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Lori Sorenson photos/0901 airport fly-in drive-in at Quentin Aanenson field

Dennis Paquette (in red) shows off the Korean War aircraft that was restored by his dad, Luverne pilot Dave Paquette. At right, a South Dakota Sky Diver makes a safe landing.



Esther Frakes photo

## New director joins RCO leadership

By Lori Sorenson

A new executive director joined the leadership team at Rock County Opportunities, which provides services and employment for local adults with disabilities.

Eric Sage, who started Aug. 24 in Luverne, brings more than 15 of experience to the position after working with home and community-based services in the Minneapolis metro area.



Since 2016 he was senior director of True Friends, a nonprofit organization providing respite care at camps for children and adults with disabilities.

Prior to that, he worked with Hammer Residences, another influential Twin Cities provider for people with intellectual disabilities.

"It's very rewarding when you can help individuals and their families with needs," Sage said. "I'm looking forward to meeting our families and filling that need here in Luverne."

Adria Benson and Danielle Landberg have been co-directing RCO since Beth Bartels left in 2020.

"Things have gone great as far as the team leadership approach we started about a year ago," Benson said. "But we have kind of felt there was a piece missing and decided to hire an ED to help the organization continue to grow and flourish."

She said the RCO board and directors wanted to get a feel for what they needed and how the executive director's position would be structured before hiring someone.

"I can say with confidence that we are all proud of the last year and what RCO has been able to do with our team leadership," Benson said.

"We are doing well financially, the individuals we support and their teams are happy with the services provided, and we have a great team of staff here."

At the six-month mark, she said they evaluated progress and determined a point person would be helpful to relieve the team leaders of some responsibilities.

"We each still had our previous jobs to do, and adding these duties didn't allow us to devote the time we needed into certain areas," Benson said.

"We felt that it would be really important for the future and growth of RCO to have someone who could focus their time on things like fundraising, legislative needs, ideas for growth and additional community outreach. ... In order for RCO to be the best it can be, we all felt that we needed to bring someone else in."

She said the RCO board and staff are looking forward to working with Sage.

"We're very excited to have Eric start," Benson said.

"He has a lot of experience and knowledge in this field, and he will be able to continue the good things that our team has accom-

Resource officer/see 14A RCO director/see page 2A

## More than 400 enjoy fly-in, drive-in pancakes at Quentin Aanenson Field Saturday

Luverne hosted its annual fly-in (and drive-in) pancake breakfast Saturday morning at Quentin Aanenson Field where more than 400 people enjoyed classic planes and

automobiles, inflatables for kids and a few jumps by Skydive Adventures, which has its home base at the Luverne airport.

According to City Administrator John

Call and airport volunteers, 424 had pancakes this year (up from the 2019 record of 413). There were 58 classic cars and 10 participating planes on display.



Above and below, Dave Smedsrud shows off his 1946 Chevy Fleetmaster 4-door sedan.



Esther Frakes photo

At left, Mayor Pat Baustian presents a framed image of WWII fighter pilot Quentin Aanenson to Aanenson's son, Jerry, during the airport event.



Jacob Dressen, Magnolia, discusses his 1969 Plymouth Sports Satellite with Carl Kracht, Beaver Creek. There were 58 classic cars at the airport.

## Stratton begins duties as school resource officer

By Mavis Fodness

When Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek schools open Tuesday for the 2022-23 school year, a school resource officer will greet students in the hallways.

Rock County deputy Jeff Stratton was hired for the new position that will serve as a liaison between law enforcement and schools.

"I will literally have contact with every kid in the entire county and do whatever I can to help them," Stratton said.

"It is something new, never been done here and gives me an opportunity to build a program from the bottom up."

For the past week, Stratton has addressed school staff in Luverne and H-BC about his duties in the districts, which will sometimes include attending evening sporting events.

His main job, however, is to be the liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the school



Mavis Fodness photo/0901 SRO Stratton

Jeff Stratton, a deputy with the Rock County Sheriff's Office, is the school resource officer in Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school districts where he'll provide a bridge between the schools and local law enforcement. He and his wife, Amy, attended Monday night's picnic in Hills for H-BC staff.

districts. Part of his job includes checking Sheriff's Office daily incident logs for incidents involving students.

"The biggest thing is making those connections," he said.

During the school day, Stratton will wear a "soft uniform" — a polo shirt and dress pants. He'll be armed, but will only carry handcuffs and a radio. Stratton will wear his full uniform at events.

### What will an SRO do?

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge outlined more of Stratton's duties in the school districts at a liaison meeting between the Luverne School Board and county officials Thursday before the regular school board meeting.

"This is an opportunity for our juveniles to see an officer in the best possible light and, if

Resource officer/see 14A



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Springwater Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at the township hall.

### SAIL class starts Sept. 2

Another Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) will begin Friday, Sept. 2, at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. The strength, balance and fitness program is offered at no cost through A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota.

The 24 classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 to 11 a.m. through Oct. 28. Sheila Stegenga is the volunteer class leader. For more information or to register, contact Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

### 'Out of the Darkness' walk Sept. 10

Luverne will host the second annual "Out of the Darkness" suicide prevention walk on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Luverne City Park. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the walk will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

This event raises money for research to end and prevent suicide and to show community support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide or have struggled personally with suicide. To pre-register for the walk and to learn more, visit [afsp.org/luverne](https://afsp.org/luverne)

### 'Medicare 101' online class

Learning what to do when you become eligible for Medicare can seem overwhelming, so Senior LinkAge Line and Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging is offering a free online class, "Medicare 101." The class at noon Wednesday, Sept. 7, covers the basics of Medicare Part A, B, C and Part D and offers information about when and how to enroll. To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/3ub8byS>.

### Optimist Fishing Derby Sept. 11

The Luverne Optimist Club Kids Fishing Derby will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Veterans Pond in Luverne for ages 15 and younger accompanied by an adult. There will be food and prizes. Contact Travis Pierce, 507-220-5191, or Stan Steensma, 507-227-0681.

### Food distribution is Sept. 15

New Life Celebration Church's third Thursday monthly food giveaway is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Atlas building at 101 W. Maple St. in Luverne.

Enter from Maple Street and stay along the west side of the building. Parking lot opens at 3 p.m. Do not block the Redeemed Remnants parking lot, intersection or alley entrance. Food will be loaded into vehicles, which exit via the alley going west. Call 507-283-8963 or 507-283-4366 with questions.

### Book sale starts Sept. 15

The Friends of the Rock County Library annual book sale is Thursday, Sept. 15, through Saturday, Sept. 17. Times are from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15; from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16; and from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 (bag sale).

Book donations must be dropped off at the library before Sept. 14. A members-only night will be from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. For more information, contact the library at 507-449-5040.

### Blue Mound Lutheran Church observes 150th anniversary

The Blue Mound Cemetery Association will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Blue Mound Lutheran Church with a Fall Festival service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at the church in rural Luverne. A catered meal in the parish hall will follow the service, led by guest pastor Gary Klatt. All are welcome.

### Prairie Ally seeks workers

Volunteer workers are needed from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Prairie Ally public food forest for a variety of maintenance tasks. No RSVP necessary.

# Four new teachers start at H-BC

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek School District will add four new teachers to its staff as the 2022-23 school year opens Sept. 6.

**Melanie Kruse** will teach special education in H-BC Elementary School after spending the past five years teaching at Lifescape Specialty School in Sioux Falls.

"I taught in a self-contained classroom for primarily low behavior needs for the first year and then for primarily medically complex needs for the past three years," Kruse said.

The Toronto, South Dakota, native graduated from Deubrook Area School District in 2014 before attending Northern State University in Aberdeen. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education along with a recently completed master's degree.

She's married to Josh Kruse, and they recently moved to Luverne. The couple has one daughter, Elizabeth, 18 months.

"I am most looking forward to building bonds with students and community in Hills-Beaver Creek and to helping my students grow in their skills," she said.

**Allesia Kolles** will teach K-12 music and choir at the H-BC elementary and secondary schools.

Kolles grew up in St. Michael, Minnesota, where she graduated from high school. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout and received a master's degree from Hawthorn University.

She worked as a substitute teacher for the past four years.

"This will be my first year teaching," Kolles said.



Mavis Fodness photo/0901 New Teachers 2022 H-BC

Four new teachers will be in the classrooms at Hills-Beaver Creek School District as students return for the 2022-23 school year on Sept. 6. The new teachers include Melanie Kruse (left), Ariel Larson, Allesia Kolles and Isabel Sylvanie.

"I am looking forward to working with the students in the H-BC community."

**Arielle Larson** will fill dual roles at H-BC Elementary.

For part of her day Larson will be the district's early childhood special education teacher. The rest of the day she will work as a paraprofessional.

As a child, Larson lived in Pipestone and moved to Luverne in 2000. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 2004.

She received a bachelor's degree in social work

from Presentation College and spent 15 years with adults with disabilities. For the last two years Larson was a substitute teacher in Luverne and H-BC as well as being a paraprofessional at H-BC.

Six years ago she and her husband, Lance, an H-BC graduate, moved to rural Hills. The couple has a 2-year-old named Layton.

"I am most excited about this year to meet students and make connections in the community," she said.

**Isabel Sylvanie** is H-

BC's new K-12 art instructor.

The Arlington, South Dakota, native attended University of Sioux Falls, where she received her art education degree.

After college she was a substitute teacher with Brandon and Sioux Falls school districts before accepting the full-time position at H-BC.

"Being back in a smaller district" is what Sylvanie is looking forward to most in her first teaching position.

She makes her home in Sioux Falls.

# Outstate driver's exam stations decrease service to once a month

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County residents in need of a driver's test will have fewer options beginning today, Sept. 1.

Instead of weekly appointments on Wednesdays, the driver's exam station in Luverne is now open once a month.

For Rock County, both written and behind-the-wheel examinations are offered the second Wednesday of the month.

State officials cite on-going staff shortages, which began in the pandemic, for the driver's exam station schedule changes.

In March 2020 all exam stations closed due to the pandemic. Months later only regional hubs were open. Worthington is

the local regional hub.

Legislators directed the state Department of Public Safety to reopen all 93 exam stations by Jan. 31. Rock County's weekly service was reinstated Jan. 26.

"I find it really hard to believe we can't get our arms around that issue," said state Senator Bill Weber, Luverne.

Weber recently talked with John Harrington, the state's commissioner of public safety. Harrington was appointed to the position in 2019.

Other than staff shortages, Harrington hasn't responded specifically to Weber as to why local driver's examination station service hours are again being cut.

Weber said legislators cannot re-address the issue as a group until the next session starts in January 2023.

Under the new schedule, exams won't be available in Rock County again until Sept. 14.

Appointments for driver's tests can be made only online at [drive.mn.gov](https://drive.mn.gov).

New hours will also be implemented today.

Worthington, the local area's regional hub, will be open for written tests from 8 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Thursdays and Fridays are reserved for road tests by appointment only.

The Wednesday schedule is as follows:

- Windom, first Wednesday of the month.
- Luverne, second Wednesday of the month.
- Pipestone, third Wednesday of the month.
- Slayton, fourth Wednesday of the month.

DPS hasn't released a specific time schedule for the once-a-month service.

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plished over the last year — as well as think of new ideas."

Originally from Yankton, South Dakota, Sage's job in Luverne puts him closer to family. "I'm really excited for the opportunity to be back in the area," he said. "Luverne is a great community."

He and his wife, Becca, moved to Brandon after she was recruited by Sanford to fill a physician's assistant position in Sioux Falls.

They have three children, twin 4-year-old boys, Jameson and Beckham, and a 2-year-old daughter, Henly.

He said he's grateful for the short 20-minute commute for a job he enjoys in the state of Minnesota where he understands its laws and regulations of services for disabled adults. "It just worked out really well," he said.

Sage said he anticipates hiring and retaining staff will continue to be a challenge across the state, unless legislators do more to help.

"I hope that local providers and the state of Minnesota can continue to find ways to help our families and individuals with special needs," he said.

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# Nine new teachers start at Luverne Public Schools

By Mavis Fodness

Among the nine new teachers at Luverne Public Schools are seasoned educators, first-time teachers and, in some instances, LHS graduates returning to work at their alma mater.

Each is excited for the 2022-23 school year starting Tuesday, Sept. 6.

**Traci Davis** returned to college after spending 15 years in the classroom as a paraprofessional in Luverne.

A lifelong Luverne native, Davis (maiden name Siebenahler) graduated from LHS in 1995. She pursued a K-12 behavioral strategies licensure and educational studies degree from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Davis will teach special education at Luverne Elementary.

"This is my first year teaching," she said. "I have subbed for the Luverne School District when needed the past couple of years."

Davis and her husband, Mike, have three boys, Trae, Carson and Carter.

"I am looking forward to working with my colleagues and meeting my students," Davis said.

**Peyten Elbers** also recently changed careers and will teach fourth-graders at Luverne Elementary.

"Prior to teaching, I was a licensed day care provider in Rock County for five years," she said.

The Pipestone native and her husband, Derek, have lived in Luverne for the past 10 years. He works for the City of Luverne Public Works Department. They have three children: Hayden will be a second-grader, Luke is in junior kindergarten and Emersyn is 2.

Elbers graduated from the Grand Canyon University in Arizona in 2022. She student taught in Luverne, finishing in December 2021, and worked as a substitute teacher for Luverne and Pipestone school districts this spring.

"What I'm looking forward to is officially becoming a part of the Luverne Cardinal family," Elbers said.

"The staff was so helpful and welcoming last year while I student taught and subbed. I'm excited to officially be part of this team and meet all my students."

**Rylie Hokeness** is starting her teaching career at Luverne Elementary in a first-grade classroom.

The Adrian High School graduate attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, achieving a degree in early childhood education.

While in college, she taught one semester of preschool in Brookings before student teaching in a Luverne first-grade classroom in the fall of 2021.



Nine new teachers were hired for the 2022-23 school year at Luverne Public Schools, many of them previous LHS students. They are (front, from left) Sam Goldsmith, Lindsey (Richters) Schomacker, Katie (Dooyema) Kopp, Peyten Elbers, Jacqueline Johnson, (back) Sara Weber, Rylie Hokeness, Traci (Siebenahler) Davis and Matt Fodness.

Mavis Fodness photo/0901 New Teachers 2022 Luverne

This spring, Hokeness was a kindergarten through fifth-grade substitute teacher, later becoming a long-term substitute in a first-grade classroom for Luverne Schools.

