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Twenty-three bands participate in 72nd annual Tri-State Festival

Record heat affects student performers, fans as first responders deal with medical emergencies

By Mavis Fodness

Summer returned to southwest Minnesota Saturday as Luverne hosted the 72nd Annual Tri-State Band Festival.

Seventeen bands marched down Main Street for the morning parade competition along with Luverne bands as hosts.

Nine bands participated in the afternoon field competition on the high school football field.

As temperatures reached into the 90s Saturday afternoon, emergency services dealt with many heat-related medical issues throughout the afternoon, according to festival organizers.

The field competition was halted for 15 minutes due to lightning in the area and a minutes-long downpour before the competition resumed.

This year marked the return of a parade marshal to lead the event down Main Street.

This year's parade marshal was Maryln VanGrootheest, who served on the Tri-State Band Festival Committee from 2012 through 2020.

She represented festival committee members who retired in the past five years.

The selection of a parade marshal was stopped in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Other honorees included Keith Graber (2010-2021), Seana

Tri-State Band Fest/see 5A



Brandon-Valley High School performs its field show, "Solstice," Saturday afternoon in front of the Luverne High School grandstand for the 72nd Annual Tri-State Band Festival. The group earned a first-place trophy in Class AAAA for their performance. Brandon also took the field sweepstakes trophy along with the People's Choice award in the field competition. **Below left**, William Johnson performs a trumpet solo during Luverne's exhibition performance. **Below right**, spectators don umbrellas against the 90-degree temperatures Saturday afternoon. The umbrellas were also needed during a downpour that stopped the field competition for 15 minutes as people sought shelter in Luverne High School or under the bleachers. Mavis Fodness photos



At left, color guard members lead the cheers for the Luverne High School marching band. Pictured from left are Kailee Sandbulte, Sophia Remme, Jessika Tunnissen, Nora Louwagie, Caitlyn Kindt and Rayann Remme. **In the center photo**, Band Festival parade marshal Maryln VanGrootheest waves to the crowd lining Main Street Luverne Saturday morning. **At right**, LHS brass players Kylie Kindt (left), Chris Bonilla, Zander Fountain, Kaitlin Conger, Ethan Van Batavia, Tyler Hodge and Hunter Cope perform Luverne High School's field show called "To the Stars."



City gets jump on day care building roof renovation

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Tuesday, Sept. 26, meeting to get a head start on the building repairs for the future community child care center.

They authorized the city administrator and mayor to sign agreements with ISG and Knutson Construction for roof replacement on the future child care center, which will be established in the renovated former Total Card Inc. building.

According to discussion at the Sept. 26 meeting, city leaders decided to re-roof the building before the actual renovation project commences, due to the poor condition of the roof and to prevent delays in the child care center renovation project.

"It's rather straightforward," Mayor Pat Baustian said. "We want to get this done before

bad weather while adhesive still adheres. I think that's a good decision."

Ultimately the city will have two contracts with ISG and Knutson Construction, one for the roof replacement project and the other for the major child care renovation project.

ISG will be the architect and Knutson will act as the construction manager at risk "general contractor" and hold contracts with the sub-contractors.

The scope of the re-roofing project is as follows:

- remove existing rooftop HVAC equipment.
- remove existing loose lay rubber roofing membrane including rock ballast.
- build up existing parapet to accommodate additional foam insulation.

Day care roof repair/see 3A

County levy to increase 3.6 percent; \$500,000 for building improvements

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County's levy is set to increase 3.6 percent for taxes payable in 2024 according to budget action that defers building improvements to next year.

In total, the levy will contribute \$7 million to the county's \$13 million 2024 budget.

In previous years, commissioners concentrated on increasing the general fund reserves when setting the preliminary levy. This year, commissioners are looking at the county-owned buildings.

Commissioners earmarked \$500,000 of the 2024 levy for building improvements. These may include replacing the human services building roof, improving the courthouse HVAC system and replacing the courthouse carpet.

Several years of increasing the general fund reserves has

"We can just as well address them now instead of kicking the can down the road like we have been doing. I think it is important to attack those projects and get it over with."

— Greg Burger
County commissioner

garnered a nine- to 10-month operating cushion.

In budget discussions on Sept. 5, auditor-treasurer Ashley Kurtz confirmed the reserve amount.

"I feel we are comfortable in reserves," she said. "I am more concerned with upcoming expenses."

More than \$29 million in capital improvements and building maintenance projects have been identified in the county's five-year capital improvement plan.

For 2024, \$8 million in projects have been identified, including \$5.8 million for county roads and bridges.

While many of the projects will be funded with state and federal dollars, the roof and HVAC improvements in the county buildings fall under maintenance and local levy expenditure.

Commissioner Greg Burger said the current reserve amount is appropriate in light of the growing list of building maintenance projects.

"We can just as well address them now instead of kicking the can down the road like we have

County levy/continued on 5A



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Meetings

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the Mary Jane Brown Home.

Free food for seniors Oct. 5

Nutrition Assistance Program for seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 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.

Shredding truck Oct. 7

St. Catherine Carmelites will host the Dakota Shred-It truck from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Luverne Laundry Room parking lot. Freewill donations are accepted. Watch your paper being shredded on the truck monitor. No need to remove staples or paper clips.

Rock the Edge food drive Oct. 8

Rock The Edge will host the 8th Annual Citywide Food Drive on Sunday, Oct. 8. Youth will be canvassing the city of Luverne beginning at 3 p.m. Please place non-perishable food items in a bag and place on your porch or outside your front door (please, no out-of-date items). Help us help others.

DFL Chuckwagon Feed Oct. 10

The Rock County DFL will host its 72nd Annual Chuckwagon Feed from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at Take 16 Brewing Company, 509 E. Main Street in Luverne. Proceeds from the Chuckwagon Feed will go to support Democratic Farm-Labor candidates.

Bloodmobile in Jasper Oct. 11

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will accept donations from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767. A blood donor card or driver's license are required at check-in.

'Paint the Prairie Purple' Oct. 8

To help raise awareness and show support for the Dementia Awareness Walk on Oct. 14, organizers encourage "Paint the Prairie Purple" during the week of Oct. 8-13. Pictures of decorated home and business exteriors can be sent to ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us. The event is sponsored by SW MN Dementia Awareness Network (SWDAN).

Dementia Walk Oct. 14

The Dementia Awareness Walk is Saturday, Oct. 14, 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 remain local and 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.

Caregivers classes start Oct. 17

A.C.E. of SW Minnesota will provide Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes beginning Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 9:30-11 a.m. Classes will be held consecutively each Tuesday until Nov. 21. There is no cost to attend, however donations are accepted. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register contact Linda Wenzel at A.C.E. of SW MN, 507-283-5064.

CoffeeBreak Storyhour

CoffeeBreak meets at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday to study the Bible, starting with Mark 9-16.

StoryHour is for children 3 years old through kindergarten. Nursery is available for the littlest ones. There is no charge or no prior Bible knowledge is necessary. All faiths and all ages are welcome. Call Kristi Stroeh at 507-227-5102 with questions, or email kri-sti.stroeh@hotmail.com



Mavis Fodness photo/1005 Abe Visits Vets Home

Abraham Lincoln comes to life at Minnesota Veterans Home

Abraham Lincoln impersonator Chuck Johnson presented his one-man, three-scenes, one-act play for residents at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne Friday afternoon, Sept. 29.

Johnson, from Perham, Minnesota, wrote the play, "A Night Before Gettysburg," in 2021 as part of a one-act play contest in Wadena, Minnesota.

His performance won best play, best original play and best actor honors at the event. He performed his award-winning play as the 16th U.S. president in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

This year is the 160th anniversary of Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg address in 1863. As Lincoln, Johnson answered questions from Veterans Home staff and residents after the performance. His visit was sponsored by a Minnesota Arts Council Legacy Grant.



