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Rock County SWCD showcases water quality improvements

Tour features two decades of conservation efforts in wellhead area

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Land Management Office have for decades been working with farmers to protect drinking water.

Today those efforts are making a difference, according to Doug Bos with the Land Management Office.

"The work we have done and the changes the farmers have made in the Rock County Rural Water wellhead area have stabilized the nitrogen peaks in the aquifer," he said.

Bos took the helm of a June 15 meeting of Southwest Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts where local successes were on display.

He showed a group of nearly 50 SWCD officials a map of the Rock County Rural Water wellhead area which identified various conservation methods that had been implemented in the past 20 years.

Cover crops, no-till and strip till planting and converting some row crops to long-term grassland have all reduced the levels of nitrates in the drinking water wellhead area.

"Instead of 20 to 30 parts per million during crop growing season, we've seen nitrates moderate to levels of 14 or 15 in some wells and even some under 10," Bos told the group at the June 15 meeting.

"For the first time in 15 years we've seen that change. So, we're making a difference. We're still not fully successful, but we're making a difference."

Success on display

Thursday's meeting included a tour of the Jim and Sherri Ladd farm atop the Rock County Rural Water wellhead south of Luverne along County Road 9.

"The best thing we can do in the wellhead is like the Ladds did and grow a perennial crop, whether it be alfalfa or grass, and have it be a grazed, managed pasture," Bos said, acknowledging that taking crops out of production is a big decision.

"When it's their living for farming and you're asking them to make that kind of change, it's quite an ask," Bos said. "That's why we applaud Jim and Sherri for what they have done."

(See the Ladd story, at right)

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Lori Sorenson photos/0622 soil and water conservation tours

Patrick Toomey of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (center) explains the "working lands through managed grazing program" recently implemented on Jim and Sherri Ladd's farm near the Rock County Rural Water station south of Luverne along County Road 9. Transitioning the Ladds' corn and soybean acres into pastureland lowered nitrate levels in the Rural Water wells by more than 50 percent.

Row crops to pasture

Ladd family's change in land use helps reduce nitrate levels in well field area to drinking standard

By Lori Sorenson

For 25 years Jim and Sherri Ladd grew corn and soybeans south of Luverne along County Road 9.

The 110 acres of row crops grew atop three wells supplying the Rock County Rural Water System, and modern-day farming practices were affecting the water.

Specifically, nitrogen runoff ended up in the county's water supply.

During the growing season, nitrogen levels in the wells under the Ladd farm spiked over the 10 parts per million drinking water standard.

Jim said he spoke often through the years with Land Management technicians about solutions, but they often meant taking out of production the land he relied on to make a living.

Reinvest In Minnesota, for example, allowed no farming practices or ways to generate a living from the ground.



Last year, Jim and Sherri Ladd transitioned their farmland from crops to a managed rotational grazing system for their cow-calf herd.

"I kept telling them I'm not going to put my farm into dead ground," Jim said.

Sherri said, "There's a lot of blood, sweat and tears — and

legacy — in our farm."

But last year, a new opportunity arose that allowed the Ladds

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New ordinance qualifies 'pollinator', 'natural' lawns in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members approved a new ordinance at their June 13 meeting that regulates "pollinator" and "natural" lawns that are gaining popularity.

They include grasses and flowering plants that are allowed to bloom and seed out for pollinators, and they require less water and fertilizer than traditional lawns, which require chemicals that pollute groundwater and harm wildlife.

Done right, they're good for the environment, but done poorly, they're neighborhood eyesores that propagate noxious weeds.

According to Luverne building inspector Chad McClure, there are only a few Luverne property owners experimenting with natural lawns.

"Some are maintained nicely and neatly, and some we're getting complaints about," he said. "We just wanted to respect people's ideologies and give them the opportunities to establish some alternative methods to turf grass."

He said the ordinance specifies what qualifies as a pollinator lawn, and it provides parameters for property owners to grow them in.

"We wanted to make sure that it wouldn't allow people to just let their grass grow long and call it a pollinator garden," McClure said.

"We want them to do it in a manner that isn't going to be egregious to neighboring property owners."

To do it properly, he said a property owner needs to get rid of all turf grass, observe property setbacks, maintain it in a way so that at least once a year it gets cut down to a foot in height, and it can't be taller than 60 inches.

The "natural lawn" area may not exceed 30 percent of the pervious surface area within setbacks.

"This lets people do what they want to do, as long as they do so in a way that's specified and gives us an ability to regu-

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Longtime sheriff's office investigator Jeff Wieneke retires

Current deputy Kempema slated to take over position on July 1

By Mavis Fodness

For only the third time in 25 years, the Rock County Sheriff's Office will have a new investigator beginning July 1.

Investigator Sgt. Jeff Wieneke will retire at the end of the month, having served 20

years in the position.

Current deputy Chad Kempema will take his place as investigator and will be promoted to sergeant.

Kempema has been in law enforcement for 22 years and with Rock County since 2016.

The promotion leaves the sheriff's department seeking a deputy replacement.

"Currently we have not received any applications after one month of posting," said Sheriff Evan Verbrugge. "As of

today, there are 162 openings in the state of Minnesota for a law enforcement position."

Career has been rewarding

Soon-to-be-retired Wieneke advised anyone interested in law enforcement to explore the career first, much the same way he did before he graduated from Luverne High School in 1987.

He completed an exploratory class which included riding with local peace officers and assisting the department during the sum-

mer months.

His original plans to join the military after high school changed as he chose instead to work in Luverne for a year, saving money to attend college.

He graduated from Alexandria Vocational-Technical College in 1990 with a two-year degree in law enforcement.

Wieneke first accepted a position as part-time officer with the Luverne Police Department before moving to a full-time deputy position with the sheriff's office in

January 1991.

"The job market was a little different back then," Wieneke recalled. "You'd go and apply and there would be a lot of people there. It's not like that anymore."

While national perceptions of law enforcement have changed in the wake of Minneapolis police incidents, Wieneke said his experience in Rock County has been positive.

"Around here I have never felt

Wieneke, continued on 5A



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meetings

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Grand Prairie Cemetery. In case of rain the meeting will be in the office room of Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

SWCC seeks board members

The Southwest Crisis Center is seeking individuals to serve on its board of directors. Board members serve two-year terms and serve on one committee. Time commitment is about two to four hours a month. Applications are at www.mnswcc.org/workwithus. Or contact Kenna Wahl at kenna@mnswwc.org.

Events at the Plaza

Common Ground at Plaza June 22: #Luv1LuvAll will host a free concert by "Common Ground" with musicians Brady and Katie Wrede from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Plaza. Enjoy complimentary gourmet popcorn during the event.

Senior dance June 22: Exercise through dance with Luverne Aquatic & Fitness staff at the Plaza on Main from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, June 22.

Treats & Treasures June 22: Treats and Treasures, hosted by Luv1LuvAll, will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Plaza on Main with a free snack and program info.

Squeals & Wheels June 26: Hosted by the Luverne Chamber, Squeals and Wheels is a free live animal event for kids at the Luverne City Park from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 26. Food will be available for purchase.

Fascinating Frog Books June 27: Fascinating Frog Books is a child's reading outreach program hosted by Rock County Community Library at the Plaza on Main from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27.

Strength, Balance and Flexibility June 28: Strength, Balance and Flexibility, a free class to improve mobility, will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at the Plaza on Main and is hosted by Luverne Aquatic & Fitness.

Free root beer floats and music June 28: Free root beer floats and music, hosted by Rock the Edge, will be at the Plaza on Main at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, to celebrate Rock the Edge Work Week.

Dental clinic in town June 22

The mobile dental clinic will be in Luverne on Thursday, June 22, at ATLAS of Rock County (note the new location, use Community Room entrance). This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0 to over 100. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance are accepted. Organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.

Eden Church service is June 25

Eden Lutheran Church of rural Jasper will observe 135 years since its founding during its annual service at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 25, with pastor Sue Grinde officiating. Theodore Miller, representing the sixth generation of Hunstads in the church, will be baptized. A potluck noon meal under a tent will follow the service, and 1:30 meeting will include stories of past families in the church. Call Bev, 507-348-4126, with questions.

Free community meal June 28

United Methodist Church June 2023 Free Community Meal will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, at 109 N. Freeman Ave. All are welcome. Call (507) 283-4529 with questions.

Library Happenings

For more information about library happenings, call 507-449-5040 or email rockcountystaff@gmail.com.

Mobile Sign Shop at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 22, features artist Peter Harken Thompson helping 60 participants make their own personal signs from word. Call the library to reserve a spot.

All Day Savenger Hunts challenges library visitors to find various items. Successful hunters can earn a prize. Hunts take place June 20 and July 25.

Story Time in the Park is at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays through July at the following locations.

- June 29, Veterans Memorial Park.
- July 6, Evergreen Park

Plaza Story Time with children's librarian is at 10 a.m. at the History Center Plaza on Tuesdays, June 27 and July 18.

Afternoon Movie is at 3 p.m. Tuesdays for participants to enjoy popcorn and drinks beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesdays: Sing 2, June 27.

Arts & Crafts provides an hour of fun for kindergartners through fifth-graders. The event begins at 3 p.m. each Wednesday through July.

Teens in Action provides a time for children ages 12 to 18 to meet and discuss books, music and movies. Meets each Thursday at 3 p.m. through July.

Premium Iowa Pork now official owners of Windom plant

Currently assessing needs before progressing with Luverne expansion

By Mavis Fodness

Premium Iowa Pork's bid to purchase the closed HyLife pork facility in Windom was officially accepted June 13.

The purchase price was

\$14 million.

HyLife Foods placed the facility up for sale in April and weeks later filed for bankruptcy.

Premium Iowa Pork (PIP) officials submitted a bid for the plant that processes 1.2 million hogs per year with more than 1,000 employees, and the bid was accepted.

"We are excited about the opportunity that this acquisition represents for the future of our business," said Dan Paquin, PIP president. "The proximity of this new pork plant to our existing operations will

complement our workforce and operations in both Hospers and Luverne."

Together the Hospers, Iowa, and Luverne plants have more than 900 employees.

PIP had previously announced plans for a multi-million-dollar expansion at the Luverne location.

The purchase of the Windom facility has officials reassessing the company's needs, according to PIP spokesperson Kelsey Ritchey.

"With the acquisition of the Windom plant, we are reviewing all our current

assets and will be putting together a comprehensive plan, which supports our growth strategy," Ritchey indicated.

Company officials are in the beginning stages of the comprehensive plan, which Ritchey indicated has no timeline.

"Our company will share plans for the facility and how it will best complement our existing operations once it has been determined," Ritchey said. "We want to assure you that we are committed to the Luverne community."



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Hills Community Fund awards grants to Rock Ranch, Tuff

The Hills Community Fund Committee recently awarded its annual giving grant dollars of \$220 each to Rock Ranch and Tuff Memorial Home, both in Hills. Community funds are part of the Luverne Area Community Foundation and gifts are awarded each year for projects in or around Hills. Pictured above, left are (from left) Hills Community Fund Committee Glenda McGaffee, Rock Ranch representative Dan LaRock, and committee members Colton Bass and Tim DeHaan. Pictured above, right are (from left) Hills Community Fund Committee Glenda McGaffee, Tuff Memorial Home representative Jocelyn Jacoby and committee members Colton Bass and Tim DeHaan. This is the second year the community fund has made local awards in Hills.

Spur connection moves forward for Luverne Loop

By Lori Sorenson

Henning Construction, Adrian, was the low bidder on the trail spur connecting the Luverne Loop trail to the Sybesma housing subdivision on the west side of town.

The 10-foot-wide concrete trail will connect the neighborhood to the Luverne Loop. It will connect on the south side of Warren Street between Pine and Main Street (County Road 4) where a cross walk will be painted.

During a June 6 bid letting Henning submitted the low bid of \$219,851.50 compared with the high bid of \$269,000.

Luverne City Council members approved a resolution awarding the bid to

Henning at their June 13 meeting.

"It will be a nice improvement on the corner," said council member Scott Viessman.

Council member Kevin Aaker said it will improve safety for residents in the neighborhood.

"They won't have to be walking or wheel chairing on the street," he said.

The project is near Mary Jane Brown and the assisted living facilities of The Oaks and Poplar Creek.

As such, it qualified for funding through an "Active Transportation Infrastructure Program" trail connection grant through the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Lawns now defined as 'native' or 'turf'/continued from page 1A

late it," McClure said.

"Nothing makes everybody happy, but at least this will be much more orderly for the ones we have received complaints about. ... The ones who do maintain them with diligence and with pride we never have complaints

about. It's just the ones who get unruly and are haphazardly out of control. This ordinance would take care of those."

McClure and city clerk Jessica Mead were involved in helping the council write the ordinance, which is based partly on similar or-

dinances in effect in other cities.

The ordinance allows "managed landscapes in residential areas and provides opportunities to meet other goals of biodiversity and conservation."

It "promotes native plants and managed

landscape practices and expands and improves the quality of habitat corridors between larger protected areas and residential, urban areas."

The ordinance also provides context as to what defines native vegetation and turf grasses.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

Planning for Long Term Care class is June 22. Fee is \$5.

Students grades K-2 (as attended during the 22-23 school year) with an adult caregiver are invited to **Child-Adult Yoga**. Starting on July 1, this 4-week class series will focus on building and/or strengthening the bond between child and caregiver. Fee is \$40.