"During my student teaching and substituting experiences, I have thoroughly enjoyed the environment, students and staff," she said.

"I look forward to being a part of an incredible team and making a positive impact on my students."

Hokeness is planning a June 2023 wedding to Luverne High School graduate Jake Haugen.

They plan to live in Luverne.

**Matt Fodness** is adding "ag teacher" to his resume that includes farmer and former lab analyst, since graduating from LHS in 2009 and South Dakota State University, Brookings, with a biology degree.

"I worked as a lab analyst at Newport Labs in Worthington for a few years after graduating from college," he said.

"I left Newport in 2018 when my dad had some health issues with the intention to be around the farm more. Since then I have been managing the farm and working several part-time gigs."

Fodness lives north of Kenneth with his wife, Lara,

and children Milo, 5, Ellie, 2, and Clint, 6 months. His parents, Gary and Brenda Fodness, live nearby.

"Teaching was something I had considered when I was younger but never pursued. I was looking to replace a few of my part-time jobs with something more meaningful and consistent," he said.

"When I saw the opportunity with Dennis (Moritz) retiring, I thought I should give it a shot."

In Luverne, Fodness will teach the introductory ag classes, welding and mechanics and will advise the FFA Chapter members.

Fodness was a substitute teacher in Worthington for a year after college graduation and recently was a substitute teacher in Edgerton and Luverne.

"I look forward to teaching students the importance of learning, developing and seeking new skills for the future," he said.

**Sandee "Sam" Goldsmith** joins the Luverne High School social studies department with nearly 30 years of classroom experience in Worthington.

"I enjoy the small-town feeling in Luverne," Goldsmith said.

"I also like that Worthington and Luverne compete against each other all year long, but that won't impact the support for all

Luverne Cardinals."

Her husband, Ken Scroggs, is a veteran and an active member of the Minnesota National Guard and is a carpenter at the VA hospital in Sioux Falls.

"I appreciate the support of the military that I see in Luverne," she said.

The Twin Cities native graduated from Wayzata High School and attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth and graduated with degrees in social studies and psychology.

After a year of teaching Montessori School in Minneapolis, Goldsmith began teaching at Worthington High School in 1994.

Goldsmith has master's degrees in K-12 school counseling and in American history and is working on a doctorate in curriculum and instruction.

In Luverne, Goldsmith will teach American government, economics, geography and a dual-enrollment course through Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

"It's going to be a great year, and I am really looking forward to meeting my students, their families and members of the community," she said.

**Jacqueline Johnson** is coming to Luverne Elementary School after spending 15 years with the Southwest/West Central

Service Cooperative in Marshall.

She will be the speech-language pathologist for Luverne School District.

The South Dakota native has a bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and a master's degree from Purdue University.

Johnson and her husband, Travis, have lived in Luverne for 15 years and have five children. Lexi, 22, is currently in college at the University of Minnesota.

Gabi, 21, is an enlisted Navy linguist. Elise, 18, is attending college in North Dakota State University, Fargo.

Jude, 13, and Joss, 10, are students at Luverne Public Schools.

Johnson said what she is looking forward to the most in Luverne is "connecting with families and students — sharing my soup recipes."

**Katie Kopp**, a 2003 LHS grad, returns to Luverne Public School as the middle school computer and high school business teacher.

She will also be the adviser for Business Professionals of America (BPA) for the upcoming school year.

"I have worked in the Luverne community before pursuing education and am excited to return to Luverne Public Schools as an educator," she said.

"Luverne has many opportunities for families and students. It's a great place to raise a family and we feel so fortunate to have our families nearby."

She and Jordan have three children, Ellianna, a second-grader, and Hudson and Logan, both in day care.

Kopp's parents are Doug and Pam Dooyema of Luverne, and Jordan's parents are Jon and Peggy Kopp, Kenneth.

"Previously I worked in the business world primarily in human resources the past 13 years," she said. "I was employed with Gold'n Plump Poultry before its operations moved out of Luverne."

Kopp has a master's degree in business administration from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall and earned her teaching license through Winona State University.

She completed her student teaching requirement at Luverne Public Schools.

Kopp's first year of teaching was last year in Adrian High School where she taught computer, business, personal finance, accounting and economics.

"I enjoyed working in Luverne and am excited to be back full-time in my own classroom," Kopp said.

"I love taking my previ-

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## Torn between two digital assistants and feeling like a fool ...

*Siri has competition after Alexa becomes queen of TV*

We bought a smart TV on a “too-good-to-pass-up” Prime Day deal earlier this summer and finally set it up two weeks ago.



### ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

*Alexa just gets to run the TV. ... As long as we remember her name.*

“Hey Siri. Tell me a bedtime story.”

She starts out, “Let’s take a relaxing journey through one of my favorite cozy little places, our solar system ...” and ends with, “It sure is dark and quiet out there. Perfect for bedtime. Yawn. Good night.”

She can also help you find your car in a crowded lot. “Hey Siri, remember where I parked my car?”

The list is endless.

I love Siri and have been a loyal Apple user ever since my high school business office replaced typewriters with little Apple IIe computers in 1987.

But Alexa’s no slouch either. Whatever Siri can do, Alexa can (mostly) do also, such as make to-do lists, set alarms, stream podcasts, play audiobooks, read PDFs, provide weather forecasts, warn you of traffic, answer trivia, control your smart home and more.

I haven’t challenged them to a “voice command” contest, but I think Siri’s getting used to the idea of Alexa in my life (her tips are arriving less frequently).

Siri will always be queen of my Apple world.

Alexa just gets to run the TV. ... As long as we remember her name.

## Luverne opens school year with continued focus on mental health

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl addressed employees at Luverne Public Schools Monday morning in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year, opening on Sept. 6.

In his annual address to all staff members, Oftedahl encouraged them to make “Cardinal Connections.”

To illustrate his message, the names of the 1,200 students

were typed on a sheet of paper and taped to the wall outside the performing arts center.

Each teacher, paraprofessional, custodian, cook, support staff and bus driver was asked to place a small sticker dot on each elementary, middle and high student they personally knew.

Staff were challenged to get to know those students who did not receive a dot by their name.

Oftedahl’s message to staff explained it is important that every child needs to be known by someone at school.

As a reminder to be a difference maker, a “Cardinal Connector,” the staff received T-shirts that say “Cardinal Connection” on the front and “Connect the Dots” on the back.

Supt. Oftedahl’s full speech is reprinted here:

### Staff encouraged to be ‘Cardinal Connectors’

One of the focus areas over the last couple of years across the country has been mental health.

We know that some students are struggling with mental health issues, as well as some of the adults that we deal with, and maybe some of you have struggles as well.

Last year we implemented Project 11 as one means of helping students.

I want to thank you for your efforts to implement that across our district to provide a form of mental wellness for all our students.

We likely never know the impact of this program, but if it helps one student, that is a victory. Keep up the great work surrounding this curriculum. Your efforts are making a difference.

Each of us — and most people say relationships — are important.

One of the keys is helping all people maintain a healthy self-esteem.

I agree that relationships are vital to our entire organization having success. How do you create relationships? By building a connection.

Maybe it’s sports or pets or family or 4-H or flowers or school-related items like art, math or music. If you connect in any way with students, they will have a trusted adult in this building. That may be

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Craig Oftedahl,  
Luverne Public Schools Superintendent

all they need to foster some success.

Better yet, what happens if two connections are made or three or 33?

Get to know your students, find out about them. Ask probing questions to see that you can grab onto the probe some more.

The connection you make will improve student self-esteem, get them more involved in our school, improve their academic performance and help them be successful every day. When students feed good, they do better in school.

Let’s give every student something to look forward to every day.

This little 15-minute exercise of placing dots on a sheet of people had a purpose.

As you can visually see from some of these sheets — many of you indicated you have a relationship or a connection with these students. They have lots of dots of their sheet of people.

Most of the names have a range of few to many dots. Gener-

ally speaking, these students have made connections with staff here, and we likely don’t have much to worry about.

However, let’s look at some students that we need to spend some time on.

Not counting the kindergarten students, as they are just entering the building — and I know our teachers and staff will work hard on those students, we have students that need each of you to step up.

I am asking each of you to identify one or two students and work on making a connection. It may not be easy, but the benefits will be astronomical for the students.

The leaders in the building are going to be tasked with writing down the students in their respective buildings and checking to see what staff have connected with them.

Be a difference maker for our students, especially our students that need a “Cardinal Connection.”

... Let’s connect a lot of dots this year. Have a wonderful school year!

### Kracht: I have more questions

**To the Editor:**

What is the war in Ukraine really about? There was a lot of corruption going on there. Does that have anything to do with it?

Why was Paul Pelosi Jr. with Nancy Pelosi on her Asia trip? Do you know he is very invested in lithium and solar? But it’s not in the U.S. It’s in Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan. Do you think that’s why he went with his mother on the taxpayer’s dime? Does this sound a lot like Hunter and Joe Biden?

Where did all the mask wearing, Covid 19 vaccine touting, fear mongers go?

The CDC has admitted they blatantly lied to the American people. They have said their Covid response was mishandled. How many people have lost their jobs and livelihood over the CDC’s incompetence? If you believed in all this B.S., do you now feel like a fool?

Why are we trying to redefine the word “recession” rather than doing something about it?

The Democrats have passed a bill called the Inflation Reduction Act. Many economists say it will not reduce inflation at all. In fact, it will increase inflation. In this bill, they are going to spend their way out of inflation and debt. Do you think this will work? If it works, wouldn’t you have done that with your house loan, business loans, etc?

They say they are going to hire 87,000 IRS agents. Do you think

**Kracht, continued on page 5A**

## Prevent future heartache; join Sept. 10 ‘Out of the Darkness’ walk in Luverne

**To the Editor:**

Sept. 4 through 10 is National Suicide Prevention Week, and Luverne’s Luv1LuvAll will host its second annual ‘Out of the Darkness’ Suicide Prevention walk from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Luverne City Park.

The event shows community support for mental health, to support those who struggle with mental illness and/or suicidal ideation, and allows people to come together to show care and compassion for those

who have lost loved ones to suicide.

Luverne’s walk joins others occurring nationwide through the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States.

It is the hope that future losses can be deterred by increasing community education about suicide prevention, focusing on community mental wellness, and ensuring that all community members are aware of services that are accessible if

one is struggling with their mental health.

We had a wonderful turnout last year with 300 walkers present, and together the Luverne community raised nearly \$15,000.

Money raised during these walks funds research to better understand and establish best practices for suicide prevention.

It allows for community education to be presented through AFSP in our community — education that talks about mental illness and how

to support ourselves and loved ones if they are struggling.

The goal is to end the stigma associated with mental illness, allowing us to be open about the struggles we can all face, bringing us out of the darkness.

Over 80 percent of funds raised goes directly toward community education and research, making it a top-rated non-profit organization.

That is to say that your fundraising gets put to work. Our mental health providers will have booths

set up at the walk that morning.

A light breakfast will be provided. We ask that you pre-register at [afsp.org/luverne](https://afsp.org/luverne). Or you can come the day of, at 8:30 a.m. to register in person as well.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [angelanolz23@gmail.com](mailto:angelanolz23@gmail.com)

**Angela Nolz, Integrated Health Therapist, Sanford Luverne, on behalf of Luv1LuvAll**

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Aug. 19**

•Complainant on E. Bishop Street requested to speak with a deputy.

•Complainant on S. Josephine Avenue reported a vandalized vehicle.

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported a vehicle speeding at location.

•Complainant in Hardwick requested extra patrol for speeding vehicles at location.

•Complainant reported juveniles loitering at location.

**Aug. 20**

•Complainant reported a 911 outage.

**Aug. 21**

•Complainant reported an outage.

•Another department assisted MN State Patrol westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia, reported a possible weapon.

**Aug. 23**

•Complainant on E. Dodge Street and N. Cedar Street reported theft of political yard signs.

•Complainant on S. East Park Street reported subject with warrant at location.

•Complainant in Marshall requested assistance.

•Complainant reported lost property.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a loud noise at location.

•Complainant on W. Fletcher Street reported vandalism at location.

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported debris on the road.

•Complainant on 249<sup>th</sup> Street and 480<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Dell Rapids, South Dakota, reported a fire at location.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

**Aug. 24**

•Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street and E. Crawford Street reported kids causing disturbance.

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported suspicious activity.

**Aug. 25**

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported harassing communication at location.

•Complainant on W. Dodge Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Edgell Street reported debris.

•Complainant at the Luverne school tennis courts reported suspicious activity.

•Assistance from another department was used westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 13, Luverne.

•Complainant on N. Broadway and W. Luverne Street, Magnolia, reported a runaway.

**Aug. 26**

•A civil issue was reported.

•Runaway was reported at location on E. Luverne Street, Magnolia.

•Extra patrol was requested at location on S. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported harassing communications.

•Complainant reported a public assist.

•Complainant reported camera not working.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported missing money.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 2 transports, 2 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 8 burn permits, 1 background check, 1 driver's license check, 1 gas drive-off, 4 alarms, 3 drug court tests, 2 purchase and carry permits, 19 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 1 welfare check, 1 report of cattle out, and 2 follow-ups.

# Law enforcement investigates grave vandalism

By Lori Sorenson

The Pipestone County Sheriff's Office is investigating criminal damage to property at the Ihlen Cemetery after Justin Olsen reported at 6:36 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, his daughter's headstone had been vandalized.

According to a report released Monday morning, Aug. 29, the headstone had been pushed over to the east, and a black tar substance had been poured all over the base and the stone.

"The substance was crusted on the top but still wet underneath," the Sheriff's Office report stated.

"Tips and leads along with other investigative actions have been followed up with. At the time of this release there are no suspects, and this case remains under investigation."

Jordyn Olsen died of cancer in March of 2014 when she was 7 years old. She would have been 16 in July when her family decorated her gravesite with birthday balloons.

Now that image serves as a "before" photo to compare with the photos of the damage, which may have occurred overnight or early morning on Monday, Aug. 22.

Pipestone County Chief Deputy Mike Hamann said Olsen didn't think it had been damaged the day before when he drove by, but there's not a specific time of vandalism listed in the report.

"The only other thing we can go off of was that the black tar-like substance was still wet underneath the headstone,"



Jordyn Olsen died of cancer in March of 2014 when she was 7 years old. She would have been 16 in July when her family decorated her gravesite with balloons.

Hamann said. "Everything else outside of what was reported would be an assumption."