City makes final payment on wastewater treatment plant

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members approved final payments on the wastewater treatment plant improvement project at their meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The \$11,182 payment to Gridor Construction, Inc. is for Phases 2 and 3 improvements that were completed in the past year.

The payment marks the end of a four-year, \$14 million project to improve the city's wastewater treatment capacity.

"What a great project to have done for the future of our community," said Mayor Pat Baustian.

In Spring 2019, Gridor Construction Inc. was awarded the bid to rebuild the wastewater treatment plant which replaced major components, some as old as the original 1958 plant.

Phase 1 was completed prior to 2019, and the plant project was divided into two major parts after that.

Phase 2 construction was primarily for by Premium Minnesota Pork, which paid \$6.7 million to have the wastewater treatment capacity needed for its production.

Phase 3 construction is to ensure capacity for the future growth of the community, according to Luverne City Administrator Jill Wolf.

"It is expected that the plant will last for the next 50 years, and the debt

financing will be over a period of 30 years," she said.

"The new wastewater plant allows Premium Minnesota Pork to do business in Luverne and have added jobs for hundreds of employees for the pork plant process and will add millions of dollars to the tax base of the city."

At the same time, she said Phase 3 of the new wastewater plant will serve the current wastewater needs as well as provide for the future growth of the community.

In other business the council:

- Amended the city's comparable worth classification and pay for the city finance director position to reflect the position's updated job description. The finance director position remains a Grade 9 as determined by comparable worth.

- Noted the city's public facilities open house will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17. Staff will host tours of the power plant, the wastewater treatment plant and the public works shop. The Chamber will provide golf cart rides between facilities, and e-bikes will be available.

- Authorized the city administrator and mayor to sign agreements with ISG and Knutson Construction for roof replacement on the future child care center building. (See the related story.)

Community Ed announces classes, activities

Call 507-283-4724 to register.

Learn how to find the answers about your ancestry at **Beginning Genealogy** on Oct. 9. Fee is \$10.

Defensive Driving

Refresher 4-Hour Classes Oct. 9, Nov. 13, or Dec. 11; Beginner 8-Hour Class Feb. 5 and 12 (4 hours each evening).

Learn how to use Google Sheets to create spreadsheets for work or home at **Google Sheets for Awesome Beginners** on Oct. 10. This is a virtual class offered through Zoom on Oct. 10. Join us at Community Education or attend from your home or office. Fee is \$20.

Children 0-5 years along with parents are invited to use the **Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom for Outdoor Play Time** on Oct. 18. There is a morning or evening session. No fee, but registration required.

Register by Oct. 18: Students (grades K-6) can learn to decorate **Halloween-themed cookies** like a professional at B's Bake-house on Oct. 28. Fee is \$35.



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Nearly \$1 billion returned to state taxpayers with one-time tax rebates

The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that they completed the processing of the one-time tax rebate payments.

Nearly 2.1 million direct deposits and paper checks were sent over the last 45 days, returning nearly \$1 billion back to eligible Minnesota taxpayers.

"Sending out the nearly \$2.1 million payments as quickly and as accurately as possible was a main priority for Governor Walz, Lt. Governor Flanagan, and the department," said Revenue Commissioner Paul Marquart.

"These payments helped families with back-to-school costs, groceries, child care, and more."

The first one-time tax rebate payments went out through direct deposit on Aug. 16.

By the end of that week, nearly all direct deposit payments were complete. Any failed direct deposit payment was automatically switched to a paper check.

Check mailing started Aug. 21, with the final batch of checks mailed on September 27.

What if I didn't get a rebate payment?

Carefully review the eligibility requirements on the Department of Revenue website. If you are eligible for a payment and have not yet received one, a customer assistance representative can look into your situation. Call 651-565-6595 or email mntaxrebate@submittable.com.

My address changed since filing my 2021 taxes and I did not update my information; how will I get my rebate check?

A customer assistance representative can

look into your situation and work to update your information. Call 651-565-6595 or email mntaxrebate@submittable.com.

I destroyed or discarded my check. What should I do?

Rebate checks are good for 60 days after issuance. If a check is not cashed within 60 days, a new check will be automatically reissued and mailed to the address on file.

What do the checks look like?

Paper checks appear in a plain white envelope. They will be from Submittable Holdings located in Missoula, Montana, and will carry the signature of Revenue Commissioner Paul Marquart.

These checks are protected by standard banking safeguards that help detect and deter fraud.

What happens if a rebate goes unclaimed?

Any unclaimed one-time rebate payments will eventually be handed over to the Minnesota Department of Commerce's Unclaimed Property Division.

Where can Minnesotans find more information on other tax-related legislation?

Revenue is reviewing other legislation recently signed into law and is working to update the state tax filing systems to reflect changes made to Minnesota's tax laws. For more information on other tax law changes, visit the Tax Law Changes page on our website.

Get the latest news and updates from the Minnesota Department of Revenue by following the department on Facebook and Twitter or by signing up for our email subscription list.

Day care roof repair/from 1A

- apply an adhesive applied roofing membrane and new parapet flashings.
- reinstall existing rooftop units to provide temporary heat.

The bid opening for the roof replacement project will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16. The city will then work with ISG to determine the qualified low bidder on the general trades package as Knutson will also submit a bid.

The city will then work with Knutson Construction to determine the qualified low bidders for the remaining packages: roofing, HVAC & plumbing, and electrical.

Once all low bidders are identified, Knutson Construction will determine the guaranteed maximum price for the project, and the standard form agreement with the CMAR will be amended to replace the \$0 price with the actual guaranteed maximum price at a future council meeting.

ISG's architectural fees include \$5,800 for the design phase and 8 percent of the construction costs.

The exterior work is expected to be completed before winter weather sets in.



Mavis Fodness photo/1005 Hills Smokefest 2023

The Fourth Annual Smokefest moved to Jacobson Park in Hills Saturday, where 18 individuals vied for the title of best-tasting ribs. The HBCS community club sponsored the event that featured a public rib feed, inflatables and a pro wrestling event. Formerly, the Smokefest was a backyard event, according to creator Derek Haak.

Hills' annual Smokefest event crowns best rib smoker

By Mavis Fodness

Eighteen smoked-meat enthusiasts gathered in Jacobson Park in Hills Saturday for the Fourth Annual Smokefest.

Doug Chapman was crowned "Smoker" with the best-tasting ribs and earned \$500. Carl Heikes was awarded second place (\$200) and Chris Antholz was third-best smoker (\$100.)

Saturday's event, hosted at the city park, was the first time the event became communitywide.

"We wanted to make this a community get-

together," said creator Derek Haak. "It was just a backyard event."

The HBCS (Helping Build Communities Stronger) community group helped organize inflatables and the Midwest All Pro Wrestling events in the park.

The highlight of the event was eating ribs prepared that day in the park.

Entrants paid \$20 for three racks of ribs. They needed to have ribs smoked and turned into judges by 4 p.m. The public was invited to sample the ribs until 6 p.m.



At left, Lance Larson keeps his ribs warm for the Smokefest competition. The public was able to sample ribs prepared by all 18 entrants in the event in Hills Saturday afternoon. Above, Derek Haak carefully slices his smoked ribs during the Smokefest.



At left, Brennox Heikes, 18 months, enjoys a rib smoked by her father, Brett, prepared for the Smokefest Saturday in Hills. At right, Smokefest judges (from left) Brian Booth, Tyler Susie and Mike Dietz work their way through the 18 entries in Saturday's Fourth Annual Smokefest in Hills. They selected Doug Chapman's entry as the first-place winner of \$500.



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Our Rim2Rim team includes (from left) Dave Duffy, Jackson Winter, Jonathan Ehde, Gracie Rozeboom, Justin Carlson, Wendy Carlson, Lisa Pals, Cassandra Pals and (in front) Lori Sorenson.

