



# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Tri-State Band Fest welcomes 23 bands

By Mavis Fodness

Twenty-three bands will perform Saturday in the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Tri-State Band Festival.

The parade competition begins at 9:30 a.m. on Luverne's Main Street.

Fifteen bands will be part of the parade with bleachers available for spectators at the intersection of McKenzie Avenue and Main Street, where the judging station is also located.

Ten bands will participate in Saturday's field competition beginning at 12:30 p.m. on the Luverne High School football field.

Admission to the field competition is the purchase of a festival button for \$10. This year's button was designed by LHS junior Percyis Trierweiler.

Hosts for the Tri-State Band Festival are the Luverne middle and high school bands, who will also participate but do not compete.

Bands attending Saturday's event include:

- From Minnesota: Adrian-Ellsworth, Hutchinson, Murray County Central, Pipestone, Stewartville and Worthington.
- From South Dakota: Brandon Valley, Brookings, Dell Rapids, Garretson, Harrisburg, Lennox, Madison, Sioux Falls Christian, Sioux Falls Lutheran, Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Sioux Falls Roosevelt, Tri-Valley, Tea and West Central.
- From Iowa: George-Little Rock.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0922 wind construction

Above, construction workers with Blattner assemble a wind turbine at a site on the northern edge of the Walleye Wind Farm footprint. At right, a blade stands by to be hoisted atop a tower north of Beaver Creek. Below, cranes are in place at a site near the South Dakota state line in Rock County.

## Walleye Wind progresses

The 110-megawatt Walleye Wind Farm in western Rock County is taking shape with cranes assembling bases for 40 turbines across a 49-square-mile (31,000 acres) footprint.

Starting in October, the turbines will generate \$400,000 to \$600,000 in annual local tax revenues and feed electricity to the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency through a 30-year agreement.



## Artists insert personal themes, messages in 7-foot nutcracker sculptures downtown Luverne

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's first public art project was unveiled Sunday with the artists explaining the inspiration behind their one-of-a-kind artwork on 7-foot fiberglass nutcrackers.

Retired art and media instructor Kim Schmidt unveiled "Maize" as a tribute to Luverne's ag industry.

"My belief is that Luverne would not be what it is today if it were not for the hardworking farming families and agricultural workers who are a part of this city and county," he said.

Schmidt added a whimsical approach to his design.

A grain bin is painted as a hat, work gloves cover the nutcracker's hands, and both a green (on front) and a red combine (on back) make up the bulk of the design. Schmidt carried soybean, corn and wheat depictions throughout the sculpture including the nutcracker's hair of corn leaves.

The people painted inside the combines represent local farmers Nate Siebenahler and Jerry Kuhlman, for whom Schmidt provides seasonal help.

"It's a shoutout to them for their hard work and letting me be

Nutcrackers/See page 8



Mavis Fodness photo/0922 Nutcracker Dedication  
Jen Huisman used an assemblage of pictures of her grandparents, war posters and other vintage images in her nutcracker, "Patriot." It pays homage to military sacrifice with a special nod to World War II veterans, which included both her grandfather and grandmother. At right, she points to her grandmother's picture as a nurse during World War II.



## Community mourns loss of LHS grad, focuses on mental health

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne High School grad will be honored Oct. 1 at the Verne Drive-In for the outdoor movie theater closing night of the season.

Carson Ehde, 21, assisted the Rozeboom family in operating the seasonal business.

"He was there for our first night opener under new ownership and never hesitated to come back and help ... even if I was being a bit bossy," wrote Gracie Rozeboom in a post to the business's social media site.

Admission for the Saturday, Oct. 1, event is free.

Ehde died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Tuesday, Sept. 20. According to Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, Ehde's stepfather, Matt Sorenson, called the dispatch center at 3:48 p.m. about a possible suicide at the family's rural Garretson home.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Parkinson's Support Group** will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at Poplar Creek Care Center. Call Dianne Karlstad at 507-530-3307.

### Prairie Ally appreciation

A relaxing evening is planned as a wrap-up to the growing season for the Prairie Ally food forest. Friends, volunteers and supporters are asked to bring a dish or a beverage to share for the event planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27. The event will take place down the lower driveway at 308 N. Blue Mound Ave. in Luverne.

### 'See You at the Pole' Sept. 28

"See You at the Pole" will be at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the new entrance of Luverne Middle-High School. Organized by Rock the Edge, all K-12 students and adults are encouraged to gather for a short time of prayer before the school day begins. The student-led event is conducted annually across the nation.

### Community free meal Sept. 28

The United Methodist Church will host its Wednesday night free community meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28. A pick-up option is available by calling 507-283-4529.

### Paint the Prairie purple

To help raise awareness and show support for the Dementia Walk for a Cure on Oct. 1, organizers encourage "Paint the Prairie Purple" during the week of Sept. 26-30. Pictures of decorated home and business exteriors can be sent to [ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us). The event is sponsored by the SW MN Dementia Awareness Network (SWDAN).

### Dementia Walk is Oct. 1

The Dementia Walk for a Cure is Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Luverne City Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the walk at 10 a.m. One hundred percent of the funds raised will be used to increase awareness and to promote dementia education. In case of inclement weather, the walk will take place at the Generations Event Center in Luverne.

For more information or to register contact Linda Wenzel at A.C.E. of SW MN, 507-283-5064.

### CoffeeBreak study starts Oct. 4

The kickoff meeting of CoffeeBreak begins at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, and will meet each Tuesday at the Luverne Christian Reformed Church at 605 North Estey Street in Luverne.

Children ages 3 to kindergarten are invited to participate in StoryHour, a program with Bible stories and playtime. A nursery is also available. No charge and no prior Bible knowledge necessary. All faiths and ages are welcome. For more information call Kristi Stroeh at 507-227-5102 or email at [kristi.stroeh@hotmail.com](mailto:kristi.stroeh@hotmail.com)

### RCHS annual meeting is Oct. 3

The Rock County Historical Society annual meeting is at noon Monday, Oct. 3, at the Big Top Events Center. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the History Center for \$15, or the day of the event at the door for \$25. The program is on old restaurants.

### Free food for seniors Oct. 6

Nutrition Assistance Program for seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, with drive-thru distribution in the parking lot off Maple Street at the new office location on the east side of Generations Event Center. Pre-registration is required. Call Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064.

## #TellUsTuesday Results

Scan Here to Vote for this Week's Survey!



### Which Level Of Football Is Your Favorite To Watch??

High School	43%
College	24%
NFL	26%
None, not my thing.	7%



Mavis Fodness photo/0922 Blue Mound Church 150th

Those celebrating Blue Mound Lutheran Church's 150th anniversary pose for a picture after Sunday's Fall Festival service. When the church closed in 1976, families joined churches in Hardwick, Kenneth and Luverne. Once a year everyone gathers for a service and catered meal in the rural church located on 150th Avenue in Vienna Township.

## Celebrating 150 years

# Faithful group gathers at Blue Mound Lutheran Church for annual service

By Mavis Fodness

When church elders closed Blue Mound Lutheran Church in 1976, they vowed to meet once a year for renewed faith and fellowship.

On Sunday about 100 former parishioners, their family members and interested friends gathered for the annual fall festival. This year they celebrated the 150th anniversary of the church's founding.

The Rev. Gary Klatt, retired pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, officiated at Sunday's service.

He painted a picture of rural Minnesota in 1872, when the church was founded. He described the wilderness that was southwest Minnesota and the efforts families took to developed the area into fertile farmland. The work was hard.

"They didn't have a lot but they had hope and faith," he said. "God led the way."

Many descendants of the 22 founding families



Mavis Fodness photo/0922 Blue Mound Church 150th

Blue Mound Lutheran Church is known for its distinctive green steeple, constructed in 1872. The cemetery association takes care of the closed church and the adjacent cemetery, where the graves of many who established the church 150 years ago are found.

of Blue Mound Lutheran Church attended the service.

A few of them serve on the Blue Mound Cemetery

Association, which keeps the cemetery surrounding the church on 150th Avenue in Vienna Township mowed

and handles burials. The association also keeps the church in good condition for an occasional wedding and the annual September service.

Dick and Dolly Remme have been association members since the church closed.

Several Remme relatives are buried in the cemetery including Dick's parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

"I feel the loyalty for my folks and respect for the church," Dick said.

Other association members include Dick's brother and sister-in-law, Dave and Lynn Remme, along with Betty Hamann, Ray and Elaine Hansen, Randy and Vicky Smook, Patti and Wes Pierson, Illa Biteler and Kathy Versteeg.

Versteeg is not a former church member, nor did any family members attend the rural church. She and

Church 150th/See page 8



Mavis Fodness photo/0922 Blue Mound Church 150th

The Rev. Gary Klatt, recently retired pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne, blesses the congregation Sunday during the annual service at Blue Mound Lutheran Church.

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## Star Herald to interview School Board candidates for online video profiles

By Lori Sorenson

Eighteen candidates are seeking election to five open seats on the Luverne School Board.

There are 15 seeking election to four open seats with four-year terms.

They are Eric Hartman (the incumbent) Michael DeBates, Heather Johnson, Jason Schear, Amber Lais, Matt Goebel, Amber Nath, Jacob Hartz, Austin Kurtz, Brett Hood, Zach Nolz, Randy Saker, Maggie Siebenahler, Josh Gangestad and Scott Wessels.

Three others are seeking election to an open seat that has two years remaining on the term. They are Ryan DeBates, Maggie Vanderburg and Matthew Van Grootheest.

Following are basic profiles of each person on the

ballot, and the Star Herald will soon start the process of video-recording brief interviews of the candidates who will respond to questions as they would during a live debate or forum.

The video clips will then be shared online for voters to peruse at their leisure.

The Star Herald was asked to host a live forum, but it was determined that time and space for 18 people at once wouldn't allow for a fair expression of views by each candidate.

More information will be announced as the candidate interviews are completed.

Early voting for the 2022 election begins Friday, and voters in local precincts with mail-ballot-only voting will receive their ballots in the mail soon.

There 18 mail ballot precincts in Rock County out of a total of

24 precincts.

According to Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz, people have begun the process of applying for absentee ballots.

"We have quite a queue of both online and paper applications," she said. "So we are asking people to be patient as we work through getting all of those out next week. We'll do them in the order they were received and work through them that way. ... People are obviously ready to vote now,"

There are several races in other Rock County elections, and the Star Herald will profile those candidates in future publications and online.

The Minnesota Secretary of State website, sos.state.mn.us, has details about the candidates on Rock County ballots for the Nov. 8 General Election.

## Voters directed to MNVOTES.gov

Using mnvotes.gov, Minnesotans can register to vote, check their registration, and update their registration on their computer or smartphone.

Early voting will begin on Sept. 23. Minnesota registered voters can request an absentee ballot to vote from home at mnvotes.gov or vote early with an absentee ballot at a local election office.

Registration is especially important for those who live in mail-in ballot precincts. In the 2022 election, more than 150,000 Minnesotans live in areas that vote exclusively by mail — without a local polling place.

Registered voters in these parts of the state will be mailed ballots starting Sept. 23, which must be returned to elections offices by Nov. 8.

In addition to registering to vote, Minnesotans can use mnvotes.gov to learn more about the races on the ballot and where they can vote.

This year voters may notice the races they can vote in, and their polling places, have changed due to redistricting.

In Minnesota, new maps of these district lines were produced by a panel of five judges and released to the public on Feb. 15, 2022.

**Quick Links:**  
View the elections home at <http://mnvotes.gov/>  
Register to vote or update your registration at [mnvotes.gov/register](http://mnvotes.gov/register)  
Request an absentee ballot at [mnvotes.gov/absentee](http://mnvotes.gov/absentee)  
View a sample ballot at [mnvotes.gov/myballot](http://mnvotes.gov/myballot)  
Find your polling place at [mnvotes.gov/pollfinder](http://mnvotes.gov/pollfinder)

## Meet the 18 candidates vying for five seats on the Luverne School Board during the 2022 election



**Eric Hartman** has lived in the district for over 20 years and works as the Rock County Land Management director. His wife is Cheryl, and their children are Caitlyn, 25, and Alex, 21.