The phone number for the Pipestone County Sheriff's Office is 507-825-1100 to speak with someone. Call 507-825-1105 to share an anonymous tip or information.

The family has cleaned up the site and has accepted donations for a reward fund that is now up to \$8,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

"We have been working with the cops and have been working leads," Olsen shared online.

"I just want to say thanks to everyone for calls, texts and messages."

An online fundraiser to rebuild the desecrated headstone attracted donations from 175 people totaling more than \$8,600.

"On behalf of the Olsen



The Jordyn Olsen headstone in the Ihlen Cemetery was pushed over and a black tar substance was poured all over the base and the stone.

family, thank you all for your tremendous generosity," organizers Isaac and Theresa DeBoer posted after closing the fundraiser Saturday.

"The replacement monument has been ordered with plans to put it up yet this fall, provided there are no delays."

Jordyn's mother, Jodi (Smook), thanked the community for donations to the reward fund and to rebuild the headstone.

"We are beyond humbled and thankful to all who have joined the effort to help find who destroyed the beautiful headstone that adorned our daughter's grave," she wrote.

"Words simply cannot express our appreciation and gratitude."

The family has indicated that excess donated funds, if any, will go to Sanford Children's Hospital and the Ihlen Cemetery in memory of Jordyn.



Mavis Fodness photo/0901 Hardwick Arson

Caution tape surrounds the home at 104 N. Ross Ave. in Hardwick as the Minnesota State Fire Marshal investigates a possible arson at the residence Tuesday morning. The Sheriff's Office was called Monday afternoon about suspicious activity inside the home when the homeowner was gone.

## Fire marshal investigating fires set in Hardwick home

By Mavis Fodness

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal is investigating possible arson at a Hardwick home.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office received a call at 5:15 p.m. Monday to conduct a welfare check at 104 N. Ross Ave. where homeowner Deb Herrick expressed concern that her home may have been entered when she was out of town.

According to Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, Herrick said her neighbor who was watching the residence told her that her front door was open and unlocked.

Herrick then called law enforcement who noted the smell of burnt

material and small fires had been set throughout the home and the Hardwick Fire Department was called as a precaution.

"We are in the middle of the investigation to determine if it's a possible arson or not," he said.

Caution tape was placed around the single-story home Monday night to preserve the scene until the fire marshal arrived Tuesday morning.

Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to talk with Verbrugge or sheriff office investigator Jeff Wieneke by calling the Law Enforcement Center in Luverne at 507-283-5000.

## Kracht letter/continued from 4A

this is to help you? Wouldn't we be better served to hire 87,000 border patrol agents?

Why is the IRS buying guns and ammunition? Why is this administration trying to take our guns and ammunition?

Why was the Johnny Depp trial televised, but the Epstein trial was not?

Do you know the judge that signed off on the warrant to raid Trump's home was the prosecutor in the Epstein trial, but then switched sides to help defend him? He was also a political donor to Barack Obama and Jeb Bush.

How much of our tax dollars have been spent on the "Get Trump" agenda? Two impeachments, the Jan. 6 show trial, and now the raid on his home.

Why are they so afraid of Donald Trump? Do you suppose he has something on some very prominent politicians, and they are trying to find it before it's exposed?

No, that's just crazy conspiracy stuff, right?

Are your elected officials making decisions to support what you want? Or are they just pushing their own agenda? Liz Cheney found out the answer to that by the people of Wyoming.

Why haven't we heard anything on the two bombs that were found at the capital on Jan. 6? Does it not fit the narrative?

We have the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal, involvement in the Ukraine/Russia war, the shutting down of our oil and gas industry, flooding the economy with money we don't have, record inflation, wide open borders, shortages of every kind, and uncontrolled crime in our streets.

If you had to come up with the perfect plan to destroy this great country, would it be any different than what has happened with our current administration?

Do you trust your government?

Mert Kracht,  
Luverne

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## Counseling center in Luverne on a path to growth

*Luverne counselors buy round building with help from SWIF microloan*

**By Lori Sorenson**

Luverne counselors Jill Boltjes and Skie Peltier-Anderson are expanding their business and now own the building where they see clients at Healing Path Counseling & Wellness.

Since 2019 they rented space in the round building at 215 N. Cedar Avenue where Luverne's medical clinic first operated, and they recently bought it from Ronnie and Lowell Feit.

"They bought the building to help small businesses get started by having lower rent," Boltjes said about the Feits. "That is what helped us get started."

The women also were helped by the Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) Business Finance and Microenterprise Loan Program.

"Mental health services are in high demand in our region, and we're happy to support Jill and Skie in growing their business," said SWIF economic development officer Jackie Turner.

Peltier-Anderson said Healing Path fit the Feits' goal for the building.

"They actually came to us specifically because they love our cause and they wanted the building to go to people who would use it in the same kind of way they intended," Peltier-Anderson said.

Both Boltjes and Peltier-Anderson are licensed professional clinical counselors with master's degrees.

Their therapies can help with domestic and sexual violence, adoption- and attachment-related issues, sexual orientation issues, PTSD, anger problems, depression and anxiety.

They also focus on birth to age 5 interventions, crisis intervention and parent education.

Therapy dogs in training, Ray and Koda, work alongside Boltjes and Peltier-Anderson, who currently have nearly 30 clients under their care.

"As Healing Path grows, we want to thoughtfully expand our services to meet the community's needs," Peltier-Anderson said.

"We're thinking about what whole person wellness means to our clients and exploring different types of services like massage therapy, reiki or trauma-



Licensed counselors Skie Peltier-Anderson (left, with therapy dog Koda) and Jill Boltjes are expanding their business, Healing Path Counseling and Wellness, in the round building on North Cedar Avenue in Luverne. They purchased the building from Lowell and Roni Feit earlier this year with help from Southwest Initiative Foundation's Business Finance and Microenterprise Loan Programs. (Submitted photo)

informed yoga that could help them feel better."

An infrared sauna room equipped with different colored lights can improve circulation, heart health and immune function.

And "brain spotting," "ART therapy" and "EMDR" therapy can help clients identify sources of trauma and anxiety. Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) are therapy approaches to assist in processing painful or distressing memories.

Boltjes said having several options for therapy is important because everyone responds differently.

"No one journey or path to healing is alike," Boltjes said. "And we're here to guide individuals and families who need support on their journey."

She said the building has space available to lease to businesses interested in wellness. "We're looking for a massage therapist, especially someone trained in trauma," Boltjes said, adding that health and beauty businesses would also be a good fit.

SWIF microloan clients receive free technical assistance from SWIF staff to improve business management skills. Areas of support include business planning and financials analysis, QuickBooks training, mar-

keting assistance and other training opportunities for the life of the loan.

This microloan program receives funding assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### About Southwest Initiative Foundation

Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) is a nonprofit community foundation connecting people, investing in ideas and building communities in southwest Minnesota.

Since its founding in 1986, SWIF has distributed more than \$97.8 million through grants and business finance programs.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Minnwest Bank announces Fick as new market president

Minnwest Bank announced on Friday that Melissa Fick is its new market president in Luverne.

Fick is a familiar face to Minnwest Bank customers, most recently serving as a commercial and agriculture relationship manager since 2016.

"Melissa is highly respected for her knowledge of agriculture and commercial financing," said Dan Koster, ag division leader for Minnwest Bank.

"We look forward to continuing our tradition of exceptional customer experience under her leadership."

Fick brings over 20 years of experience in banking and financial services in the Luverne and Sioux Falls areas to her new position.

"I am excited to continue building relationships with local businesses and ag operations right here in the Luverne community," Fick said.

Joining her on the team will be Matt Overgaard, relationship manager, and Nancy Scheidt, portfolio manager. Together, this team holds over 70 years of experience serving customers' loan, deposit and other banking needs.

Fick earned her bachelor's degree in agriculture and business management from South Dakota State University.

She serves as a school board member for Southwest Minnesota Christian Schools in Edgerton.

### About Minnwest Bank

Minnwest Bank is a family-owned financial services company providing agriculture, commercial and personal banking services throughout Minnesota and South Dakota.

It is one of Minnesota's largest banks, with \$2.7 billion in assets and 36 branch locations. For more information about Minnwest Bank, visit minnwestbank.com.

### Althoff's design chosen for Tribune's anniversary logo

Luverne High School graduate Kristen Althoff designed the official anniversary logo for the Chicago Tribune's 175th celebration.

Her design encompassed the newspaper's past, present and future, according to the Chicago Tribune story about the newspaper's anniversary and logo contest.

The gold-colored circular logo featured a sketch of the Chicago skyline from the newspaper's current masthead with the number "175" rising out of rays of light. The rays appeared in the Tribune's masthead in 1862, shortly after the newspaper's founding.

Althoff is the digital

design director for Tribune Publishing and said "subtlety and elegance" were her inspirations for the logo.

"I wanted to create something that felt timeless and tied to the newspaper's history, but also give a fresh and modern spin," she said in the Tribune interview.

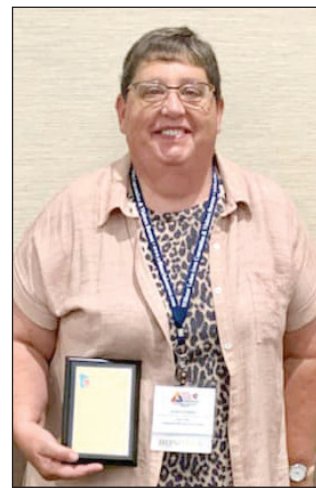
Althoff's logo was used on the Tribune's masthead through the month of June and is emblazoned on limited-edition apparel and mugs for sale in the Tribune's e-commerce store.

Althoff is the daughter of Terry and Deb Althoff, Luverne. She graduated from LHS in 1999.

### Faber honored for 28 years of dedicated service with SMOC

Darla Faber of rural Luverne was recently honored for her 28 years of service with the Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council.

In the July 27 Minnesota Community Action Partnership's annual conference in Willmar, Faber received a plaque and public recognition for her "dedication and commitment to SMOC and the communities it serves."



## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2012)

Local dignitaries gathered for a presentation by USDA Rural Development State Director Colleen Landkammer Aug. 23 at the New Vision feed mill construction site west of Magnolia. ...

New Vision and Rock County were recipients of more than \$1 million in low-interest federal loans and grants. ...

Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre was instrumental in securing the grant money for New Vision and Rock County. Oldre told the gathering he credits Nan Larson of the Southwest Regional Development Commission for her assistance in grant writing.

When the new feed mill is up and running, it will employ up to 15 people.

### 25 years ago (1997)

Handed down from generation to generation, the John Krogmann century farm holds rich memories for those who worked its fields, played in its barns and helped with its chores.

The 160-acre farm, located in the northeast quarter of section 23 in Mound township, was purchased by Jann Detlef Krogmann (John Krogmann's grandfather) in 1893 and has

been home to his family for more than 100 years.

The Krogmann farm has been recognized this summer by the Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Bureau as a 1997 Century Farm. To become a century farm, the property must have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and included at least 50 acres.

### 50 years ago (1972)

Luverne's city council accepted a low bid of \$32,604 last week on a new all-purpose landfill vehicle which will be used at the new County landfill.

Doyle-Lustra of Sioux Falls, submitted the lowest of seven bids received for the equipment. Delivery is expected to be within 45 days.

### 75 years ago (1947)

A total enrollment of 726 pupils in the Luverne public schools was announced this week by Superintendent Munson. This exceeds by three the number enrolled at the beginning of the 1946-47 school year.

This year, there are 353 in the first six grades and kindergarten as compared to 327 a year ago. There are 167 in

junior high as compared to 177 a year ago, and 206 in senior high as compared to 219 last year.

This year's kindergarten class exceeds that of any year since the school has held kindergarten classes. There are 61 this year compared to 43 a year ago. The number of pupils in the various other grades are as follows: first, 53; second, 62; third, 46; fourth, 46; fifth, 43; sixth, 42; seventh, 37; eighth, 53; ninth, 77; 10<sup>th</sup>, 79; 11<sup>th</sup>, 71, and 12<sup>th</sup>, 56.

### 100 years ago (1922)

A 1919 model Ford touring car, the property of O. J. Mattiesen, stolen from the owner's yard sometime after midnight Sunday, was found thoroughly stripped of most of its appendages Tuesday on a seldom used highway, about four miles northeast of Luverne.

The car had apparently been driven to the rather isolated place, and deliberately tipped over into a shallow ditch along the roadway in order that its wheels could be more readily removed. All the wheels, tires and tubes, except one wheel, as well as the front axle, had been removed and carried off. In tipping over the automobile the top was badly broken, the windshield smashed and other parts of it damaged.

## OBITUARY

### Ronald Gath

Ronald J. Gath, age 89, of Luverne, Minnesota, passed away on Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Per Ron's request, no services will be held. To read Ron's life history or sign an online registry, please visit [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

Ronald J. Gath, the son of William and Ruth (Larson) Gath, was born on July 20, 1933, on a farmstead near the mounds in Rock County, Minnesota. At the age of eight years old, he and his family moved to a farmstead in Springwater Township. He attended country school through the eighth grade, and began farming with his dad at a young age.

Ron entered the U.S. Army in July of 1954. He completed his basic training in Texas for aircraft mechanics and was then stationed in Germany until his honorable discharge in June of 1956.

Upon his return from the service and getting settled back into civilian life, he

made a trip to the Arkota Ballroom in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, one evening where a young woman by the name of Beverly Stangeland caught his eye. They became a couple and married on May 5, 1962, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne, Minnesota.

They settled into the family farmstead and welcomed two children, Mark and Nancy. The young family enjoyed traveling and summer vacations. Ron and Bev farmed and raised their two children before moving into Luverne in 1978. He and Beverly visited Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico and Europe. They also started wintering in Mesa, Arizona in 1981 and continued to do so until his death.

Dancing was also a big part of their lives. They graced the dance floors of many VFWs and American Legions and Ron's dance card was always full!

Ron enjoyed country western music, morning and afternoon coffee with friends,

playing cards, shaking dice in the local pub to see who would buy the next round, relaxing in his recliner and watching Western movies, and most of all, driving around the countryside in his Avalanche pickup(s) and heading out to the farm to see what the guys were doing.

Ron is survived by his wife of 60 years, Beverly, of Luverne; son Mark (Leah) Gath of Luverne; daughter Nancy (Brent) Thiem of Mesa, Arizona; grandchildren Dalton (Bobbi) Gath and Stetson (Kristen) Gath of Luverne, Anna (Liam) Gath and Austin Gath of Mesa; great-grandson Ronan Gath, and Gath twins arriving in November 2022.