Hiking the canyon in a day is hard, but so is suicide prevention

Hiking the Grand Canyon has long been on my bucket list. As one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the canyon is a spectacular feat of nature.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

It's not the steepest or the longest canyon in the world, but it's recognized as a natural wonder because of its collective scale and size combined with breathtaking color variations in its walls.

It is 217 miles long, up to 18 miles wide, and a mile deep with the Colorado River flowing through the bottom.

If these aren't reasons enough to experience the canyon, another reason presented itself earlier this year when Dave Duffy suggested a canyon hike as a fundraiser for our nonprofit, Carson's Cause.

He's hiked the canyon from rim to rim more than 10 times, often coaching fellow Rock County hikers on how to prepare for and survive the trek into and out of the canyon in a single day.

If I found a team, he'd help us and our cause.

I didn't hesitate and neither did our team of friends and family members. After months of adding miles and testing gear, we're nearly ready for the big day Oct. 20.

Meanwhile we're sharing our story and raising money for Carson's Cause, the foundation we started last year after my Carson died at age 21 from suicide.

Our goal is to improve how we talk about brain health with the ultimate goal of preventing suicide. (We just funded a new round of children's books for all Luverne Elementary School students, and we're working with elementary school counselors on other efforts.)

We feel like we're making a difference (read about us at luvacf.org) and we're grateful for generous donations that

are allowing us to expand our mission.

Now we're working toward next year's children's books and hope to bring them to more students in neighboring districts.

The Rim-to-Rim trek is the perfect fundraiser for Carson's Cause, because physical challenges are good for brain health.

The hike takes us from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon down to the canyon floor, across the river, then up to the South Rim.

It's over 25 miles and more than 10,000 feet of elevation change — a powerful metaphor for the difficult journey of overcoming brain health diagnoses.

We're dedicating each mile in memory of a local loved one lost to suicide — 25 miles, 25 precious souls.

A wallet-sized portrait of each one will be photographed against the breathtaking backdrop of the canyon. Each mile a different portrait and a different unique scene in the canyon.

It will be a meaningful passage, and we're challenging our community to join us in remembering our loved ones and preventing more heartbreak.

Find us on Facebook at Carson's Cause, online through luvacf.org or mailing tax-deductible donations to Carson's Cause, c/o Luverne Area Community Foundation, 102 E. Main St., Luverne, MN 56156.

Want us to walk for your loved ones lost to suicide? Send their names and photos to editor@star-herald.com.

Mental illness is hard. Suicide is hard. This hike will be hard. We can do it with support from each other.

The first week of October is Mental Illness Awareness Week. While we need to learn and talk about mental illnesses all year round, this week is dedicated to raising awareness, fighting discrimination, and connecting people to resources.

This year's theme is "Together We Care. Together We Share." The U.S. Surgeon General released a report earlier this year on loneliness. In it he wrote, "People began to tell me they felt isolated, invisible, and insignificant."

"Even when they couldn't put their finger on the word 'lonely,' time and time again, people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds, from every corner of the country, would tell me, 'I have to shoulder all of life's burdens by myself,' or 'If I disappear tomorrow, no one will even notice.'"

When you have a mental illness or a family member with a mental illness, it can feel lonely. When people don't understand what you are facing, it can be iso-

Together We Care, Together We Share

First week in October is Mental Illness Awareness Week

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Sue Aberholden, Director, the Minnesota Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness

lating. When you can't fully share the impact on your family, it can make you feel invisible.

So this is a good week to let people know that they are not alone, that sharing your story and hearing other people's stories can help you connect to others, feel seen, and know someone cares.

Peer-led support groups — for both individuals with mental illnesses and family members — help combat loneliness and provide a pathway through this journey.

No one gets through a serious illness by themselves. Knowing that you are not alone and gathering wisdom from each other in a group can support recovery.

NAMI Minnesota offers more than 50 peer-led support groups. Also, during MIAW we are offering a variety of free classes to educate people about mental illnesses, recovery, and shared experiences.

We invite you to take the opportunity this week to educate yourself about mental illnesses, reach out to those who are struggling with their mental illness, and connect to others who are on a similar journey.

You can find information about NAMI classes and support groups, and mental health resources, at namimn.org. And if anyone is struggling right now, please call 988, the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.



NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

Road trip provides off-the-field learning opportunity

If you follow the H-BC football team, you know they are pretty darn good and have been for some time. From what Mary and I observed recently, they are a polite group of young men, with a little help from the coach.

The week before last we were coming home from Redwood Falls where we had watched our grandson's football game. (By the way, the Redwood Valley Cardinals beat the Pipestone Arrows so I hope the local Cardinals do the same.)

We pulled into Windom on our way home, and at what has become a "must stop" at Kwik Trip for coffee, we noticed a school bus had just dropped off the H-BC football team.

My first thought was this will take a while to get a couple cups of



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, general manager

coffee. Sure enough, the store was full of hungry, thirsty football players. We got our coffee — apparently not many of the H-BC players were coffee drinkers — and headed to the checkout line.

There were H-BC football players lined up at all four or five checkout lines. We took our place at the rear of the line and were waiting our turn. That is when one of the coaches called an audible and had

his players move out of the way so we could go to the front of the line.

All the players without any protest moved aside. A couple of the players even apologized as we moved by.

I know this doesn't seem like a big deal, but it was to us. It's also a prime example of how extracurricular activities can offer learning opportunity off the field as well as on.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Sept. 22

•Complainant on W. Virginia Street reported disturbing the peace.

•Complainant reported threats.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 2, Beaver Creek, requested assistance from another department.

Sept. 23

•Complainant on Maple and Estey streets reported vandalism.

•Complainant reported a civil issue.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 15, Magnolia, reported a driving complaint.

Sept. 24

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported road and drive law issues.

Complainant on Central Avenue reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on 150th Avenue reported a sudden death.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 9, Luverne, reported road and drive law issues.

Sept. 25

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant reported a fire call.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported road and drive law issues.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported theft/larceny.

•Complainant on County Road 4, Magnolia, reported road and drive law issues.

Sept. 26

•Complainant on E South Street, Magnolia, reported suspicious activity.

•A warrant was issued on W. Mead Court.

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a fire call.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported a pedestrian.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 17, Magnolia, reported a road and drive law issue.

Sept. 27

•Complainant on N. Summit Avenue, Hills, reported a fire.

•Complainant on 101st Street reported a burglary.

•Complainant on County Road 13 and County Road 17, Hills, reported an abandoned vehicle.

•A warrant was issued on S. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 12, Luverne, reported a road and drive law issue.

•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on 160th Avenue reported sudden death.

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

•A warrant was issued on E. Minnesota Avenue, Steen.

•Complainant on S. Church Avenue reported a civil issue.

•Complainant on W. Edgell Street reported burning.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 1 escort, 9 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 5 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 2 burn permits, 3 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 13 traffic stops, 6 abandoned 911 calls, 4 welfare checks, 2 reports of cattle out and 3 follow-ups.

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been doing," he said. "I think it is important to attack those projects and get it over with."

The focus on buildings comes as increased state funding lessens the county's obligations for corrections and prisoner care budgets.

The state funding increases mean the county can decrease \$25,000 in corrections spending and \$28,897 in prisoner care in 2024.

Welfare costs increas-

es are expected to be under 6 percent next year.

State aid to the county also increased for 2024 to \$730,820 for an additional \$170,419.

The county's 2024 budget will be presented to the public at a Truth-in-Taxation hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12, prior to the commissioners setting the final levy amount.

The meeting is in the courthouse commissioners room beginning at 6 p.m.