**Scott Wessels** has lived in the district for 45 years and works as a DJ and does contract computer work for Christensen Computers in Kanaranzi. His wife is Holly, and their children are Calvin, 33, Christian, 27, Bailey, 24, Cameron, 22, Rylee, 18, and Teegan, 13.



**Heather Johnson** has lived in the district for 14 years. She is production manager and a graphic designer for the Rock County Star Herald and Luverne Announcer. Her husband is Jim, and their children are Burke, 18, Ashlyn, 17, Ryker, 15, and Luella, 12.



**Randy Saker** has lived in the district for 38 years. He works with and operates his own business, Saker Construction. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children, Cody, 22, Lacey, 18, Sawyer, 16, and Layne, 15.



**Jacob Hartz** has lived in the district for all but two years of his life. He owns and operates a small fabrication and repair shop, and he raises outdoor hogs on his family farm. His wife is Amanda, and their children are Jocelyn 11, Jayce, 8, and Jayda, 6.



**Jason Schear** has lived in the district over 15 years and works for the Judicial Branch of Minnesota. He and his wife, Beth, have a blended family of Aidan, 23, Isaiah, 21, Rio, 14, Elias, 14, and Kullen, 9.



**Brett Hood** has lived in the district for 22 years. He works as an electrician at Sieve Electric. His wife is Tori, and their children are Ashton, 16, Jerzey, 12, Tyleigh, 9, and Tenzin, 5.



**Zach Nolz** has lived in the district for almost nine years and is a family medicine physician at Sanford Luverne. His wife is Angela, and their children are Sophia, 11, Rory, 8, and Isabella, 6.



**Amber Lais** has lived in the district her entire life. She works as administrative assistant at the Luverne Chamber office. Her husband is Matt Lais, and their children are Landyn, 15, Dawsyn, 12, and Addisyn, 9.



**Josh Gangestad** has lived in the district for almost 10 years and works for ICS consulting as a field engineer. His wife is Stacy, and their children are Meghan, 20, Jack, 16, and Matthew, 14.



**Austin Kurtz** has lived in the district for 41 years and works as an electrical inspector for the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. His wife is Ashley, and their children are Rylee, 13, and Hayden, 10.



**Maggie Siebenahler** has lived in the district her entire life, except for her four years in college. She and her husband, Nathan, own Subways in Flandreau and Tracy. Their children are Raelyn, 6, Colt, 4, the late Kimber, and Kubbie, 11 months.



**Amber Nath** has lived in the district her entire life and runs an in-home day care business in Luverne. Her husband is Chris, and their children are Courtney, 23, and Gracie, 17.



**Michael DeBates** has lived in the district for more than 50 years and works as a commercial and agriculture loan officer at First Farmers and Merchants National Bank. His wife is Samantha, and their children are Zoë, 21, Phoebe, 17, Audrie, 15, and James, 14.



**Matt Goebel** has lived in the district for 36 years and works as commercial service manager at Frakco in Luverne. His wife is Breanna, and their children are Jenna, 7, Hanna 3, and Tera, 1.



**Ryan DeBates** has lived in the district for about 20 years and is market president for Security Savings Bank in Luverne. His wife is Stacy, and their children are Brody, 21, Jenna, 17, and Trevor, 15.



**Matthew Van Grootheest** has lived in the district for 32 years and works as a crop consultant with Nutrien Ag Solutions in Luverne. His wife is Katie, and their children are Kallista, 7, and Huntley, 3.



**Maggie Vanderburg** has lived in the district since returning "home" with her husband, Joel, in 2016. She works as a stay-at-home mom to their children Hadley, 14, Trinley, 13, Emery, 9, and Kemper 8.

### These three are seeking election to the two-year term

### Correction

In the Sept. 15 story "Remembrance of Luverne's first AFS exchange student," the pastors who were part of the 1957-58 AFS support team for Philippe were the Revs. Wesley Drummond and G.S. Helgeson, immediate predecessors to Wayne Hoffman and Stan Eyberg, who were incorrectly named in last week's Star Herald article as being part of the AFS support team. Apologies from the author Tom Getman.

**Springwater Township Mowing Notice**  
All landowners should have the shoulders mowed by October 1, 2022.  
Springwater Township Board

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## 71 years of 'The Granddaddy of Band Festivals'

Enjoy Saturday's Tri-State Band Festival

My day job is teaching world history and psychology classes to high school students.



### IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

Each year in the second or third week of the school year, I teach about cultural diffusion in world history.

Simply put, cultural diffusion is when one group shares its ideas, technologies and/or ways of life with another group.

We study how this process happened in the earliest civilizations and how it is still happening today.

One needs to only look at the internet, slang language or music to see examples of how ideas spread quickly from one place to another these days.

The use of local or other familiar examples often helps students understand a concept.

For that reason, we also talk about examples of cultural diffusion from Minnesota and even Luverne.

Minnesota examples of cultural diffusion might include duct tape and Post-it Notes, indoor shopping malls and Target, Prince and Bob Dylan music, Tonka Toys and roller blades, Betty Crocker cookbooks and cake mixes, and Arctic Cat and Polaris snowmobiles.

But what about hyper-local examples? What ideas have started in and spread from Luverne?

The example that we often use this time of year is the Tri-State Band Festival.

On Saturday, Luverne will be hosting the band festival for the 71st time.

As far as I know, Tri-State is the oldest high school band festival of its kind in the Upper Midwest, and possibly much farther.

Way back in 1951, local Luverne business leaders had the idea of hosting a parade for area high school bands on a fall Saturday. The goal was to

bring people to Luverne and to support local businesses.

Needless to say, the idea was a good one and it worked. And 71 years later, it's still working.

And as with all good ideas, they are bound to spread. (Thanks to cultural diffusion!)

After seeing what a great idea a high school band festival was, communities such as Waseca, Vermillion, Sioux Falls, Marshall, Sioux City, Brandon, Orange City, and many Twin Cities suburbs have all begun hosting their own band festivals over the years.

Now nearly every Saturday in September and October, multiple communities in the three-state area host band festivals.

Many of these festivals have adapted Luverne's ideas and have come up with some new ideas that have also spread.

Some festivals have become much larger than the Tri-State Band Festival, and some even host their festival on the same day as Tri-State, meaning fewer bands are coming to Luverne on the last Saturday in September than in years past.

Yet, Tri-State endures. Thousands of band members and fans will descend on Luverne Saturday to share and enjoy the hard work of young people who love music.

The Rose Bowl is sometimes called "The Granddaddy of Them All" because it was the first college bowl game and is still continuing today.

I like to think of Tri-State as the "Granddaddy of Band Festivals."

Make sure to take some time this weekend to enjoy our very own Rose Bowl!

## A suicide note from a grieving mother

Thank you for the tributes, but be mindful of the message

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

It warms my heart to see Carson's young friends rallying to remember him and raise money in Carson's name to help others. I love them for this, but I cautioned them against glamorizing Carson's life amid their loss.

We need to avoid the suggestion that suicide is a noble way to escape burdens. Carson was indeed a special soul who had many reasons to live, but he was much like his 20-something friends at a stage in their lives preparing for uncertain futures. They are all special and don't need to die in order to be honored for who they are.

Eli Bakken and Jaden Knips returned Carson's truck Sunday night, and we talked about how to drive the message about suicide prevention. They designed T-shirts sporting Carson's pickup (pictured below), but a mental health logo rests on the sleeve and a hemline statement carries the 988 suicide lifeline number.

They miss Carson and they just want to help, as do I.

But I couldn't help my own son who lived under my own roof and had access to all the opportunities that are supposed to prevent suicide. If Carson couldn't be saved, who can? Many people struggle alone without insurance and without the luxury of family support and

resources.

I don't know how to help, but at the very least, I'm not mincing words about what happened: Carson took his hunting firearm to our north grove and ended his life.

He did this on Tuesday only moments after a noon phone call with Gracie. He said he would start a baling job at 1 p.m., they made plans for Wednesday night dinner and told each other, "I love you," and "See you later."

He left no suicide note and no indication he was planning to leave us. His farming paperwork was on the table with his laptop and checkbook, and he'd gathered some laundry to bring upstairs. ... As if he'd return moments later.

We won't know what happened in his final hour, but we believe something in his brain overpowered what should have been a powerful human will to survive.

The brain's complicated biology allows us to feel good when it's functioning normally. When the delicate balance is off, we feel sick, and it can kill us.

The same is true for diabetes, heart disease or other common illnesses. Left untreated, they also kill, but we routinely treat these conditions. Mental health treatment is far less routine.

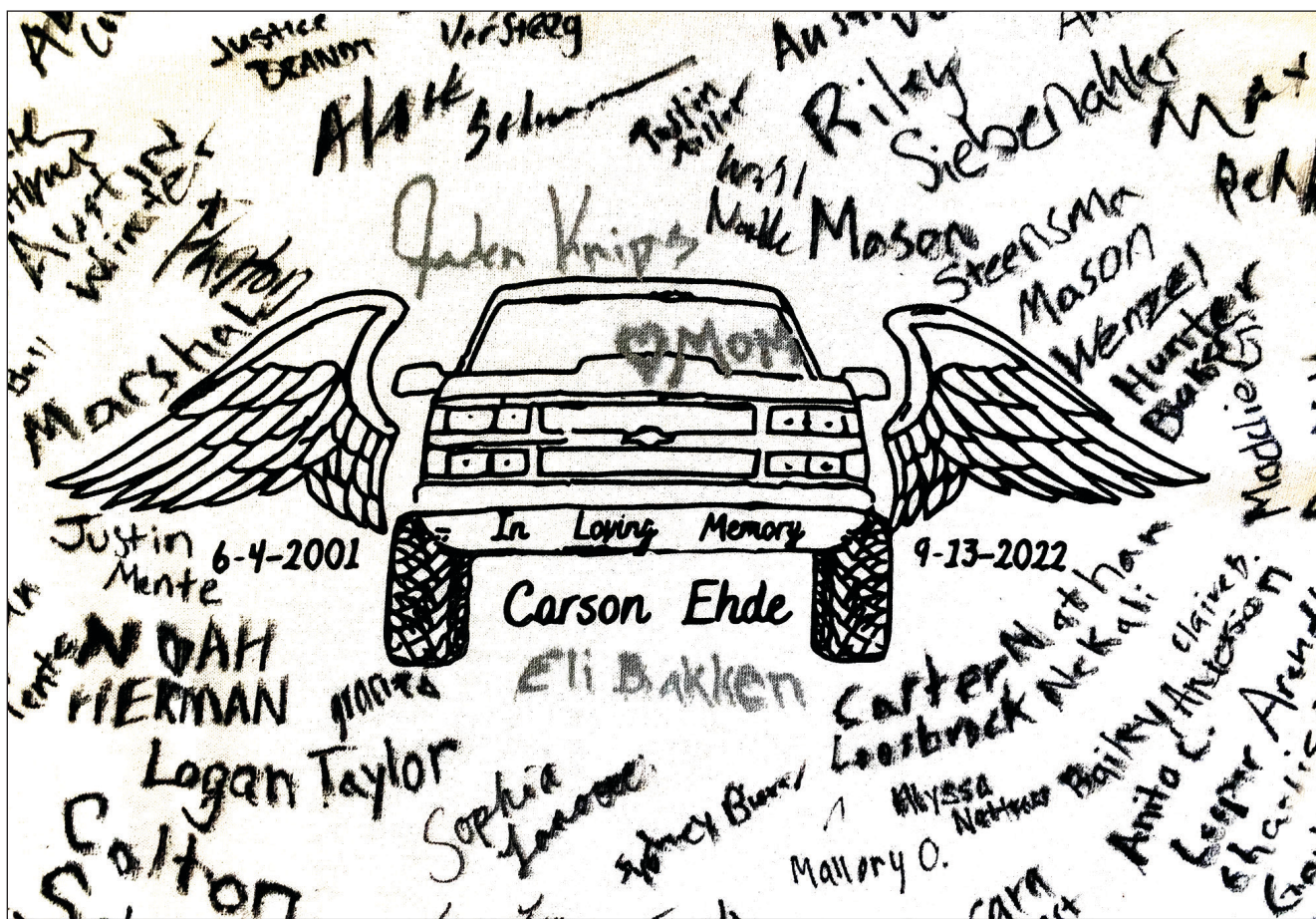
Our local providers are scrambling to keep up with the brain health needs, but our health care system as a whole is ill-equipped to save people who are ashamed to seek help and who face obstacles of poor insurance coverage and a shortage of options.