Defensive Driving next refresher four-hour class is July 10.

Paint and Snack Classes for grades K-4 during the 2022-23 school year are July 17 and Aug. 14. Fee is \$33/class.

Students (grades K-6) can decorate **Summer themed cookies** at B's Bakehouse on July 12. Register by July 5. Fee is \$35.

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

Participants (grades 3-5 and age 14-adult) can learn the basics of knitting at **Knitting for Beginners** on July 10. Fee is \$28 and includes yarn and needles.

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Park dedication, all-school reunion are highlights of Jubilee Days this weekend in Hardwick

By Mavis Fodness

“Hometown Heroes” is the parade theme for the Jubilee Days parade Saturday night in Hardwick.

While the theme highlights the volunteer firefighters, rescue squad and American Legion members within the community, there are many heroes helping to keep the small town in northern Rock County vibrant.

A dedication ceremony Friday night at the Milford Remme Memorial Park celebrates the improve-

ments made this spring to the facilities and grounds by a volunteer leadership committee.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with free hot dogs and drinks, with the local dairy association serving ice cream. Music will be provided by Kenny Frey.

The park dedication provides the finishing touch to the \$10,000 age-friendly community project completed with a grant Hardwick received through the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging.

The cruise-in car show Friday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. on Main Street is open to cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles.

The Hardwick Elementary Wildcats Headquarters opens at 3 p.m. Friday in the community center. Alumni can pick up reunion apparel until 8 p.m. and reminisce about attending classes at the former K-8 school.

The day ends with karaoke at 8:30 p.m. in the Green Lantern.

Community meal at 5 p.m., parade begins at 7 p.m. Saturday

A community meal at the Hardwick Fire Hall will be served Saturday from 5 p.m. until gone. Ice cream is served by the Zion Youth Group, with music by Ron and Jane Cote from 5 to 7 p.m.

Free inflatables are available from 5 to 7 p.m.

The parade begins at 7 p.m. with the Hometown Heroes theme chosen by members of the Hardwick Community Club.

The theme piggybacks on a theme chosen three years ago.

“In 2020 we had planned on having all nurses and health care workers in the Hardwick area as our Jubilee Days parade was canceled,” said community club member Lorna Bryan.

“We just want to say ‘thank you’ to our hometown heroes for their services to the Hardwick community — the firefighters, the rescue squad and the veterans of the Ameri-

can Legion.”

A pedal pull for children ages 4 to 11 and a hay bale toss for all ages follow the parade.

Free music will play from 9 p.m. Saturday until 1 a.m. Sunday.

A community worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot rounds out the Jubilee Days celebration. Attendees should bring a lawn chair. Lunch will be available after the service for a freewill offering.

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Keeping nitrogen out of drinking water

Nitrogen, a necessary component of corn growing, is the primary pollutant in the wellhead area of Rock County Rural Water, which supplies drinking water to more than 30 percent of local residents.

There are 3,680 acres in the Rock County Rural Water drinking water supply management area. “Basically, all the raindrops that flow to the well area are included in that,” he said.

Of those, 1,400 acres are in the “very sensitive” area, which is the draw zone for the wells.

“Whatever’s put on the surface of those soils above that area we can see in two months,” Bos said.

“The area is also prone to flooding. When farmers put nitrogen on the corn and then it floods, it goes right on through to the aquifer. It’s very coarse-textured soil, which means it doesn’t hang on to the nitrates, so it gets to the aquifer pretty fast. Sometimes within two weeks we can see a change.”

He said his office started working with farmers on nitrogen management in 2014 with Clean Water Legacy funds through incentives.

“And that helped,” Bos said. “With any farming practice change there are costs and risks. By offering incentives, we can help that transition and help find a way to improve ground water or surface water.”

The Land Management Office is still working with several landowners on nearly 500 acres of row crops in the sensitive draw zone to lower the nitrogen

levels below the 10 ppm drinking water standard.

“It does come down to a few landowners, but I don’t want to point fingers, because all of the farmers have made changes,” Bos said.

“Corn has to have nitrogen, but the problem is that corn utilizes only at best 60 percent of the nitrogen we put on it, and the rest leaches away into our aquifer.”

He said farmers are improving their nitrogen management and implementing other conservation measures, but in the draw zone more work is needed.

Incentivizing change

He said local agencies are learning that successful programs require coordination among many agencies at various levels of government.

For example, programs affecting the Rock County drinking water management area involved the Board of Soil and Water Resources, and Natural Resources Conservation Service along with the Minnesota Rural Water, Minnesota Department of Ag, Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

“It came down to partnerships,” Bos said. “It’s important to work not only with other state agencies, but with private consultants and agronomists.”

The Ladds were able to participate in two separate programs, one state and one federal, to transition their crop ground to a managed grazing system and pollinator planting.

Local and regional technicians worked with

the Ladds to tailor a program that suited them.

Funding and technical support came from the Board of Water and Soil Resources Partner Program and the Natural Resources Conservation Service’s EQIP Grazing Management Program.

“It’s basically ‘working lands’ through managed grazing,” Bos said.

“It’s a 30-year easement and the Ladds get 90 percent of what a RIM agreement would have been.”

Without those long conversations and connections across agencies, Bos said the Ladd success story wouldn’t have happened.

“It takes everybody coming together to make this work,” Bos said. “To sit down and figure out what practices a farmer is willing to use, what they need to make it work (equipment or incentives) and what it will take to move it further.”

Funding shifts will contribute to success

Recent funding through the Minnesota Legislature will go a long way toward securing effective change.

“Before, it came out of the Clean Water Legacy Fund dollars. You have to apply every two years and every year there can be different board members,” Bos said.

“Now, the state approved SWCD State Aid Funding for additional capacity funding that pays our staff. It’s more stable coming through the general fund, similar to city-county funding.”

He said it will help his office hire and retain professional technicians, in addition to an agronomist



Lori Sorenson photos/0622 soil and water conservation tours

Doug Bos, assistant director of Rock County Land Management (at podium) explains the conservation efforts to protect the wellhead area for the Rock County Rural Water System, located south of Luverne, to 50 soil and water conservation personnel June 15 at Grand Events in Luverne. Those efforts began 20 years ago and recently included the planting of pollinator plants (below). The practice has lowered levels of nitrates to acceptable drinking standards, as seen during the afternoon tour of various fields throughout Rock County.



that will work as a liaison with watershed experts.

“The dollars coming from state and federal are a fantastic opportunity to make some good changes in farming toward conservation, but we want to

make sure it’s done right,” Bos said.

“We need to provide the technical resources for farmers, whether it’s us or agronomists, to do it right, to help them make that shift ... And there are a ton

of opportunities coming up for farmers.”

Producers and landowners should watch for information about these opportunities or call the Land Management Office directly at 507-283-8862.

Ladd family takes steps in change to farm operation/continued from page 1A

to transition their crop ground into a managed grazing system and pollinator planting.

Last year they planted oats instead of row crops, and last fall they planted legumes and a mix of grasses to rotationally graze their cows and calves plus flowering vegetation that supports birds, bees and other pollinators.

Funding through state and federal soil and water agencies helped the Ladds with the costs of the transition, such as seed, fencing, waterers and other infrastructure.

This spring, for the first time in 30 years, the Ladds

didn’t till and plant their soil.

“It kinda leaves an empty spot, to tell you the truth,” Jim said. “And it’s tough now with corn and soybean prices higher. ... But their input costs are twice or three times as high as before, too.”

Sherri, who heads up the couple’s cow-calf operation, has a different perspective.

“It’s an excellent switch,” she said about converting their row crops to pasture.

“I am much more fond of cattle than crops. I love looking out as far as I can see and only seeing pasture

and cattle. ... And there are so many birds and butterflies.”

What the Ladds are losing in corn and soybean income they’re partially gaining in government lease payments and expanded cattle production.

They’re gearing up to 70 head compared with 20 to 25 before, because they’re now growing nutrient-rich pastureland.

“I am thankful,” Sherri said about their farming shift.

“I don’t regret it one bit. ... We needed this opportunity. It’s been a few years coming down the pike, but we feel the Lord has

guided us to this point.”

Their youngest daughter, Jo-Hannah Hamann and her husband, Zachary, encouraged them to make the shift, and they see their decision as an investment in her future.

“At least we still get to be on the land, and we can still do stuff with it,” Jim said.

Making a difference

The Ladds’ commitment to cleaner water is paying off, according to Doug Bos with the Rock County Land Management Office.

“The work we have done and the changes the

farmers have made in the Rock County Rural Water wellhead area have stabilized the nitrogen peaks in the aquifer,” he said.

Before converting the Ladd crops to pasture, he said nitrogen in the wells on the east side of the river would spike to over 10 parts per million. Now, those growing season spikes have leveled off.

“The wells on the west side of the river are still spiking from 12 to 18 parts per million but with the lower nitrate levels in the wells next to Jim and Sherri’s ground, we are able to blend the western wells with the eastern wells to

meet drinking water standards,” Bos said.

“The nitrogen management changes the farmers have made, along with Jim and Sherri’s changes, have made a difference in lowering nitrate levels and taken out the spikes and peaks during the growing season.”

During the June 15 meeting of Southwest Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Ladd farm was toured as an example of what can be accomplished with funding, technical assistance and farmer cooperation.

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Landowners are responsible for mowing road shoulders. The first mowing should be done by July 1st, 2023. Failure to do so will result in the township hiring it done at \$100 per half mile to be assessed on landowners taxes.

Springwater Township Board

With half of 2023 gone, how are you doing on those New Year's goals?

Half of 2023 is already behind us.

Almost six months ago, I "double dogged dared" readers to get off the couch and become more active and not to say "no" to a physical challenge.

Now it's time to check in to see where everyone is. With six months left in 2023, there is still time to reach those goals set earlier this year.

I recently revisited my goals, and you know what? I'm doing pretty good.

Goal No. 1 was to lose the final 10 pounds to my goal weight of 135.

And you know what?

I've reached that goal and the scale is still moving down as I maintain a food-tracking routine that's increased my metabolism. I burn calories more efficiently through developing better food choices and short four-days-a-week weightlifting, yoga and Pilates exercises.

My next goal was not to be a bystander.

I walk daily and during May, I increased my step count by 2,000 steps and ended the month just shy of 400,000 steps. I found reaching that daily goal takes time. After 30 days I pre-plan that extra hour in my day so I can spend it outside on one of the various trails around Luverne or, in a pinch, the gravel roads surrounding home.

May also saw me finish the 5K Gladiator Assault Challenge complete with its 16 obstacles that involved climbing, crawling and wading through mud. I had the choice of skipping an obstacle (climbing 20 feet in the air is not a favorite activity of mine), but I did it anyway and feel so accomplished in not saying "no."

Would I do the challenge again? Yes. But will I actually



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

want to do the challenge again? That's probably a no.

I want to participate in other experiences.

One experience I also don't want to repeat is being overweight. When I started my wellness journey in November, I tipped the scales at the obese level for my height and age. I don't want to be at that level again.

Fortunately, I have a wellness group that keeps me on track and gives the necessary advice to move forward and not fall back to my previous habits of couch sitting and potato chip munching.

Currently, I am working on my sleep habits.

With the increased energy, I've found myself becoming a night owl. As midnight approached, that's when I found myself pattering around the house or, in most instances, that's when I caught up on watching my favorite TV shows. At best I would average six hours of sleep when the optimal amount is seven to nine hours.

The June challenge is to track hours of sleep.

Fortunately, there is an app for that.

So far I am on target (with only four days of data) with an average of eight hours of sleep.

And it's not just lying in bed watching TV or reading a book. I've made a point to drop all electronic use by 9:30 p.m. and not to take an afternoon nap.

I've been good and tired as I settle into bed. My tracker indicates I'm doing great, but I admit it takes a conscious effort not to fall back into those night owl habits — I was getting so much done!

Are you reaching your 2023 goals? And why not?

June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month; our seniors need quality of life

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Linda Wenzel, program manager, A.C.E. of SW MN Rock County

Quality of life is important for the health and well-being of our seniors.

It's not enough to just be alive. Good quality of life is especially important for older adults who are dealing with chronic health conditions and major life changes.

Feeling satisfied and fulfilled is just as important for overall well-being as getting regular doctor visits. In fact, having a positive view of life can help seniors have more energy, less stress, better appetite, and prevent cognitive decline.

Depression late in life affects 7 million people age 65-plus. It can be caused by stressful life events like retirement or losing a spouse. Depression can also be caused by a medical disease or medication side effects.

To improve quality of life, it's important to recognize the signs of depression and get help from a doctor, psychologist, therapist or counselor.

For the very young to the very old, everyone needs purpose. When you care for an older adult, do your best to help them feel like you still need them and they are not a burden.

Have them assist with everyday tasks like folding laundry, organizing drawers, opening mail, writing grocery lists or household "to do" lists, clipping coupons, keeping up-to-date on the news, or prepping dinner. For example, have them help with trimming vegetables and with grocery shopping or errands.

Encourage regular physical activity. Movement, no matter how gentle, helps keep both body and mind feeling balanced and positive. Exercise boosts the immune system, lowers blood pressure, improves sleep quality, improves heart health, relieves anxiety, and improves strength and stamina and more.

Keep them mentally active with crossword puzzles, Sudoku, other brain games. Reading, writing and journaling are all great

activities for mental stimulation. Having a sharp and active mind improves overall well-being.