Preceding him in death are his parents, William and Ruth; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arnold and Hazel Stangeland.

The family would like to thank the Luverne Medical Center staff, the Sanford USD Medical Center staff and the Hartquist Funeral Home staff for their help and guidance during this time.

Blessed be his memory. (0901 V)



Submitted photo

### RCO honors direct support personnel

DSP Week is Sept 11-17 when those who work as direct support personnel are honored for their contributions to caring for disabled and vulnerable children and adults. At Rock County Opportunities in Luverne, the organization honors a team of 10 DSP workers. They are (front, from left) Erika Camarillo, Krista Kurtz, Connie Carda, Jenna Coffman, Janine Brands, (back) Tessa Shuler, Cassie Yonzon, Trisha Schmidt and Pam Tieszen. Not pictured is Lisa Rainford.

"The DSP's at RCO are awesome," said RCO administrative director Adria Benson. "They work hard to provide a safe and welcoming environment to all the individuals that RCO supports by being person-centered and meeting everyone at their level." She said the local DSP staff provide a variety of employment and enrichment services, both in-house and in the community, as well as personal care as needed. "We would not be able to survive without them," Benson said.

### 1943: Diamond Club turns spotlight to resident Mathilda Schneekloth

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.



This article appeared in the April 29, 1943, edition of The Rock County Star Herald.

A resident of Rock county since 1909, and a resident of Luverne since she and her husband retired from farming a number of years ago, Mrs. William Schneekloth, Luverne, says she likes this community better than any community in which she has lived.

She was born in Scott county, Ia. Oct. 12, 1886, the daughter of Henry and Sophie Miller. The fifth of a family of eight, she was given the name Mathilda. She spent all of her girlhood living at home, and because she had four brothers and a sister older than herself, she states she was relieved of

### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

much of the hard work that most youngsters of that era had to do. Even then, however, she was called on to do work out of doors as well as indoors. When she became old enough to do the heavier tasks about the farm, she and her sister were required to do the milking. Between them, they milked as high as 16 head at one time, taking it as a matter of course, much the same as the modern girl makes her regular trip to the beauty shop.

The Miller family lived about two miles away from school, and Mrs. Schneekloth states that most of the time, she and her brothers and sisters walked every morning

and evening. "In those days, it didn't seem to be so particular if one went to school or not," Mrs. Schneekloth states. "When we weren't busy and needed at home to help with the work, we'd go to school, but work always came first. No one ever permitted his education to interfere with his homework."

Home economics during the time Mrs. Schneekloth was a girl was taught either in the farm home kitchen or in the dining room or living room where the sewing table was kept. Keeping a family of eight children in clothes, to say nothing of herself and her husband was no small task for her mother, and Mrs.

Schneekloth helped her with much of the work as soon as she was old enough to do so. "We not only made clothes for the girls and for the smaller children, she states, but for the men folks too. Buying everything ready made was unheard of at that time," Mrs. Schneekloth states.

Even after ready made dresses came into their own, she continued to make her own clothing. "When we celebrated our silver wedding anniversary 27 years ago, I still hadn't had a store dress," she declares.

Cooking and baking too were learned not for the sake of convenience, but because of necessity. A large family, especially where grownups and young folks alike spend a good deal of the time in the out of doors, requires good, substantial food and plenty of it. Being one of the older girls, she learned at an early age to bake and prepare meals.

When Mrs. Schneekloth was about 13, she had to quit

school and come home to "learn how to make good bread for the rest of the family." Her mother was seriously ill, and being the oldest girl left at home, the burden of the housework fell on her shoulders. Mrs. Schneekloth's mother died some time later, and from that time until she was married, she was family cook, baker and housekeeper.

The hardest work she has ever done, she relates, is helping the men during the haying season. Often times she helped to level the hay and push it back into the corners of the hay mow after it had been hauled in. On a hot day, pitching hay inside where there was little ventilation proved to be as difficult a job as any she has ever tackled, she states.

(More of Mrs. Schneekloth's store in next week's Star Herald.)

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

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Sara Schmuck photo/0901 cross country beresford

Camden Janiszkeski finishes his race for the Luverne Cardinals well ahead of the pack behind him at the Beresford, South Dakota, Cross Country Invite at Bridges Golf Course on Friday. The boys' team finished second overall.

## Luverne cross country places high in first meet of the season

**By Sara Schmuck  
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinal cross country teams traveled to Beresford, South Dakota, Friday for their first meet of the season.

The Cardinal boys placed second overall and the girls placed third.

"Our teams finished in the top three of the four races that we had a complete team, so they had great team showings to start the season," LHS cross country coach Pete Janiszkeski said.

"It was fun to get the kids out competing and see where they are at."

The varsity girls were led by Jenna DeBates, who placed second with a time of 19:17.88 in the 5K.

The only runner besting Luverne was Larson Emery of Chester Area, who ran in 18:58.57.

Other rankings for girls' varsity were:

Ella Schmuck, 27<sup>th</sup> with a time of 21:44.14

Grace Ingebretson, 30<sup>th</sup> with a time of 22:01.26

Kayla Bloemendaal, 33<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 22:11.97

Tiana Lais, 43<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 23:06.48.

Luverne cross country varsity boys earned an overall second place at the meet, with Sioux Falls Christian coming in ahead of them in team totals.

Senior Camden Janiszkeski had a third-place individual time of 16:21.48 in the 5K run. Owen

Janiszkeski wasn't far behind with the sophomore placing fifth in 16:34:87.

Other rankings for boys' varsity were:

Ryan Fick, 14<sup>th</sup> with a time of 17:11.45

Sage Viessman, 25<sup>th</sup> with a time of 17:49.28

Leif Ingebretson, 39<sup>th</sup> with a time of 18:38.62

Carsen Tofteland, 44<sup>th</sup> with a time of 18:54.87

Janiszkeski said the Beresford meet was a good first step in the season.

"Each meet is a stepping stone toward our season goals and an opportunity to test limits, grow

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## Cardinal volleyball team opens season with two wins

**By Stacy Olson  
For the Star Herald**

Luverne volleyball players opened their season with two road wins last week in Edgerton and Marshall.

The Cardinals beat the Dutchmen in four sets Aug. 25, and it took them five sets to take down the Waseca Blue Jays Aug. 27 in the Big South Showcase.

Luverne will host a triangular on Thursday, Sept. 1, against West Lyon at 3:30 p.m. and Murray County Central at 4:30. The next two contests are also at home, against Marshall Sept. 6 and Westbrook Walnut Grove Sept. 8.

### LHS 3, Edgerton 1

Luverne took an early lead in Game 1 over the Dutchmen in Edgerton Thursday and came away with a 25-10 victory.

Game 2 was closer, but the Cardinals came out ahead, winning 25-21.

In Game 3 Edgerton took a commanding lead and won 25-12, but Luverne fought back and took Game 4 with a score of 25-16.

"For our first game out, we dug the ball and blocked the ball pretty well," said head coach Sarah DeBeer.

Several missed serves gave Edgerton too many free points, but she said the team never gave up and worked hard every set.

"It was a good first win to build on for the rest of our 2022 season," DeBeer said.

Serving leaders included Carly Olson, senior libero, completing 18 of 18 serves with two aces and Emma Beyer, senior setter, completing 15 of 16 serves.

Anja Jarchow, senior hitter, led the Cardinals with nine kills, followed by junior Tori Serie and senior Kamryn Van Batavia, who recorded eight kills each.

Beyer finished the night with 23 set assists, and senior setter Averill Sehr had 10 set assists.

Olson recorded 23 digs against the Dutchmen, and Van Batavia contributed 19 digs.

Senior Christina Wagner led the team in blocks with two solo blocks and three assists, with senior hitter Elizabeth Wagner and Serie adding two assists each.

### LHS 3 Waseca 2

Luverne traveled to Marshall on Saturday to face Waseca in the Big South Showcase where it took the Cardinals five close games to secure the win.

Game 1 scoring was back and forth, and the Cardinals kept it close but lost 24-26. Game 2 was also close, but this time, the Cardinals came out on top 25-22. Game 3 went to Waseca 20-25, but the Cardinals came out ready to fight in Game 4, win-

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## Luverne tennis team racks up seven wins at busy start of season on road and at home

**By Susan Beers  
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne tennis team continued its winning streak this past week with five key wins and a tournament championship over the past week.

The Cardinals beat Yellow Medicine East and MACCRAY on the road Tuesday, Aug. 23, and Lac Qui Parle Valley and Montevideo in Luverne Thursday, Aug. 25th.

The Cardinals also claimed the team championship in the Worthington Doubles Tournament on Saturday and defeated River Valley 4-3 in Sleepy Eye on Monday.

Luverne improves its dual record to 7-0 for the season with the wins.

The Cardinals were scheduled to play in Fairmont Tuesday and will return from the Labor Day break to host Blue Earth Area Tuesday, Sept. 6, before traveling to Marshall Thursday, Sept. 8.

### Luverne 5, YME 2

The Cardinals won all three doubles matches and two singles matches in straight sets over YME on Aug. 23.

Luverne's Sarah Stegenga and Katharine Kelm defeated Abigail Jimenes and Katelyn Luepke 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles. At No. 2 doubles, Luverne's Cassi Chesley and Roselynn Hartshorn defeated Sarana West and Brianna Nelson 6-1, 6-0.

Caitlin Kindt and Morgan Hadler from Luverne at No. 3 doubles strolled to a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Breaa Jonson and Reagan Streich.

In singles matches, Luverne's Priscilla Muehr defeated Hope Foy with a 6-2, 6-2 win at



Mavis Fodness photo/0901 Tennis

Cardinal Caitlin Kindt hits a forehand shot against her Montevideo opponent at home Thursday afternoon in her match at No. 4 singles. Cardinals went on to win the meet against the Thunder Hawks, 4-3.

No. 3 singles, and Augusta Papik beat Emma Keller 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 singles for Luverne's two singles victories. At No. 1 singles, Luverne's Rayann Remme lost to Hope Stark 6-4, 6-1 and Tori Hemme lost to Liz Ross 5-7, 6-1, 10-2 at No. 2 singles for the Luverne losses.

LHS head coach Jon Beers said he was pleased with how well all the girls played. "We had two matches that didn't go our way, but both

girls played very competitive matches," he said.

### Luverne 6, MACCRAY 1

LHS was victorious in three of four singles matches and all three doubles matches for a 6-1 victory over MACCRAY on Aug. 23.

Coach Beers changed some of the lineup for the second match of the day.

At No. 1 singles, Remme won by scores of 6-4, 6-3. Hartshorn and Chesley moved

to singles play at No. 2 and No. 3. Hartshorn playing No. 2 singles won 6-2, 6-3, and Chesley played No. 3 singles and was defeated 7-5, 6-2.

At No. 4 singles, Hadler won by 6-0, 6-0 scores.

In doubles play, Stegenga and Kelm won a great match in a third set tiebreaker 4-6, 6-0, 10-4 at No. 1 doubles. At No. 2 doubles, Hemme and Muehr came away with a 6-4, 6-3

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## Patriots open volleyball season with Adrian tourney

*New head coach Zylstra gets first look at players in action*

**By Joni Deelstra  
For the Star Herald**

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team went winless in the Adrian tournament on Saturday when they faced three area teams.

However, Patriots volleyball head coach Meghan Zylstra said it was a great opportunity to shuffle players around and see where her team needs to improve before Tuesday.

The Patriots were without two starters Lanae Elbers and Larissa Steinhoff, which hurt them at the net.

Zylstra said the team struggled with blocking and getting kills.

"It was a little hard today with two starters being gone," she said.

"But I feel like some of our younger girls really stepped it up today to try and fill holes and having to readjust."

H-BC, Central Minnesota Christian, Adrian-Ellsworth, and Martin County West participated in the tournament.

H-BC lost to CMC 15-25, 7-25, to Adrian/Ellsworth 8-25, 18-25 and MCW 18-25, 12-25

"Communication needs work, along with serve receive, and our defense needs to be solidified before Tuesday," Zylstra said.

The Patriots were scheduled to take on Viborg-Hurley Tuesday night in Hills, and then they'll be off until they travel to Luverne Sept. 10 and to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Sept. 13.



# Redbirds fall to Billygoats at state tournament

**Luverne ends town ball season with 29-5 record**

**By Jason Berghorst**

The Luverne Redbirds played in their 14th overall and fourth-consecutive Class C Minnesota State Baseball Tournament Saturday afternoon in Faribault.

The Redbirds fell to the Buckman Billygoats 4-0 to complete a 29-5 season.

With the win, the Billygoats advance to the final weekend of tournament play to face the Waconia Lakers this Saturday afternoon.

Buckman pitcher Matt Tautges threw a complete game shutout, giving up only five hits, one walk and no runs while striking out five Luverne batters to earn the win.

For the Redbirds, Jake Haugen, Kobe Lovell (a drafted player from the Windom Pirates) and Ben Serie combined efforts on the mound.

Haugen started on the mound and went five innings with three runs (two earned) on four hits, no walks and one strikeout in picking up the loss.

Lovell pitched the next two innings. He allowed one run on four hits, one walk and struck out one.

Serie finished up the last two innings, giving up no hits and no runs while walking one.

After enjoying much success at the plate throughout the season, the Birds had a hard time hitting the ball on Saturday.

Phil Paquette started the offense for Luverne



The Luverne Redbirds played in their 14th overall and fourth-consecutive state tournament Saturday in Faribault. The Redbirds lost to Buckman 4-0. Pictured are (front, from left) draftee Evan Oleson, draftee Kobb Lovell, bat boy Nolin Shelton, Gaige Nath, Charlie Reisch, Jake Haugen, Logan Norman, Ethan Beyer, Cade Wenninger, Casey Sehr, Mark Sterrett, draftee Brandon Alfson, (back) Codie Zeutenhorst, Skyler Wenninger, Declan Beers, Derek Lundgren, Newt Johnson, Brooks Maurer, Colby Crabtree, Ben Serie and Phil Paquette. (Submitted Photo)

with a single in the first inning and Jake Haugen added a single in the second stanza.

The Billygoats started slowly at the plate, putting up only three batters in each of the first two innings before hitting a double and single and scoring two runs in the third inning.

A lead-off homerun in the fourth brought the Billygoats' lead to 3-0.

Serie hit the Redbirds' third single of the game in the bottom of the fourth but was unable to score.

Buckman scored its fourth and final run of the game in the sixth inning after earning a double, a walk and two singles.