My hope is that with each tragic loss we — policy makers especially — commit to doing better.

Carson was loved. He knew he was loved... by many people in many ways. He also knew he wasn't feeling well and was getting treatment for his illness. We were doing the best we could with what we had.

For all these reasons we're not asking "what if" or wondering "if only." Now we're just praying for peace and understanding.

— **Lori Sorenson**,  
Star Herald editor  
and mother of Carson Ehde



## Rock County Pheasants Forever banquet coming up Oct. 6 in Luverne

Just a quick heads up to the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Rock County Pheasants Forever banquet just around the corner.

Mark Thursday, Oct. 6, on your calendar. This year's banquet, just like last year's, will be held at Big Top Tents and Events in Luverne. By the way, Big Top Tents and Events has become the "go to" area event center for banquets, weddings, meetings, class reunions, funerals, proms and any other sort of gathering.

There is an ad in today's Star Herald with all the information for the Pheasants Forever event including ticket prices, raffle items, games, over 15 guns to be given away, and date and time of the banquet.



### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

With the Pheasants Forever banquet on the horizon, that means it's time to get the hunting gear out of storage and ready for the opener just a few weeks away.

It seems the ammunition shortage isn't nearly as bad as it was a year ago, but the prices are still way

out of whack.

It's always a crap shoot — at least for me anyway — if my hunting pants will still fit comfortably. It's funny how boots, jacket, socks and gloves all seem to fit year after year, but pants? ... Not so much.

Here's a hunting fashion tip for

you. If you find that your hunting pants maybe a little snug around the midsection, try the "unbutton and conceal" method. Pop the button, loosen the belt, and conceal with a long sweatshirt and say "Ahhhh."

If you didn't oil your boots after last season before you put them away, it's time to do so now. A good, soft, flexible pair of hunting boots is as important as your gun and dog. Speaking about your hunting dog, if you haven't been working with and walking your hunting dog by now, good luck with that.

OK, now comes the most important piece of advice I can give my fellow hunters, at least those with a spouse.

Now is the time to make those new purchases, be it guns, ammo, clothing or boots. Discreetly make your purchases, stow them away so when opening day rolls around and your spouse happens to notice your purchases, you can truthfully say you've had them for a while and they've been in your hunting closet for so long you're not sure how many years you have had them.

If that doesn't work for you ... and this one has for me in the past, I simply tell the wife I won it at the Pheasants Forever banquet.

Get your Rock County Pheasants Forever banquet tickets today, just in case you need a cover story.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

#### Sept. 9

- An outage was reported.
- Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a vulnerable adult.
- Assistance from another department was received on W. Main Street, Hardwick.

#### Sept. 10

- Complainant on 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Luverne, reported a medical issue.
- Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported property was found.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported counterfeit bills were received at location.

- Complainant north of Hardwick on Highway 75 filed a driving complaint.

- Complainant on N. Estey Street reported suspicious activity.

- A civil issue was reported.

#### Sept. 11

- Complainant south-bound on Highway 75 near airport reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an assault.

- Complainant on E. Dodge Street reported suspicious activity.

- Assistance from another department was received on Interstate 90.

- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

#### Sept. 12

- Suspicious activity was reported.

- Complainant on Spring Street reported a civil issue.

- Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported a civil issue.

#### Sept. 13

- Complainant on E. Veterans Drive reported harassing communications.

- Complainant on N. Davidson Street reported motor vehicle theft.

- Complainant on State Highway 23, Garetson, South Dakota, reported a sudden death at location.

- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.

- Assistance from another department

was received on S. Kniss Avenue.

- Complainant on S. Street East, Magnolia, reported suspicious activity.

#### Sept. 14

- Assistance from another department was received in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

- Complainant in Luverne filed a driving complaint.

- Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a noise complaint.

#### Sept. 15

- Assistance from another department was received.

- Complainant reported a scam.
- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on County Road 4, Luverne, reported debris on roadway.

- Complainant on W. Fletcher Street reported property damage at location.

- Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

- Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a civil issue.

- Complainant on W. Warren Street reported a residence check.

#### Sept. 16

- A miscellaneous public assist was filed in Adrian.

- Complainant on W. Edgehill Street reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant at the state park reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on 101<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported suspicious activity.

- Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a noise complaint.

In addition, officers responded to 10 motor vehicle accidents, 1 deer accident, 1 transport, 1 funeral escort, 10 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 8 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 burn permits, 1 driver's license check, 2 gas drive-offs, 5 drug court tests, 2 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 4 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 1 report of cattle out, and 1 follow-up.

## Community Ed offers classes, activities

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

Parents with children ages 0-5 will enjoy the animals and activities at Fall Time Fun at Harmony Gardens on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Registration is required by Sept. 21. Fee is \$10/child.

Kids in the Kitchen (grades K-6) will make fall-themed treats Sept. 29. Fee is \$21.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes for children ages 0-5 is a Community Education program for parents and their children from birth to kindergarten age. It offers information and support to parents and provides activities for parents and children to explore together through classes that meet once a week throughout the school year.

Taking Defensive Driving Classes allows adults 55 years of age and older to save on insurance premiums. The eight-hour beginner Defensive Driving class will be offered on Nov. 7 and 10.

New residents: Census information needed for preschool children. If you are new to the community, please call Community Education with your family information for all children ages 0 up to kindergarten.

# Collecting buttons

## Bremer missing one band festival button — 1956

By Mavis Fodness

Faye Bremer blames the unintended collection of Tri-State Band Festival buttons on her late grandfather.

Walter Greene worked as a bill clerk for the South Dakota Senate. Bremer inherited his bucket full of political campaign buttons and would casually toss the buttons from the Tri-State Band Festivals into the bucket.

In honor of the band festival each year, Bremer displayed her button collection at her business, Salon 75 Hair & Spa. Clients would bring in buttons to add to Bremer's collection.

Sorting through her collection one day, Bremer found she's missing only one — 1956 — in the band festival's 71-year history.

"I didn't mean to collect them," she said. "I just threw them into the political bucket."

Bremer originally thought she was missing two, having not found a 1966 button.

The History Center indicated that the 1965 band festival was canceled due to rain, and the committee decided to use the already-made buttons for the following year.

In 2020 no button was made in light of the event's cancellation due to the pandemic. Face masks were made for the Luverne High School band, who used the last Saturday in September, usually designated for Tri-State Band Festival, as a day for a guest clinician.

A felt banner given to Bremer allows for 55 of the buttons to be displayed. She's contemplating a new way of displaying her collection. She began taking buttons off in anticipation.

The 2022 button takes on a special significance, as her oldest grandson will compete in the festival Saturday.

"I am so proud and excited to see another generation going through the marching program within the family," Bremer said.

"I can't wait to watch him march and watch his parents watch him march. Precious."

### Band Fest/from page 1

The Tri-State Band Festival is one of the longest-running community marching band competitions in the region, according to the Luverne Area Chamber.

Many of the bands, including Luverne, will compete in Saturday evening's Big Sioux Review in Brandon, South Dakota.



Mavis Fodness photo/0922 Tri-State Preview 2022 Sidebar  
Faye Bremer, Luverne, holds a banner with 55 Tri-State Band Festival buttons attached. Bremer unintentionally collected the buttons herself and from her Salon 75 clients. She's missing one — 1956 — and learned no button was made in 1966. The 1965 event was canceled, and those buttons were used the following year.



Since Carson Ehde's Sept. 13 death, his friends have been working on a public message to bring awareness to mental health and suicide. After joining Ehde's family at Saturday's funeral, several posed for an image with a T-shirt they're designing in Ehde's memory that will also carry a message about suicide awareness. Pictured atop the Blue Mounds State Park Saturday are (from left) Brandon Mills, Noah Herman, Marshal Dammann, Chase Overgaard, Quinn Buss, Jaden Knips, Eli Bakken, Mason Steensma, Jordan Winter, Mason Wenzel, Austin Watts-Boll, Justin Mente and Drew Fick. (Submitted photo)

### Carson Ehde, community mourns/continued from page 1

The Rock County coroner was dispatched and confirmed the cause of death.

His mother, Lori Sorenson, indicated that Ehde was concerned about his mental health and was taking steps to improve.

"He knew he was dearly loved, despite the final moment of darkness that

overtook his light," Sorenson shared in her son's memorial.

Since his death, Ehde's friends have been working on a public message to bring awareness to mental health and suicide. They are also raising money to donate to a local cause for suicide prevention. (See Page 4 for more on the re-

sponse to Ehde's death).

Also, the Luverne High School Class of 2020 established a Carson Ehde Memorial Scholarship that will be awarded annually through Luverne Dollars for Scholars.

"Carson had a bright personality that made everyone smile and positively impacted every life he

touched," Andrew Wagner wrote on the online donation platform.

The goal was to raise \$10,000, and the goal was met in three days.

More than 1,000 people attended the Friday night visitation and Saturday funeral at Grace Lutheran Church. See Page 7 for Ehde's complete obituary.

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Mavis Fodness photos/0922 H-BC Coronation 2022

The royal court and class attendants pose with Queen Taylor Huisman (center, left) and King Cody Moser along with (from left) Gracie Fagerness, Olivia Bork, Claire Knobloch, Amallia Ternus, Brynn Rauk, Jenifer Martinyuk, Ely Klosterbuer, Huisman and Moser, Luke Fuerstenberg, Alex Harris, Taylor Frederickson, Brayden Metzger, Carter VandeVoort, Cameron Allen and Eduardo Wegener.

## Huisman, Moser crowned as H-BC queen, king Monday

Hills-Beaver Creek High School seniors Taylor Huisman and Cody Moser (pictured at right) received the queen and king crowns and capes Monday night in coronation ceremonies at the high school in Hills.

Members of the royal court are seniors Ely Klosterbuer, Amallia Ternus, Jenifer Martinyuk, Taylor Frederickson, Luke Fuerstenberg and Alex Harris. Class attendants include juniors Brynn Rauk and Carter VandeVoort, sophomores Gracie Fagerness and Cameron Allen, and freshmen Claire Knobloch and Eduardo Wegener. Master and mistress of ceremonies Brayden Metzger and Olivia Bork. The 2021 H-BC homecoming queen and king, Kenadie Fick and Andrew Harris, presented the crowns to the this year's queen and king.



Taylor Huisman on stage (far right) reacts to student cheers as she receives the queen crown. Pictured on stage from left are Jenifer Martinyuk, Amallia Ternus and Ely Klosterbuer. Pictured in front, from left, are class attendants Claire Knobloch, Gracie Fagerness and Brynn Rauk.

**At right:** Cody Moser (standing, far left) receives the crown from last year's homecoming king Andrew Harris as fellow king nominees (from left) Taylor Frederickson, Luke Fuerstenberg and Alex Harris watch.



Newly crowned homecoming queen and king, Taylor Huisman and Cody Moser pose for audience members as they cheer during Monday's coronation in the Hills-Beaver Creek High School gymnasium.



## CELEBRATIONS

### Open house

**Kayleen Hoeck** will celebrate her 80th birthday with a gathering from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Spring Brook Events Center in Beaver Creek. Food and beverages will be provided.

### Card showers

**Robert (Bob) Fick** will celebrate his 85th birthday on Thursday, Sept. 22. Greetings may be sent to 1479 County Highway 4, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Mabel Overgaard** will celebrate her 95th birthday on Thursday, Sept. 22. Greetings may be sent to 1009 N. Jackson Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, Sept. 26:** Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, peas, bread, dessert.

**Tuesday, Sept. 27:** Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, dinner roll, dessert.

**Wednesday, Sept. 28:** Taco salad with salsa, sour cream, corn chips, apple, dessert.

**Thursday, Sept. 29:** Chicken salad on croissant, cucumbers, tropical fruit, dessert.

**Friday, Sept. 30:** Smothered pork loin, scalloped potatoes, corn, bread, dessert.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Nath publishes book, 'This Will Never Happen...'

Matthew Nath, Luverne, recently published a book, "This Will Never Happen..." which is for sale now.

