor Bob Abel. June 6-10: VBS 8:30 a.m.-Noon. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor
Come as you are—Sundays @ 10 a.m.: Main Service. Kids church age 3-6th grade—Nursery. Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Midweek Service—Kids age 3-6th grade.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529
Friday, June 3: 5-8 p.m. Old-Fashioned Pie and Ice Cream Social in the front courtyard during Buffalo Days Cruise-In. Saturday, June 4: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, June 5: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, May 31: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, June 1: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net
Sunday, June 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship service — Pentecost Sunday. Cake and coffee following worship service. Wednesday, June 8: 7:15 p.m. Session meeting. Thursday, June 9: 9 a.m. PW Executive meeting. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor
Saturday, June 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, June 5: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, June 8: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, cityofluverne.org.

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

New Life Celebration Church
101 W. Maple, Luverne
Ph. (605) 368-1924; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
Food mission every third Thursday.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor
Sunday, June 5: 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
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, June 5: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at First Lutheran Church. Special congregational meeting to extend a pastoral call. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook Video worship via YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor
Sunday, June 5: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Palisade Lutheran Church. Special congregational meeting to extend a pastoral call. Masks are strongly recommended, but not required, even if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
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
Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service in-person with livestream available on Facebook and YouTube. Radio worship on KQAD Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Sunday School. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesdays: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:30 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Social/dessert time. 7:15 p.m. Wednesday night worship service.

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

Reflections

Built on a Rock

By Pastor Bob Junak, Rock River Community Church, Luverne

Let's remember people are watching us ...

My wife worked at a Christian School where both of our kids were students. At that time my son was in the fourth grade.

The band teacher approached my wife asking her why she didn't tell her that our son could play the drums.

My wife responded by saying: "I didn't know he could."

The teacher proceeded to tell her, "Oh yes, he can play them, I just heard him."

When she asked if anyone could play the drums, our son spoke up and said he could play. He noticed the drum kit stacked in the corner of the band room, proceeded to assemble it and played a worship song with the teacher.

Later, on the way home, my wife asked him when he learned to play the drums.

His reply was simple. "I just watched Dad."

See, I had been playing on church worship teams for many years as well as practicing at home. And my son was watching every move I made paying close attention to where each piece would go. I had no idea he was watching me so close.

So, when the time came to do it on his own, he knew in his mind, he could reflect everything I did.

Our children watch us, our grandchildren watch us, and our students watch us. If you are a leader in the work force, your subordinates watch you. If you are the owner of a company, your employees watch you. All who watch reflect what we do.

Jesus said in Mark 9:41-42: "Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. If anyone causes one of these little ones — those who believe in me — to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea."

When we read this verse, we may think Jesus is speaking of young children. However, he is speaking much broader. He is speaking of those who belong to him. He's saying no service is too small, even a small gesture like offering a cup of water in His name, you will be rewarded. But it you take advantage of them, then you have serious problems.

As believers in Christ, each one of us must be an example of what it means to live a godly life, to reflect Jesus Christ in everything we do, not just what we may feel are important. Let's remember people are watching us, even when we think no one is. Set a high example to those who reflect us, especially children.

We can either be someone's role model or we can model their role. Which are you reflecting?

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EMPLOYMENT

The Ellsworth Public School District is seeking a full-time Elementary Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. There are also opportunities for extracurricular activities. A full job description and details on how to apply can be found at: https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm (5.21-6.9)

The Ellsworth Public School District is seeking a full-time music instructor for the 2022-2023 school year. The successful candidate will teach elementary general music, 5-12 band, and 7-12 choir. There are also opportunities for marching band, jazz band, and drum line. A full job description and details on how to apply can be found at: https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm (5.21-6.9)

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The Ellsworth Public School District is seeking a full-time Agriculture/Industrial Arts instructor for the 2022-2023 school year. There are also opportunities for extracurricular activities. We have a growing FFA program. A full job description and details on how to apply can be found at: https://www.ellsworth.mntm.org/district/district-vacancies.cfm (5.21-6.9)

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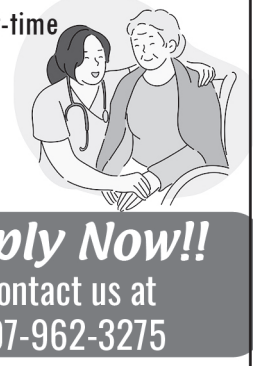
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Luverne seniors make one last walk through school hallways

Luverne students cheer on the LHS seniors Friday ahead of Sunday's commencement when 81 students received their diplomas. After practicing for commencement Friday morning, the graduating seniors walked through the elementary school, through the middle-high school commons and out the front door of the school for one last time. **Right**: Tenley Nelson receives congratulations from elementary students and staff lining the hallways of the elementary school.





Seniors Trista Baustian and Mary Opitz (center) cheer as they complete the Grad Walk Friday morning. **Right**: Plenty of claps and cheers were heard from kindergarten through eleventh-grade students and staff as the LHS seniors leave the building Friday on the last day of classes for the 2021-22 school year.

Redbirds/from page 9

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	1	2	2	1
P Paquette	4	2	3	2
S Wenninger	3	0	1	0
B Serie	4	2	2	1
N Johnson	3	1	0	0
C Wenninger	3	1	1	1
E Beyer	3	1	2	3
G Nath	4	0	1	1
C Crabtree	0	1	0	0

Luverne 20, Jackson 0

The Redbirds exploded for twenty runs in only six innings at bat when they shut out the Jackson Bulls Friday night at Redbird Field.

Skyler Wenninger led the charge for Luverne. The first baseman was four for four at the plate, scoring four runs and tallying four RBIs. He hit a 2-RBI double in the first inning, singled in the second, singled in the third and singled in the fourth.

Serie hit his second homerun in as many games to lead off the second inning.

The Birds added five more runs in the third inning with the help of doubles by Johnson and Paquette.

Haugen added a double in the fourth inning, during which Luverne added six more runs, and Beers belted a triple in the two-run sixth inning.

"The top of our order has been crushing the ball," Haugen said.

In all, the Redbirds tallied 18 hits in the game.

In addition to Skyler Wenninger's four hits, Paquette had three and Lundgren, Beers, Johnson and Beyer had two hits each.

Serie and Skyler Wenninger scored four runs each.

Three Redbird pitchers combined for the shutout victory.

Lundgren started the game and pitched four innings. He gave up two hits, struck out six, and walked one.

Serie came in for two innings of relief work. He struck out six while giving up no hits, runs or walks.

Player-manager Brooks Maurer threw the final inning for the Redbirds. He struck out one batter and tallied zero hits, runs and walks.

Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luverne	5	2	5	6	0	2	X	20

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P Paquette	4	2	3	1
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S Wenninger	4	4	4	4
B Serie	5	4	1	2
D Beers	4	1	2	2
N Johnson	2	2	2	3
R Gonzalez	1	0	0	0
J Haugen	4	1	1	2
C Wenninger	3	2	1	0
C Reisch	0	0	0	0
E Beyer	3	1	2	1
M Sterrett	0	1	0	0



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JUNE 10, 11 & 12

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Little League Tournament Starts in the Evening.

SATURDAY, June 11

Free Will Donation

FFA Pancake Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00 am at the Hills Legion Hall. Free-will donation.

PARADE

1 mile - 5k Run 7:00 am Jacobson Park. Contact Jodi Harnack at 507-962-3386.

Parade at 10:30 am. Pre-registration contact Derek Haak 507-227-4472. 10:00 am line up corner of Highway 270 and Summit.

Car Show NOON - 2:00 pm Tieszen Automotive, east side of old High School.

IN THE PARK...

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