Help them stay connected with family, friends and community. Seniors who are isolated and lonely live shorter lives and are at greater risk for dementia.

Help them stay connected with their communities. Arrange for family and friends to visit, eat with them or take them out regularly. Encourage them to attend senior centers, attend celebrations and parties.

Get them involved in a hobby. Encourage them to volunteer at church, community or other charitable organization.

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Gross vehicle weight determines where to locate trailer's license

Question: I have a small utility trailer, and I keep having to replace my license plate because it gets wrecked or torn off when I am traveling. Can I put it sideways on the wheel fender?

Answer: If the trailer is 3,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight (GVW) with lifetime registration, the numbered plate or sticker must be adhered to the side of the trailer frame tongue near the hitch.

If the trailer is registered at greater than 3,000 pounds GVW, then the license plate can be dis-



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By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

played horizontally or vertically.

The plate must be securely fastened to prevent them from swaying. The person driving the motor vehicle and pulling a trailer shall keep the plate legible

and unobstructed and free from grease, dust or other blurring material (dirt, mud, snow, etc.) so that the lettering is plainly visible at all times. It is unlawful to cover any assigned letters and num-

bers or the name of the state of origin of a license plate with any material whatever, including any clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity. This also includes obstructing license plate brackets that block the state of issuance and tabs.

License plates issued to vehicles and trailers must display the month of expiration in the lower left corner of each plate and the year of expiration in the lower right corner of each plate (when the plate is horizontal.)

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

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Mavis Fodness photo/0622 Wieneke Retirement

Jeff Wieneke will retire from the Rock County Sheriff's Office on June 30, marking 32 years in law enforcement. Wieneke retires as only the second investigator in 25 years to serve with the Sheriff's Office.

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disrespect," Wieneke said. "People have gone out of their way to say how much they appreciate us."

Wieneke started as investigator in 2003

A 1998 merger between the Rock County sheriff's department and the Luverne police department marked the creation of the first investigator position within the new sheriff's department.

Clyde Menning served as the first investigator, retiring in 2003.

Months later, Wieneke filled the position. "It was kind of 'Here it is, have at it,'" Wieneke recalled. "I think it was originally intended as a five-year position."

Wieneke said a large share of his investigator knowledge came through Carrie Nelson's murder at the Blue Mounds State Park in 2001, two years before he became the investigator.

Two shelves in Wieneke's current office hold all the written reports Paul Soppeland with the Minnesota Bureau of Investigation gave to Wieneke to catch up to where the investigation stood.

"I had plenty of reading to do when I wasn't doing other stuff," Wieneke recalled. "It was pretty obvious there weren't any strong suspects."

Wieneke balanced his regular investigation of burglaries, child protection, and especially in the early 2000s, narcotics cases with reading the Nelson case.

"I got pulled into a lot of types of cases," he said. "They're never the same every day, that's for sure."

For the first four years of Wieneke's 20-year investigator career, he sought answers to the

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— Retiring Jeff Wieneke on his 20 years as the investigator with the Rock County Sheriff's Office

Nelson case.

Nelson case solved under Wieneke's watch

An advancement in DNA testing in 2007 ultimately led to Nelson's murderer, Randy Swaney, who was later convicted in 2008. He's still serving a life sentence.

Because Swaney, who was already in custody for another crime, wouldn't talk with investigators, Wieneke and others had to build the case by other means.

"I learned a lot because we interviewed a lot of people," Wieneke said. "I also learned the collection of evidence and how to log everything — to do everything the proper way. It was unfortunate to learn in that type of situation, but I learned from a better investigator (Soppeland)."

Wieneke now frequently uses other advances in technology such as cell phone records, including text messages and social media postings, to solve cases and provide closure for victims.

"I'm not saying I am a computer person but you have to have some computer skills," he said. "You will learn them, that's for sure."

One local murder case remains open

However, one murder case is still open in Rock County, and Wieneke will retire before the 1984 death of Kelly Robinson is solved.

Robinson's body was found in a gravel pit northeast of Luverne.

"There's just no active leads in that case," he said. "I've spoken to the family and I would like to give them closure."

The Robinson and other cases waiting lab results remain open as Wieneke retires and will now be handled by Kempema.

"I will be reaching out to him in the next couple of months to see what the results are," Wieneke said.

Wieneke and his wife, Patti, who works at Minnwest Bank, plan to continue to reside in Luverne after his retirement.

"It is a rewarding career," he said. "Overall, 32 1/2 years goes by really fast, and I hope to survive several more so I can enjoy retirement."

The couple has two grown daughters, Sierra and Olivia, both students at the University of Minnesota Mankato. His parents, Alvin and Connie Wieneke, also live in Luverne.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 9

- Complainant on S. Fairview Drive reported a suspicious activity.

- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported a road and drive law issue.

- Complainant on Roundwind Road reported a disorderly.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a road and drive law issue.

- Complainant on W. Lawn Park Avenue reported suspicious activity.

June 10

- Complainant on 31st Street, Hills, reported disturbing the peace.

- Complainant on W. 1st Street, Hills, reported found property.

- Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 0, Valley Springs, South Dakota, requested assistance from another department.

- Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 11, Luverne, requested roadside assistance.

- Complainant reported a lost child.

- Complainant on 170th Avenue and Interstate 90, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

June 11

- Complainant on W. Koehn Avenue reported an open door.

- Complainant on Harrison Street and Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

June 12

- Warrant was issued on 61st Street, Beaver Creek.

- A warrant was issued in Worthington.

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- Complainant on 171st Street and 160th Avenue reported a garbage complaint.

- Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported training in session.

June 13

- An outage was reported.
- A warrant was issued on W. Main Street.

- Complainant on W. Main Street reported drugs.

- Complainant on 171st Street reported a garbage complaint.

- Complainant on County Road 5 and 40th Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a civil issue.

- Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a fire.

- Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported harassing communications.

- Complainant on Highway 270 and 90th Avenue, Hills, reported debris.

- Complainant at Redbird Field reported suspicious activity.

June 14

- Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported harassing communications.

- Complainant on Highway 23 and 241st Street, Jasper, reported a pedestrian.

June 15

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a disorderly.

- Complainant on Highway 75 and 131st Street, Luverne, reported a pedestrian.

- A warrant was issued on 251st Street in Jasper.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 1 transport, 2 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 2 parking violations, 6 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 8 burn permits, 3 background checks, 2 alarms, 14 purchase and carry permits, 3 stalled vehicles, 47 traffic stops, 30 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 welfare check, 3 reports of cattle out and 2 follow-ups.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0622 presbyterian church roof work

A higher calling

Crews with Pointer Roofing, Sioux Falls, made quick work of their shingling job at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne Thursday, June 15. They're among many workers with outdoor jobs this summer who have had to adjust their pace for warmer summer weather by taking breaks and hydrating frequently. Temperatures climbed to near 90 degrees on Wednesday.

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4-H club brings Little Free Library to residents of Hardwick

Denver Go-Getters' focus on community gives residents access to books locally year-round

By Mavis Fodness

Members of the Denver Go-Getters 4-H Club spend late Friday afternoon painting the town's first Little Free Library and talking about books.

By Sunday the Little Free Library was in place and readied for use.

"We really wanted to encourage reading in Hardwick as all the kids are home for the summer," said club leader Theresa Raak. "And we get a lot of visitors at the campground."

Members painted the two-shelf wooden box (that would become the library once a door was added) a bright red in part due to its location near the Hardwick Fire Hall and its resemblance to a livestock barn.

The library will be registered online with the Little Free Library network.

Little Free Libraries are book-sharing boxes that are open 24/7/365. Visitors can borrow a book and/or leave a book for another visitor to read.

There are thousands of Little Free Libraries located across the U.S., including

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Mavis Fodness photos/0622 DGG Little Library

Completing the painting for the Little Free Library project are Denver Go-Getter members (from left) Levi Jessen, Landon Jessen, Morgan Koedam, Matthew Koedam, Paige Blom, Karsten Haas, Garrett Carlson, Caleb Raak, Keagan Jessen, Peyton Blom, Parker Blom and Guinevere Carlson. **Above, right, top:** Matthew Koedam loads up his paint brush as he and other members of the Denver Go-Getters 4-H Club paint the wooden box used for the city of Hardwick's Little Free Library. **Far right, bottom:** Guinevere Carlson (left) and Karsten Haas paint the side of the Little Free Library.

CELEBRATIONS

Open House

A 90th birthday open house for **Carolyn Krapp** will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24, in the community room in the lower level of the Jasper Memorial Hall. Greetings can be sent to 6th St. West No. 115, Jasper, Minnesota 56144.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, June 26:

Pizza casserole, green beans, applesauce, garlic breadstick.

Tuesday, June 27:

Biscuit with sausage gravy, roasted potatoes, cinnamon apple slices, dessert.

Wednesday, June 28:

Orange chicken, brown rice, peaches, romaine salad with dressing, bar.

Thursday, June 29:

Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato wedges, vegetarian baked beans, banana or fresh fruit, cookie.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

Friday, June 30:

Baked fish, cheesy hash browns, California Normandy vegetables, pears, gelatin with whipped topping.

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

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

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

1943: John, Gertrude Iverson make Hardwick their home

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

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on October 11, 1943.

Two of Hardwick's oldest residents, and two of its most respected citizens are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Iverson. As business man and postmaster, Mr. Iverson has watched the progress of the village since its infancy, and as his wife, Mrs. Iverson, too, has noted many changes since she came to Rock county as a bride in the 1880's.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Iverson were born in Norway, but it wasn't until they came to the United States that they became acquainted and were married.

Mr. Iverson was born near Oslo, the son of Edward and Kristina Ullrang, on February 5, 1863. His father was a farmer, and as Norway



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
Rock County Historian

had little to offer a farmer's son in the way of opportunity, he and two neighbor boys decided to come to the United States. At that time he was 16 years old. Of the three, Mr. Iverson was the only one who remained to make Rock county his home. He worked for an uncle near Luverne for two years, earning enough money so that he was able to go to St. Olaf college. He had obtained a common school education in Norway, and in two years, had learned enough of the American language so that he felt fitted to attend school in this country. It was while he was at Northfield that he met Gertrude Oldre, and at Faribault, on March 9, 1885, they were married.

Shortly, thereafter, they came to Rock county and settled on a farm in Battle Plain township, living there for five years before moving to Hardwick. Hardwick, then, was hardly more than an overgrown farm place. For a number of years in the late 1880's, there were no business places except a station where grain was purchased by Otter Otter-son, and a blacksmith shop operated by Engbret Olson. In 1891 the first building of permanent character was erected. The following year several businesses were established, and the townsite was surveyed that fall. From that time on, Hardwick continued to be a prosperous town.

Mr. Iverson was one of the town's first merchants, and operated a general mercantile store for 13 years. In 1902 he built a brick business block which he later sold so that he could devote his full time to his duties as postmaster. His appointment was made in the spring of 1897 by President McKinley, and he held the position until he retired in 1940.

When the village of Hardwick was incorporated in 1898, Mr. Iverson was elected the first president of the village council, an office to which he was re-elected for four terms. All in all, he served about 30 years in various capacities on the city council, and was clerk for 20 years or more of the Hardwick school district.

Mrs. Iverson was born at Valdres, Norway, in August, 1860. She attended the public schools there, and because she was the oldest of five girls in her family, it fell her lot to learn how to make clothing for the family. She

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•Luverne's Jazmine Olson was crowned Miss Minnesota USA Teen in the USA Ambassador Pageant Saturday, June 8, in Sioux Falls.

The teen division included 16- to 18-year-olds competing in Interview, fashion wear, evening gown and on-stage chat. ...

Olson will represent Minnesota in the national pageant July 31 through Aug. 4 in Tampa, Fla. ...

Olson, daughter of Mike and Denise Olson, will be a junior this fall at Luverne High School.

25 years ago (1998)

•Girls' hockey got a nod of approval from the Luverne City Council Monday. The council, authorized a grant application for start-up funding from the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.

Organizers estimate it will cost about \$20,000 to get the program established. The grant application will be for \$10,000 with the Luverne Optimist Club providing a matching amount of \$10,000. The City Council's vote of support was needed as part of the grant application, but the council will not contribute money.

50 years ago (1973)

•Margaret Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Merrill, Luverne, is on her way to Quito, Ecuador, for 10 weeks as a

student in the Americans Abroad Program.

A senior this fall at the Luverne High School, Margaret will stay with the Jose Herrera family in Quito. She will return to Luverne August 28.

This is the third summer that a Luverne High School student has been selected to participate in the program.

The American Field Service program includes the summer Americans Abroad Program and the regular school year exchange student program.

75 years ago (1948)

•Sixty-seven eighth graders from Rock county's ungraded elementary schools will receive their diplomas at the 36th annual eighth grade commencement exercises here Friday night, June 25. This year's class is larger by eight graduates than the 1947 class. The program in the Luverne high school auditorium will begin at 8 o'clock. D. M. Fleming, superintendent of Hills Consolidated School, will give the commencement address.

100 years ago (1923)

•Within thirty minutes after Gabriel Gysland, of Magnolia township, had parked his Dodge car near the Rock County bank corner Monday afternoon, his automobile was swiped by a fifteen-year-old lad, alleged to be a son of E. A. Hoxey, of Spencer, Ia. ...

Young Hoxey was turned over to Sheriff Wiggins; Gysland

declined to prosecute him, and while the sheriff was endeavoring to communicate with the boy's father, Hoxey walked out of the jail office, and was last seen running north through the Catholic church property, with every indication of being in a hurry to get away.