Nath writes a story about Rhys, a young Christian man, living 25 years in the future under totalitarian rule.

Despite the danger, Rhys finds small ways to find other believers and begin an underground church. Will keeping the secret mean participating in a child's death?

"This Will Never Happen..." is published through Christian Faith Publishing and is available at Barnes & Noble Booksellers and online.

Nath is a 2007 graduate of LHS and lives with his wife, Tracie, and their three children in Luverne. He is a funeral director with Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2012)

•The 108 East Main building (formerly Computer Tutors, formerly Shaw Drug, formerly Laudon Drug) is undergoing renovation to become the new home of Latham Agency Insurance which is presently located across the street at 107 East Main.

The renovation will display unique features of the building including wood floors and a tin tile ceiling.

108 East Main, commonly called "the Shaw building," is owned by the Blue Mound Area Theater (BMAT). Latham Agency Insurance owner Tom Foster plans to move his business into space he will rent from BMAT sometime in October.

### 25 years ago (1997)

•Dave Smith, Luverne, has been hired as the new director of the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce, and ready or not, he's in for a wild ride when he starts duties Oct. 1. ...

With the only two full-time chamber employees gone, Smith enters the stage at a vulnerable time. With such uncertainty ahead, Smith admits it will be hard work, but he said he's not worried. ...

Smith said he looks forward to getting out and meeting all the Chamber members and encouraging new ones. "I want to get a feel from them as to the direction they'd like to see the

Chamber take," he said.

### 50 years ago (1972)

•Principal John Rath this week announced that two Luverne High School students have been named semifinalists in the 1973 National Merit Scholarship program.

Students named were Susan DenHerder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George DenHerder and Deborah Kirby, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Kirby.

The two seniors are among 15,000 semifinalists appointed last week of the nation's most academically talented high school seniors. They will compete for almost 3,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1973.

### 75 years ago (1947)

•Beaver Creek will open its six-man football season Friday against Adrian on the Beaver Creek gridiron.

With only two regulars, Joe Searles, end, and Robert Erickson, quarterback, around which to build his team, Coach C. O. Vincent is having some difficulty in deciding on his starting lineup. However, as things looked the first of the week, Erickson will start at quarterback; Myron Busse and Kenneth Eleesen will play the halfback spots; Searles and Lester Rollag will

begin at the end positions, and Richard Eads will hold down the pivot position.

Donald Matus, Donald Heckt, Allen Edmundson and Roger Bly are other members of the squad, and all will likely see action before the day is over. Kickoff time is scheduled for 2 p.m. D. M Fleming will referee.

### 100 years ago (1922)

•Friday evening marked the close of Rock county's 14<sup>th</sup> annual fair, and all things considered, it was as successful an event as has ever been held in Luverne.

While the total receipts from the sale of admission tickets will not total quite as much as last year, when the fair was held one day longer than usual because of rainy weather, the entertainment features this year were not anywhere near as expensive as last year.

Approximately \$300 worth of season tickets were sold in advance. Wednesday the gate receipts were close to \$400. Thursday they were about \$1,600, and on Friday about \$500. It is estimated that close to four thousand people attended the fair Thursday, and about fifteen hundred Friday.

A year ago the admission receipts were \$2,909, there being 823 paid admissions on Wednesday, 1,434 on Thursday, 2,016 on Friday and 1,867 on Saturday.



## OBITUARIES

### Carson Ehde

Carson William Ehde, 21, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, at his home in Rock County near Garretson, South Dakota.



A memorial service was Saturday, Sept. 17, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial of cremains was in Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Carson Ehde was born on June 4, 2001, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Scott and Lori Ehde, joining his big brother Jonathan. He was baptized in the American Reformed Church in Luverne, where he received his early lessons in faith.

He attended school in Luverne where he was involved in band, choir, tennis and one year of hockey as a "senior rookie." Carson graduated in the "Covid Class" of 2020 and earned his ag business degree from Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was farming with his Grandpa Ehde and was preparing to one day take over the operation.

Carson and his high school friends spent hours working on their trucks and engaging "shenanigans" that made his mother worry.

His recent treasured moments were with his girlfriend Gracie Rozeboom, enjoying quiet times together — making meals, walking the dog, watching movies. He was thrilled to join the Rozeboom family at the Verne Drive-In where he

often manned burgers at the grill. This summer he had asked Gracie's cousin to help him shop for an engagement ring, and the couple were contemplating their next step in life together.

He knew he was dearly loved, despite the final moment of darkness that overtook his light.

Carson is lovingly remembered by Gracie Rozeboom, Luverne; his parents, Lori and Matt Sorenson of rural Garretson, and Scott (Kari Mess) Ehde of Hills; his brother, Jonathan Ehde and special friend, Brittany Landwehr of Sioux Falls; sister, Alexx Sorenson and special friend, Jake Swier of Edgerton; nephew, Colton Gunnink of Edgerton; grandparents, Art and Carol Ehde of Luverne, and Arden and Mary Ellen Sorenson of Jasper; special family, Kevin Rozeboom and grandma Donna Vahey of Luverne; aunts, Lisa (Byron) Pals of Pipestone, Linda Rice of Sioux Falls, Lana (Glen) Grabill of Jackson, Lavelle (Dave) Bobrowsky of Cass Lake, Susie (Rick) Petersen of Brandon, Andrea (Steve) Oye of Luverne, and Mary (Doug) Flier of Valley Springs.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Rachel Kroontje; aunt, Pam (Ehde) Lais; and uncle, Eric Rice.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

(0922 V)

### Delores Brooks

Delores Brooks, 89, Luverne, died Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.



A memorial service was Saturday, Sept. 17, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses near Luverne.

Delores Rose Amelia Poniievskie was born to Frances Poniievskie in Detroit, Michigan, on Jan. 20, 1933.

On Jan. 28, 1957, Delores married Charley Brooks. The couple moved onto a small acreage outside of Magnolia, where they made their home together. They were blessed with five children, Arthur, Wade, Lorna, Elissa and Owen. They moved into Magnolia in 1960, then to Kanaranzi from 1963 to 1974, and finally to Luverne in 1974. For over 40 years, Delores cleaned commercial and residential properties.

On Feb. 13, 1971, Delores was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness. From the time she became a Witness, she zealously shared what she

learned with others. Her faith was very important to her and guided her as she built relationships with those around her.

She loved being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and shared her interests with her family. Delores also

loved to dance, especially the waltz and the polka.

Delores is survived by her children, Elissa Brooks of Luverne and Owen (Vicki Burger) Brooks of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; grandchildren Ashley Skatvold, Whitney Jacobs, Hunter Brooks, Ryder Brooks and Harper Brooks, all of Sioux Falls; and great-grandchildren, Riley Peltier, Austin Peltier, Ava Skatvold, and Lexii Baxter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charley Brooks, and children Arthur Brooks, Wade Brooks and Lorna Brooks.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0922 LHS Homecoming 2022

## Candidates chosen for Luverne High's homecoming; coronation is Monday

Luverne High School students selected ten seniors, two of whom will be crowned king and queen of the 2022 Homecoming. Coronation takes place at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in the school performing arts center. Candidates include (seated, from left) Anja Jarchow, Jocelyn Hart, (standing, center) Parker Carbonneau, Ross Bergman, Elizabeth Wagner, Gannon Ahrendt, Camden Hoven, (back) Averill Sehr, Tyson Cowell and Emma Beyer.

Various LHS Homecoming activities will take place during the week of Sept. 26-30 including a 4:30 p.m. volleyball game Thursday, Sept. 29, against St. James Area and the 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, football game against Worthington.

## Don't mess with nature if you want last year's poinsettia to bloom at Christmas

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

We have reached the fall equinox, which means we have equal day and night hours in a 24-hour period, with the night hours getting progressively longer.

Poinsettia plants understand that means it is time to initiate their flower buds. Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is

the magic time frame for that to happen, and nature never fails in the diminished day length.

So I am saying that if you have kept your poinsettia from last year and want it to be blooming for Christmas, you have to make sure that it gets no artificial light for the next month.

With nature, when it gets

dark, it stays dark until dawn ...no exceptions. But obviously the plant still gets sunlight during the day. So if you turn on the light in a room where the poinsettia is sitting, you just messed up the schedule and probably confused the poor plant.

I have never checked how forgiving they are, but there are consequences to messing

with nature.

We have moved from the early apple crop to mid-season varieties, which means we can expect better flavor, texture and length of storage.

Late varieties are the top tier in that department. That doesn't mean the other varieties aren't good. It just

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Doris Kemerling

Doris Kemerling, 86, Luverne, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, at the Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne.

A private family burial of cremains will take place at a later date. (0922 DN)

### Manning Churchill

Manning K. Churchill, age 5, died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022, at his home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

Memorials are preferred. Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0922 DN)

### Deborah Taubert

Deborah "Debbie" Taubert, 87, Beaver Creek, died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center in Luverne.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at First Evangelical Free Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (2601 West 69<sup>th</sup> Street), with a private family burial in Pleasant View Cemetery, rural Luverne.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0922 DN)

*Thank you!*

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the following churches, ministries and area businesses for making this workshop possible. Through your donations we were able to make this a free event for our community!

Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped plan and work the event. It was a HUGE success! Thank you all for being a part of encouraging and building up families to make a positive impact in our area!

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## Nutcracker dedication features three artists' works/continued from page 1

a part of their farming family," he said.

Maize is located at the corner of Redbird Road and East Main Street.

Jen Huisman created "Patriot" in homage to those who serve in the military, especially the women who served in World War II.

Instead of painting, Huisman, who taught art at Ellsworth High School, used an assemblage technique with pictures of her grandparents, war posters and other vintage images she gathered from the Library of Congress and from the Internet "glued" together in the design.

Three of the pictures are of her grandparents.

"Both are World War II veterans," she said. "I remember my mom trying to find ways to honor my grandmother in her later years of life as a veteran and there weren't many tributes to the women of World War II."

Huisman said the assemblage technique allowed her to work with her hands and feel the objects as she moved them into place. She was experiencing a temporary loss of her eyesight at the time and found painting difficult.

Assemblage was a good alternative.

"The sense of building something and placing tactile objects inspires my creative process," she said.

Patriot is located at the corner of West Main and Estey streets.

Janine (Anderson) Brands used her talent influenced by her older brother, Terry, and her former high school art teacher, Kim Schmidt, to create "Solitude," which depicts her passion for the outdoors and the peaceful feelings it brings to her.

She was inspired by the buffalo as her primary design, and she included Sioux quartzite rock and the prairie plants of the Blue Mounds State Park on her nutcracker.

"The Blue Mounds are just gorgeous to me," Brands said.

She added a lone wolf and an eagle to the nutcracker's back side as influences of people close to her. She also included a weed growing from a crack on top of one of the nutcracker's feet. The weed



**Left:** Jen Huisman strikes a "We Can Do It" pose with her "Patriot" nutcracker at Sunday's dedication ceremony. The nutcracker is located at the corner of Main and Estey streets in Luverne. **Right:** Kim Schmidt unveils the plaque that describes "Maize," his whimsical design in celebration of the area's rich agricultural history. **Below:** LIFT's destination development committee chairman Tony Schomacker (right) introduces Janine Brands and the nutcracker design she calls "Solitude" at the dedication ceremony and reception that followed at the History Center in Luverne.



Mavis Fodness photos/0922 Nutcracker Dedication



is in honor of her late father, Ray Anderson.

"He would have been driven nuts by not being

able to pull that weed out," she said.

Brands' nutcracker is located in front of the His-

tory Center on East Main Street.

The public sculpture project is a privately funded

partnership with the support of the Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow and the city of Luverne.

## Church 150th/continued from page 2

her late husband, Nolan, farmed a half mile east of the church.

As neighbors, they attended the Blue Mound Lutheran Church's annual service and felt welcomed.

"We knew the people there," she said.

When Nolan died in 2013, he had chosen to be

buried in the Blue Mound Cemetery, which can be seen from his former farmyard.

Blue Mound Lutheran is no longer just for former members but for anyone who celebrates God and all his goodness.

Dick Remme encouraged young people at Sunday's service to find it in their hearts

to continue the cemetery association and keep the church and cemetery viable for future generations.