Mavis Fodness photo/1005 Tri-State Parade 2023

Sioux Falls Christian marching band members perform for parade watchers as they finish their song in the judging area.

Tri-State Band Festival results/continued from page 1A

Graber (2010-2021), Kathryn Hart (2020), Rachel Renken (2017-2022), Karen Roberts (2010-2022), Janet Slieter (2017-2022) and Nancy Scheidt (2012-2019.)

As announced during the parade, "Through their leadership and guidance, the Tri-State Band Festival continues to offer a great experience for marching band students in the Tri-State area."

Results from 2023:

Parade Class A

1. Murray County Central.
2. Adrian-Ellsworth.

Field Class A

No Class A bands competed in the field competition.

Parade Class AA

1. Sioux Falls Christian.
2. West Central.

Field Class AA

1. West Central.
2. Lennox.

West Central earned outstanding woodwinds section and percussion, while Lennox was selected for outstanding auxiliary and drum major.



The Luverne Middle School marching band plays the school song as it leads the Tri-State Band Festival parade Saturday morning in Luverne. Seventeen bands performed in the parade competition. Nine bands participated in the afternoon field competition.

Parade Class AAA

1. Tea.
2. Stewartville.

Field Class AAA

1. O'Gorman.
2. Marshall.

Marshall was named outstanding woodwinds and percussion. O'Gorman had the outstanding auxiliary and drum major.

Parade Class AAAA

1. Worthington.

Field Class AAAA

1. Brandon Valley.
2. Sioux Falls Roosevelt.

Brandon Valley earned outstanding woodwinds, percussion and auxiliary, while Sioux Falls Roosevelt earned outstanding drum major.

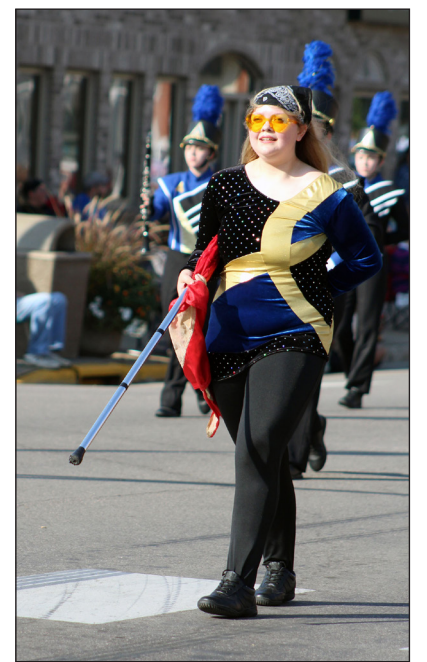
Marshall was awarded with the K.M. Getman award. Sioux Falls Christian won the parade sweepstakes award.

Field sweepstakes was earned by Brandon Valley.

The people's choice awards went to West Central in parade and Brandon Valley in field competition.



Above, Marshall High School completes its field show Saturday afternoon in front of a crowded grandstand that was emptied for 15 minutes due to a passing thunderstorm. Marshall's performance earned a second-place trophy in Class AAA from the judges. Above, right, color guard member Quinn Steve marches with the Adrian-Ellsworth High School's performance of "September," by Earth, Wind and Fire during the parade competition Saturday morning on Main Street.



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CELEBRATIONS

Baby shower

A baby shower for Madison Spath will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Take 16 Brewing Co. in Luverne.

Card shower

Louella Voigt will celebrate her 70th birthday on Monday, Oct. 16. Greetings may be sent to 912 N. Cedar Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU AT GENERATIONS

Monday, Oct. 9: Chicken-fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Oct. 10: Chicken noodle casserole, broccoli, cinnamon baked apple slices, dinner roll.

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, dessert.

Thursday, Oct. 12: Baked fish with tartar sauce, rice pilaf, California Normandy vegetables, apple-

sauce, dessert.

Friday, Oct. 13: Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, biscuit, dessert.

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

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

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

1944: Rollert decided U.S. was place for him

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

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on February 3, 1944.

"It's not disgraceful to be poor, but it is disgraceful to be dishonest."

That is the opinion of August Rollert, Luverne, who today likely would be living in Germany if he had had any money to speak of after his arrival in this country in 1887. "I didn't like this country at all at first," he said, "and if I'd have had money, believe me, I'd have gone back. Lucky thing was that I didn't have any, and by the time I did save enough to make the trip, I was convinced the United States was the place for me after all."

Mr. Rollert was born at Pomen, Germany, October 18, 1870, the son of a common laborer. He lived in a village and began attending school at the age of 6. Schools at that time were conducted to suit the parents, not the children, Mr. Rollert recalls, and as a result, as soon as the summer months rolled around, classes for children

over 12 would begin at 6 a.m. so that they could be dismissed and go to work at 9 a.m. The younger children would begin their classes at 9 a.m. and continue through 12 o'clock noon. In the winter time, however, classes began at 8 a.m. and continued to 4 p.m. Despite the fact that there were from 40 to 60 pupils, one teacher was in charge of them all, and maintained excellent discipline at all times.

"Our teacher lived in an apartment which was built in the school building," he recalls, "and until he came in the door, we were usually pretty noisy. After he came in,

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BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society



The sophomore class created a homecoming float on a fifth-wheel flatbed trailer complete with a Jaguar mascot and a Patriot dressed in boxing gloves. "Jab the Jaguars" read the sign. Samantha McGaffee photos/1005 H-BC Homecoming Parade 2023

H-BC takes school spirit to the streets in annual homecoming parade in Hills

Hills-Beaver Creek students in preschool through twelfth grade took to the streets of Hills for the annual homecoming parade Friday afternoon. Students and staff were encouraged to dress in the school colors of red, white and blue and create signs for the evening's football game against the Renville County West Jaguars. The Patriots won the game 45-14.



Third-graders Aubrey Nuffer (left) and Harper Uittenbogaard lead their classmates while holding the sign titled, "Zoo the Jaguars. Hills-Beaver Creek 3rd Grade." Above, right: Macy Ellingson's Little Patriot preschoolers show their school spirit and enthusiasm as they walk in the homecoming parade. Below: The homecoming parade passed by the Tuff Memorial Home where residents sat curbside. Staff held a sign that read, "We support the H-BC Patriots."



REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2013)

•They are calling it the collectible car auction of a lifetime. Expired bidding cards and auction fliers are being sold on Ebay. History Channel made a three-hour special about it.

And at the center of it all is "the little Nordstrom's gal," auctioneer Yvette VanDerBrink from Hardwick.

"It was interesting to watch myself on the History Channel," she admitted. "I always watch the History Channel but I never in my wildest dreams thought I'd be on it." ...

Having grown up around cars in her family's automobile business, VanDerBrink began establishing herself as a premier auctioneer for collectible cars and farm tractors 12 years ago.

She knew right from the start how she wanted the auction laid out.

25 years ago (1998)

•The Luverne True Value store was robbed this weekend, and thieves made off with the store safe and its contents.

According to Rock County Sheriff Ron McClure, the lock on the side door was broken, and thieves took the 200-pound safe from the office loft and hauled it out the back door.

The break-in occurred between the hours of 5:30 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday.

The total amount of cash stolen was not released, but all of Saturday's receipts were reportedly in the safe. No other merchandise appeared to be stolen or damaged, but store

owner Mark Novotny said the safe had apparently been rolled down the stairs leaving holes and nicks in the wall.

Also, he said the safe contained keys to the store and to pop machines outside, so all those locks had to be changed.

50 years ago (1973)

•Rock County beef feeders will have the opportunity this month to elect two of their own members to the Minnesota Beef Advisory board.

A statewide election on Oct. 18 has been scheduled to name the 16-man board. The two Rock Countians who are the candidates are Tom Arends, Magnolia township, and Gordon Gabrielson, Luverne township.