Gysland had picked the boy up at Magnolia to give him a ride as far as this city, when the lad told him that he wanted to go to Hardwick to get work. On the way over Hoxey had been rather inquisitive in regard to how the Dodge car was handled, and as soon as Gysland missed his automobile he suspected the boy and recalled that he said he wanted to go to Hardwick.

In company with E. L. Connell, of the Home Auto Co., Gysland took up the trail, and apparently arrived at Hardwick ahead of the lad. From there they went east and finally returned to Luverne. Shortly after they had left Hardwick, Hoxey and the stolen car showed up there, the boy stopping at the Strassburg garage to buy two gallons of gasoline, and had then gone west.

F. O. Dolvin suspicioned that the car the boy was driving was the stolen one, and with an acquaintance started out to overtake the boy, after some delay. About a mile and a half west of Hardwick, Dolvin caught up with Hoxey.

When questioned, the lad admitted he had borrowed the car, and declared that he intended to take it back to Luverne, as soon as he had gone to a farm a little farther on to see about securing employment. The boy and the car were brought back and turned over to the sheriff.



Mavis Fodness photos/0622 DGG Little Library

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nine in Rock County.

Working with the local Friends of the Library members, Hardwick's free library will be regularly stocked with adult and children's books.

Above: Members of the Denver Go-Getters 4-H Club gather outside the Hardwick Community Center Friday to paint what will become the city's first Little Free Library. **At right:** Morgan Koedam takes an up-close look at her painting. **Below:** Karsten Haas places books in the Little Free Library installed Sunday in Hardwick.



Submitted photo

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could spin and knit at the age of 12, and also learned how to weave.

Every article of clothing worn by the family at that time, she states, was made by hand. Home grown wool was carded and spun, and later woven into cloth or knitted into garments of various kinds.

She left home at the age of 20 to come to Northfield where an uncle and a brother lived. She was employed there until she was married.

Mrs. Iverson fell several years ago and fractured her hip. She is able to get around with crutches, and spends considerable time knitting for her friends and others. The trouble now, she says, is the difficulty of getting the yarn she wants.

Although there have been many changes throughout the world, Mrs. Iverson states she still retains one possession that she had when she left Norway. That is her faith in God. Mrs. Iverson and her husband are members of Immanuel Lutheran church in Luverne.

Mr. and Mrs. Iverson were the parents of seven children, five of whom are now living. They are E. U. Iverson, Pipestone; Howard Iverson, Groton, S.D.; Mrs. William Kartrude, Sioux Falls; Mrs. Rudolph Juhl, Luverne and Mrs. John H. Jensen, Luverne.

Two sons, Henry and Albert, died this year, the former at Jasper, late last winter, and the later at Wadena on August 12.

As far as Mr. Iverson knows, he has one sister living in Norway. She is two years older than he is. Mrs. Iverson, one of a family of nine, has one sister, Mrs. Inga Remme, Kenyon, Minn.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

DEATH NOTICE

Carol Kuipers

Carol Ann Kuipers, age 83, of Beaver Creek, Minnesota, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 17, 2023, surrounded by her loving family while at Bethany Meadows Home in Brandon, South Dakota.

Visitation will be from Thursday, June 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Funeral service will be Friday, June 23, at 10:30 a.m. at Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jasper, Minnesota, with burial to follow at Ihlen City Cemetery.

To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquist-funeral.com.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Former Jasper resident shares grief through published book

The book, "An Obesity of Grief: A Journey from Traumatic Loss to Undying Love," details the story by Jasper native Lynn Haraldson on the loss of her husband, Bruce Bouwman, near their Jasper home 40 years ago.

In the years that followed, Haraldson clung to the myth that time would heal her grief, but unacknowledged trauma formed many of her decisions including an unplanned pregnancy and remaining in an abusive relationship.

After two failed marriages and gaining and losing more than 100 pounds twice, she finally confronted her grief, and found the answer to the question she'd asked for 24 years: How did Bruce not hear that train? In March 1983, Bruce was driving home from the Jasper elevator, and as he was crossing the railroad tracks, a train struck the front of his tractor, killing him. He was a half mile from the family farm.

Haraldson is a freelance writer, blogger and award-winning former columnist and lifestyles editor. She makes her home in western Pennsylvania. Her book, available in paperback and e-book, is published through Koehler Books.

COLLEGE NEWS

ISU releases dean's list

Peter Baustian, Luverne, was named to the dean's list at Iowa State University in Ames for the Spring 2023 semester dean's list. Students must earn at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale to be named.

NDSU releases dean's list

Three area students were named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at North Dakota State University in Fargo. They are Elise Ferrell, Luverne, radiologic sciences; Jacey Smith, Luverne, nursing; and Lauren Tatge, Beaver Creek, pharmaceutical sciences. Students must earn at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for the dean's list.

Johnson scholarship

Ashlyn Johnson, a 2023 LHS graduate, is the recipient of a Bob Wright Scholarship through the Association of Community Publishers.

Johnson, the daughter of Jim and Heather Johnson, Luverne, will attend Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, will use the \$1,000 to study digital art and design with a focus on production animation.

Students recognized at STE

Several area students were named to the Spring 2023 president's list and academic honors list. To be eligible, students need at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Full-time students named to the president's list are Kassandra Haak, Hills, and Brody Bonnett, Ashly Kingery, Alex Mann, Hunter Sandbulte, Macie Swenson, and Austin Watts-Boll, all of Luverne.

Part-time students named to the academic honors list are Hannah Fick, Hills; Jayda Dilly, Justin Dohlmann, Andrea Jacobsma and Bridget Mann, all of Luverne; and Allison Wiertzema, Hardwick.

Buss named to dean's list

Kendall Buss, Luverne, was named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud. A 3.75 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale is required for the honor.

Buss is working toward a Bachelor of Science in the Herberger Business School in real estate.

Kopp graduates from ATCC

Camron Kopp, Luverne, graduated from Alexandria Technical & Community College May 10 with a Law Enforcement Associate of Applied Science degree.

MW announces dean's list

Several area students were named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at Minnesota West Community & Technical College.

From Luverne are Brandon Berghorst, Ian Bumgardner, Evan Bumgardner, Eduardo Carrillo, Ahmed Kadhim, Kameron Keene, Lacey Morseman, Makena Nelson, Kyle Palbicki, David Quist and Mary-Frances Swenson. From Magnolia is Jaime Cornejo.

To be eligible, students must earn a mini-

mum of 12 graded credits with at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Students on SDSU dean's list

Several area students were named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at South Dakota State University in Brookings. To be named, students must earn a minimum of 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with 12 or more graded credits. Students with a 4.0 are indicated with an asterisk after their name.

Students from Beaver Creek are Austin Allen, pharmacy and allied health professions; Samantha Moser*, agriculture, food and environmental sciences.

From Hills are Annie Bos, agriculture, food and environmental sciences; Calvin Erickson, agriculture, food and environmental sciences; Luke LaRock*, arts, humanities and social sciences; Jax Wysong, natural sciences.

From Luverne are Greta Ahrendt*, nursing; Tacey Baustian*, natural sciences; Trista Baustian*, natural sciences; Madison Crabtree*, nursing; Mara Fick, agriculture, food and environmental sciences; Morgan Gonnerman, education and human sciences; Emma Hinz, agriculture, food and environmental sciences; Meghan Mollberg*, education and human sciences; Breanna Richters, arts, humanities and social sciences; Kristin Rud, natural sciences; Cheyenne Schutz, arts, humanities and social sciences; Paige Van Dyke, nursing.

From Steen is Tara Paulsen, nursing.

NC releases dean's list

Two area students were named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. To qualify, students must have a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale. Those with a 3.75 or higher are named Collegiate Scholars and are designated with an asterisk after their name.

Liam Raymon* is a junior majoring in data science and statistics from Custer. He is a 2022 graduate of Hills Beaver Creek High School.

Ainslie Robinson is a junior majoring in biology-health professions from Luverne.

SMSU dean's list released

Several area students were named to the Spring 2023 semester dean's list at Southwest Minnesota State University at Marshall. To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Named to the dean's list were Brayden Tofteland of Beaver Creek, Caitria Bjorkman and Morgan Stratton of Luverne, and Meagan Hansen of Magnolia.

AU names honor students

Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has released the Spring 2023 semester dean's list. To be honored, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Named to the dean's list are Dalwa Alinzi of Beaver Creek, Xavier Carbonneau, Jedidah Dooyema, Sophia Eisma and Madigan Flom, all of Luverne, and Kendra Frodermann of Magnolia.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Two events coming at the Lake in July

Two events are scheduled to begin at The Lake in Luverne in July.

July 4 Triathlon

The Davis Lake Triathlon is Tuesday July 4 at The Lake in Luverne. Start time is 8:30am and race day registration begins at 7:45am. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/Luverne/DavisLakeTriathlon>

Tour de Donut Minnesota

The annual Tour de Donut is scheduled for Satur-

day, July 15 at The Lake in Luverne. Start time of the first event is 7:00am. New this year are 7- or 11-mile tours on the Luverne Loop

or the Luverne Loop and Ashby Trail. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MN/TourdeDonut-Minnesota>

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Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek trap shooting teams compete at 2023 Championships in Alexandria

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne trap shooting team participated in the 2023 Minnesota Trap Shoot Championship at the Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria June 14.

Nearly 7,900 students were expected to compete during the championships conducted daily from June 12-20.

This championship is the qualifying competition for the Minnesota State High School League Tournament on June 23 at the Minneapolis Gun Club in Prior Lake.

At the championships, athletes complete four rounds of 25 targets each with a possible perfect score of 100.

The Cardinals team broke up into three squads for the event on June 14.

Squad 1 included Holden Overgaard, Piper Wynia, Jacob Madison, Alex DeWispelaere and Samuel Honerman.

Squad 2 included Jaden Reisch, Andrew Kinsinger, Liam Murphy, Grant Wieneke and Jacob Henning.

Squad 3 included Cameron Wieneke, Lucas Hansen, Sawyer Saker and Rayann Remme.

Jacob Madison tied for 10th place in the varsity male category at Wednesday's tournament.

Madison tied for 11th overall in the varsity male category and also shot 50 straight targets in his third and fourth rounds.

Piper Wynia tied for fourth place in the varsity female category for the tournament. Wynia tied for 18th overall in the tournament.

Neither Madison nor Wynia scored high enough to move on to the state tournament.

In junior varsity, Grant Wieneke was team high gun male with a total score of 82



The Luverne High School Trap Team traveled to Alexandria June 14 for the 2023 Trap Shoot Championships. Participants were (front, left) Piper Wynia, Liam Murphy, Andrew Kinsinger, Jacob Madison, Jaden Reisch, Rayann Remme, (back) Scott Loosbrock, Grant Wieneke, Samuel Honerman, Cameron Wieneke, Alex DeWispelaere, Holden Overgaard, Jacob Henning, Lucas Hansen, Sawyer Saker and head coach Joe Loosbrock.



Alex DeWispelaere (left), Jacob Madison, Samuel Honerman and Piper Wynia were recipients of "25" score patches at this year's Championships.



Jacob Madison with his "50" score patch from this year's event.

and Rayann Remme was the team high gun female with a total score of 73.

In the novice division, Cameron Wieneke took the team high gun male with a total score of 72.

Alex DeWispelaere, Samuel Honerman, Jacob Madison and Piper Wynia all shot a perfect round score of 25 in one of their rounds at the championships.

H-BC

The Hills-Beaver Creek trap team also competed in the 2023 Minnesota Trap Shoot Championship.

Luke Fuerstenberg shot one round of 25 and Hunter Leenderts shot two rounds of 25 in the championship rounds.

In varsity, Luke Fuerstenberg was team high gun

male with a total score of 93, and Michael Ykema was the junior varsity team high gun winner with a 71.

Individual scoring for Luverne at the event was as follows:

- Alex DeWispelaere** 23/22/24/25 total of 94
- Lucas Hansen** 21/21/20/19 total of 81
- Jacob Henning** 22/21/23/22 total of 87
- Samuel Honerman** 23/23/25/22 total of 93
- Andrew Kinsinger** 20/23/22/22 total of 87
- Jacob Madison** 24/23/25/25 total of 97
- Liam Murphy** 22/24/21/23 total of 90
- Holden Overgaard** 22/22/22/22 total of 88
- Jaden Reisch** 21/19/24/16 total of 80
- Rayann Remme** 18/19/20/16 total of 73
- Sawyer Saker** 19/20/22/19 total of 80
- Cameron Wieneke** 19/17/17/19 total of 72
- Grant Wieneke** 19/20/23/20 total of 82
- Piper Wynia** 23/24/25/24 total of 96

Individual scoring for Hills-Beaver Creek at the event was as follows:

- Cameron Allen** 23/20/22/23 total of 88
- Brekken Boen** 17/24/16/17 total of 74
- Seyler Boen** 12/11/11/14 total of 48
- Gunner Bork** 16/21/16/22 total of 75
- Luke Fuerstenberg** 22/25/22/24 total of 93
- Cooper Gehrke** 21/23/22/22 total of 88
- Alex Harris** 22/21/21/19 total of 83
- Brooklynne Hubbard** 15/19/18/18 total of 70
- Lukas Hubbard** 21/18/16/21 total of 76
- Blake Leenderts** 22/21/23/21 total of 87
- Hunter Leenderts** 21/25/20/25 total of 91
- Maddox Metzger** 22/24/19/23 total of 88
- Jack Moser** 21/20/23/21 total of 85
- Michael Ykema** 19/16/16/20 total of 70



Junior Owen Sudenga (second from left) competed at state June 13 at Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course in Jordan. Pictured with him are Brady Bork (left), LHS head golf coach John Sichmeller and Henry Hartquist.