"We are not young anymore," he said. "There aren't any qualifications (for association membership)."

Those who are association members see that the

church is worth preserving.

"There is something special about Blue Mound Lutheran," said Dolly Remme. "The Lord has looked over the church. It looks just like it did when we left it in 1976. It's a wonderful, peaceful place."

Those attending the Sunday service were invited

to share memories before moving to the church basement for a catered meal.

Tom Solberg received a round of applause for sharing of an observation.

"This is a beautiful location and a beautiful church, but what makes it special is the people," he said.

## Poinsettias/ from page 7

means we can expect some really great apples in October.

It is interesting that some of the best-flavored apples are available only at local orchards and markets. They are not grown commercially for the larger grocery stores.

Honey Gold is one of those varieties, as are Fireside, Connell Red and Regent. These are apple varieties worth the hunt if you are looking for amazing flavor.

I have been observing older, mature spruce and pine trees looking pretty tough this summer. Lots of dead branches and even entire trees are giving evidence of stress from the drought they have tried to endure for the last three summers.

Evergreen trees and shrubs do not have a deep root system as is the case with most deciduous trees. The lack of rainfall and resulting dry top soil is disastrous and the basis for the stress for these trees. Going into winter not adequately hydrated means needle burn from both the sun and wind.

We have had some rainfall lately which helps temporarily, but if replenishing the moisture in the top soil doesn't happen naturally during October, I strongly advise watering those evergreens to help them survive the winter.

*Bonnema is a gardening enthusiast and former greenhouse owner. He can be reached at flowergb@iw.net..*

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by his cousin to come to the United States, so he decided he would make a trip over to see if he liked it well enough to go there to live with his family. After being here a year, he sent the family money and told them to come.

"The first few days out of port were as beautiful as I have ever seen," Mrs. Brauer recalled. "I'll never forget how the band would go on deck and play every morning at sunrise. When we had been at sea several days, there arose a great storm, and none of us were permitted to leave our rooms. I'll never forget the people on board. Some were crying, others were playing and still others were singing. The storm did considerable damage to the ship, but it didn't go down, and we finally reached America."

The trip, made on the "Karlsruhe," required 18 days.

Recalling the portion of her life when she lived in Germany, Mrs. Brauer stated that until her father remarried, she, being the oldest of the girls, helped her grandmother keep house when she was not attending school. School in those days was for children eight to 14. After the age of 14, everybody went to work.

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## Cardinals blitz Windom in weather-shortened football game

Score 36-0 as second half canceled

By John Sichmeller  
For the Star Herald

The Luverne Cardinals football team upped their record to 2-1 after defeating the Windom Eagles in a shortened game Thursday night in Luverne.

The Cardinals raced out to a 36-0 halftime lead, and just 18 seconds into the second half the game was stopped due to lightning. Both coaches mutually agreed to call the game final, giving the Cardinals the 36-0 win.

The story of the night was the resurgence of the Cardinal offense. After starting the season with 21 first-half points against Redwood Valley, the Cardinals had gone scoreless in six straight quarters heading into Thursday night's game. The Luverne offense utilized several big plays enroute to a 29-point opening quarter versus the Eagles.

"It was really fun. We started off hot in Redwood and then the offense had a few rough spots in the Jackson game," said junior quarterback/tight end Connor Connell.

"This week I think we focused on getting everybody involved and taking care of the football. We knew we were the more physical team, we just had



Cardinal Tyson Cowell wraps up the Windom Eagles player at the line of scrimmage at the Thursday night, Sept. 15, game in Luverne. Luverne cruised to a 36-0 lead in the first half with the second half called due to lightning.

Photo by CD/0922 LHS Football

to execute."

The Cardinals were able to keep the Eagles guessing early in the game as three different players contributed plays for more than 20 yards on the Luverne opening drive.

Taking over at their 20-yard line, the Cardinals got their first big play when Connell connected with senior wide receiver Gannon Ahrendt on a 25-yard passing play. On the next

play senior running back Tyson Cowell broke free for a 25-yard gain. On the next play, Connell ran for 21 yards, bringing the Cardinals to the Windom 5-yard line. Two plays later the Cardinals scored their first touchdown of the game when Connell's pass found senior running back Kaleb Hein for a 3-yard touchdown catch. Sophomore quarterback Carter Sehr was able to find Ahrendt in

the end zone on the two-point conversion, giving the Cardinals an 8-0 lead with 9:30 to go in the first quarter.

The Cardinal defense started strong as well, as senior defensive lineman Zachary DeBoer was able to sack the Windom quarterback on the first play for a loss. After the Eagles failed to move the ball on their next two plays, they were forced to punt the

ball back to the Cardinals, and Luverne took over on their own 24-yard line.

Just two plays later, the Cardinals got back in the end zone when junior running back Gavin DeBeer took the second down handoff and broke free down the right side of the field for a 76-yard touchdown run. Patrick Kroski's point-after kick was good, and the Cardinals upped their lead to

15-0 with 7:11 left in the first quarter.

After another successful defensive stop, the Cardinal offense would continue to rack up big plays. Connell was able to complete a pass to Hein for 25 yards on first down, and on the ensuing first down Connell ran for 18 yards and another Cardinal touchdown. Kroski's extra point kick was good, and the Cardinals led the Eagles 22-0 with 5:04 left in the first quarter.

Windom once again went three and out on their offensive possession and punted the ball back to Luverne. It took the Cardinals just three plays before they were back in the end zone after Sehr threw a beautiful pass over a Windom defender and into the arms of Connell for a 29-yard score. After another successful Kroski kick, Luverne was up 29-0 with 1:45 to go in the opening quarter.

Both defenses held strong to start the second quarter, but the Cardinals got one more big play from Connell to cap the scoring for the night. Taking over at the Windom 48-yard line, Connell broke free and ran down the right side of the field for his third touchdown of the night. Kroski connected on the extra point to bring the lead to 36-0 with 5:01 remaining in the second quarter.

Neither team scored

**LHS football, go to 10**

## Patriots keep football record intact; team moves to 3-0 on the season

The Hills-Beaver Creek football team continued their winning ways Friday night with a convincing 42-14 victory over the Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda Coyotes to move to 3-0 on the season. The Coyotes fell to 0-3 in the loss on their home field.

The Patriots jumped out to an early 14-0 lead after the first quarter. The Pates' first touchdown came on an 18-yard pass from Sawyer Bosch to Brock Harnack with 4:31 remaining in the first quarter.

Later in the first period, Bosch completed a 28-yard pass to Justin Roelfs for a touchdown. Bosch's two-point conversion run brought the score to 14-0 in favor of the Patriots after one period of play. Both first quarter touchdowns were set up by the Patriot defense with stops on the Coyotes' fourth-down plays.

In the second quarter the Patriots' defense continued consistent play, coming up with two pass interceptions by Justin Roelfs, a fumble recovery by Cole Rozeboom, a sack by Brayden Metzger and a forced

punt on fourth down. The Patriots' offense added six points on a 67-yard run by Roelfs to take a 20-0 halftime lead.

In the third period Bosch scored a touchdown on a one-yard run, and Roelfs added to the Patriots' total points with a seven-yard run. Riley Tatge hauled in a two-point conversion to make the score 34-0 going into the fourth period.

The HLO/F Coyotes scored twice on 3-yard runs in the fourth quarter, adding one two-point conversion pass, to put 14 points on the board.

H-BC came back with a score of their own when Jamin Metzger ran the ball 57 yards to the end zone. Mason Shaffner took the two-point conversion run over the goal line to make the final score Patriots 42, Coyotes 14.

Coach Metzger sang his team's praises after the game. "Our O-line and D-line played well against HLOF's size up front," he said. "They loaded the box and we (offensively) were able to complete a couple of

early plays, which was big."

The 3-0 Patriots will play next Friday in the annual Homecoming game. The 0-3 Westbrook-Walnut Grove Chargers will come to Hills for the 7 p.m. kickoff.

**Team statistics:**  
H-BC – 245 rushing yards, 116 yards, 361 total yards, 17 first downs, three penalties for 25 yards, one turnover.  
HLOF – 131 yards rushing, 136 yards passing, 267 total yards, 13 first downs, six penalties for 45 yards, three turnovers.

**Individual statistics:**  
Rushing: Roelfs 7-99, Bosch 16-58, Jamin Metzger 1-57, Shaffner 3-15, Brock Harnack 1-6, Beau Bakken 2-6, James VandenBosch 1-4.  
Passing: Bosch 9-15 for 113 yards, two TDs, one interception.  
Receiving: Roelfs 4-80, one TD, Harnack 1-18, one TD, Riley Tatge 1-17, Micah Bush 1-3, Cooper Gehrke 1-1, James VandenBosch 2-minus 3.  
Defense:  
Cooper Gehrke 5.5 tackles, Riley Tatge 5 tackles 1.5 TFL, Cole Rozeboom 4.5 tackles 1 TFL, Jackson Gacke 4.5 tackles .5 TFL, Brock Harnack 4 tackles, Jack Moser 1.5 TFL, Brayden Metzger 1.5 TFL, Justin Roelfs 2 Interceptions.



Samantha McGaffee photo/0922 H-BC Volleyball

Freshman Ella Sammons fires a kill over the net Thursday night, Sept. 19, in a home game in Hills against Westbrook-Walnut Grove, who took the match over the H-BC Patriots 3-0.

## H-BC swept by SWC and WWG

By Joni Deelstra  
for the Star Herald

The Hills-Beaver Creek Lady Pates dropped two volleyball matches in regular season action last week.

H-BC took on the Southwest Minnesota Christian Eagles in Edgerton Tuesday, Sept. 13, and came away with a loss in three matches, 19-25, 14-25

and 16-25.

In a match at home against Westbrook-Walnut Grove, Thursday, Sept. 15, H-BC fell short 13-25, 18-25, 17-25.

The Patriots will host MLA-C on Tuesday, Sept. 20, in Hills.

**H-BC volleyball, go to 11**

## Girls' tennis team continues court domination

Moves record to 10-2 for the season

By Susan Beers  
For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' tennis team ended the week with a 5-2 win over the Worthington Trojans Tuesday, Sept. 13, and a loss to Sioux Falls Lincoln JV by a score of 4-3 Monday, Sept. 19.

With the split for the week, the Cardinals' record now stands at 10-2 on the season.

The LHS match scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, against Pipestone was postponed due to rain and will be made up on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The Cardinals will host St. James Area and Redwood Valley on

Sept. 20 and 22 respectively.

"This next week will be a tough one," said Beers. "St. James is a very strong team every year and will be a great test for us."

**Luverne 5, Worthington 2**

LHS won two of the four singles matches and all three doubles matches for the 5-2 win against Worthington.

In singles action, Roselynn Hartshorn won her match 6-0, 6-0 over Taylor Nordseth at No. 2 singles.

At No. 4 singles, Cassi Chesley also took every game of her match against Chloe Martinez 6-0, 6-0.

Rayann Remme lost to Brooke Nordseth in a very close match, 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 at No. 1 singles, and Morgan Hadler also came up short in a close match against Taya Oberloh, 3-6, 6-2, 10-4 at No. 3 singles.

"All the singles players did an outstanding job," said LHS coach Jon Beers. "Roselynn and Cassi both won without losing a game in either match. Rayann and Morgan both split the first two sets to force a third set tie-breaker."

In doubles play Sarah Stegenga and Katharine Kelm defeated Hannah McNab and Riely Nickel 6-1, 6-0 in No. 1 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, Tori Hemme and Priscilla Muehr won 6-4, 6-0 over Bryn Donkersloot and Savannah Rodriguez, and Augusta Papik and Caitlin Kindt defeated Sadie Nickel and Taylor Michelson 6-0, 6-0.

"All three doubles teams continue to play really well together," Beers said. "They are so much fun to watch right now."

**Girls' tennis, go to page 11**





Photo by CD/0922 LHS Football

Luverne High School senior Gannon Ahrendt catches a pass for a first down against the Windom Eagles Thursday night, Sept. 15, at Cardinal Field. The game was stopped at the beginning of the third quarter due to lightning with the score at 36-0, which became final after both coaches agreed to call the game due to the weather.