Declan Beers and Haugen did reach base in the seventh inning after drawing a walk and being hit by a pitch respectively, but they were unable to score.

Lead-off singles by Derek Lundgren and Beers in the eighth and ninth innings completed the Redbirds' hits, but when Luverne was unable

to plate any runs, the game ended as a 4-0 loss.

"It was a frustrating way to finish the year, but when you look back at the whole summer, it was a very fun summer of baseball," Luverne player-manager Brooks Maurer said.

"Twenty-nine wins is nothing to be ashamed of and back-to-back region championships is also a big accomplishment."

Buckman	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Luverne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*'Twenty-nine wins is nothing to be ashamed of and back-to-back region championships is also a big accomplishment.'*

*— Player-manager Brooks Maurer*

	AB	R	H	BI				
D Lundgren	4	0	1	0	N Johnson	4	0	0
P Paquette	4	0	1	0	J Haugen	3	0	1
S Wenninger	4	0	0	0	C Wenninger	4	0	0
B Serie	4	0	1	0	G Nath	3	0	0
D Beers	3	0	1	0				

## Luverne Cardinals cross country/continued from page 8A

and improve," he said.

"I thought the kids embraced that, competed well and had some great performances to open the season."

Here's a look at the rest of the results from the Beresford Cross Country Invite at Bridges Golf Course:

**Junior varsity girls 4k run:** Makena Nelson, 14<sup>th</sup> (18:50.06); Maria Rops, 15<sup>th</sup> (18:52.67)

**Junior varsity boys 4k run, third place overall:**

Kaleb Hemme, 9<sup>th</sup> (15:36.93); Logan Ommen, 17<sup>th</sup> (16:09.36); Dylan Ommen, 29<sup>th</sup> (16:49.26); Camden Hoven, 32<sup>nd</sup> (16:52.97); Zach Terrio, 35<sup>th</sup> (17:10.87); Eli McLendon, 41<sup>st</sup> (17:24.00); Isaac DeBates, 72<sup>nd</sup> (18:33.37); Riley Ripka, 104<sup>th</sup> (20:29.73)

**Junior high girls 3k run, sixth place overall:**

Rena DeKam, 10<sup>th</sup> (12:57.62); Olivia Lund, 31<sup>st</sup> (13:54.33); Grace Kempema, 38<sup>th</sup> (14:06.55); Reinha John, 44<sup>th</sup> (14:11.24); Mariah Knorr, 59<sup>th</sup> (14:43.10)

Sara Schmuck photo  
Jenna DeBates separates herself from the crowd to place second in the girls' 5K in Beresford Friday.



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ning 25-23. In Game 5 the Cardinals remained strong and held the lead the entire game, winning 15-12.

Sehr led in set assists with 14, and Beyer contributed 10 to assist the Cardinals to victory.

Olson completed 21 of 23 serves with three aces, Beyer completed 16 of 16 serves, and Sehr completed 13 of 13 serves and recorded three aces.

Jarchow led the Cardinals with nine kills, Van Batavia had eight and Serie charted six during the match.

Christina Wagner led the Cardinals at the net with one solo block and three assists. Serie and Elizabeth Wagner recorded four and three assists respectively.

Olson led in passing with 25 digs and Van Batavia recorded 22 digs for the

Cardinals.

"Overall, we had fewer missed serves," said DeBeer. "We made good mid-game adjustments that helped us improve."

She remarked that Waseca was a good team but Luverne's blocking and hitting is what secured the match.

"I was very proud of our team's fight to win the match," she said.

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# SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

**Camden Janiszkeski**  
**Sport:** Cross Country  
**Parents:** Pete and Angie Janiszkeski  
**What I like most about Cross Country:** The friendships that you create and the discipline needed to excel.  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Track, Student Council and Peer Helping  
**Favorite Class:** Math



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**Abby Anderson**  
**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Parents:** Barb and Tim Anderson  
**What I like most about Volleyball:** The team  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Golf and Peer Helping  
**Favorite Class:** Math



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**Ross Bergman**  
**Sport:** Football  
**Parents:** Brian and Tami Bergman  
**What I like most about Football:** I enjoy seeing each player contribute something different to create a successful product.  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Tennis, Mock Trial, Choir, Student Council, NHS, Peer Helping, FFA  
**Favorite Class:** Math





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Christians do not go to God's House in order to be Christians. Christians attend worship at church because they know they are broken people who have sinned against our holy God countless times.

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As the Apostle Peter says in John 6:68: "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not only that, but as we gather together with fellow believers, we are reminded of the hope we have as bap-

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

tized Christians. We are reminded of all the promises God attaches to baptism. And we also have the opportunity to receive Christ's body and blood in the Lord's Supper—receiving for ourselves, as our own, that which paid for our redemption.

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As we gather together around the Word and Sacraments, we have the great opportunity to encourage one another and to be encouraged.

What a blessing it is for us to have these weekly opportunities to gather around the Word and Sacraments where we find comfort, forgiveness, and peace with God, where we are encouraged and strengthened in our faith, and where we can offer our praises to the gracious Lord of our salvation.

If you haven't been to God's house in a while, we invite you to "Come and see" the many blessings that he has ready for you!

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Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Thursday, Sept. 1: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Sept. 4: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day — Office closed. Tuesday, Sept. 6: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle meeting. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are available. Online worship: Sundays 9 a.m. at [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab; or Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Radio: KQAD-AM Radio Sundays at 8:15 a.m.

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

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Bob Junak, Pastor

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

### United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529

Thursday, Sept. 1: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Sept. 3: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 4: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Monday, Sept. 5: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Sept. 6: 1:30 p.m. God's Circle. Wednesday, Sept. 7: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Sept. 8: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

### First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; [email: Firstpc@iw.net](mailto:Firstpc@iw.net)

Sunday, Sept. 4: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

### St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne  
Ph. 283-2316; [email: stjohn@iw.net](mailto:stjohn@iw.net)  
[www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org](http://www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org)

Saturday, Sept. 3: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Sept. 4: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, Sept. 7: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

### Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
Ph. 449-0057; [www.livingrockswmn.org](http://www.livingrockswmn.org)  
Josh Hayden, Pastor

### New Life Celebration Church

101 W. Maple, Luverne  
Ph. (605) 368-1924; [email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com](mailto:newlifecelebration@gmail.com)  
Food mission every third Thursday.

### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. (507) 669-2855; [email: zionoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionoffice@alliancecom.net)  
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 4: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Bible study. Worship service on Luverne cable at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday and Friday.

### Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
[igtwlb@WOW.net](mailto:igtwlb@WOW.net)  
Bill Bates, Pastor

### First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
Ph. (605) 757-6662  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 4: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at First Lutheran with Holy Communion. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

### Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 4: 10 a.m. JOINT Worship at First Lutheran with Holy Communion. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>.

### First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. 507-935-5025  
[email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:magnoliannumc@gmail.com)

Nancy Manning, Pastor  
Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

### Steen Reformed Church

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

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

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270 / [bethlehemofhills@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemofhills@gmail.com)  
Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, Sept. 4: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion with blessing of backpacks. 7-8:30 p.m. Youth group meets. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org). Tuesday, Sept. 6: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. Wednesday, Sept. 7: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Deacon meeting; Trustee meeting. 7 p.m. Council meeting.

### Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
[hillsurc@alliancecom.net](mailto:hillsurc@alliancecom.net)  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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The South Sixty (S60) feet of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) in Barck, Adams, and Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 703 N Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0258-000  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$80,311.75

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 28, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on January 28, 2023, or the next business day if January 28, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: May 27, 2022

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
Assignee of Mortgagee

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR  
(06-09, 06-16, 06-23, 06-30, 07-07, 07-14)

## Notice of postponement

### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for July 28, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., has been postponed to August 30, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., and will be held at sheriff's main address West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by February 28, 2023. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

Dated: July 29, 2022

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
Assignee of Mortgagee

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(08-04)

## Notice of postponement

### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The above referenced sale scheduled for August 30, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., has been postponed to September 29, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., and will be held at sheriff's main address West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by March 29, 2023. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

Dated: August 22, 2022

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
Assignee of Mortgagee

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(09-01)

## ISD #2184 School Board meets July 28

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on July 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Eric Hartman, Reva Sehr, Jeff Stratton, and David Wrigg. Absent: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Tim Jarchow. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Jason Phelps, Ryan Johnson, Tyler Reisch, Becky Rahm, Averill Sehr, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.  
Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to approve the June 23, 2022, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the School District and Student Activity bills with the School Board in the amount of \$1,465,297.58 and payroll in the amount of \$532,663.25 for a grand total of \$1,997,960.83. Motion made by Sehr, second by Wrigg, to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of June 30, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.  
Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to accept the 2022-2023 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Wrigg, to continue membership in the Minnesota Rural Education Association for the 2022-2023 school year with a dues cost of \$2,339.00. Motion unanimously carried.

The following bakery products quotes were received on July 15, 2022:

PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO - Fargo, ND		
Whole Grain Bread Sandwich	\$1.94 per 24 oz loaf (.08 per oz)	
White Sandwich Bread	\$1.94 per 24 oz loaf (.08 per oz)	
Whole Grain Hot Dog Buns	\$1.86 per 12 ct (.16 per bun)	
6" White Hot Dog Buns	\$1.94 per 12 ct (.17 per bun)	
4" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$9.32 per 60 ct (.16 per bun)	
4" White Hamburger Buns	\$4.66 per 30 ct (.16 per bun)	
3" White Hamburger Buns	\$1.94 per 12 ct (.17 per bun)	
3.5" Whole Grain Hamburger Buns	\$9.32 per 60 ct (.16 per bun)	
White Footlong	\$2.23 per 6 ct (.38 per bun)	
Whole Grain 6" Hoagie Buns	\$9.72 per 48 ct (.21 per bun)	
White 6" Hoagie Buns	\$4.86 per 24 ct (.21 per bun)	
Kids Choice W Grain Bread	\$2.11 per 24 oz loaf (.09 per oz)	
Dakota 12 Grain Bread	\$2.44 per 24 oz loaf (.11 per oz)	

BIMBO BAKERIES - Sioux Falls, SD		
Sara Lee Classic 100% Whole Wheat Bread	\$2.37 per 20 oz loaf (.12 per oz)	
Sara Lee Whole Grain White Bread	\$2.39 per 20 oz loaf (.12 per oz)	
Sara Lee White Sandwich	\$2.43 per 20 oz loaf (.13 per oz)	
53% Whole Grain White Hamburger Buns	\$1.78 per 8 ct (.23 per bun)	
53% Whole Grain White Coney Bun	\$1.78 per 8 ct (.23 per bun)	
RI 10" Coney	\$2.24 per 6 ct (.38 per bun)	
Whole Wheat Hamburger	\$2.78 per 8 ct (.35 per bun)	
Whole Wheat Hot Dog Bun	\$2.78 per 8 ct (.35 per bun)	
53% WGW Dinner Rolls	\$2.17 per 12 ct (.18 per roll)	

Food Service Director Ann Rigney recommended accepting the quote from Bimbo Bakeries. Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to accept the Bimbo Bakeries quote. Motion unanimously carried.

The following dairy products bids were received on July 15, 2022:

LANDOLAKES - PRAIRIE FARMS Sioux Falls, SD	KEMPS BRANDS LeMars, IA	
1% white - 8 oz.	0.2541	0.3047
skim white - 8 oz.	0.2373	0.2900
1% chocolate - 8 oz.	0.2602	0.3063
Fat free chocolate - 8 oz.	0.2431	0.3063
Cottage Cheese - 5# carton	11.0829	10.9622
Yogurt - Individual Serving - (4 oz.)	0.3706	
1% white - gallon	4.8189	5.0405

Food Service Director Ann Rigney recommended accepting the bid from Land-O-Lakes-Prairie Farms. Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to accept the dairy products bid from Land-O-Lakes-Prairie Farms. Motion unanimously carried.

The following vehicle fuel quote was received on July 15, 2022:

EXPRESSWAY - LUVERNE BP	
Premium	-11 cents / gallon
Ethanol	-11 cents / gallon
#1 Diesel	-11 cents / gallon
#2 Diesel	-11 cents / gallon
50/50 Blend Diesel	-11 cents / gallon

Motion made by Stratton, second by Sehr, to accept the quote from Expressway - Luverne BP. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Tyler Reisch reviewed the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Ten-Year Expenditure Application with the School Board. He worked with Superintendent Oftedahl and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Cory Schmock on this Minnesota Department of Education required plan.

SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184  
ADOPTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 24  
LONG-TERM FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TEN-YEAR PLAN

WHEREAS, to qualify for Long-Term Facilities Maintenance revenue, Minnesota Statutes 2021, subd 4 states a school district or intermediate district must annually adopt and approve a ten-year facilities plan by July 31 for commissioner approval. WHEREAS, the school district has developed a ten-year Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan consistent with this law.