Sudenga plays at state golf

By Greg Hoogeveen

LHS junior Owen Sudenga placed 55th in the 3AA Minnesota State High School League boys' golf tournament at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan.

The event was a two-day 18-hole tournament with 88 golfers from around Minnesota participating.

Sudenga shot 85 on the first day of play June 12 and an 80 on Day 2 June 13.

LHS head coach John Sichmeller said, "Owen didn't play his best golf, but he finished off strong and played even par his last 12 holes of the tournament."

Sudenga was the only Luverne High School golfer to qualify for the second round of the state tournament. He shot a 74 at the Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake earlier this month to move on in the state individual tournament.

The LHS team finished second behind New London-Spicer. When asked about making it

to state this year, Sudenga said, "It was really cool and a fun experience, and I definitely made some good memories."

The first-time state qualifier felt he didn't compete as well as he could have.

"There were definitely a lot of good golfers there," he said. "But unfortunately my game wasn't at the spot I wanted it to be."

"It took me a few too many holes to get adjusted to the tough course conditions, but it was a good learning curve for next year," Sudenga said.

When asked if he had any advice for younger players just starting out in high school golf, Sudenga said, "I would tell them to stick with it and have fun, even when things aren't going your way."

As for goals next year as a senior in golf, Sudenga said he would continue practicing and playing over the summer, and that he hoped he could return to state next year with the team.

Olson nominated for All-Star softball game

By Greg Hoogeveen

Carly Olson is the fifth Cardinal softball player to be nominated for the Minnesota High School All-Star softball played in Mankato June 11.

"It was an honor to be nominated and recognized for my achievements on the field," Olson said.

"These are accomplishments I couldn't have done without the support of my teammates and coaches."

The All-Star game featured 88 of the state's best senior players along with 18 high school coaches.

The All-Stars are selected from over 15,000 girls who played softball in Minnesota.

The selections are based on the player's career stats and voted on by coaches of the Minnesota Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Olson comes from a softball/baseball family and grew up around the sport and watching her siblings play.

Her parents are JJ and Stacy Olson of Luverne.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0622 olson1

Senior Carly Olson is the fifth Cardinal softball player to be nominated for the Minnesota High School All-Star game. Olson had five home runs this year.

Both of Carly's sisters, Ashley Olson Tieszen (2014) and Rylee Olson (2019) were also members of the All-Star team their respective senior years. Her brother,

Jakob, played baseball.

"My dad always made me work hard and was there to push me and has taught me so much about the game," Olson said.

"My family supported me and it pushed me to keep trying to get better and made the game fun to play."

Olson has started on the varsity team since her eighth-grade year.

Her favorite memory from high school softball was making it to the section championship twice.

Her advice to younger players is "to work hard and never settle. Put in the time in the off season. Have fun and compete and be willing to fail sometimes."

Olson is committed to Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter to play softball because "... the school is beautiful and Coach Coley Ries Welter has a love and passion for the game so I know playing for her will be competitive and rewarding," she said.

Area racing action

By Greg Hoogeveen

Racing results for Rapid Speedway, Murray County Speedway and Huset's for the week of June 13-19 are as follows:

Rapid Speedway
6/16/2023

Sportsman's
2 B. Kroon #14 Rock Rapids
5 B. Boeve #17 Beaver Creek
DNF B. Harnack #24H Hills

Hobby Stocks
3 E. Gaul #22E Luverne
7 B. Klaassen #14K Adrian

10 T. Kracht #15X Luverne
13 I. Bullerman #15M Adrian

Modifieds
DNF T. Kracht #52 Luverne

Stock Cars
1 C. Arends #46 Luverne
4 C. Wessels #69 Luverne
6 K. Kremin Kenneth
DNF C. #4D Kelderman Hills
DNF L. Kracht #21 Magnolia
DNF C. Lonneman #117L Adrian

Murray County Speedway
6/16/2023

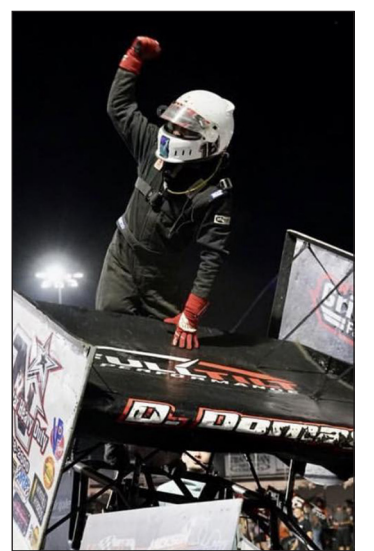
IMCA Hobby Stock
DNF Z. Bierman Adrian

Huset's Speedway
6/18/2023

Sprint Car Series
1. D. Domagala #18D Luverne

Late Model Street Stock
DNF S. Kalass #20K Luverne

Dalton Domagala placed first in the Sprint Car Series at Huset's Speedway June 18.



Redbirds are on a roll, now 10 and 0 for the season

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Redbirds continue to roll over opponents, taking two more games this past week.

Luverne beat Windom 9-6 at home June 14 and went on the road June 18 to defeat Jackson 4-3.

The Redbirds' season record is now 10-0. They are scheduled to host Milroy Wednesday, June 21, and Brookings Tuesday, June 27.

Luverne leads the Gopher League and Region 13C at the halfway point in the schedule.

Region 13C is made up of the Gopher League and the First Nite League.

Gopher League standings to date are Luverne 10-0, Milroy 7-2, Hadley 5-3, Worthington 3-7, Pipestone 1-7 and Ruthton 1-7.

Nite League standings to date are Fairmont 8-2, Jackson 7-3, Windom 6-4, Lakefield 6-4, Fox Lake 4-7, Mountain Lake 2-6 and Heron Lake 2-9.

The Luverne Redbirds have a long history of leading the league.

They have represented Region 13C in the state tournament 14 years so far. They have appeared in the tournament in 1990, '92, '99, 2000, '01, '07, '10, '13, '14, '15, '19, '20, '21 and '22.

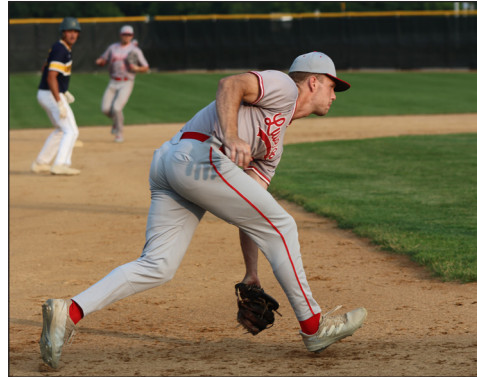
Redbirds 9, Windom 6

The Redbirds shot down the Windom Pirates 9-6 Wednesday, June 14, at Redbird Field.

Luverne scored six points in the second inning and three in the third and held Windom to only six points for the win.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0622 redbirds phil
Phil Paquette slips under the tag, gaining third base for a triple against Windom June 14 at Redbird Field.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0622 redbirds derek
Derek Lundgren scoops up a ground ball near third base against Windom. The Redbirds beat Windom 9-6 at home June 14.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0622 redbirds cade
Cade Wenninger lays down a bunt against Windom June 14 at Redbird Field. The Redbirds beat Windom 9-6 in the game.

Redbirds Skyler Wenninger led Luverne with two runs on two hits and two RBIs.

Newt Johnson added two runs on three hits for the Redbirds with one RBI.

Johnson also covered five total bases and posted a double base hit.

Phil Paquette stretched a safe double into a just under the tag

triple in the bottom of the third inning.

Paquette said he should have stopped at second and mumbled something about his age and reaching third.

Nick Smith also posted a triple at bat and knocked in two runs.

Jake Haugen took the mound and went seven innings, allowing

four runs on nine hits and struck out six batters.

Brandon Fowler relieved Haugen in the eighth inning, allowing two runs on three hits.

Cade Wenninger closed the game in the top of the ninth inning. He faced four batters, striking out one and not allowing any runs.

Redbirds 4, Jackson 3

The Redbirds were tested by the Jackson Bulls on the road Sunday, June 18.

Falling behind 3-2 after seven innings, Luverne won the game 4-3, scoring two much-needed runs in the eighth inning.

In the top of the eighth inning Sehr doubled on a line drive to center, scoring Cade Wenninger to tie the game 3-3.

Lundgren sacrificed to the pitcher to drive in Serie, which would be the game-winning run.

Scoring for Luverne were brothers Skyler and Cade Wenninger, Serie and Beyer.

Serie came up with two vital RBIs on two hits in the game.

Lundgren and Haugen both posted one RBI each.

Cade Wenninger started on the mound for the Redbirds, pitching five innings, allowing two runs on two hits while striking out four batters.

Beyer relieved Wenninger in the sixth inning. He pitched two innings, allowing one run on one hit and striking out two batters.

Serie closed the game, pitching two innings with no runs scored and struck out one batter.

Redbirds 9, Windom 6

BOX Score
WINDM 0 0 3 0 0 0 1 2 0 6
RBirds 0 6 3 0 0 0 0 0 x 9

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
S. Wenninger	4	2	2	2
Paquette	2	1	1	1
Beyer	1	0	0	0
Smith	4	0	1	2
Serie	4	0	0	0
Beers	2	2	1	0
Johnson	4	2	3	1
C. Wenninger	3	1	1	0
Haugen	4	1	1	2
Lundgren	4	1	1	1

2B: S. Wenninger, Johnson
3B: Paquette, Smith
Total Bases: Johnson 5, Paquette 3, S. Wenninger 3, Smith 3, Beers, Lundgren, C. Wenninger, Haugen

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Haugen	7	9	4	4	6
Fowler	1	3	2	2	0
C. Wenninger	1	0	0	0	1

Pitches-Strikes: Haugen 99-80, Fowler 18-12, C. Wenninger 19-12
Batters Faced: Haugen 32, Fowler 6, C. Wenninger 4

Redbirds 4, Jackson 3

BOX Score
RBirds 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 4
JCKS 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 3

BATTING

Luverne	AB	R	H	RBI
S. Wenninger	4	1	1	0
C. Wenninger	3	1	0	0
Serie	4	1	2	2
Sehr	4	0	1	1
Lundgren	2	0	0	1
Haugen	4	0	3	0
Norman	4	0	0	0
Ahrens	4	0	0	0
Beyer	3	1	1	0

2B: Sehr, S. Wenninger
Total Bases: Haugen 3, Sehr 2, Serie 2, S. Wenninger 2, Beyer

PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
Wenninger	5	2	2	2	4
Beyer	2	1	1	0	2
Serie	2	0	0	0	1

Pitches-Strikes: C. Wenninger 98-55, Beyer 26-16, Serie 28-15
Batters Faced: C. Wenninger 23, Beyer 7, Serie 7

Upper Red Lake never disappoints

By Scott Rall

I have always been of the opinion that fishing is pretty good even when you don't catch any. I will follow that up with fishing is even better when you do catch a few.

I just finished up a trip to Upper Red Lake, Minnesota, and it really changes your attitude about fishing around here.

We had more than a few lakes that experienced severe winter kill last winter. Some of these bodies of water will take several years to rebound back to their pre-winter kill conditions. Fish grow really fast in the shallow lakes with dirty water. This helps reduce the down time for these lakes after a winterkill.

I used to fish 4-5 days a week back in the old days. Now my fishing is squeezed in between life with six dogs. Four of them are mine and the other two little ones are my gal's.

A trip to Red Lake once a year around the end of May has happened for me for about 15 years in a row.

The results over those 15 years can only be described as awesome. The program has changed over that time with the current program including me and a friend fishing from my boat and four other participants fishing from a rented pontoon. Pontoons have never been considered a very high-tech way of chasing walleyes, but on Red it makes very little difference.

We only fish on weekdays and never on the weekends, as the boat traffic is just too strong on the weekends. That is not to say traffic is light during the week - it's just lighter. At no time in the three days that I was there was there a time I could not count at least 85 other boats in my vicinity.

We take a hand-held clicker and count the



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

number of fish caught each day. Between the two boats we all throw in \$10 each, and whoever catches the 100th fish gets the payday. This happened by 1 p.m. each of those three days. Limits were raised and the slot opened up a little this year, so each angler could keep five fish per day with one of those over 17 inches. We have one member of our group that had never fished until last year and with his limited experience still caught the biggest walleye two of the three days we fished.

The action on Red Lake is just incredible and is really steady for at least the first six to eight weeks after the opener. What a place to take an adventure regardless if you're a novice or a pro!

After I had caught my fill of walleyes, we trailered to one of 100 other lakes located within 60 miles and caught our limit of huge bluegills and sunfish. What a nice change of pace when where I come from you need to catch about 50 little ones for each one that makes it into the live well.

Upper Red is also well-known for having lots of really nice pike.

On Day 3 we decided to troll some big musky baits to see if we could smoke a big pike to add to the memory list. I tried about everything in my musky box and our result was one fish. It was the biggest walleye I had ever seen come out of Upper Red Lake and was a 15 3/4-inch beauty. This was the biggest walleye my fishing partner had ever caught. We photographed the fish and released it, wondering with all of the fishing pressure this lake gets how a fish could grow to that size without having made it into a frying pan along the way.