## LHS football/from page 9

in the remainder of the half, and the Cardinals took a 36-0 lead into halftime.

Windom received the ball to start the second half, but the teams would only get three plays in before lighting was spotted by the officials and the teams were directed to leave the field. Both coaching staffs met during the delay and agreed to end the game with Luverne winning 36-0.

After his big night on offense, Connell was also happy to see the improvement that his team is showing on the defensive side of the ball as they move throughout the season.

"The main things we have improved on are alignment and knowing what our leverage is and where our help is coming from on defense," Connell said after the game.

"We have also gotten more physical, especially this week, which has helped us in short yardage situations."

The Cardinals' next game will be on the road versus New Ulm on Friday night. Game time is 7 p.m.

### Team statistics:

Luverne: 289 rushing yards, 82 passing yards, 371 total yards, 15 first downs, 6 penalties for 55 yards, 0 turnovers.

Windom: 1 rushing yards, 87 passing yards, 88 total yards, 3 first downs, 2 penalties for 10 yards, 1 turnover.

### Individual statistics:

Rushing: Conner Connell 5-105 (2 TD), Gavin DeBeer 1-76 (1 TD), Kaleb Hein 8-69, Tyson Cowell 1-25, DJ Rock 4-18

Passing: Conner Connell 3-5, 53 yards (1 TD). Carter Sehr 1-1, 29 yards (1 TD).

Receiving: Conner Connell 1-29 (1 TD), Kaleb Hein 2-28 (1 TD), Gannon Ahrendt 1-25

Defense: Conner Connell 5 tackles, Zachary DeBoer 2 tackles, Gavin Baum 2 tackles, Anyuon Atem 2 tackles

# Cardinals compete at Mayo cross country invitational

*DeBates earns second-place finish; best Cardinal performance*

### By Sara Schmuck For the Star Herald

The girls' and boys' Luverne cross country teams participated in the Mayo Invitational in Rochester Thursday, Sept. 15.

The Luverne girls' varsity ran to a remarkable fifth place finish. Teams placing ahead of Luverne include Stillwater Area in first, Eastview placing second, Rochester Century coming in third, and Owatonna earning fourth.

Jenna DeBates placed highest for Luverne at the meet with a second-place finish in 18:31.47 on the 2.95-mile course. The course is one of the more challenging courses the team will run, according to

coach Pete Janiszkeski.

"If we run good times on that course, we know we will be able to run much faster on different courses and at the end of the season," Janiszkeski said.

"We go to Rochester to get the kids in a big meet atmosphere prior to our post season meets," he said. "It gives us a chance to go against some bigger schools and pretty talented individuals."

### Other girls' varsity results:

Ella Schmuck, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 19:59.70  
Khloe Visker, 38<sup>th</sup>, 20:35.16  
Grace Ingebretsen, 70<sup>th</sup>, 21:30.43  
Kayla Bloemendaal, 78<sup>th</sup>,

21:50.44  
Tiana Lais, 102<sup>nd</sup>, 23:04.44

### Luverne boys' varsity

**2.95 mile: eighth place**  
Camden Janiszkeski, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15:55.16  
Owen Janiszkeski, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15:55.88  
Carsen Tofteland, 63<sup>rd</sup>, 17:38.41  
Leif Ingebretson, 64<sup>th</sup>, 17:42.42

### Girls' Junior Varsity

**2.95 mile:**  
Olivia Lund, 31<sup>st</sup>, 23:38.25  
Grace Kempema, 36<sup>th</sup>, 23:55.78  
Reinha John, 67<sup>th</sup>, 25:11.93

### Boys' Junior Varsity,

**2.95 mile: 11<sup>th</sup> place**  
Dylan Ommen, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 19:41.53

Isaac DeBates, 105<sup>th</sup>, 20:39.52  
Riley Ripka, 192<sup>nd</sup>, 23:53.87

### Girls' Junior High 2,500 meters: fifth place

Mariah Knorr, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:44.04  
Jaina Fountain, 35<sup>th</sup>, 13:48.97  
Andrea Luitjens, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 14:26.92  
Maddy Schepel, 50<sup>th</sup>, 16:57.92

### Boys' Junior High, 2,500 meters:

Marcus Papik, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:55.44  
Zander Fountain, 63<sup>rd</sup>, 13:20.12



Photo by CD/0922 LHS Volleyball

LHS senior Carly Olson makes a dig Thursday night, Sept. 15, in a home game against the Windom Eagles. The Cardinals took the match 3-2. Next up for the girls' team is Redwood Falls Tuesday night in an away game.

## Luverne volleyball moves to 10-3

*Team takes silver bracket win at Saturday's Jackson tournament*

### By Stacy Olson For the Star Herald

The Luverne girls' volleyball team improved their record to 10 wins and three losses this week with a win over Windom on Thursday and two wins and one loss at the Jackson Invitational on Saturday.

The Cardinals traveled to Redwood Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 20, and meet the Pipestone Arrows in Pipestone on Thursday, Sept. 22.

### Luverne 3, Windom 2

The Luverne girls' volleyball team hosted Windom on Thursday, Sept. 15. Windom came out strong in the first game and outscored Luverne 25-15.

Luverne made adjustments and took Game 2 from the Eagles 25-22.

The Cardinals also took the third game with a score of 25-17 but fell to Windom 20-25 in Game 4.

Facing a Game 5 play-off, the Cardinals rose to the challenge with a win, 15-12, to improve their record to 7-2 on the season.

Leading at the service line were Christina Wagner with 18 of 19 completed serves and two aces and

Emma Beyer with 18 of 18 serves completed and two aces.

Anja Jarchow and Karmyrn Van Batavia had a big night at the net with 11 and 10 kills respectively.

Tori Serie also helped at the net with six block assists and one solo block.

Elizabeth Wagner contributed to the win with four block assists and one solo block.

Beyer recorded 26 set assists, and Averill Sehr also charted 17 set assists on the night.

Carly Olson led the Cardinals with 23 digs, and Jarchow contributed 16 digs.

### Jackson tournament

The Cardinals traveled to Jackson on Saturday, Sept. 17, and won the silver bracket.

Luverne played three games against Red Rock Central. The Cardinals won the first game 25-22, dropped Game 2, 15-25, and took Game 3, 15-10.

Luverne faced Worthington in the next match and lost the first game 21-25. The Cardinals came back to win Game 2, 25-21, but dropped Game



Senior Averill Sehr sets the ball for teammates Thursday night, Sept. 15, in a home game against the Windom Eagles.

3, 13-15.

In the third match, Luverne faced Triton. The Cardinals won the first game, 25-18, dropped a close Game 2 with a score of 27-29 and came back with a win, 15-9.

Luverne faced New Ulm in the last match, sweeping them in two games with scores of 25-20 and 25-19.

No stats were taken during the tournament.

# SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

## Gavin Reisch

**Sport:** Football  
**Parents:** Josh and Sue Reisch  
**What I like most about Football:** Getting to play football with my boys.  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Hockey and baseball.  
**Favorite Class:** Media Productions



## Tiana Lais

**Sport:** Cross Country  
**Parents:** Mark and Kari Lais  
**What I like most about Cross Country:** My teammates and coaches.  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Track and Field, Gymnastics, Choir and Peer Helping.  
**Favorite Class:** Peer Helping



## Riley Sneller

**Sport:** Football  
**Parents:** Robert and Angela Sneller  
**What I like most about Football:** Being with the team every day and seeing friends I don't see often during the school day.  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Basketball, Baseball and Peer Helping.  
**Favorite Class:** Media Productions



## Katharine Kelm

**Sport:** Tennis  
**Parents:** Sandra Kelm and Joel Kelm  
**What I like most about Tennis:** Getting to practice and play tennis with my friends.  
**Other extracurricular activities/hobbies:** Figure Skating  
**Favorite Class:** English



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Roselynn Hartshorn hits a backhand against her Sioux Falls Lincoln JV opponent Monday afternoon at the Luverne High School courts. Hartshorn, filling in at No. 1 singles for Rayann Remme, who was out with an injury, fell in a close match 5-7, 7-5, 10-7. The Cardinals dropped the match 3-4 to Lincoln.

## Girls' tennis team in action again Tuesday/from page 9

### Sioux Falls Lincoln JV 4, Luverne 3

In the match against Sioux Falls Lincoln JV, Luverne won all three doubles matches but was defeated in all four singles matches for the 4-3 loss.

Stegenga and Kelm defeated Lily Statema and Kathryn Jerstad 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1 doubles. At No. 2 doubles, Hemme and Muehr topped

Emma Southwick and Lily Jones 6-4, 4-6, 10-8, and Papik and Kindt finished 3-0, injury default over Kienia Halvorson and Olivia Chedester.

In singles play, LHS had to change their lineup due to an injury to No. 1 singles player Rayann Remme. Hartshorn lost 5-7, 7-5, 10-7 to Angela Ge at No. 1 singles.

At No. 2 singles, Hadler was beaten by Akino Naoe 6-2, 6-0.

Chesley lost to Maddy Reents 3-6, 6-4, 10-1 at No. 3 singles, and Emma Nath lost 6-2, 6-1 to Laura Ge at No. 4 singles.

"Roselyn and Cassi both played great matches, both losing third set tie-breakers. I feel that these matches will help them when we get to our sectional tournament," said Beers. "All the doubles teams played great once again."

# Part 1 of dog training series begins with forms of obedience

I promised a while back to share with you my four-part series on dog training obedience and some more advanced training that you can accomplish on your own if you choose to do so.

I will start this conversation with a variety of quotes I have coined over my 25 years of training experience:

- If you don't mind a dog that barks a little bit, you'll have a dog that barks a little bit.

- The dog will perform to exactly the owner's level of expectation of the dog.

- In order to have an obedient and compliant dog, the dog must actually know it is a dog and not a child.

- Anyone can train their own dog successfully if they want to.

I cannot count the number of dogs that I have trained to complete a calm and easy walk with their owners. This is the most rudimentary training and can be done with very little effort. It amazes me the number of owners who will tolerate just about any behavior in their dog and then think that this is just the way it has to be. Not true!

Let's start with my definition of obedience. In my world there are two distinct kinds of obedience. The first one I refer to as the Scotch Post-it Note obedience. This is where the dog can perform low level routine tasks with some level of success as long as there are absolutely no other distractions. You can interact with the dog in the backyard by yourself and they seem to do OK. Imagine writing the word obedience on a Scotch Post-it Note and then sticking it to your dog's fur. It might stay there as long as the wind does not blow or a few drops of rain don't fall. If there is no physical exertion by the dog, the obedience note will stay attached. No other dogs can be seen or heard.

The second form of obedience is the "soak a sponge in a bucket" obedience. Take a bucket and fill it with imaginary liquid obedience. Then take



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By Scott Rall  
Outdoors columnist

the dog, in this case the sponge, and submerge it in the bucket. Obedience soaks into every crack and crevice of the object, that being the dog, and it would take a very long time for the liquid to evaporate and lose the obedience it once contained.

Obedience is a skill the dog learns, and that needs to be refreshed on a regular basis. My four dogs each get a planned and scheduled obedience refresher about every three weeks or so. These planned training efforts, special time set aside just for the distinct purpose, happen less often in the fall when we are hunting almost every day, and the opportunity to refresh obedience happens on a very regular basis.

So, what does it take to train your own dog? There are only two requirements and they are No. 1, a little time, and No. 2, lots of commitment. It does not take two hours a day to train a dog. For basic obedience and intro level hunting, it takes about 15 minutes per day.

When you start a formal obedience program, you need to make a commitment for these 15 minutes a day for about 30-45 days. This done correctly is not one day this week and

one day next week for 45 weeks. It is 15 minutes per day for 90 percent of a continuous 30-45 days.

A puppy, or any dog for that matter, builds on what it has learned each day, and multiply this education and experience with repetition over time. If you start on a Lego project and add a brick, it still looks small, but over time you can build the Star Ship Enterprise. Training a dog is no different. It is my belief that if you are making progress and then take five days off, the animal will actually lose a little of what it had learned and then you need to put those building blocks back in place before you can advance further.

There is one last thing I feel is important for you to know before you start any formal obedience program. A dog is not a radio or other electronic device. They do not turn on and off in an instant. When you are playing, then play. When you are training, you are training and not playing.