The board will implement the provisions of the Agricultural Commodities Promotion Act enacted by the Minnesota Legislature. The law enables producers of various farm commodities to form boards, or council, for setting up monetary checkoffs.

75 years ago (1948)

•Grand opening of Council Oak's new ultra-modern super market will be formally observed here this week end.

The new store is located on South Estey street, a half block south of the Baptist church.

Moving of the merchandise from the former Main street location was completed Tuesday, and the store was opened for business yesterday.

The building which is owned by the Council oak firm itself, has over 6,000 square feet of floor space. New and completely modern fixtures have been installed, and the shelves are stacked with a wide variety of foods, meats, fruits, vegetables, pastries, dairy products, etc. The store even has a lunch counter, where lunches, sandwiches, home made pies, ice cream, etc. will be sold and served. Low cost noon-day meals will be one of the specialties.

100 years ago (1923)

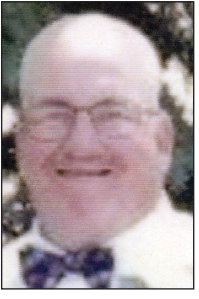
•The work of remodeling the Herald building, which has been in progress for the last four months, has reached the point where the public as well as the Herald force can begin to appreciate the extent of the improvement being made. The remodeling extends to the three floors occupied by the Herald and includes the installation of a new copper and marble trimmed front, the first of its kind in Luverne.

These changes will not only add materially to the appearance of the building inside and out, but likewise to the floor space and convenience of arrangement on each floor. Much work on the interior still remains to be done, including the installation of specially designed paper stock cabinets, but when all is finished the Herald expects to feel well repaid for the inconvenience and trouble occasioned in carrying on business under the adverse conditions of remodeling. The work is being done under the direction of Contractor P. N. Gillham.

OBITUARIES

Richard Berghorst

A visitation and time for gathering to celebrate the life of Richard Berghorst, age 59, of Bingham Lake, Minnesota, will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, from 1-3 p.m. at LaCanne Family Celebration of Life Center in Windom, Minnesota. A private family burial will be held at Grand Prairie Cemetery in Ellsworth, Minnesota.



Richard Lee Berghorst was born to Frank Berghorst and Susan (Brehm) Deutsch on Jan. 27, 1964, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He attended school in California before moving to Minnesota. Richard moved around quite a bit throughout his life, and most of his life was spent in Minnesota, in the Luverne and Windom areas.

On August 8, 1987, Richard was united in marriage to Robyn Bruhn. The couple was blessed with five children, Stacia, Casey, Tyler, Janessa and Ayden, as well as one daughter, Rebecca, from a previous marriage. Richard loved milking cows. He also enjoyed fishing and camping, and he loved to be outside working in the yard.

Larry Reverts

Larry Lynn Reverts, age 67, of Luverne, Minnesota, passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023.



A visitation was Sunday, Oct. 1 from 1-3 p.m. at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A private family funeral service and burial will be at a later time.

To sign an online registry and view Larry's life history and tribute video, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Larry Lynn Reverts was born on Sept. 28, 1955, to Vernon and Ida (Olson) Reverts in Luverne, Minnesota. He was raised on a farm north of Luverne with his three siblings. He was baptized

on Oct. 23, 1955, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne and later confirmed on May 16, 1971. Throughout his childhood, he was active in 4-H, showing hogs, sheep, and cattle at the state fair several times. He also enjoyed wrestling and FFA. He attended school at Luverne Public Schools, graduating in 1974.

After graduation, Larry continued working on his parents' farm, where he had been helping since he was a child. He also enjoyed driving truck, something he started when he was 14 years old. He spent the next 38 years trucking, raising his family, and hobby farming. He taught his

children and grandchildren the importance of working hard, and never retired from driving truck.

Larry loved his family and enjoyed spending time pestering them. Unexpected visits to steal food and take a nap on the couch were commonplace, and his grandchildren loved visits from "Grandpa Lar-dog." He was proud to be able to help his children and grandchildren with 4-H. Many fond memories were made on family trips to Missouri. He also enjoyed spending time driving around on the back roads in his pickup around Rock and Nobles counties.

Larry is survived by his children, Traci (Tim Hieronimus) Gyberg of Adrian, Minnesota, Terri Baker of

Luverne, Ben (Misty) Reverts of Elk Horn, Nebraska, and Cody (Karissa) Reverts of Adrian; grandchildren Dylan (Jada) Gyberg, Jordyn Gyberg, Paige (Jonathon) Stearns, Riley Baker, Hunter Baker, Brody Kopp, Ty Kopp, Kylie Reverts, Boen Reverts, Kourtney Reverts, Jake Stroh, Josh Stroh, Peyton Reverts, Kenley Reverts, Austyn Reverts, Hayden Reverts, and Taylor Peters; son-in-law Mike Stroh; and siblings Kenneth (Jodi) Reverts of Luverne, Dale (Cindy) Reverts of Luverne, and Kathy (Dave) Schoen of Prescott, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Ida Reverts; a daughter, Tanya Stroh; and a brother, Verlyn Reverts.

Ellen Smit

Ellen Rae Smit passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2023, at the age of 76 while in memory care in Roseville, Minnesota.



Ellen was born on Dec. 1, 1946, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Alex and Elizabeth Aanenson. At the age of 18 she began her working career at Plymouth Christian Youth Center in Minneapolis, from where she ultimately retired.

Ellen was a loving mother to two sons, Paul (Heather) and David (Carla), and adored her seven granddaughters Kayla, Alicia, RaeAnne, Salena, Lucille, Virginia, and Khali. Also sur-

living, are brothers Gregory (Laura) and Mark (Gloria), and ex-husband Virgil.

She was preceded in death by her parents and older brother Gary.

There will be a celebration of her life on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5-8 p.m. at the

Cremation Society of Minnesota in Edina (7110 France Ave. S.). She will then be laid to rest on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m. at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne, Minnesota.

Memorials are preferred for the kids at Plymouth Christian Youth Center, 2210 Oliver Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411, or at www.pecy-mpls.org.

DEATH NOTICE

David Gehrke

David Gehrke, age 86, died peacefully on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, at Mary Jane Brown - Good Samaritan Village in Luverne, Minnesota.

Arrangements are pending through Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. To sign an online registry, please visit www.hartquistfuneral.com.

Darrell Ruddy

Darrell Lane Ruddy, age 78, of Luverne, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, at his home.



He was born May 26, 1945, in Luverne, to Loren and Carol (Larson) Ruddy. Lane attended country school before graduating from Luverne High School. He served his country as a lifetime member of the United States Air Force.

While in the service, Lane married Virginia Ruddy on Nov. 26, 1971. The couple lived in various cities in

Texas, Georgia, New York and England. Lane retired from the military and moved to Luverne in 1985. He later became a truck driver.

He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church and the Green Earth Players. Lane was a collector. He collected toys, cars, motorcycles and boats. He enjoyed playing pinocle and model trains and built his own village.

Lane is survived by his two children, Don (Roe-

lita) Ruddy, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Lori Horsfall, Ellsworth; four grandchildren, Kyler Ross, Ian Ross, Jessica Ruddy and Johnathon Hidale; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Bob (Gloria) Ruddy, Osseo, and Dave (Rose) Ruddy, Luverne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Virginia on April 13, 2019; son, Brent Ross; seven sisters, Mavis Wahlerl, Corrine Nath, Delores Kasemodel, Patricia Miller, Marilyn Palmer, Judy Craig, and Theresa Ruddy; and seven brothers, Bud,

Michael, Gene, Donald, John, Jim and Dale Ruddy.

Visitation will be from 4-6:00 p.m., with parish prayers at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Visitation also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, officiated by Monsignor Gerald Kosse. Burial with full military honors provided by the Luverne American Legion & VFW will be in the St. Catherine Cemetery.