School Board Member Wrigg moved for the resolution adoption and the motion was duly seconded by School Board Member Stratton and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor of the motion: Wrigg, Hartman, Sehr and Stratton, and the following voted against: none.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184 approves and adopts the attached ten-year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan for FY 24 on the 28th day of July 2022.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Sehr, to approve the 2022-2023 Elementary Parent/Student Handbook as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Discussion was held regarding the Middle/High School Parent/Student Handbook. Motion made by Stratton, second by Sehr, to approve the handbook with the addition of the a la carte language. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Sehr, second by Wrigg, to approve the 2022 Employee Handbook as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Wrigg, second by Sehr, to designate the following depositories for the 2022-2023 fiscal year: First Farmers and Merchants National Bank; Minnwest Bank of Luverne and/or Minnwest Bank Systems; Security Savings Bank; Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus; and, Smith Barney, Inc. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Wrigg, to designate the Rock County Star Herald as the official newspaper used by the School District to publish meeting minutes. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Sehr, to designate the following school district attorneys: Knutson, Flynn and Deans; and, Ratwick, Roszak, Maloney and Bartel. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Wrigg, to designate the following representatives to the High School League Governing Board: Superintendent Oftedahl - school; and Activities Director Todd Oye - student activities. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Wrigg, to set the following school board compensation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year: \$60 for each scheduled regular Board meeting, \$50 for special meetings, and \$110 for meetings that last more than 6 hours. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to authorize Superintendent Craig Oftedahl to complete necessary paperwork at the Farm Service Agency as required. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to grant Superintendent Craig Oftedahl the authority to serve as the Identified Official to Authorize User Access to the MDE website. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Wrigg, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION FILLING SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY BY APPOINTMENT  
WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of school board member with a term expiring the first Monday in January, 2024; and  
WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred less than ninety (90) days prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in the first or second year of the vacant term;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.09, Subd. 5b, Colleen Deutsch is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy and to serve until a successor is elected and qualified. The appointment shall be effective August 1, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Wrigg, second by Sehr, to accept the retirement of Glenda Schneckloth, Paraprofessional, effective July 2, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.  
Motion made by Wrigg, second by Stratton, to accept the retirement of Maggie May, Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to approve the hiring of Matt Fodness as Middle School Football coach. Motion unanimously carried.  
Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to approve the hiring of Katie Mostad as MS Volleyball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Stratton, second by Wrigg, to approve Cody Rofshus as volunteer football coach. Motion unanimously carried.  
Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to accept the resignation of Savannah Siebenahler as Paraprofessional effective July 26, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to accept the resignation of Anita Cole-Kraty as Paraprofessional effective July 26, 2022. Motion unanimously carried.  
Chairperson Hartman acknowledged receipt of the Notice of Intent to Negotiate from Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. There were no committee reports given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Stratton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: July 28, 2022

Reva Sehr, Clerk  
(09-01)



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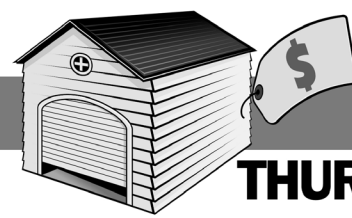
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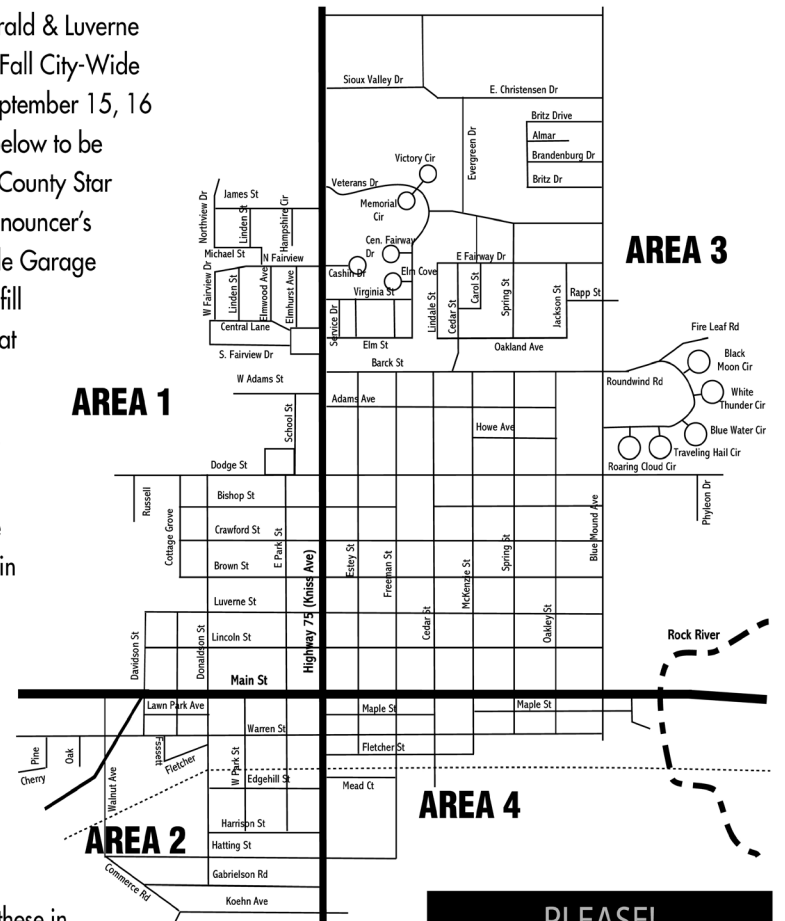
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## Luverne teachers/ continued from 3A

ous work experiences and include it in what I teach. Born and raised in Luverne, it's pretty exciting to be back."

**Lindsey Schomacker** is one of the seasoned educators returning to Luverne. She's a 2008 LHS graduate.

Schomacker (maiden name Richters) attended college at Minnesota State University-Mankato after high school, majoring in special education and development cognitive disabilities.

She will teach special education for grades 6 through 12 in Luverne.

She said she looks forward to "a two-minute commute instead of 30 minutes," after nine years of teaching special education in Worthington.

Schomacker moved to Luverne after her college graduation with her husband, Tony, a local business owner. They have two children, Hattie and Liam. Her parents are Rick and Lynn Richters, Luverne, and her husband's parents are Randy and Sharon Schomacker, Luverne.

**Sara Weber** will teach kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade English as a Second Language at Luverne along with a foundations of writing class.

Weber grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, and attended the University of Minnesota her freshman year. She transferred home to the University of Nebraska, where she received both her bachelor's and master's degrees.

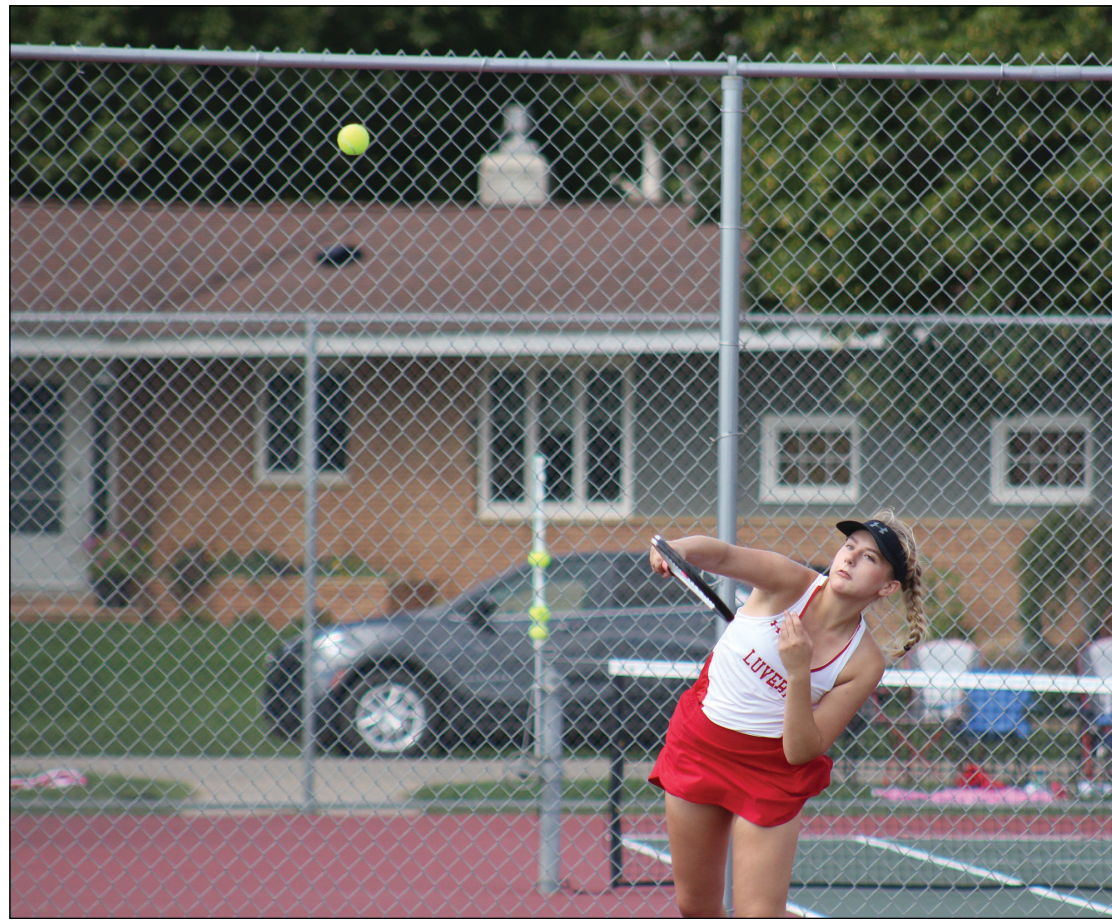
"Fun fact: My bachelor's degree is actually in business administration and I worked in the banking software industry for a couple years before returning to school to obtain my teaching degree," she said.

Weber married LHS Class of 1999 graduate Brian Weber, and the couple make their home in rural Luverne on Brian's fifth-generation family farm. They have two sons, who will be first- and third-graders at Luverne Elementary.

For the past decade, Weber taught at the Brandon middle school, with the first two years of her teaching career in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"I am looking forward to getting to know people in Luverne and being more involved in the community where I live," she said.

"I am excited to teach a wide range of ages. A shorter commute and being on the same schedule as my boys is always a huge bonus."



Mavis Fodness photo/0901 Tennis

Luverne senior Katharine Kelm serves against Lac Qui Parle Valley Eagles Thursday afternoon in a doubles match, which Kelm and her partner, Sarah Stegenga, won. Their win helped the Cardinals earn their third-consecutive team victory to remain undefeated for the season.

## Tennis team ups record to 7-0/continued from 9A

victory, and at No. 3 doubles, Kindt and Emma Nath won 6-2, 6-3.

"Caitlin and Emma are both sophomores and it was Nath's very first varsity match," Beers said. "I was really happy with how they played, and it was great to see Emma get her first varsity win."

### Luverne 4, LQPV 3

LHS went 1-3 in singles competition and went 3-0 in doubles for a 4-3 victory on Thursday, Aug. 25, in Luverne.

The lone singles win came at No. 4 singles where Kindt was able to win the match 6-3, 6-2 over Sadie Hacker.

At No. 1 singles, Remme lost to Katelyn Wittnebel 6-3, 6-1.

Chloe Schoeneman playing No. 2 singles was defeated by Maddie Matthies 6-0, 6-1, and at No. 3 singles Augusta Papik lost to Hannah Oie in a third set tiebreaker 6-3, 5-7, 10-8.

"Caitlin and Augusta both played great," Beers said. "I am really glad to see the younger girls step up and play top-notch matches at the varsity level."

In doubles play, Stegenga and Kelm won a three-set match over Clare Lowry

and Kayla Jahn 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 at No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, Chesley and Hartshorn beat Kali Bormann and Gerti Sieg 6-3, 6-4. Hemme and Muehr won 6-1, 6-2 over Taylen Jorgenson and Maya Virji at No. 3 doubles.

"LQPV is a very talented team. I was pleased that we were able to come out of this match still undefeated," Beers said.

"All the girls did an amazing job today, and I really think this win will help us in matches down the road."

### Luverne 4, Montevideo 3

The Cardinals were able to take two of four singles matches and two of three doubles matches to beat Montevideo 4-3 in the second match of the day.

At No. 1 singles Remme lost to Cami Myers 6-0, 6-1. Schoenemann lost at No. 2 singles to Brook Lindemann 6-0, 6-1.

Papik at No. 3 singles won 6-0, 6-2 over Megan Macziewski. At No. 4 singles, Kindt won easily over Ally DeJong 6-2, 6-0.

In doubles, Stegenga and Kelm lost in a third set tiebreaker 6-7(4), 6-3, 10-6. At No. 2 doubles, Chesley and Hartshorn beat Gwynn Smiens and Avery Albrecht 6-0, 6-1.

Hemme and Muehr defeated Audree Johnson and Carlee Axford 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3 doubles.

"Thursday was a long day for the girls," Beers said.

"Having to play a good Montevideo team after beating LAPV could have understandably gone the other way, but the girls played hard and were able to get the win."

### Worthington and Marshall events

Luverne was the team champion in Worthington on Saturday, but results were not available at the writing of this article.

The Cardinals beat River Valley 4-3 when they traveled to Sleepy Eye Monday night, and full coverage of that event and Saturday's tournament will be in the Sept. 8 Star Herald.

## Resource officer/ continued from 1A

they have an issue, they will have easy contact with us," Verbrugge said.

In addition to fostering positive relationships with students and staff, Stratton will also develop programs like bike safety, school patrol, DARE (drug abuse resistance education) and ALICE (an intruder safety program).

He'll work with administrators on truancy and will investigate criminal complaints regarding juveniles.

"He will assist school admin with enforcement, but will not be the school disciplinarian," Verbrugge said.

Stratton will be first on the scene of an intruder incident while other law enforcement officers are called for assistance.

"Hopefully we won't have a bad situation," Stratton said.

"That's why we have this position — be as prepared as possible."

### SRO program is jointly funded

The \$100,000 school resource officer budget is funded through a city, county and school agreement.

The city of Luverne agreed to fund a third of the program along with the county.

The two schools' costs are prorated as four days in Luverne and one day a week in H-BC.

Stratton, who joined the Rock County office in January 2020, was the sole applicant for the position. "I've done a lot in my career already," he said.

"This is something else I can do to further my career."

Stratton grew up in Luverne and graduated from LHS in 1998. He worked with his uncles at Cor-Tech Manufacturing until 2003 when he went back to school for a law enforcement career.

"I was literally walking through the shop one day and heard on the radio that Minnesota West was offering a law enforcement class for the first time," Stratton said.

He and deputy Daryl Fuerstenberg were in the first graduating class.

Stratton worked near the Twin Cities for more than 15 years before he and his wife, Amy (an Adrian native), moved back to Rock County. They have three grown daughters.

"Family was the biggest catalyst," he said. "When you have a bad day, there is always that personal connection."

Stratton served on the Luverne School Board, a position he resigned in late July when he was hired as school resource officer.

"I truly do like kids and I like helping, that's why I was on the school board — to make Luverne Schools a little bit better," he said.

"This opportunity opens it up a little more because I am working in both schools."



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## Meet the Star Herald fall sports team

The Star Herald is seeking a full-time sports writer and photographer, but until we find the right person for the job, we have recruited talented local contributors.

Our photographers are **Canaan Petersen** for Luverne sports and **Samantha McGaffee** for Hills-Beaver Creek. Following are the Star Herald contributors for our fall 2022 sports coverage.



**John Sichmeller** covers Luverne football for the Star Herald this fall. He's a Luverne High School business and computer teacher and is also the head golf coach and boys' basketball coach.

**Why did he agree to cover LHS football for the Star Herald?** He recognizes that parents and community sports fans are important components of high school athletics programs, and Star Herald sports pages keep them involved.

"I decided to write the Luverne football articles for the Star Herald because I get to see firsthand all of the hard work that the players and coaches put into the season, and I want them to get the recognition they deserve and keep the community updated on their progress."