It is not playing fair with the dog to have it all wound up playing fetch, (the radio on at full volume) and then think you can shut that dog down to rock-solid statue status (radio turned off, no volume) in two seconds.

When I am playing with the dog, I use a voice that is high and upbeat. When I am training, I use a voice tone that is much lower and has no excitement in it. I will attach the leash and say something like, OK Ghost, it is time to go training. The dog will immediately sense your seriousness by the tone of your voice.

When the training is over, I release the dog with an exuberant "OK," and this tells the dog that training is over and it's back to playing fetch.

(Parts 2-4 in coming weeks.)  
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## H-BC volleyball/from page 9

### SWC 3, H-BC 0

The Patriots traveled to Edgerton to take on the Southwest Minnesota Christian Eagles Sept. 13.

H-BC struggled with service receive, and the Pates were unable to stop SWC's power hitters.

In the first set, Brynn Rauk, Olivia Bork and Layla Deelstra each contributed points with ace serves.

H-BC tied the score at 4-4, 9-9 and 12-12.

SWC had several serve errors that kept the score close, but SWC was able to pull away and took the first set 25-19.

Lanae Elbers started Set 2 strong with a block and then a kill to tie the score 4-4. Elbers then added an ace serve followed by a kill from Ella Sammons to tie it again 6-6. Sammons and Taylor Huisman added a doing block after SWC went on a run, bringing the score to 15-8.

SWC went on to win Set 2 by a score of 25-14.

Elbers served another ace to begin the third set and gave H-BC the lead 5-4. A push to the back by Huisman kept them in the lead 11-10.

SWC then took the lead and finished the third and final set 25-16.

#### Individual statistics:

Lanae Elbers: six kills, one solo block, two ace serves

Brynn Rauk: five set assists, 8/8 serving with three ace serves, three digs

Malli Ternus: five set assists, two blocks

Layla Deelstra: 8/9 serving with one ace serve, four kills, six digs

Larissa Steinhoff: 9/9 serving, four kills, three digs

### WWG 3, H-BC 0

The Patriots met Westbrook-Walnut Grove at home Thursday, Sept. 15.

WWG got out to an early lead in the first set and had no problem keeping that lead.

A pass from Larissa Steinhoff, set by Brynn

Rauk, and kill by Lanae Elbers gave H-BC their first score 1-4. Layla Deelstra and Steinhoff both tallied a couple of kills before WWG finished the set 13-25.

H-BC started the second set out strong. A double block by Deelstra and Elbers followed by two serves from Rauk gave H-BC the early lead 4-0. Grace Anderson, who played a strong back row throughout the night, had a pass to setter Malli Ternus, who set Steinhoff up to add to the score 8-3.

Deelstra and Elbers both added a kill to continue to keep the lead 10-7.

WWG fought back to tie the score 13-13 and kept the lead after that.

Another pass by Anderson, with a set by Olivia Bork, set Steinhoff up for a kill. Taylor Huisman added a kill and Steinhoff had an ace serve, but H-BC fell short, 18-25.

Elbers started H-BC out strong in the third set with a block, a tip and an ace serve to give them the lead 6-3. Huisman added a kill followed by a double block alongside Ella Sammons to keep the lead 10-8. Deelstra and Elbers scored off kills, and Rauk added a tip-over 14-12.

WWG tied the score at 14-14 and took over from there.

Steinhoff, Sammons, and Huisman all tallied points from kills before the game ended with the Pates coming up short at 17-25.

#### Individual statistics

Lanae Elbers: 6 kills, 9/10 serving with 1 ace, 2 blocks

Larissa Steinhoff: 8 kills, 6/6 serving with 1 ace, 5 digs

Layla Deelstra: 5 kills, 5/6 serving with 1 ace, 10 digs

Grace Anderson: 9/9 serving, 13 digs

Brynn Rauk: 11/12 serving with 2 aces, 8 set assists

Olivia Bork: 7/7 serving, 10 set assists

Ella Sammons: 5 solo blocks, 2 kills

## DNR encourages deer hunters to open archery season with a plan

Minnesota's archery deer season opened Sept. 17, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is encouraging hunters to make a plan for the season by considering safety, hunting regulations, chronic wasting disease and steps they need to take to process their deer.

"The start of fall is an exciting time for hunters who are looking forward to deer season," said Barbara Keller, DNR big game program leader.

"Because regulations and CWD testing requirements can change year to year, it's critical for hunters to think ahead and make a plan for a safe, successful and enjoyable season," she said.

Hunters may notice their deer permit area bag limit has changed. The DNR increased the bag limits or lottery permits in 28 deer permit areas this year and reduced limits in 12 DPAs.

Bag limit changes are made based on deer populations in each DPA relative to the population goal for that permit area. Population goals are reviewed every 10

years through a process that includes public input.

Hunters should know the DPA number of the area they plan to hunt prior to buying a license and ensure they understand CWD regulations and sampling requirements for that particular area.

Hunters can use the DPA lookup tool on the DNR's make a plan for deer season webpage (mndnr.gov/DeerHunt) to check if the DPA they plan to hunt requires CWD sampling during the opening weekend of firearms A season, has carcass movement restrictions, or has deer feeding or attractant bans in place.

As a result of CWD's larger footprint in Minnesota, the DNR has changed the availability of self-service sampling stations. These stations will be available during firearms deer season, and the most up-to-date locations and available times will be posted on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/CWD).

For archery season, self-service stations will only be available in DPAs 213, 256, 257, 262, 265 and 273.

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## Live out your faith, share your hope

*John 12:44-46: "Then Jesus cried aloud: 'Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.'*"

Greetings! As I read this text, I was thinking of all the people who have been baptized, confirmed and learned about Jesus in our area. Where are they all? Why are our small towns getting smaller and our large cities getting bigger? Where are our children, and what are they doing?

Being a baptized member of the body of Christ does not end at the walls of our churches. Being a baptized member of the family of God means we take what we learn within the confines of a building and live it out in the world.

Living out our faith is what Jesus is asking each of us to do. Whoever believes in Jesus must believe in the God of life!

This past week we celebrated 150 years as a worshipping community of faith at Bethlehem. We marked that celebration with some impressive decorations that had real meaning.

One was the beautiful flock of doves that hang from the rafters of our church. Each dove is inscribed with the individual name of a person who was baptized in one of the three churches that make up Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the date on which that person was baptized.

Though many of the people have passed on to heaven, when they were alive, they lived out their faith sharing the love and the light of Jesus to many others in many other places.

Jesus is the light that illuminates the world with his love and moves us all from darkness to light.

Kathy Troccoli sings a beautiful song called,

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Nita Parker  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

*Being a baptized member of the family of God means we take what we learn within the confines of a building and live it out in the world.*

"Take your Candle, Go Light Your World."

*"There is a candle in every soul,*

*Some brightly burning, some dark and cold;*

*There is a spirit who brings a fire,*

*Ignites a candle and makes His home.*

*So carry your candle, run to the darkness,*

*Seek out the helpless, confused and torn*

*Hold out your candle for all to see it*

*Take your candle, and go light your world;*

*As I listen to this song, it reminds me that*

*all we do is blessed by the Savior. All that we are is*

*a gift from God. When we baptize babies, it is to help*

*them grow into adulthood, full of life and love, full of*

*the Holy Spirit. When we do our job, when we teach*

*and encourage and are blessed by the little ones,*

*we need to be happy when they take their light and go*

*out into the world to share that light with others!*

*That is the plan, that is the hope! That is God's*

*goal – sharing the life of Christ with everyone we*

*meet!*

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

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

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
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Ph. 507-283-4431; [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne@iw.net](mailto:graceluverne@iw.net)  
Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor  
Thursday, Sept. 22: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Sunday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Tenth Grade Confirmation class. 1 p.m. Youth Corn Maze and Cherry Berry. Tuesday, Sept. 27: 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:30 p.m. Transitional Task Force meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 28: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 6:15-7:25 p.m. Confirmation class for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 7:30-8:40 p.m. Confirmation class for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. 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.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor  
Sundays, 10:15 a.m. Worship service; worship online as well (at els.org). Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible study. See our Facebook page, Bethany Lutheran Church (Luverne) for other classes and events.

**American Reformed Church**  
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-8600; email: [office@arcluverne.org](mailto:office@arcluverne.org)  
Thursday, Sept. 22: 9 a.m. Cookie Crew. Friday, Sept. 23: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Sunday, Sept. 25: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Sept. 27: 12 p.m. Staff Meeting. Wednesday, Sept. 28: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and youth groups. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

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

**United Methodist Church**  
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 283-4529  
Saturday, Sept. 24: 9 a.m. Band Festival coffee/donuts. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Adult Sunday school; coffee hour. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Annual Bonfire at Vogt's Farm. Tuesday, Sept. 27: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 7 p.m. Scouts. Wednesday, Sept. 28: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:15 p.m. FUEL. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: [Firstpc@iw.net](mailto:Firstpc@iw.net)  
Sunday, Sept. 25: 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. 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Wednesday, Sept. 28: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechesis; Kids for Christ. 7:30 p.m. Youth Group. Services will be available on the Vast Channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](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; [zionaoffice@alliancecom.net](mailto:zionaoffice@alliancecom.net)  
Jesse Baker, Pastor  
Sunday, Sept. 25: 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 – [firstpalisade@alliancecom.net](mailto:firstpalisade@alliancecom.net)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor  
Sunday, Sept. 25: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — [palisadechurch@alliancecom.net](mailto:palisadechurch@alliancecom.net)  
[www.palisadelutheran.org](http://www.palisadelutheran.org)  
Mark Eliason, Pastor  
Sunday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Anyone interested in quilting can join the ladies weekly (day to be determined) in October at Palisade Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome! No experience necessary!

**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: [magnoliamnumc@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliamnumc@gmail.com)  
Nancy Manning, Pastor  
Sunday, 9 a.m., in-person with livestream available on the church's Facebook site.

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270 / [bethlehemofhills@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemofhills@gmail.com)  
Nita Parker, Pastor  
Sunday, Sept. 25: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. Worship Service. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website [blchills.org](http://blchills.org).

**Hills United Reformed Church**  
410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
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## Vlastuin notice for hearing

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of  
Leland Jay Vlastuin a/k/a Leland J. Vlastuin  
a/k/a Leland Vlastuin,  
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-196

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of October, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Lynette K. Vlastuin whose address is 908 W. 4th Avenue, Lennox, South Dakota, 57039 as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: Sept. 5, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
District Court Judge

Damon T. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main  
Luverne, MN 56156  
(507) 283-4828  
I.D. #249269

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(09-15, 09-22)

## Christensen Farms public hearing set for Sept. 26

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit  
For Christensen Farms & Feedlots Inc.

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 215, that Christensen Farms and Feedlots Inc. has made application to the State of Minnesota and the County of Rock for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 26, 2022. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Christensen Farms & Feedlots Inc.  
Location: SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 11 of Springwater Township, T103N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota  
Conditional Use: Operation of an existing feedlot over 1000 animal units  
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The existing feedlot consists of a total confinement barn with under barn manure storage (61' x 395' x 10' deep) currently permitted to hold 1140 head (456 animal units) in barn, an existing total confinement barn with shallow channels (77' x 410') currently permitted to hold 560 head (224 animal units), and an existing total confinement barn with under barn manure storage (61' x 377' x 10' deep) currently permitted to hold 1300 head (520 animal units). Total existing capacity is 3000 head of swine over 300 lbs., including litters with the sow is 1200 animal units.

The total number of head to be held in the existing barns shall be reduced from 3000 head (1200 animal units) to 2500 head (1000 animal units).

The expansion shall consist of a total confinement barn with under barn manure storage (62' x 181' x 10' deep) with a maximum capacity of 500 head (200 animal units). There will be NO INCREASE in the number of animals to be housed on site. The total capacity will remain at 3000 head of swine over 300 lbs., including litters with the sow at 1200 animal units.

Dated: September 15, 2022

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road, Suite 4  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862

(9-15, 9-22)

\*Clean-up and all other miscellaneous work required, not herein mentioned, but inferred from the construction contract documents.