The only drawback to this world class lake is its distance from my home. It is a 7 1/2-hour drive no matter how hard I try to make it shorter. There are no interstate highways to reduce windshield time.

You can stay on the water at West Winds Resort or stay in any number of hotels within 45 miles. In all of the years I have made this trek, there was only one year the weather was so bad we could not get on the water.

Last year, in 2022, the wind blew 30 mph for all three days and we fished other smaller lakes with the pontoon guys fishing from shore.

It is not too late to make this drive. Regardless of your favorite fish, this lake can satisfy your fishing itch with little trouble. We booked again for next year and if I make the leap, I just might see you there the end of May 2024.

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

Senior Legion baseball 3-1 after beating Heron Lake/Okabena

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Sr. Legion Post 123 baseball team blanked Heron Lake/Okabena 10-0 at home Thursday, June 15.

Zach DeBoer pitched a shutout in five innings of play, allowing two hits, no runs, while striking out 12 of 18 batters he faced.

Conner Connell led the Cardinals, collecting three RBIs off four hits and scoring twice.

Ben Serie and Braydon Ripka both had two RBIs and scored once each in the game.

Ripka, Serie, Jacob Stroh, Kaden Anderson, Elliot Domagala and Landon Ahrendt each added a run in Luverne's 10-0 win.

The Cardinals team is 3-1 for the season, having beat Humboldt/Hartford 2-0 Friday, June 9, losing to St. James 2-3 Saturday, June 10, and beating Russell Tyler Ruthton 7-6 Monday, June 12.

Luverne is scheduled to host Windom Tuesday, June 20.

BOX Score
HRNL 0 0 0 0 0 x x 0
Luverne 3 0 2 5 x x 10

BATTING

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

2B: Connell 2, Stroh 2, Ripka, Domagala
Total Bases: Connell 6, Stroh 4, Sneller 2, Ripka 2, Domagala 2, DeBoer, Anderson, Serie

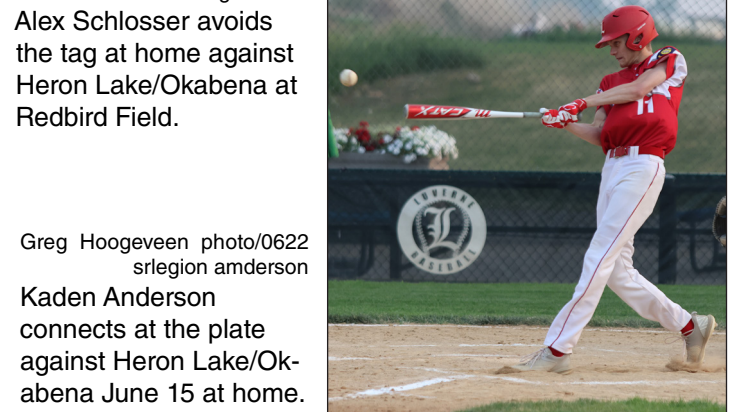
PITCHING

Luverne	IP	H	R	ER	SO
DeBoer	5	2	0	0	12

Pitches-Strikes: DeBoer 57-45
Batters Faced: DeBoer 18



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0622 srlegion alex
Alex Schlosser avoids the tag at home against Heron Lake/Okabena at Redbird Field.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/0622 srlegion anderson
Kaden Anderson connects at the plate against Heron Lake/Okabena June 15 at home.

NOTICE

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Church graveyards

It's a picture that we are all somewhat familiar with even though churches have changed throughout the years. It is a picture of the little church in the country with a tall steeple, white paint, a small sign sharing their service time and Sunday school time.

And then just next to it, a graveyard. People who used to worship at this church are now buried six feet below the ground.

For many people this was uncomfortable, not welcoming, and somewhat disturbing to have a graveyard so close. But this decision to put a graveyard next to a place of worship was not a mistake. It was actually as purposeful as putting the cross up front in the church, stained glass with pictures of Jesus' life journey, and having communion regularly.

What happens when you look at a grave of someone you used to know? Someone that you used to talk to, hug, talk about the weather with, and worship with? It makes you realize the fragility of life and the vanity of pursuits that we so easily pursue.

Ecclesiastes 7:2 tells us that "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart."

Every person one day will lay in the grave, no matter how much money they made, no matter how many trophies they have, no matter how many likes on social media they get, and no matter if they go to church or not.

So what is the point of the graveyards? It is a reminder that life is too short to worship anything other than God. Worship is the giving of your time, money and attention.

Why would you worship

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Josh Hayden,
Living Rock Church,
Luverne

the idols of today when they will not save you from the grave? The idols of politics, power, sex, sports, popularity, earthly comfort, and so many other things that one day will fade away.

Don't read this wrong. Those are actually all good things, but when our time is spent more on those things than on the things of God, we can deceive ourselves into "having the appearance of godliness but denying its power" as Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:5.

What does that look like? It looks like claiming to be a Christian but having no power to actually live in godliness because you continue to bow to the ways of the world. There is nothing in your life that actually reflects Christ-likeness besides your saying that "Yes, I am a Christian." That is a terrible place because you are deceiving yourself and not helping others either.

I don't advocate that we bring graveyards back to each church. That might get a little crowded in a town like ours.

However, if you find yourself driving past a graveyard soon, take it to heart to do some inventory about what you are actually living for. What are you pursuing? Are you worshipping God with just your lips, or with your whole heart? He is worth it, and your life is too short to waste it on anything else.

When we are lowered into the grave one day, I pray my life and your life will be ones that are filled with pursuing the things of God, the eternal things.

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Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor
Thursday, June 22: 11 a.m. Amazing Grays. Saturday, June 24: 4 p.m. Reisdorfer/Ireland wedding. Sunday, June 25: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, June 27: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, June 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at www.graceluverne.org, click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

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

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Friday, June 16: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, June 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, June 20: 12 p.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, June 21: 6:30 p.m. Apologetics study. CommServices are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church
1075 110th Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-9070; email: info@rockrivercommunity.church
Bob Junak, Pastor

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

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

Wednesday, June 21: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, June 24: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Monday, June 26: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, June 27: 7 p.m. Scouts. **Wednesday, June 28: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal.** Pickup option available. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Prayer chapel. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

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

Wednesday, June 21: 9 a.m. Morning circle. 1:30 p.m. Afternoon circle. 4 p.m. Music staff meeting. Friday, June 23: 2:30-3:45 p.m. Getting to Know Dementia Session by Elena Heronimous, Alzheimer's Alliance LLC. Sunday, June 25: 9:30 a.m. In-person Worship service. (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable

station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays). 10:30 a.m. Fellowship coffee hour. Monday, June 26: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Quilting.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

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

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

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

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

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

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662 - firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, June 25: 10 a.m. JOINT worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Sunday, June 25: 10 a.m. JOINT worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270 / bethlehemofhills@gmail.com
Nita Parker, Pastor

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

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

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

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City of Luverne seeks proposals for Child Care Center

SECTION 00 1115

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK

CITY OF LUVERNE

CHILD CARE CENTER

LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

ISG NO. 22-26330

Proposals for Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) for City of Luverne Child Care Center will be received by the City of Luverne, 305 E. Luverne St., Luverne, MN 56156 by mail or personal delivery until 2:00 p.m. June 29, 2023.

Proposal format, scope of work, drawings, and other proposal documents may be obtained online at www.questcdn.com. If you do not already have a free membership, you may sign up for one to gain access to the documents. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 8534083. There will be a \$50.00 non-refundable downloading fee to access a pdf copy of the documents online.

Documents are viewable at both www.questcdn.com and www.ISGinc.com free of charge.

All proposals shall be sealed in an opaque envelope upon which shall be plainly marked "PROPOSAL FOR CITY OF LUVERNE CHILD CARE CENTER - LUVERNE, MINNESOTA" and the name of the proposer. If a proposal is to be mailed, the proposal envelope shall be sealed in a regular mailing envelope. FAX and E-mail proposals will not be accepted. The Owner reserves the right to hold and consider the proposals for 30 days after the date of the proposal opening.

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

DATED THE 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023

END OF SECTION

(06-08, 06-15, 06-22)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 35

ORDINANCE NO. 35, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA RULE 7512.2800 AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION PERMIT PROGRAM THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1. That Chapter 150 Building Regulations; Construction of the City Code of the City of Luverne is hereby amended to add a new subchapter, Fire Protection Permit Program, as follows:

FIRE PROTECTION PERMIT PROGRAM**§ 150.40 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

(A) *Permit.* It shall be the duty of an applicant to secure a permit prior to commencement of any fire protection related activities described in this chapter.

(B) *Application.* The application, administration and enforcement of the code shall be in the manner provided for in the Minnesota State Building Code, and shall be enforced within all areas where the City enforces the Minnesota State Building Code to the fullest extent permitted by law. Applications shall be submitted to the office of the Building/Zoning Official for review. Following a review and acceptance of the proposed permit, the Building/Zoning Official shall issue a permit and inform the applicant of any special provisions associated with the proposed fire protection related activities. If the application is incomplete or denied, the Building/Zoning Official will inform the applicant as to the reason for denial and information required to complete the application.

§ 150.41 PERMIT FEES.

(A) *Collection of fees.* The issuance of permits and the collection of fees shall be in the manner authorized in M. S. § 326B.121, as it may be amended from time to time. Fees for permits under this subchapter, which may include a surcharge in accordance with M.S. § 326B.153, as it may be amended from time to time, shall be determined by the Council and fixed by its resolution, a copy of which shall be in the office of the administrative authority (Building/Zoning Official) and uniformly enforced.

§ 150.42 PERMIT PROGRAM.

(A) Pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7512.2800, municipalities may adopt local ordinances to require a permit to perform fire protection-related work.

(B) A person trained in fire protection system plan review shall provide a competent plan review for all permits granted under this section.

(C) Sprinkler plan review and inspection program.

(1) No person shall engage in any sprinkler installation, modification, changing and/or removal of all sprinkler protection systems within the City without obtaining a permit from the Building/Zoning official.

(2) Fire sprinkler systems shall be maintained in accordance with the Minnesota State Fire Code as such section is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and shall be in force seven (7) days from and after its adoption, approval, and publication.

(06-22)

Rock County Commissioners meet May 16

Herreid Board Room

9:00 A.M.

Rock County Courthouse

May 16, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the May 16, 2023, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the May 02, 2023, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Resolution No. 07-23, MnDOT Agreement for the use of Federal Funds for SP 067-601-014, a bridge replacement on CSAH 1 over Kanaranzi Creek.

Rachel Jacobs, Land Records Office Director, provided a follow up regarding a classification error on Parcel 02-0275-100 from year 2003 and a request for a refund of the tax payment difference. Jacobs reviewed appeal process as defined in MN Statutes, and highlighted that the property valuation oversight is on the burden of the property owner and that a classification error is not defined as clerical error. The property owner failed to notify the Assessor's office of any concerns regarding the valuation of his property until 2023, and also did not allow or schedule previous assessments of the inside of the home. Upon notification to the Assessor's office, a determination was made that the life of the home was incorrectly classified and has now been corrected reducing the valuation of the home; the new valuation will impact the taxes payable in 2024. After considerable discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to deny the tax refund request due to failure to follow assessment policy and procedures, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for payment; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

MAY 16, 2023 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

BREMIX MATERIALS, INC	\$35,535.97
CHS INC	14,034.81
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH	7,167.77
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	7,158.28
HANCOCK CONCRETE PRODUCTS CO IN	159,713.85
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	13,622.24
LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE	3,425.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	4,902.43
LUVERNE/CITY OF	6,867.10
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	20,082.65
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	4,049.46
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	8,994.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,072.75
WAHLTEK INC PAYMENT	10,500.00
ZIEGLER INC	10,649.53
82 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	42,075.38
TOTAL	\$350,851.22

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report reflects a large increase due to the first half of the property tax collection. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the re-issuance of lost warrant #14313 for the amount of \$370.76 payable to Argus Leader Media, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the engagement letter from Clifton, Larsen and Allen to conduct the 2022 audit for Rock County, Rural Water and Community Corrections; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. The Auditor/Treasurer the 2022 audit will be a single audit.

The County Board was in receipt of a request to purchase and place a tornado siren located at an unincorporated portion of Kanaranzi Township. The Administrator stated that the estimated cost of a new siren is \$30,000 and that the expense is not eligible for any emergency management funds nor is it E911 eligible. It was the consensus of the County Board to deny the request for the siren, but notify the concerned resident of the Nixel Notification system.

The Administrator updates on a number of legislative issues that he has been tracking, to include: Capitol Bonding, Police Aide, CPA, Paid Family Leave, Staffing ratios/Bargaining right, Legalization of Cannabis, Public Health funding, Road & Bridge funding and Mental Health funding.

The County Board was informed the AMC District VIII Meeting is scheduled for June 8 from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. in Luverne at the Generations building.

The Administrator also reported on the following activities: Building issues - HVAC project and the Kahler Terrace repair project; landscape construction project at the school, the county is taking the excess black dirt; hosted a Regional HSEM; attended the Community Ventures Network event, Community Corrections, FEMA map project event and MACA Legislative meeting.

Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum stated that she had attended the MCHRMA Spring Conference where the focus was on employee recruitment and the impact of the proposed legislation; also met with insurance broker regarding the addition of some ancillary benefits.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Community Corrections, and City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Rural Water and the City of Beaver Creek.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings/events: Community Ventures Network event, Generations fundraising event and City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings/events: none

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings/events: Southwest Regional Development Commission, Generations fundraising event.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourn by order of the Chair, declared carried on a voice vote.

(06-22)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 36

ORDINANCE NO. 36, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LUVERNE CITY CODE CHAPTER 91: PUBLIC NUISANCES, ADDING SECTION 91.18.01, MANAGED NATURAL LAWN AREA

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. That City Code Chapter 91, Public Nuisances, adding section 91.18.01, Managed Natural Lawn Area, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 91.18.01 MANAGED NATURAL LAWN AREA.

(A) Intent. The City Council determines some residents' desire to use portions of lawns on residential parcels for the planting of native vegetation, which can grow to a height of greater than 6 inches. The Council finds these types of plantings may preserve, restore, or maintain natural plants and may utilize environmentally sound practices. As guidance for the community, this change in vegetation and lawn use must be properly planned, managed, and maintained. The transition period must be minimized, or the property is likely to create a public nuisance and shall be abated.

(B) Definitions.

MANAGED NATURAL LAWN AREA. A planned, intentional, and maintained planting of native vegetation that is free from noxious weeds as defined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and may exceed 6 inches in length.

NATIVE VEGETATION. Ferns, wildflowers, grasses, sedges, rushes, shrubs, vines, and forbs that are native to the State of Minnesota ecological section 222 (Minnesota and Northeast Iowa Morainial Section), subsection 251Ba (Minnesota River Prairie), and subsection 222Mb (Big Woods) as defined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and that can be found in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Native Plant Encyclopedia.

TURFGRASSES. Bluegrass, fescue, and ryegrass blends with non-woody vegetation interspersed with them, commonly used in regularly cut lawns.

(C) Applicability.

(1) Residential zoning districts.

(2) Managed natural lawn area, as defined in division (B) above, is a term used to describe a variety of lawn management practices that include but are not limited to natural lawns, natural landscapes, native lawns, pollinator gardens, rain gardens, meadow vegetation, native prairie, prairie gardens, monarch waystations, native plantings, native gardens, and butterfly habitat.

(D) Requirements.

(1) Any owner of a residential lot in the city may transition an area of lawn on the lot to a managed natural lawn area not to exceed 30% of the pervious surface area within the defined setbacks of the lot.

(2) A managed natural lawn area may include native vegetation more than 6 inches in height and which have gone to seed, may not include any noxious weeds, must be maintained pursuant to the requirements of this section, and shall not create a public nuisance.

(3) A managed natural lawn area shall not include turf grass lawns left unattended for the purpose of returning to a natural state.

(4) Any managed natural lawn area shall meet the following property-line setbacks. Corner lots shall have two front setbacks:

(a) Front - 10 feet.

(b) Sides - 5 feet.

(c) Rear - 10 feet.

(5) A managed natural lawn area shall be cut at least once annually to a height no greater than 12 inches, and at no time be allowed to grow to a height of more than 60 inches.

(6) When establishing a managed natural lawn area, turf grass and/or other existing vegetation shall be eliminated, and native vegetation shall be planted through transplanting or seeding by human or mechanical means. Soil erosion should be controlled while the ground is bare of plant growth that is sufficient to inhibit erosion and is the sole responsibility of the owner or occupant.

(7) Properties with a managed natural lawn area must be free of blight, and blighting factors, free of public nuisances, and other areas of the lawn must be properly maintained in accordance with the City Code.

(8) Managed natural lawn areas shall not be located within any drainage utility easement, public right-of-way, or within 3 feet to any driveway or parking areas.

(9) Managed natural lawn areas shall not be located within 20 feet of a road intersection unless the height of the plantings within 20 feet of an intersection does not exceed 12 inches in height.

(10) At no time shall a managed natural lawn area interfere with motorists' views of the street or roadway.

(E) Failure to maintain.

(1) If a property owner chooses to install a managed natural lawn area, and it is determined by the Weed Inspector that the area fails to meet the definition and requirements of a managed natural lawn area as defined in divisions (B) through (D) above, it shall be considered prima facie evidence of the failure of the owner and occupant to comply with this section.

(2) The city may then proceed as follows:

(a) Concerning public rights-of-way, the Weed Inspector or his/her designee shall provide written notice to the property owner, advising such owner or occupant that the managed natural lawn area must be removed within 5 days. If the owner fails to remove the managed natural lawn area, then the city shall perform the necessary work to remove the managed natural lawn area, keeping an accurate account of the cost. The cost shall be assessed to the abutting private property in conformance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Concerning private property, the Weed Inspector or his/her designee shall provide written notice to the property owner advising such owner that the managed natural lawn area must be brought into compliance with the requirements of this section within 14 days of receipt of the letter. Such notice shall also advise the owner that the city shall perform such work, with the presumed consent of the owner, if the owner fails to bring the managed natural lawn area into compliance with the requirements of this section. If city employees are utilized to cut the managed natural lawn area, an accurate account of the time and charges shall be maintained. Such costs shall be assessed to the benefitted property in conformance with the provisions of this chapter.

SEC. 2. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(06-22)

Luverne School District seeks quotes for vehicle fuels

REQUEST FOR QUOTES
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that quotes for vehicle fuels will be received until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Office of the Superintendent, Luverne High School, Luverne, Minnesota.

Detailed specifications and information are available at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and bids and to waive any technicalities.

David Wrigg, Clerk
(06-15, 06-22, 06-29, 07-06)

Fick estate

STATE OF MINNESOTA

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT

Estate of

Court File No. 67-PR-23-118

Donald Fick, a/k/a Donald W. Fick,

Deceased

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 3, 2023, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court, at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota, via Zoom, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated February 1, 2013, and for the appointment of Daniel D. Fick, whose address is 808 N. Blauvelt Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103, and Rebecca A. Buske, whose address is PO Box 783, Wyoming, Minnesota 55092, as Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives will be appointed with power to administer the Estate in Minnesota, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

Date Filed: June 1, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge

Attorney for Petitioner

Mark W. Shepherd

Malters, Shepherd & Von Holtum

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Court Administrator

(06-15, 06-22)

The Studio on Main St. assumes name

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PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

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NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Jessica Martens**Address: **513 S. Josephine Ave., Hills, MN 56138 USA**

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Signature: /s/ **Jessica K. Martens, Owner**Dated: **5/17/2023**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: jessica@thestudioonmainst.com

(06-22, 06-29)

DEADLINE FOR LEGALS IS MONDAY AT 10 A.M.


GARAGE SALES

Rummage Sale: Friday, June 23, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, June 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 318 W. Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. Power tools leaf blower, trailer, vehicle, motorcycle, sewing machine, picture frames, bedding, toys, shoes, vintage bicycle, tires, poster boards, exercise equipment, home decor, Rumba, foot massager, coats, DVD's, books, and more! (6.15-6.24)

GARAGE SALES

Huge Rummage Sale: In the country sale—June 23: 12-6 p.m., June 24: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., June 25: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Antiques, lots of items for the DIYer and the repurposers, tons of old galvanized items for your gardens. Lots of old tools, enamel tops. Italian tilted nesting bowls, vintage large footed Capodimonte covered tureen with platter and much more. 631 171st St, Jasper. Signs will be posted with directions. (6.17-6.22)

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Diversified strategy needed to control weeds

With herbicide resistance increasing, a diversified management strategy is needed to control problematic weeds. Using cover crops to manage waterhemp is one strategy that researchers at both the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University are evaluating.

For several years, Midwestern states have been struggling with herbicide-resistant weeds. A recent Minnesota survey found that waterhemp resistant to multiple herbicides is prevalent in the state, with some populations showing resistance to four, five or even six sites of action. North Dakota also struggles with multiple herbicide-resistant weeds, including both kochia and waterhemp, according to Dr. Joe Ikley, North Dakota State University (NDSU) Extension weed specialist.

With herbicide options becoming more limited, the key to managing problematic weeds is to integrate other tactics into corn and soybean production. Expanding the crop rotation, diversifying herbicide sites of action, and even mechanically destroying weed seeds are viable strategies.

What about cover crops as a weed management tool? While they provide many benefits – including soil protection – cover crop adoption lags in Minnesota. The biggest challenge is our unique environmental conditions, according to Dr. Debalin Sarangi, University of Minnesota Extension weed scientist. Planting windows for both the fall cover crops and spring cash crops are narrow.

Despite the challenges, Sarangi and Ikley see value in assessing cereal rye as a cover crop for weed management.

For the past two years, NDSU has evaluated waterhemp control using different cereal rye termination times with and without a pre-emergence (PRE) herbicide. When both a cereal rye cover crop and a PRE were included, they complemented each other and waterhemp was controlled. In contrast, when there was no cereal rye or no PRE applied, waterhemp control decreased.

When cover crops are used, herbicide interception is a concern. A national study has determined that while up to roughly half of the PRE can be intercepted, most does make it to the soil surface, and there was always a net benefit to us-

ing a PRE within a cover crop compared to either no PRE, or no cover crop.

In southern Minnesota, researchers started looking at termination timings, seeding rates and seeding dates in 2021 to find the best cereal rye recipes. An early May planting date produced a modest amount of cereal rye biomass and some weed control benefits. Biomass increased four-fold and weed control dramatically increased with a late May planting date. However, potential yield penalties for the cash crop should be balanced against cover crop benefits when planting is delayed.

NDSU has seen about 4,000 pounds biomass per acre the past couple of years when termination was delayed until early June, which translated to roughly 50 percent waterhemp control. Other states recommend twice as much biomass for complete weed control. Consequently, cereal rye should not be treated as a standalone weed management treatment or as a replacement for herbicides.

Sarangi also looked at different termination options for the cereal rye. Chemical options are the fastest and most economical way to terminate a cover crop. Of the herbicides, glyphosate (Roundup, etc.) was the most efficient option. The cereal rye was controlled within 10 days and the field was ready to plant.

“Start clean and stay clean,” Sarangi stresses. If PRE applications were missed this spring, he recommends coming back with a postemergence application as soon as possible and before the weeds reach three inches tall. For waterhemp control, tank mixing a POST herbicide with a residual will help. However, “certain PREs cannot be applied once soybeans are emerging, due to injury risks,” reminded Ikley. “Crops are emerging quickly now in the warm weather, so check both the fields and the herbicide labels.”

Thanks to the Minnesota Corn Growers Research and Promotion Council and the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council for their generous support of this program!

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Lori Sorenson photos/0622 nature photography class

‘Slow down and notice the little things’

Photographer Jason Schutz hosted a “Cell Phone Nature Photography Class” Saturday at Touch the Sky Prairie to illustrate how best to use a cell phone to take captivating nature photographs. A light drizzle that morning may have deterred potential students, but it didn’t stop Marcia Ossenfort (below) from showing up to learn. The teacher and student trekked across the prairie to the waterfall and back, photographing elements of nature along the way. One of Schutz’s tips: “Slow down and notice the little things.”



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The Luverne track and field team took 21 athletes to the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships in Albertville. Pictured are (front, from left) Jady Hart, Isabella Oye, Jenna DeBates, Elizabeth Wagner, (middle) Jocelyn Hart, Sarah Stegenga, Cassi Chesley, Tiana Lais, Augusta Papik, Ella Schmuck, Reina John, (back) Owen Janiszkeski, DJ Rock, Dylan Ommen, Carsen Toftland, Zach Terrio, Darius Dolo, Lucky Dara, Ryan Fick, Camden Janiszkeski and Sage Viessman.

LHS Track & Field

Luverne traveled to the 2023 Minnesota State High School Track & Field Class A Championships in Albertville Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9.

Twenty-one Cardinals qualified for state competition and walked away with 13 Top 12 finishes at the state track and field competition.

Senior DJ Rock took first place in the pole vault with a winning height of 14 feet.

Senior Jady Hart placed first in the discus throw with a toss of 131 feet even, and she placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 39-7 1/4.

Jocelyn Hart finished second in the shot put

with a distance of 40-9 3/4, and she placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 121-11.

Junior Jenna DeBates placed fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:11.51.

The Luverne boys' 4-by-400-meter relay, run by senior Camden Janiszkeski, sophomore Owen Janiszkeski, senior Carsen Toftland and junior Ryan Fick, placed fourth with a time of 8:04.13.

The girls' 4-by-400-meter relay team made of of junior Jenna DeBates, senior Tiana Lais, junior Cassi Chesley and senior Elizabeth Wagner placed seventh with a time of 9:52.56.

Sophomore Owen Janiszkeski placed seventh in the boys' 3200-meter run with a time of 9:45.49.

Senior Elizabeth Wagner placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.06.

Sophomore Lucky Dara finished ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.03.

Senior Camden Janiszkeski took 10th place in the 3200-meter run with a time of 9:47.53.