**Dan Ellingson** covers Hills-Beaver Creek football for the Star-Herald this fall. He is the H-BC guidance counselor and high school PE and social studies teacher.

He's been involved with H-BC football since 1990, first as an assistant, then as head coach for 19 years, and now as a junior high volunteer coach.

**Why did he agree to cover H-BC football for the Star Herald?** "I enjoy being connected to the present players and coaching staff. Also, I enjoy being able to give the players recognition through the game articles. ..."

"These are articles that they can look back on in the future and remember their individual and team goals and accomplishments they strove for and hopefully reached."



**Stacy Olson** covers Luverne volleyball for the Star Herald this fall. She is a 1993 LHS graduate (maiden name Henrichs) and currently works as program director for Habilitative Services Inc (HSI).

She and her husband, JJ, also a 1993 LHS grad, have four children — Ashley (LHS grad 2014), Jakob (LHS

**Sportwriters/see page 6B**



Senior members of the Luverne High School football team in 2022 include (front, from left) Riley Sneller, Gavin Reisch, Tyson Cowell, Kaleb Hein, Gavin Baum, (back) Tyler Gebauer, Micah Andersen, DJ Rock, Ross Bergman, Gannon Ahrendt, Andy Halverson, Zach DeBoer, Ja'shon Winter and Anyuon Atem. Todd Oye is the team's head coach.

Jason Berghorst photo/0901 fall sports preview football

## Cardinal 2022 football program rebuilds on 2021 hard work and team chemistry

**By John Sichmeller For the Star Herald**

The Luverne Cardinal football team will look different this season after graduating a large group of seniors in 2022.

Among them were three All-Conference performers (Connor Overgaard, Braydon Ripka and Ashton Sandbulte

and two Honorable Mention (Nathaniel Cole-Kraty and Casey Sehr).

"Last year's senior group enjoyed playing football and put in a lot of time in the off-season," said Luverne football coach Todd Oye.

The Cardinals finished the 2021 campaign with a 4-6 overall record after falling to eventual section champion

Fairmont in the second round of Section 3AAA play.

Coach Oye said this year's team may lack experience, but he is looking forward to seeing how the team comes together as the season progresses.

"The kids are really working hard and

**Luverne football preview/see 8B**



Six Hills-Beaver Creek High School seniors will lead the Patriots football team this fall. They are (from left) Cole Rozeboom, Brayden Metzger, Luke Fuerstenberg, Cody Moser, Alex Harris and Brock Harnack. They're pictured with a semi painted by Reisch Trucking, Luverne, which also painted a similar one for the Luverne Cardinals.

Samantha McGaffee photo/0901 fall sports preview HBC football

## Hills Beaver Creek football program to build on previous years of Patriots' success

**By Dan Ellingson For the Star Herald**

The 2021 Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots football team won its second consecutive Section 3 Nine-Man Championship last November at Southwest State University in Marshall.

The Pates finished with a record of 9-3, while having their season-ending

loss in Minneapolis at US Bank Stadium in the State 9-Man Semi-finals.

That 2021 team had 11 seniors that played major roles in all three phases of the game — offense, defense and special teams.

The 2022 Patriots will see many fresh faces in the football starting lineup, but head coach Rex Metzger said

he's optimistic about his current group of players.

"Because of the past successes these players have witnessed firsthand, (the Patriots are 2-2 in the last four section championship games) their mentality is to get better and be the best they can be,"

**H-BC football preview/see page 8B**



Samantha McGaffee photo/0901 fall sports preview HBC volleyball

Seven Hills-Beaver Creek High School seniors will lead the Lady Pates' volleyball season this fall. They are (front, from left) Aspen Shimp, Tyrae Goodface, Elly Klosterbuer, (back) Lexi Drake, Malli Ternus, Taylor Huisman and Olivia Bork.

## H-BC volleyball players excited to have Coach Zylstra return to the Patriots program

### By Joni Deelstra

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball program is looking forward to having Meghan Zylstra back as the varsity head coach for the 2022 season.

Zylstra, a 2013 graduate of H-BC, was head varsity coach for H-BC in 2017, and prior to that she had been the assistant varsity coach for four years.

Courtney Kruger was the assistant coach last year and will return to coach alongside Zylstra this season.

The Lady Pates return to the volleyball court this year after a bruising 2021 season when they faced tough competition and didn't win any conference games.

But coach Zylstra and her players are hoping to turn that around this season.

The Patriots enter the 2022 season with seven seniors, 10 juniors, four sophomores and 15 freshmen.

Olivia Bork, the only returning senior with playing time on varsity last season, said she and her teammates have made lots of progress in practice.

"Our strength will be our hitting," Bork said. "Our weakness

is probably our receiving, but we're working on it and getting better."

Zylstra said she is still shuffling girls around on the court but will be looking at some of the juniors to help out.

She said Grace Anderson will have time on the court, and Brynn Rauk will assist the team as one of the setters.

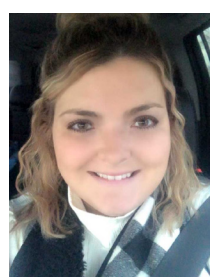
She said Larissa Steinhoff and Lanae Elbers both play well at the net, and Layla Deelstra, who missed last season to recover from knee surgery, will also see playing time.

Freshman Ella Sammons will also make her varsity debut this season.

"Right now we're doing a lot of groundwork and pushing them past what they think they're capable of," Zylstra said.

"Putting in the work will pay off."

It is apparent in talking with Zylstra and watching her work with the girls in practice that she



Meghan Zylstra

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— Meghan Zylstra  
Hills-Beaver Creek  
returning head  
volleyball coach

wants what's best for the team, and she wants each player to reach her full potential in contributing to the program.

Among Zylstra's goals for the team this season are to win at least half of the games and get at least one playoff win at home.

The Patriots played in a tour-

### H-BC Volleyball Schedule

- Aug 27 Adrian Tournament A
- Aug 30 Viborg Hurley H
- Sept 10 Luverne A
- Sept 13 Southwest Christian A
- Sept 15 Westbrook/Walnut Gr. H
- Sept 20 MLA-C H
- Sept 22 Red Rock Central H
- Sept 23 Edgerton H
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- Oct. 8 SMSU Tournament A
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Stacy Olson photo/0901 fall sports preview LHS volleyball

Seniors on the LHS volleyball team are (front, from left) Carly Olson, Averill Sehr, Mallory Von Tersch, Josie Anderson, Reese Louwagie, Emma Beyer, (back) Abigail Anderson, Anja Jarchow, Kamyryn Van Batavia, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner and Justice Ahrendt.

## Cardinal volleyball team enters 2022 season with 'strong players and depth in every position on the court'

**By Stacy Olson  
For the Star Herald**

The Luverne High School volleyball team is ready to start the 2022 season.

The Cardinals finished a winning season in 2021 when they won 20 matches and lost six.

Luverne competes in the Big South Conference during the regular season and Section 3AA for playoffs.

The Cardinals' roster is deep with 18 players, including 12 seniors and six juniors.

Luverne graduated some key players last year, but head coach Sarah DeBeer has options to fill some open positions.

She said seniors Emma Beyer (5'5) and Averill Sehr (5'4) will take over the setting roles from 2022 grads Reghan Bork and Trista Baustian.

Junior Tori Serie (5'9) will fill in middle and outside hitter needs and senior Carly Olson (5'5) will return to the libero role taking over for '22 grad Macey Stratton.

The Cardinals also return three starters from 2021 season. Senior middle hitter Christina Wagner (6'1), outside hitters Kamyryn Van Batavia (6'0), and Anja

*"The team should have a lot of depth and potential for the season. There are strong players and depth in every position on the court. The higher level of experience on the court will also be an advantage for the Cardinals this season."*

— LHS volleyball coach Sarah DeBeer

Jarchow (5'11) returned to the court.

Other returning varsity players include senior defensive specialist Carly Olson and senior hitter Elizabeth Wagner (6'1). Senior setters Emma Beyer and Averill Sehr also made some varsity appearances last season.

"Kamyryn Van Batavia, Carly Olson, Christina Wagner and Anja Jarchow will be major contributors for the team this season," said coach DeBeer.

"The team should have a lot of depth and potential for the season. There are strong players and depth in every position on the court. The higher level of experience on the court will also be an advantage for the Cardinals this season."

She said her goal for the 2022 season is to "... get better with every game we play and build positive momentum to go to the next game."

DeBeer said she feels one of the stronger teams Luverne will face this season will be Jackson County Central, but she said the Cardinal volleyball team will not back down from a challenge and will come to every game ready to compete.

The Cardinals' coaching staff this season includes head coach DeBeer, B-squad coach Krista Ahrendt, ninth-grade coach April Wallace and volunteer coach Kristin Schomacker.

LHS will host their first home game Thursday, Sept. 1, versus West Lyon and MCC.

### Luverne Volleyball Schedule

- Aug 25 Edgerton A
- Aug 27 Big South Showcase @ Marshall
- Sept 1 Triangular H
- Sept 6 Marshall H
- Sept 8 Westbrook Walnut Grove H
- Sept 10 Invitational H
- Sept 15 Windom H
- Sept 17 Invitational Jackson County A
- Sept 20 Redwood Valley A
- Sept 22 Pipestone Area A
- Sept 27 Worthington A
- Sept 29 St James Area H
- Oct 6 Jackson County Central H
- Oct 10 Southwest Christian H
- Oct 13 Adrian H
- Oct 15 Invitational A
- Oct 18 Hills-Beaver Creek H
- Oct 28 \*Section Quarters
- Nov 1 \*Section Semis
- Nov 3 \*Subsection Finals

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Four seniors, (from left) Priscilla Muehr, Ella Lanoue, Tori Hemme and Katharine Kelm, will lead the Luverne tennis team this fall along with a promising group of younger players for the 2022 season.

## Luverne tennis coach expects new team leaders to put Cardinals back on top of section competition

By Susan Beers  
For the Star Herald

The 2022 Luverne girls' tennis season is underway, and head coach Jon Beers said he is hopeful for another great season.

This year's squad is comprised of 27 girls — four seniors, six juniors, 10 sophomores and seven freshmen.

The top returning players from the 2021 season with lots of varsity experience include juniors Sarah Stegenga and Roselynn Hartshorn and seniors Katharine Kelm, Tori Hemme and Priscilla Moehr.

Senior Ella Lanoue and juniors Cassi Chesley, Morgan Hadler, Rayanne Remme and Chloe Schoeneman should all see lots of varsity play this year, Beers said.

"We lost a great group of seniors the last two years. We lost our top two singles (Mia Wenzel and Jacey Smith) and first doubles team (Kristin Rud and Olivia Wieneke) and half of our No. 2 doubles team (Hope Thorson) from last year," he said.

"It's going to be hard to replace them, but I have a large group of juniors and sophomores who have been waiting to play varsity. I expect great things from them this

season."

He said he anticipates they'll all play singles and doubles this season.

"It will take a few matches to get our lineup set, but when we have it set, I see no reason why we can't wind up at the top of the section."

This is the second year of the realigned Section 3A, with the Cardinals facing Pipestone Area, Yellow Medicine East, Montevideo, Benson/KMS and others.

Beers said he thinks the top teams to beat in this section are Lac Qui Parle Valley, Montevideo and Morris.

Meanwhile, he said he's looking forward to grooming a new group of younger players in the program.

The incoming group of sophomores all practiced with the middle school last year, so Beers said he's still learning what they're capable of.

They include Caitlin Kindt, Augusta Papik, Corynn Oye, Emma Nath, Nora Louwagie, Madison Hansen, Katia Jarchow, Audrie De Bates, Kaitlin Conger and Emily Carrillo.

"I'm quite pleased with and

*"I have a large group of juniors and sophomores who have been waiting to play varsity. I expect great things from them this season."*

— Luverne girls' tennis coach Jon Beers

optimistic about what I've seen so far," Beers said.

"In practice we will continue to work on fundamentals and being able to know what to do in the moment."

That means also learning to adapt to various opponents across the net.

"Each match is different, and each opponent is different so they need to be ready to anticipate that," Beers said.

"I want them to become confident in their skills and believe that they can win. ... Every year our goal is to make it to state, and if we put our minds to it, anything is possible."

### Luverne Tennis Schedule

- Aug 20 Morris Area/ Benson H
- Aug 23 Yellow Medicine East A
- Aug 23 MACCRAY A
- Aug 25 Lac Qui Parle Valley H
- Aug 25 Montevideo H
- Aug 27 Worthington A
- Aug 29 River Valley A
- Aug 30 Fairmont A
- Sept 6 Blue Earth Area H
- Sept 8 Marshall A
- Sept 10 St James H
- Sept 13 Worthington A
- Sept 15 Pipestone Area A
- Sept 19 Sioux Falls Lincoln H
- Sept 20 St James Area H
- Sept 22 Redwood Valley H
- Sept 27 TBD Big South H
- Oct 4 Section Quarters A
- Oct 6 Sections Semis — Sioux Falls A
- Oct 13 Sections — Sioux Falls A
- Oct 18 Sections Finals — Sioux Falls A
- Oct 25 State Tournament H

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Runners who made it to section competition in 2021 and are returning to the Luverne cross country team in 2022 are (front, from left) Grace Ingebretson, Tiana Lais, Camden Janiszkeski, Camden Hoven, (middle) Brynn Boyenga, Khloe Visker, Kayla Bloemendaal, Jenna DeBates, Ella Schmuck, (back) Carsen Tofteland, Kaleb Hemme, Ryan Fick, Sage Viessman, Owen Janiszkeski and Leif Ingebretson.

## Cardinal cross country teams run with confidence while staying 'humble and hungry' for success in 2022 season

**By Sara Schmuck  
For the Star Herald**

Coming off the momentous 2021 season, cross country coach Pete Janiszkeski said the boys' and girls' teams are ready for the challenge in 2022.

"We've been really consistent the last few years," Janiszkeski said. "We always have the goal of getting to state. We have good potential to do that this year."

Last year the LHS girls' team placed third at state and the boys' team placed ninth at state. The teams are running without graduates Tenley Nelson and Griffen Jarchow. Nelson placed second individually at state, contributing high points to the team.

"No one girl is going to replace Tenley," Janiszkeski said, "but we're good enough and strong enough and have a solid 'pack' that could move us up in points."