The Bids must be prepared on bid forms supplied in the Bidding Documents and submitted at the Herried Room of the Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0745 not later than 2:00 p.m., Local Time Thursday, October 6, 2022, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the presence of the Bidders and their representatives. No bids will be received after the specified hour and date, and Bids which are not prepared and filed in accordance with "Instructions to Bidders" may be rejected.

Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope. Each sealed envelope containing a Bid must be plainly marked on the outside as Rock County Rural Water District – Well No. 15. The envelope should also bear on the outside the name and address of the Bidder. If forwarded by mail or other delivery system, the sealed envelope containing the Bid must be sealed in another envelope, with the notation "Bid Enclosed" on the face thereof, and addressed to the Rock County Courthouse, P.O. Box 507, 204 East Brown Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the offices of Banner Associates, Inc. in Brookings, SD. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of Banner Associates, Inc., 409 22nd Avenue South, Brookings, SD 57006, (605) 692-6342 or may be ordered from [www.bannerassociates.com](http://www.bannerassociates.com). Copies may be obtained upon a non-refundable payment in the sum of \$49.00 including applicable taxes and fees for each set of Bidding Documents. Electronic copies are also available and can be ordered and downloaded from the above website for a \$25.00 non-refundable fee.

The Bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to furnish a construction performance bond and a construction payment bond to the Owner in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract award for each bond, in conformance with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The construction performance bond and construction payment bond shall remain in full force until the completion of the Contract as specified in the General Conditions.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security. Bid security will take the form of a bid bond in an amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bidder's maximum Bid price or a cashier's or certified check made payable to Owner in an amount of five percent (5%) of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

The Bid security will be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the successful bidder refuses or fails to enter into an Agreement within fifteen (15) days after Notice of Award or fails at time of executing the contract to furnish a construction performance bond and construction payment bond guaranteeing the faithful performance of the work.

Bids may not be withdrawn after the time fixed for opening them. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any irregularities therein. BY ORDER of the Rock County Rural Water District.

Date: 9/12/2022

By: Andrew Hoyme  
Chairman of the Board  
(09-15, 09-22)

## Brown probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of  
Marie P. Brown,  
Decedent

Court File No. 67-PR-22-208

**NOTICE OF AND ORDER OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 3, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown St., Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, April 8, 2010, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Michelle M. Swenson, whose address is 875 151st St., Luverne, MN, 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

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

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Date Filed: September 5, 2022

BY THE COURT  
/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
Judge of District Court

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/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(09-15, 09-22)

## Gath probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of  
Ronald Junior Gath,  
a/k/a Ronald J. Gath, a/k/a Ronald Gath,  
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-213

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of October, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated May 25, 2018, and for the appointment of Beverly J. Gath, whose address is 1121 Central Fairway Drive, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: September 5, 2022

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
District Court Judge

Douglas E. Eisma  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-4828  
I.D. #158343

/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(09-15, 09-22)

## H-BC School Board meets Aug. 22

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes  
Aug. 22, 2022

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School in Beaver Creek (404 S 4th St) for building walkthrough then convened in the H-BC Secondary School Board room, 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN.

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

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Additions: 7.4 and 7.5.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

Building/Grounds- 8/10 and 8/15; Personnel 8/22  
Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:  
-Minutes—08/08/2022  
-Bills and Treasurer's Report  
-Student Activity Accounts Report  
-Imprest Cash Report  
-Tyler Bush's immediate resignation as assistant Girls Basketball Coach.  
-Accept Mark Top's immediate resignation as a paraprofessional.  
-Hiring Katie Angelo as Special Needs Paraprofessional for the 22-23 school year  
-Contract with SWSC Cooperative to provide technology integration training for staff for the 22-23 school year.  
Motion by Knobloch, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Concessions Manager position and assign Samantha McGaffee to this position.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to adopt a resolution declaring Supt. Todd Holthaus as the identified official with authority for the MN Department of Education and Identity and Access Management System.  
Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve adding assistant volleyball coach for the 22-23 school year.  
Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve adding PEAC Assistant for the 22-23 school year.

POLICY ACTION ITEMS:  
Motion by Knobloch, second by Gehrke, and carried to approve Second Reading of the following policies:  
•209 Code of Ethics  
•210 Conflict of Interest  
•410 Family Leave  
•416 Drug and Alcohol Testing (Form)  
•417 Chemical Use and Abuse  
•418 Drug-Free Workplace/School (Form)  
•515 Protection of Pupil Records (Form)  
•524 Internet Use (Form)  
•603 Curriculum Development  
•604 Instructional Curriculum  
•708 Transportation Nonpublic  
•709 Student Transportation Safety  
•721 Uniform Grant Guidance  
•722 Public Data Requests

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:  
•Secondary Principal Report  
•Superintendent Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING  
DATES TO REMEMBER:  
-New Staff Training Friday, August 26  
-All Staff Training, Monday, August 29  
-Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2022 -Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 26, 2022  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk  
(09-22)

## Rock County Rural Water District seeks bids by Oct. 6

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Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Rural Water District will receive sealed bids for furnishing and installing a new production well and all appurtenances including, but not limited to:

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•Approximately 250 feet of new 6" diameter raw water main; fittings; and connection to the existing 6" watermain.

## Pap probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of  
Donald Norman Pap,  
a/k/a Donald N. Pap, a/k/a Donald Pap,  
Deceased

Court File No. 67-PR-22-210

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of October, 2022, at 8:30 O'clock A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent, dated May 9, 2011, and for the appointment of Anna Jean Pap, whose address is 203 Oak Drive, #208, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
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/s/ Natalie Reisch  
Court Administrator

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## Yellow Rose Cookie Shophe assumes name

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MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

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ASSUMED NAME: **Yellow Rose Cookie Shophe**  
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NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name: **Janet Marshall**  
Address: **409 W. Bishop Street, Luverne, MN 56156 USA**

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Signature : /s/ Janet Marshall  
Contact number: 507-220-0639  
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## Gort probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF ROCK DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re: Estate of Judith Lynn Gort, Deceased Court File No. 67-PR-22-212

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Damon T. Eisma Attorney for Petitioner Eisma and Eisma 130 East Main Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4828 I.D. #249269

/s/ Natalie Reisch Court Administrator (COURT SEAL)

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#### SCHOOL LINKED/ FAMILY PRACTITIONER

We are expanding our School Mental Health Program and are looking for Children's Family Mental Health Practitioners to provide services in schools. Must have experience working with children and families with mental health issues. You will be part of an interdisciplinary team. Bachelors, Master's or preferred. Supervision is provided as part of the position for clinical trainees.

#### MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

Western Mental Health Center is seeking a Mental Health Practitioner to join our ARMHS team. The purpose of the Mental Health Practitioner is to teach and support symptom management skills to assigned adults who have functional impairment due to a mental health condition including:

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### EMPLOYMENT



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Application form available at [https://www.isd2184.net/about\\_ips/open\\_employment](https://www.isd2184.net/about_ips/open_employment). Send letter of application and completed form to Craig Oftedahl, Superintendent, 709 North Kniss, Luverne, MN 56156.

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### Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Patrick Baustian

for  
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- I have worked with my city colleagues to provide the area over \$100 million in economic development

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- Veteran who served our nation for over 38 years in the United States Air Force/Air National Guard.
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- Retired as a Chief Master Sergeant

**Family Man**

- Katie and I have been married for over 31.
- Lifelong residents of Luverne.
- Our four children all graduated from the Luverne School district and all continue to serve their country in the Air National Guard.

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**MY PRIORITIES INCLUDE**

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**Daycare Shortage**

- As a community leader I understand the crisis that the shortage of daycare is causing. I can and will work across the aisle to get a solution that fits every community at the local and state level.

**Education**

- Ensuring local, high-quality public education is taken care of and funded to the fullest extent possible.
- To continue to be an advocate for the mission of the Southwest MN Council of Mayors for free technical trade school for targeted critical jobs.
- To be an advocate and get the rule of 90 re-instated for our public educators.

**Economic Development**

- To develop incentives for small, local businesses and farmers and to stop corporate overreach.

**Healthcare and Nursing Home Care**

- Making access to affordable, high quality comprehensive healthcare available to all.
- I will work to increase the Minnesota state re-imbursment rate for nursing homes as we cannot let the closing of nursing homes continue.

**Veterans**

- As a retired veteran of over 38 years in the United States Air Force and Air National Guard, I will be the voice of all veterans for state benefits and healthcare issues.

**The partisan politics at the capital must end! Minnesotans deserve better, and I am the person to work to get things done. I would appreciate your vote during early voting or at the polls on November 8th.**



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## Pheasant numbers up after favorable spring weather

Pheasant numbers in Minnesota increased 18 percent from 2021 and exceeded the 10-year average by a similar amount, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' annual roadside pheasant survey.

When the pheasant hunting season opens on Saturday, Oct. 15, bird numbers are expected to be strong.

"The weather really cooperated this year in terms of producing favor-

able nesting conditions for pheasants," said Tim Lyons, DNR upland game research scientist.

"Pheasant numbers are generally as good as, or better than last year."

This year's statewide pheasant index was 48 birds per 100 miles of roads driven. Compared to 2021, all regions saw an increase in pheasant numbers except the southwest, which saw a decrease of 8 percent.

Weather and habitat

are the main influences on Minnesota's pheasant population trends.

Weather causes annual fluctuations in pheasant numbers, while habitat drives long-term population trends.

### Habitat factors

Conservation Reserve Program acres in particular play a large role in providing habitat for pheasants in Minnesota.

The program, authorized under the federal

Farm Bill, pays farmers to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and restore vegetation that will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

Despite a long-term downward trend in CRP enrollment, there was a net increase in CRP acres in 2022 as approximately 5,000 additional acres were enrolled.

In addition to CRP acres, there were more than 7,000 acres protected through easement programs like the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and Reinvest in Minnesota.

An additional 9,000 acres of habitat were permanently protected through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acquisitions and by the DNR as wildlife management areas.

### How the DNR conducts the survey

Monitoring pheasant population trends is part of the DNR's annual roadside wildlife survey, which began in 1955.

Wildlife managers and conservation officers in the farmland regions conduct the survey during the first half of August.

This year's survey consisted of 166 routes that were 25 miles in length, with 147 routes located in the pheasant range.

Observers drive each route early in the morning and record the number of farmland wildlife game species they see.

### Pheasant hunting areas

Many publicly owned lands are open to hunting, as are private lands enrolled in the Walk-in-Access program (mndnr.gov/WalkIn).

Hunters can use the DNR's online mapping tools to find WMAs by accessing the WMA finder at mndnr.gov/WMAs, and the DNR Recreation Compass (mndnr.gov/Maps/Compass) to help locate state hunting grounds and private lands enrolled in the WIA program, including updates on the condition of specific properties.

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## GRANT APPLICATIONS

# DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

**Who can apply?**

Not-for-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, academic and research institutions located within Rock County are among the organizations eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation invites applications that will enhance the quality of life in the following areas:

- Arts & Humanities
- Community & Civic Affairs
- Social & Economic Growth
- Nutrition
- Environment
- Recreation
- Education
- Support Programs - children to senior citizen
- Community Health & Wellness including physical & mental health

How to apply?

APPLY ONLINE AT:  
<http://www.luvacf.org/application-information.html>

or contact Emily Crabtree at  
**507- 220-2424** or [emily@luvacf.org](mailto:emily@luvacf.org)



P.O. Box 623 | 102 E. Main | Luverne, MN | 507-220-2424  
Office Hours: T-TH 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00  
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# CYBER SECURITY



**What can you do to protect yourself?**

**Tuesday**  
**SEPTEMBER 27**  
**2022**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Palace Theatre**  
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**Scott Heibult**  
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**a Representative**  
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## 38th Annual Banquet

### Thursday, October 6

at Big Top Tents & Events  
321 W. Hatting St., Luverne, MN 56156

**Crowing Time 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Meal 7:00 p.m.**

**Drawings • Raffles • Live Auction • Silent Auction**

**OVER 15 Guns to be given away!**

- Pheasants Forever Membership/Dinner \$60
- Spouse Dinner \$25
- Youth Membership \$25
- Sponsor Member \$250



Call Darin Kindt 507-920-7544 or Rick Peterson at 507-283-2333

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Limited tickets will be available at the door.  
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