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though, there was no more monkey business for the remainder of the day."

When he was 12, he obtained his first job, that of herding cattle for a neighbor. His annual salary was \$3. He explained that the farmers owned small acreages on which there were no fences. It was the herder's job to keep the stock from going into the fields, and to keep them confined to the portion of land allotted as a pasture. It wasn't hard work, he said, but it was work where no one dared to lie down under a tree for a nap.

After completing school at the age of 14, he immediately hired out to a land owner in the village, and there did his first plowing with oxen. The next year, he went to work for a man who was wealthy enough to have horses. His salary was then increased to \$32 per year and his board.

"We didn't have much time for amusement," Mr. Rollert said.

"About the only time we'd have time to do anything else but work was on Sunday. Occasionally, a band would come to our town to provide us with music, but other than that, we'd have to provide our own entertainment."

Mr. Rollert's sister had come to this country several

years before he did, and it was she who induced his parents to leave their native land. Shortly after coming here, he had the chance to go to school while working for a man, but he chose to take a job that paid him more money for full time work. Earning 50 cents a day was nothing to pass up, he thought, when he figured he could earn almost half as much in a month as he earned in a year in Germany.

He worked for an Englishman as a chore boy for some time, and it was there that he learned to speak, the English language. "It didn't take me long to catch on when I never heard a word of German spoken unless I went home on Sunday," he stated.

He worked on farms in different parts of Illinois, and at one place, earned \$20 a month for a 10-month period. "When I drew my money at the end of the season," Mr. Rollert said, "the farmer for whom I worked wrote out a check for about \$180, as I'd only drawn \$20 during that whole time. When he made out the check, he told me that that was the first time he had written a check that large to a hired hand in his life. He was a man about 70 years old too."

(August Rollert's story continues next week.)

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	A Haunting in Venice Friday, October 6 Saturday, October 7 Sunday, October 8 Tickets: \$5 for kids age 3 - 12 th grade, \$7 for adults	PG-13 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 2:00 pm
	Hide Friday, October 13 Domestic Violence Awareness Month National Roadshow Presented by: Southwest Crisis Center Tickets: \$10	7:00 pm
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Luverne volleyball team picks up two wins, falls to Edgerton in close match

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Cardinals volleyball team pulled out two wins and one loss this past week.

Luverne beat Worthington 3-2 at home Tuesday, Sept. 26, and won against the Saints at St. James 3-0 Thursday, Sept. 28.

The Cardinals fell to Edgerton Public 3-0 Monday, Oct. 2, at home.

LHS will face Jackson County Central on the road Thursday, Oct. 5.

Luverne 3, Worthington 2

Luverne took the match against the Worthington Trojans Tuesday, Sept. 26, at home with a 3-2 win.

The Cardinals took the first game 25-18, looking poised and confident.

Luverne fell in the second game 25-21 but came back in the third winning 25-22.

In the fourth game Worthington tied up the game count 2-2 with a 25-21 win.

In the fifth and final game, Luverne was able to rally once again and beat the Trojans to the 15-point mark, 15-9.

"We did some great things during this match, from the service line, back row defense, blocking and hitting," head coach Sarah DeBeer said.

"We took care of things when we needed to and finished a long match very strong."

Junior Ella Reisdorfer led Luverne with 12 kills, and senior Tori Serie followed with eight kills.

Senior Morgan Ahrendt went 34-34 from the service line with five aces and junior Kylie Vander Lugt went 26-27 with one ace.

Senior Elle Halverson had 12 set assists, and junior Amira Cowell had 20 set assists.

Senior Kira John had six block assists and one solo block, and Ahrendt had three block assists and two solos.

Reisdorfer had 14 digs, and senior Belle Smidt had nine digs.

DeBeer said, "I like what I see out of our team going into the end of the regular season."

Luverne 3, St. James 0

The Cardinals beat the Saints 3-0



Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 lhs vb2 Junior Amira Cowell jumps to spike the ball past a Worthington defender Tuesday, Sept. 26, at home. Luverne beat the Trojans 3-2 in a close battle.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 lhs vb3 Junior Kylie Vander Lugt passes the ball to a Luverne setter against Worthington Tuesday, Sept. 26, beating the Trojans 3-2 in Luverne.

Thursday, Sept. 28, on the road.

Luverne won in three games against St. James, 25-22, 25-16 and 25-17.

"It was a great three set win ... we played with a good confidence," DeBeer said.

"Even when a ball didn't bounce in our favor, we came back with a good response to the next one."

Senior Kiesli Smith had six kills, Reisdorfer had seven kills and Ahrendt had eight kills for Luverne.

John provided three solo blocks and two assists, and Ahrendt had one solo and two block assists.

Smidt had 10 digs and Reisdor-

LHS volleyball/see page 10A

Patriots beat Renville County West 45-14

By Greg Hoogeveen

H-BC handed the Renville County West Jaguars a 45-14 loss at home Friday, Sept. 29.

The Patriots remain unbeaten, 5-0, as they go on the road to take on Edgerton Friday, Oct. 6.

"We knew going into the game that they had a very good run offense. I thought we were able to slow them down early, and we were able to control the game with our run attack," said head coach Rex Metzger.

In the first quarter, H-BC opened the game by scoring on a 10-yard run by junior Beau Bakken, who then converted a three-yard run for two extra points.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 hbc fb1 Senior Justin Roelfs carries the ball against Renville Friday, Sept. 29, in Hills. Roelfs rushed for 23 yards in the Patriots' 45-14 win. H-BC is now 5-0.

The Patriots closed the first quarter with an 8-0 lead.

In the second quarter, H-BC added to the lead on a five-yard touchdown run by junior Sawyer Bosch. The Patriots missed the extra point conversion and led by a score of 14-0.

The Jaguars were able to put together a scoring drive on a 41-yard pass completion that beat H-BC's secondary.

Renville missed on the conversion, leaving the Jaguars behind 14-6.

H-BC answered with another scoring drive when senior Riley Tatge caught a 22-yard bomb from sophomore quarterback Jamin Metzger for a touchdown.

Bakken converted on the two-point conversion, making the score H-BC 22, Renville 6.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Jaguars coughed up the football and junior Cameron Allen fell on the loose ball.

Seven plays later, sophomore Micah Bush caught a 20-yard toss from Metzger for six more quick points.

Metzger converted on a three-yard keeper, closing the first half H-BC 30, Renville 6.

In the third quarter, the Patriots added eight more points on a Bush 11-yard touchdown run and Metzger's two-point conversion to extend the Patriots' lead 38-6 after three quarters of play.

In the fourth quarter, Bosch got his second rushing touchdown on a five-yard scamper into the end zone.

H-BC football/see page 10A

Battling for the Axe

A tale of two towns.

What is 66 years old and gets passed back and forth between two towns? The Battle Axe.

The traveling trophy is awarded to the winning football team between rivals Luverne and Pipestone.

This year's game marks the 66th annual Battle Axe game between the Cardinals and Arrows, and Luverne is not looking to give it up without a fight.

If you bleed red or green, you know how much each team wants to win the axe.

The Battle Axe came to life back in 1957, when Pipestone's then head coach Earle Teas, conceived and presented to Luverne's head coach, Arling Anderson, the Battle Axe in celebration of Luverne's undefeated season.

The final game of the year, the annual battle between Luverne and Pipestone, had been canceled because of a flu epidemic.

Coach Teas described the traditional rivalry between the two teams as a "healthy" one.

Coach Teas' presentation was a surprise to Luverne, and coach Anderson accepted it and stated that he thought a traveling trophy between the towns, the Battle Axe, was a good idea.

Anderson thought the trophy would lend a special motivation to their annual battle on the field.