Junior Jenna DeBates placed

*"We stay humble and hungry. We know we have a bigger target on our back this year, so we have to approach the season with confidence, but strive to get better, and of course avoid illnesses and injuries."*

— LHS cross country coach Pete Janiszkeski

third at state last year. Camden Janiszkeski (senior) and Owen Janiszkeski (sophomore) finished the state race in 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

"We stay humble and hungry," coach Janiszkeski said. "We know we have a bigger target on our back this year, so we have to approach the season with confidence, but strive to get better, and of course avoid illnesses and injuries."

The first meet of the year is coming up Friday, Aug. 26.

"We are ready to compete and see what is out there," Janiszkeski

said. "They've spent some timing running now without racing, and there's nothing like a competition to see where you line up."

Not having raced yet this year, it's harder to predict how Luverne will stack up in the section eventually.

"We do have one of the most well-balanced and strong sections in the state," Janiszkeski said. "Any one of our section teams can have it all fall into place for them as the season progresses."

For girls' cross country, MCC and Canby-Minneota are strong standouts. On the boys' side, Win-

### Luverne Cross Country Schedule

- Aug 26 Beresford A
- Sept 2 Mountain Lake A
- Sept 10 multi-team H
- Sept 15 multi-team A
- Sept 20 Jackson County Central A
- Sept 27 St James Area A
- Oct 1 Willmar Invitational A
- Oct 6 multi-team H
- Oct 11 Adrian A
- Oct 18 Big South Championship A
- Oct 27 Section 3A Tournament H
- Nov 5 St. Olaf College State Tourney

dom, Canby-Minneota, Mountain Lake and Lac Qui Parle are teams to watch.

This is Janiszkeski's 21<sup>st</sup> season coaching in Luverne and his 15<sup>th</sup> year as head coach. Jodi Nelson is in her seventh year as assistant coach.

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2016), Rylee Olson (LHS 2019) and Carly Olson (LHS 2023).

#### Why did she agree to cover Luverne volleyball for the Star Herald?

"I am a Luverne volleyball alum who has always loved the sport. I enjoy watching the team compete and have watched many levels of volleyball.

"Our oldest daughter, Ashley, was a college volleyball player at DSU. Our youngest, Carly, is currently a senior defensive specialist for the Cardinals volleyball team. We have been active in the sport for 14 years watching all three of our daughters play for the Cardinals."



**Sara Schmuck** covers Luverne cross country for the Star Herald this fall. She moved to Luverne in 1999 when she started as a reporter for the Rock County Star Herald.

She is currently the community liaison for Sanford Luverne and Rock Rapids and does freelance marketing, writing and graphic design in her spare time.

**Why did she agree to cover cross country for the Star Herald?** "I might be one of the least athletic people to cover sports, but I have loved watching my girls blossom as they compete and get better at their athletic activities. I want to make sure Star Herald readers see the results of the team's hard work."



**Joni Deelstra** covers Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball for the Star Herald this fall. She is a 1997 H-BC graduate (maiden name Brouwer) and now works as a medication aide at the Tuff Memorial Nursing Home. She has four children, 18-year-old Oliver, 16-year-old Layla, 15-year-old Emma and 13-year-old Olivia.

**Why did she agree to cover H-BC volleyball for the Star Herald?** "I enjoy watching all sports, especially basketball, and my kids have all been very active in sports. I feel sports can help kids develop physical skills, make friends, learn teamwork and improve their self-esteem. My three girls all play volleyball, so I am able to cover the games for the paper and watch them play at the same time."



**Susan Beers** covers Luverne girls' tennis for the Star Herald this fall. She is the technology integrationist with the Luverne School District. She has a degree in English and communication disorders and has a background in news and feature reporting.

She is married to LHS girls' tennis coach Jon Beers and has one son, Declan, a 2018 LHS graduate who was an active participant in LHS athletics.

**Why did she agree to cover Luverne tennis for the Star Herald?** "Writing has always been one of my first loves, and since my husband is the tennis coach, I get to hear firsthand how matches went. He loves sports and I love to write, so we make a good team (pun intended).

I think it is important that these girls get recognized for their hard work. I can see how proud my husband is of his tennis girls, and it is rewarding to share that with the community. The Star Herald does an excellent job of keeping up with all of the local area sports. I know how much those articles meant to my family while our son was playing in Luverne, and we wanted to help contribute to that tradition."

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FOOTBALL

Sept 1	Redwood Valley	A
Sept 9	Jackson County Central	H
Sept 15	Windom	H
Sept 23	New Ulm	A
Sept 30	Worthington	H
Oct 7	Pipestone Area	A
Oct 13	Fairmont	A
Oct 19	Waseca	H
Oct 25	Section Quarters	A
Oct 29	Section Semi Finals	A
Nov 4	Section Finals	H

VOLLEYBALL

Aug 25	Edgerton	A
Aug 27	Big South - Marshall	A
Sept 1	Triangular	H
Sept 6	Marshall	H
Sept 8	Westbrook Walnut Grove	H
Sept 10	Invitational	H
Sept 15	Windom	H
Sept 17	Invitational - Jackson County	A
Sept 20	Redwood Valley	A
Sept 22	Pipestone Area	A
Sept 27	Worthington	A
Sept 29	St James Area	H
Oct 6	Jackson County Central	H
Oct 10	SW Minnesota Christian	H
Oct 13	Adrian	H
Oct 18	Hills-Beaver Creek	H
Oct 28	Section Quarters	A
Nov 1	Section Semis	A
Nov 3	Subsection Finals	A

GIRLS' TENNIS

Aug 20	Morris Area / Benson	H
Aug 23	Yellow Medicine East	A
Aug 23	MACCRAY	A
Aug 25	Lac Qui Parle Valley	H
Aug 25	Montevideo	H
Aug 27	Worthington	A
Aug 29	River Valley	A
Aug 30	Fairmont	A
Sept 6	Blue Earth Area	H
Sept 8	Marshall	A
Sept 13	Worthington	A
Sept 15	Pipestone Area	A
Sept 19	Sioux Falls Lincoln	H
Sept 20	St James Area	H
Sept 22	Redwood Valley	H
Sept 27	TBD Big South	H
Oct 4	Section Quarters	A
Oct 6	Sections - Sioux Falls	A
Oct 13	Sections - Sioux Falls	A
Oct 18	Sections - Sioux Falls	A
Oct 25	State Tournament	H

HILLS-BEAVER CREEK



H-BC VOLLEYBALL

Aug 27	Adrian Tournament	A
Aug 30	Viborg Hurley	H
Sept 10	Luverne	A
Sept 13	SW Minnesota Christian	A
Sept 15	Westbrook/Walnut Grove	H
Sept 20	MLA-C	H
Sept 22	Red Rock Central	H
Sept 23	Edgerton	H
Sept 26	St Mary	A
Sept 27	Edgerton	A
Sept 29	MCC	A
Oct 7	SMSU Tournament	A
Oct 8	SMSU Tournament	A
Oct 11	HLOF	A
Oct 17	Edgerton	H
Oct 18	Luverne	A

H-BC FOOTBALL

Sept 1	GHEC-Truman	A
Sept 9	Madelia	H
Sept 16	HLOF	A
Sept 23	Westbrook Walnut Grove	H
Sept 30	Renville County West	A
Oct 7	Mountain Lake	H
Oct 14	Red Rock Central	A
Oct 19	Edgerton	H

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug 26	Beresford	A
Sept 2	Mountain Lake	A
Sept 10	multi-team	H
Sept 15	multi-team	A
Sept 20	Jackson County Central	A
Sept 27	St James Area	A
Oct 1	Willmar Invitational	A
Oct 6	multi-team	H
Oct 11	Adrian	A
Oct 18	Big South Championship	A
Oct 27	Section 3A Tournament	H
Nov 5	State Tournament - Saint Olaf	A



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the team chemistry has been great to start fall camp," said coach Oye. "The goal is to improve each week and continue to eliminate mistakes as the season progresses."

The Cardinals' lone returning All-Conference player is senior wide receiver/cornerback Gannon Ahrendt (6'4, 160 pounds), who coach Oye will lean on for big plays throughout the season.

"Gannon had a great season last year, and it will be fun to see what he can do this year in his senior season," Oye said.

Ahrendt said he's looking forward to his final season with the Cardinals.

"I am excited about our home games and getting to play in front of family and friends," Ahrendt said.

The Cardinals will start the season with a trio of potential quarterbacks after losing Casey Sehr to graduation.

Looking to replace Sehr are juniors Conner Connell (6'4, 225) and Jacob Stroh (6'2, 180) and sophomore Carter Sehr (5'10, 150). Each of the quarterbacks provides a unique skill set that differenti-

ates him from the others.

"Connell played a lot on varsity last year at a variety of positions so he has some experience," Oye said. "Stroh is a good leader, and Sehr is an athletic quarterback."

Running the ball is always a staple of the Luverne offense, and the Cardinals have some options in the backfield.

Senior Kaleb Hein (5'10, 170) has had a good camp at fullback according to Oye, and he will be backed up by senior transfer DJ Rock (6'0, 170).

At the tailback position Oye looks for seniors Tyson Cowell (5'10, 150) and Gavin Baum (5'7, 145) and junior Sam Rock (5'10, 170) to carry the load.

The offensive line is shaping up nicely for the Cardinals as they return three starters from last season.

Returning starting guards are senior Zachary DeBoer (6'2, 200) and junior Will Serie (6'1, 220).

Backing up DeBoer and Serie will be senior Ross Bergman (6'2, 215), junior Tucker Dammann (6'2,

### Luverne Football Schedule

Aug 27 Worthington A  
 Sept 1 Redwood Valley A  
 Sept 9 Jackson County H  
 Sept 15 Windom H  
 Sept 23 New Ulm A  
 Sept 30 Worthington H  
 Oct 7 Pipestone Area A  
 Oct 13 Fairmont A  
 Oct 19 Waseca H  
 Oct 25 Section Quarters  
 Oct 29 Section Semi Finals  
 Nov 4 Section Finals

280), and sophomore Keaton Ahrendt (6'2, 225). Senior Andy Halverson (6'1, 300) started at center for the Cardinals last season, and backing him up will be sophomore Layne Saker (6'0, 255).

Oye will look for seniors Gavin Reisch (5'11, 170) and Tyler Gebauer (6'2, 200) along with sophomores Eli Woodley (6'4, 225) and Ryker Johnson (6'2, 235) to fill the tackle

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— Coach Todd Oye

Cade Kracht (5'10, 175).

The defensive line will consist of seniors Micah Anderson (6'0, 180), DJ Rock and Halverson along with juniors Serie and Karson Jurrens (6'1, 280) and sophomore Woodley.

The Cardinals will return Connell as a starting line-backer and he will be joined by Atem, Stroh, Sneller, Hein, and Sam Rock.

Ahrendt and Baum will start at cornerback for Luverne, and Winter will look to compete for playing time at that position.

At the safety position the Cardinals will utilize Cowell, Domagala, DeBeer, Kroski, and sophomore Marcos Diaz (5'8, 165).

The Cardinal special teams will return both their kicker and punter as Kroski will resume kicking duties and Sneller will remain the team's punter.

Coach Oye lists Fairmont, Waseca and TCU as potential section favorites.

The Cardinals will start their season on the road at Redwood Valley on Thursday, Sept. 1.

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Metzger said.

"They are aware of the H-BC football tradition going back to when the program first started in 1965. The tradition goes back a long time, and they want to keep it going."

He said he can tell the players have this history in mind when they're preparing for the upcoming season. "They had a productive summer, committing to getting stronger, faster and buying into the program," Metzger said.

The 2022 Patriots will have 16 new offensive and defensive starters with only one defensive starter and one offensive starter returning from last year.

Senior Cody Moser is the lone returning starter on both sides of the ball.

The 2022 Patriots will open the season with a 31-player roster that consists of six seniors, four juniors, nine sophomores and 12 freshmen.

"I really like the core group

### H-BC Football Schedule

Sept 1 GHEC-Truman A  
 Sept 9 Madelia H  
 Sept 16 HLOF A  
 Sept 23 Westbrook Walnut Gr. H  
 Sept 30 Renville County West A  
 Oct 7 Mountain Lake H  
 Oct 14 Red Rock Central A  
 Oct 19 Edgerton H

of upperclassmen leaders and players," Metzger said.

He said the early offensive lineups will look like this: Senior Brayden Metzger (5'10, 190) and sophomore Jack Moser (6'2, 210) are competing for the center position. Returning starter senior Cody Moser (6'7, 330) along with senior Alex Harris (5'11, 195), senior Cole Rozeboom (5'9, 170) and sophomore Talon Steensma (5'8, 185) are looking for playing time on the offensive line.

The offensive end posi-

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tion will be filled by senior Luke Fuerstenberg (6'2, 165), junior Riley Tatge (6'2, 185), sophomore Blake Leenderts (5'8, 140) or sophomore Alex Dysthe (6'2, 170).

The wide receivers have senior Brock Harnack (5'11, 145), junior Cooper Gehrke (6'0, 135) and sophomores James VandenBosch (5'11, 145), Jackson Gacke (6'1, 160) and Jamesyn Klosterbuer (5'7, 130) looking to catch passes this season for the Patriots.

In the backfield, sophomore Sawyer Bosch (5'9, 160) and freshman Jamin Metzger (6'3, 190) are vying for the

quarterback position. They will be handing off to junior Justin Roelfs (5'10, 150), sophomore Beau Bakken (6'5, 205) or sophomore Cameron Allen (6'0, 155).

On the defensive side of the ball, Metzger will favor a 3-3 defensive look. Returning starter Cody Moser will play nose tackle, while Jack Moser and Talon Steensma will also see some playing time.

The early season defensive ends look to be Cole Rozeboom, Riley Tatge, Blake Leenderts or Alex Dysthe.

Potential middle linebackers are Brayden Metzger and

Beau Bakken.

Outside linebackers could include Luke Fuerstenberg, Cameron Allen, Sawyer Bosch and Jackson Gacke.

Patrolling the secondary will be Brock Harnack, Justin Roelfs, Cooper Gehrke, James VandenBosch and Jamesyn Klosterbuer.

Metzger said team goals are to not focus on the end of the season, but to get better with each practice and each game.

He expects Mountain Lake, Red Rock Central and Edgerton to compete for the Section 3 Championship at the end of the 2022 season.

Coach Metzger said the coaching staff is working with a talented group of football players who also have good overall team speed and athleticism.

As this team gains experience throughout the season and the playing positions are solidified, they look to keep the H-BC football tradition thriving and strong in 2022.

*Good Luck to the*  
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