Sophomore Augusta Papik finished in 12th place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.88.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Track Team

Boys

Seniors

Camden Janiszkeski
DJ Rock

Juniors

Ryan Fick
Zach Terrio
Gavin DeBeer
Issac DeBates

Sophomores

Sage Viessman
Elijah Woodley
Lucky Dara
Ashton Hood
Coulter Thone
Dylan Ommen

Eighth-Grader

Coy Thone

Girls

Seniors

Ekizabeth Wagner
Tiana Lais
Jocelyn Hart
Jady Hart
Isabella Oye

Juniors

Jenna DeBates
Mekena Nelson
Sarah Stegenga
Cassi Chesley

Sophomores

Maria Rops
Augusta Papik

Freshmen

Ella Schmuck
Anna Banck

Eighth-Grader

Reinha John

Girls Team

True Team Champs
Big South Team Champs
State True Team Champs
Section 3A Sub-Section Champs
Section 3A Champs
MSHSL Fourth Place State Track

Boys Team

True Team Champs
Big South Team Champs
State True team Fifth Place
Section 3A Sub-Section Champs
Section 3A Second Place
MSHSL 15th Place State Track



Greg Hoogeveen photo

LHS senior girls' track members took first place at Section 3A Sub-Section South in Pipestone May 25. They are (from left) Issabella Oye, Gracie Ingebretsen, Elizabeth Wagner, Jocelyn Hart, Jady Hart, Tiana Lais and (not pictured) Josie Anderson.



Greg Hoogeveen photo

LHS senior boys' track members took first place at Section 3A Sub-Section South in Pipestone May 25. Pictured are (from left) DJ Rock, Camden Janiszkeski, Carsen Toftland and (not pictured) Micah Anderson and Anyuon Atem.



Greg Hooegeven photo
H-BC track members that led this year's team are (front, from left) Brayden Metzger, Beau Bakken, Cooper Gehrke, Eli Taubert, James VandenBosch, (back) Larissa Steinhoff, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Abbie Harris, Bailey Spykerboer, Brynn Bakken and Emma Deelstra.

H-BC Track & Field

Hills-Beaver Creek traveled to the 2023 Minnesota State High School Track & Field Class A Championships in Albertville Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9.

H-BC eighth-grader Brynn Bakken represented the Patriots at the state meet.

Bakken qualified in three events and took home three medals at the end of competition.

She took third place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.52 seconds, and she achieved a personal record time in the prelims at 12.44.

In the 200-meter dash Bakken placed



H-BC Patriot Brynn Bakken earned three state medals this year. She took third in the 100 meter with a PR of 12.44. She was sixth in the 200 meter with a PR of 25.72 and took ninth in the triple jump at 34'10.25".

sixth with a time of 25.88 and registered personal best time in the prelims of 25.72.

In her third event, the triple jump, Bakken placed ninth with a jump of 34-10 1/4.

2023 Red Rock Conference All-Conference Track Team

Boys Team

Seniors
Eli Taubert
Brayden Metzger

Juniors
Cooper Gahrke
Riley Tatge

Sophomores
James VandenBosch
Blake Leenderts
Beau Bakken
Jackson Gacke

Eighth-Grader
Micah Bush
Mason Shaffner

Girls Team

Juniors
Brynn Rauk
Layla Deelstra
Larissa Steinhoff

Sophomores
Bailey Spykerboer

Freshmen
Abigail Wysong
Ally Birger

Eighth-Grader
Brynn Bakken
Hailey Moser
Ava Steinhoff

Girls Team

2023 True Team Seventh Place
2023 Section 3A Tenth Place

Boys Team

2023 True Team Eighth Place
2023 Section 3A 20th Place



Greg Hooegeven photo
H-BC senior Brayden Metzger competes in the discus throw at the Luverne track and field meet April 25.



Greg Hooegeven photo
The H-BC girls' 4x200 team placed 18th at the Howard Wood Relays May 5. Members of the team are (left) Brynn Bakken, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk and Abigail Harris.

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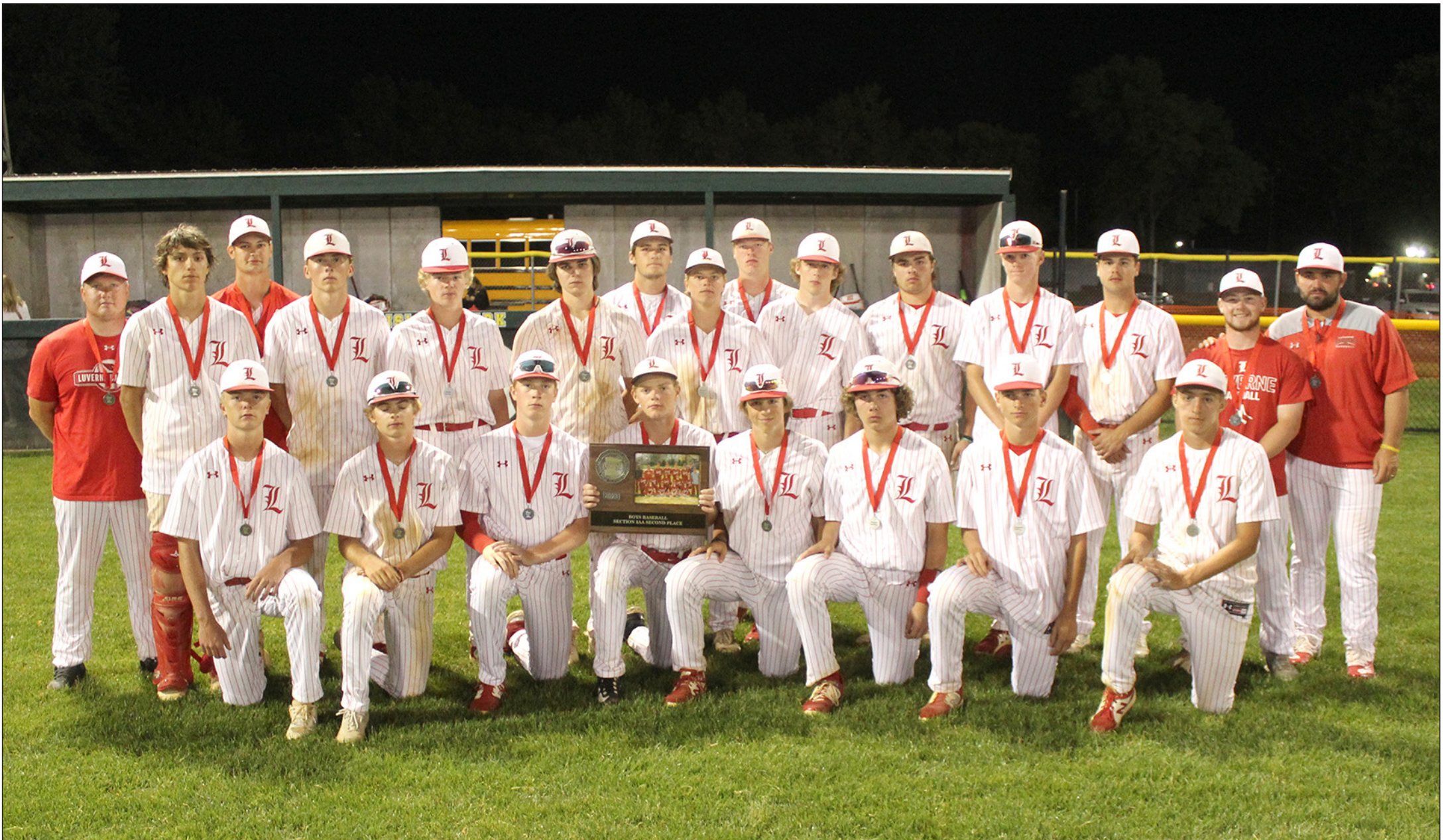
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The LHS baseball team finished its 2023 season June 8 in Windom as the Section 3AA runner-up. Team members include (front row, from left) Josh Hansen, Marcus Vortherms, Jaydon Johnson, Kai Buss, Blake Sauer, Landyn Lais, Jaxon Lais, Carter Sehr, (back) assistant coach Derek Elbers, Landon Ahrendt, assistant coach Jake Haugen, Zach DeBoer, Elliot Domagala, Jacob Stroh, Conner Connell, Alex Schlosser, Layke Miller, Patrick Kroski, Will Serie, Trevor DeBates, Riley Sneller, assistant coach Mark Sterrett and head coach Phil Paquette.

LHS Baseball

The Luverne Cardinal baseball team was 13-3-3 for the season and 11-1 in the conference.

The Cardinals faced two teams in the section playoffs. They beat Pipestone 13-3 on May 27 and beat St. James 10-0 on May 27 at home.

In the section semifinals LHS snuck past Paynesville 2-1 on the road May 30 and beat Fairmont 2-1 in Marshall June 3.

In the Section 3AA Championship Luverne faced Fairmont losing 2-1 in Windom June 8. With the loss LHS and Fairmont were forced to play a second tie breaker game that night.

The Cardinals lost a disappointing 6-4 game to Fairmont in the second game closing the door on a trip to the state tournament.

Section 3AA Championship
Runner Up



Greg Hoogeveen photo

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



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LHS senior Zach DeBoer



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LHS senior Riley Sneller

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LHS Softball

The Luverne High School softball team was eliminated from Section 3AA play Saturday, May 27, when the Cardinals lost to Dassel-Cokato 5-4 in Marshall. The Luverne baseball team was 15-8 for the season and 8-4 in the conference.

In the section playoffs Luverne beat Redwood Valley 10-0 and lost to Jackson County Central 9-4.

They traveled to Marshall to take on Litchfield in the elimination bracket winning 9-5.

In the second round of elimination, LHS lost 5-4 to Dassel-Cokato to finish their season.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
LHS senior Kaysie Lenz



Greg Hoogeveen photo
LHS senior Carly Olson



Luverne softball team includes (front, from left) Maren Stegenga, Elizabeth Smidt, Kenedee Franken, Regan Mehlhaff, (middle) Amira Cowell, Anika Boll, Kaysie Lenz, Carly Olson, Piper Wynia, Caitlin Kindt, (back) assistant coach Tara Sudenga, Ella Reisdorfer, Tori Serie, Gracie Nath, Payton Behr and head coach Brooks Maurer.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Softball Team

Seniors
Carly Olson

Juniors
Gracie Nath
Belle Smidt

Sophomores
Ella Reisdorfer
Payton Behr



Greg Hoogeveen photo
The Luverne boys' tennis team was led by four senior players. They are (from left) Ross Bergman, Parker Carbonneau, Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Tennis Team

Seniors
Ethan Nath

LHS Tennis



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LHS Golf

The Luverne High School golf teams competed in the Section 3AA Tournament at Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake.

The boys' team placed second out of 16 teams.

The LHS girls' team placed eighth out of 12 teams on Wednesday, May 24, ending the Cardinals' season as a team.

Section 3AA Team
Sections Runner Up



Pictured at the Big South Conference meet are (from left) coach John Sichmeller, Levi Gonneman, Henry Hartquist, Owen Sudenga, Brady Bork, Tyler Arends and Will Bergman. (Pictured with certificates) Hartquist, Sudenga and Bork were selected to the Big South Conference Boys Gold All-Conference Team.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
The Luverne girls' golf team was led by (from left) Mallory Von Tersch, Abigail Anderson, Lauren Hansen and Averill Sehr.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Golf Team

Seniors

Brady Bork

Juniors

Henry Hartquist
Owen Sudenga



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



Greg Hoogeveen photo
Hills-Beaver Creek High School freshman Abby Olson competed in the Minnesota Section 3A Girls' Golf Tournament Tuesday, May, 30, in Worthington. Olson shot a season-low 18-hole score of 112 on Tuesday, the second day of the tournament for the Patriots.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
Senior Brock Harnack

2023 Red Rock Conference All-Conference Golf Team

Freshmen

Abby Olson

H-BC Golf



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Senior Taylor Spykerboar

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H-BC Trap

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School trap team finished its season placing sixth in Section 3A - Conference 3. H-BC had three individuals place in the Top 25 of the conference finals. Luke Fuerstenberg

placed 11th with an average score of 22.80 and Sawyer Bosch placed 23rd with an average score of 22.00 in the boys' finals. Olivia Bork placed 22nd with an average score of 14.80 in the girls' finals.

Greg Hoogeveen photo Hills-Beaver Creek trapshooting team members include (front, from left) Lukas Hubbard, Clayton Kellenberger, Olivia Bork, Blake Leenderts, Sawyer Bosch, Alexis Gardner Swenson, (back) Luke Fuerstenberg, Cooper Gehrke, Cameron Allen, Jack Moser and Cody Moser. Not pictured are Jayden Kueter, Alex Harris, Cael Noteboom and Johnathan Tiesler.

LHS Trap

The Luverne High School trap team finished its regular season placing third in Section 3A - Conference 1 standings.

The Cardinals placed five individuals in the Top 25 shooters in their conference.

In the boys' competition Samuel Honerman placed 13th with an average score of 22.60 and Tyson Cowell placed 19th with an average score of 22.10.

In the girls' competition, Piper Wynia placed first with an average score of 22.00, Morgan Bonnett placed ninth with an average score of 16.30, and Makayla Oechsle placed 11th with an average score of 16.20.



Luverne High School Trap Team includes (front, from left) Piper Wynia, Fox Forrest, Sawyer Saker, Jacob Madison, Makayla Oechsle, Jude Hoven, (back) coach Scott Loosbrock, Andrew Kinsinger, AJ Ossefoort, Samuel Honermann, Tyson Cowell, JT Remme, Lucas Hansen, Nic Hansen, Tucker Remme, Holden Overgaard, Cash Bonnett, Alex DeWispelaere, Jaden Reisch, Liam Murphy, Gavin Hoven and Lucas Madison. Not pictured are Landon Ahrendt, Morgan Bonnett and Rayann Remme.

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