TIMEOUT

By Greg Hoogeveen, Sports Editor

Coach Teas proposed that the trophy remain in Luverne until their next meeting and should be a prize between the two towns for the year upon winning it.

The Battle Axe is a 16-inch-high log with an axe driven into it and an obelisk base to rest the handle.

The base has little plaques added each year after the game with the scores on them.

The axe head is red on one side and green on the other, representing the schools' colors. Painted on the handle is "The Old Battle Axe."

Here are a few fun facts about the Battle Axe throughout the years.

2023 is the 66th annual game between Luverne and Pipestone.

Luverne has shelved

Battle axe/see page 9A

Cardinals football team tips Blue Earth 30-7

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Cardinals football team traveled to Blue Earth Friday, Sept. 29.

The Cardinals handed the Buccaneers a 30-7 loss and are now 4-1 on the season going into next week's homecoming game against Pipestone.

Luverne will be defending the Battle Axe this year against the Arrows Friday, Oct. 6.

"Winning back-to-back road games isn't easy, and our team found a way to get that done," head coach Todd Oye said.

"In Blue Earth we were once again able to limit their running attack with the exception of some quarterback scrambles."

The Cardinals dominated the first three quarters against Blue Earth, taking a 23-0 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Blue Earth was able to get on the board for seven points.

The Cardinals added one more score to end the game in a 30-7 win.

Luverne posted 292 total yards, 107 through the air and 185 on the ground.

Junior quarterback Carter Sehr completed seven of 11 throws with one 10-yard touchdown pass to senior Patrick Kroski in the fourth quarter.

Senior Sam Rock carried the ball over the line twice and finished with 43 rushing yards.

Conner Connell, a

senior, led the Cardinals with 51 total rushing yards and added one touchdown of his own.

Senior Gavin DeBeer had four receptions for 56 yards in the game.

Kroski was also able to put three or four field goals through the uprights in the game.

Defensively Luverne held Blue Earth to 228 yards and intercepted two passes from the Buccaneers' quarterback.

Both Connell and Kroski were able to register sacks.

Kroski also posted two solo tackles and two assisted tackles for Luverne.

Junior Caden Kruger helped the Cardinals on defense with two solo tackles and three tackle assists.

Junior Eli Woodley was able to help in five assisted tackles and one solo tackle for the Cardinals.

"We were able to get our running game established and hit some passes off of play action," Oye said.

"Our line is playing very well and our backs are doing a good job with ball security."

Box Scores				
Quarters	1	2	3	4
Final				
LHS	7	3	13	7
BEHS	0	0	0	7

Team Totals	LHS	JHS
Total plays	62	48
Total yards	292	228
Passing yards	107	168
Rushing yards	185	60

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Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 hbc fb4 Sophomore Micah Bush out-jumped a Jaguar defender, catching a high pass above the Renville player's head. Bush had five receptions for 62 yards and one touchdown. The Patriots beat the Jaguars 45-14.

Lady Pates volleyball team gives up two matches to solid squads

By Greg Hoogeveen

The H-BC girls' volleyball team gave up two matches this past week.

The Patriots lost to Murray County Central 3-0 Tuesday, Sept. 26, at home and fell to Russell Tyler Ruthton 3-0 on the road Thursday, Sept. 28.

H-BC was scheduled to host Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda Tuesday, Oct. 3, and will participate in a tournament at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7.

Murray County Central 3, Hills-Beaver Creek 0

The Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball team lost to Murray County Central 3-0 Tuesday, Sept. 26, at home.

The Patriots fell 20-25 in the first set, 14-25 in the second and 15-25 in the third.

"I thought we played with a lot of fire in Set 1 and did a lot of good things," head coach Meghan Zylstra said.

"Come Sets 2 and 3, we let up a bit and didn't have as much momentum and lost the ball right away and let them make some runs."



Samantha McGaffee photo/1005 hbc vb1

Freshman Olivia Deelstra drives the ball between two Murray County Central middle blockers Tuesday, Sept. 26, in Hills. The Patriots gave up three games to the Rebels in the H-BC homecoming volleyball game.

Senior Lanae Elbers went 9 of 9 serving with two aces while registering seven kills and two blocks.

Freshman Brynn Bakken was 8 of 8 serving, with five kills, two blocks and five digs for the Patriots.

Freshman Olivia Deelstra went 9 of 11 serving with three aces, five kills and one block.

Sophomore Ella Sammons provided two kills for H-BC.

Senior Larissa Steinhoff went 4 of 5 serving with two kills.

Senior Brynn Rauk went 12 of 14 serving with two aces, three kills, 10 set assists and three digs.

Sophomore Abbie Harris was 10 of 10 serving with one ace, two kills, 10 set assists and five digs.

Senior Grace Anderson posted 13 digs and 6 of 6 serving.

Sophomore Claire Knobloch had 10 digs for the Lady Pates.

Russell Tyler Ruthton 3, Hills-Beaver Creek 0

H-BC lost to Russell Tyler

H-BC volleyball/see page 10A



Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 battle axe 1

The Battle Axe is a traveling trophy between the Luverne and Pipestone football teams. This year marks the 66th annual game between the teams. The Cardinals will defend the axe against the Arrows Friday, Oct. 6, in Luverne.

Battle axe/from page 8A

the trophy 36 times, and Pipestone has won it 29 times.

The Cardinals' longest winning streak is 10 years, from 2003-2012, under current head coach Todd Oye.

The longest losing streak was 1974-1982, nine years, under head coach Elmer Menage.

Menage also has the distinction of the biggest win between the schools,

34-0 in 1967, and the biggest loss, 34-8 in 1980.

Luverne coaches' win-loss records for the Battle Axe are as follows: Arling Anderson (1958-1961) 3-1, Larry Korver (1963-1966) 3-1, Elmer Menage (1967-1982) 3-13, Bob Osterday (1983-1989) 5-2, Joel Swanson (1990-2001) 8-4 and Todd Oye (2002-present) 13-8.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 battle axe 2019

Seniors Isaiah Bartels (47), Matt Sehr (10), Gunner Oldre (65) and Jacob Von Tersch (9) accept the Battle Axe from Pipestone after the Cardinals' 13-12 win in 2019. Luverne has won the Battle Axe trophy 36 times and Pipestone 29 times in the past 65-year rivalry.

LHS cross country runners find success in Willmar and St. James invitational

By Greg Hoogeveen

The Luverne Cardinals boys' and girls' cross country teams traveled to St. James Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The girls' varsity 5,000-meter team took fourth place, and the girls' junior varsity 1,600-meter team finished in first place.

The boys' varsity and junior varsity teams did not place due to not having enough runners.

The Cardinals participated in the Willmar Glacial Lake Invite on Saturday, Sept. 30, where the girls' varsity team placed ninth and the boys' varsity team placed second.

The Luverne cross country team will host a nine-team meet in Luverne Thursday, Oct. 5.

St. James Cross Country Invitational

The **Luverne girls' varsity 5,000-meter** team placed fourth behind Gibson-Fairfax-Winthrop, Fairmont and St. James, who placed third.

The Cardinals placed seven individual runners but were without their best finisher, senior Jenna DeBates, at the meet.

Freshman Reinha John finished in 14th place with a time of 24:34.75

Freshman Olivia Lund placed 18th with a time of 25:06.19.

Mariah Knorr, a freshman, finished just behind Lund for 19th place in a time of 25:25.51.

Senior Kayla Bloemendaal finished 21st in 25:44.36.

Junior Jaelyn Arp finished in 32nd with a time of 27:20.52.

Senior Brynn Boyenga placed 35th in 27:46.81.

Junior Andrea Luijtens finished the race in 42nd place with a time of 30:31.15.

The **Luverne boys' varsity 5,000-meter** team did not place as a team because they only had three runners in the event. They were without senior Owen Janiszski, who did

not compete at the meet.

Junior Kaleb Hemme led Luverne, placing 10th with a time of 18:38.95.

Junior Eli McLendon finished 35th with a time of 20:56.75, and sophomore Zander Fountain placed 61st in 26:35.05.

The **Luverne girls' junior varsity 1,600-meter** team took first place in front of St. James Area with nine Cardinal runners competing in the 15-person event.

Seventh-graders Summer Mollberg and Sophia Nolz placed first and third respectively in the race.

Mollberg finished with a time of 6:16.96, and Nolz finished in 6:42.07.

Eighth-grader Grace Kempema placed fourth with a time of 6:56.79.

A trio of seventh-graders paced each other and finished close together in the race.

Harper DeWispelaere finished fifth in 7:12.05, Ahna Tofteland placed sixth in 7:12.22 and Bridget Sandager placed eighth with a time of 7:23.02.

Eighth-grader Emma Wieneke finished 11th in 8:09.23.

Sisters Mallory and Natalie Berning finished within seconds of each other.

Seventh-grader Mallory edged out her sister, eighth-grader Natalie, by three seconds with a final time of 9:01.96.

The **Luverne boys' junior varsity 1,600-meter** team had only one member in the race.

Seventh-grader William Gehrke placed fourth out of 10 runners with a time of 6:42.41.

Willmar Glacial Lake Invitational

The **Luverne girls' varsity 5,000-meter** team placed ninth behind Marshall, St. Cloud Cathedral, Willmar, Perham, Hopkins, Candy-Minneota, St. Paul Academy, and Sartell. The Cardinals came up

three points behind Sartell.

Luverne had seven individuals competing in the girls' varsity 5,000-meter race.

Senior Jenna DeBates placed second with a time of 19:38.8, eight seconds behind Willmar's Lauren Eilers.

Mollberg, who moved up from junior varsity, placed 45th in a time of 22:39.8.

Freshman Khloe Visker placed 57th at 23:36.0.

Nolz placed 59th in a time of 24:09.8.

John finished in 60th place for the Cardinals at 24:11.0.

Kempema ran a 25:07.8 time for 65th place, and Tofteland placed 70th with a time of 26:03.7.

The **Luverne boys'**

varsity 5,000-meter

team placed second behind Perham, followed by Hopkins in third, Willmar, Sartell, Totine Grace, Candy-Minneota and St. Paul Academy in eighth place.

The Cardinals had seven individuals competing in the boys' varsity 5,000-meter race.

Junior Owen Janiszski finished in third place with a time of 17:05.0

Senior Ryan Fick placed 11th at 18:08.0.

Junior Dylan Ommen finished 14th with a time of 18:27.3.

Junior Sage Viessman took 19th place at 18:33.8.

Freshman Marcus Papik placed 21st with a time of 18:41.7.

Cross country/see page 10A

SENIOR ATHLETES of the Week

Brynn Boyenga

Sport: Cross Country
Parents: Mike and Angie Boyenga
What I like most about Cross Country: I love how you can see personal growth but also grow together as a team.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Band
Favorite Class: Band



Gavin DeBeer

Sport: Football
Parents: Jason and Sarah DeBeer
What I like most about Football: Practice.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Gym, basketball and track and field.
Favorite Class: Lifetime fitness



Cassi Chesley

Sport: Tennis
Parents: Judy and Stephan Chesley
What I like most about Tennis: My favorite thing about tennis is hanging out with the team.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Track and field and mock trial.
Favorite Class: AP Spanish



Kira John

Sport: Volleyball
Parents: Cerrisa John
What I like most about Volleyball: The closeness of the team and all the activities we do outside of the court.
Other extracurricular activities/hobbies: Basketball and peer helping.
Favorite Class: Spanish



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LHS volleyball/from page 8A

fer had 13 digs against the Saints. Halverson had seven set assists and Cowell had 14 set assists. Ahrendt went 18-18 from the service line with four aces and Vander Lugt went 15-15 with three aces. "At this point in the year these girls are doing exactly what they need to do to be in a good position in the postseason," DeBeer said.



Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 lhs vb1

Senior Morgan Ahrendt spikes the ball through two Worthington middle blockers in Luverne. The Cardinals beat the Worthington Trojans 3-2 Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Edgerton 3, Luverne 0

The Luverne volleyball team lost to Edgerton Public 3-0 Monday, Oct. 2, in Luverne. The Cardinals kept it close in all three games but were not able to capitalize on their momentum in long volleys. Luverne fell 25-19 in Game 1, 25-20 in Game 2 and 25-22 in Game 3. Stats for the games were not available in time for this week's edition of the Star-Herald.

LHS football/from page 8A

First downs	18	10
Turnovers	0	0
Interceptions	0	2

Domagala	9	0
Receiving	Rec.	Yds.TD
DeBeer	4	56 0
Rock	1	21 0
Kroski	1	20 0

Sasker	2	1	0
Domagala	1	0	0
Woodley	1	5	0
Johnson	1	2	0
Hood	1	0	0
Gonnerman	1	0	0
L. Lais	1	0	0
J. Lais	1	0	0
Hansen	1	0	0
Rock	0	2	0
Ahrendt	0	2	0
Stroh	0	1	0

Luverne Individual Stats

Passing	Cp/Att	Yds	TD
Sehr	7/11	107	1

Rushing	Yds	TD
Rock	43	2
Connell	51	1
Sehr	43	0
DeBeer	23	0

Tackles	Assists	Sacks
Sehr	2	1
Connell	2	0
Kroski	2	2
Kruger	2	3

LHS cross country/from page 9A

Junior Leif Ingebretsen placed 29th at 19:02.8, and senior Zach Terrio placed 51st with a time of 20:23.0. The Luverne girls' junior varsity team did not place, having only three competitors listed. Bloemendaal led Luverne finishing in 57th place with a time of 27:16.8. Arp placed 78th in 29:19.4, and Andrea Luitjens placed 85th with a time of 31:02.8. The Luverne boys' junior varsity

team had only one member in the race. McLendon finished in 45th place in a time of 21:48.8. "The kids did a great job of getting out and competing hard on a pretty challenging course and against some pretty tough competition," head coach Pete Janiszewski said. "I'm proud of them for all of their growth and improvement. It has been rewarding to see all of their hard work come to fruition."

H-BC volleyball/from page 9A



Samantha McGaffee photo /1005 hbc vb3
Sophomore Abbie Harris serves the ball to the Murray County Central Rebels Tuesday, Sept. 26, in Hills. The Patriots lost 3-0 at H-BC's homecoming volleyball game.

Ruthton 3-0 Thursday, Sept. 28, on the road. The Patriots fell 14-25 in Set 1, 4-25 in Set 2 and 9-25 in Set 3. "In Set 1 we were aggressive and were swinging hard and had some confidence," Zylstra said. "Then in Set 2 we got into a really bad serve-receive slump and couldn't get out of it, and it took the wind out of our sails for Set 3." She said she's been working with her team to build confidence. "We've been discussing this week a lot about having confidence and believing in ourselves even when things aren't going our way," she said. Elbers had four kills, three blocks, two digs and went 5 of 6 serving. Bakken provided three kills, five blocks and five digs and went 3 of 4 serving. Sammons had four kills and two blocks for the Patriots. Rauk was 7 of 8 serving and had one kill, six set assists and three digs. Harris went 7 of 7 serving with one ace and six set assists. Anderson, had eight digs and went 7 of 7 at the serving line. Knobloch provided H-BC with six digs in the contest.

Enjoy each day as though it were your last



THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

I find it interesting that no matter where you live or what kinds of outside activities you enjoy, there is always a desire to see and experience new things. I never get tired of a good wildlife ride exploring the prairie landscapes in my state. Even with this deep appreciation for this kind of ecosystem, I still find a need to explore further from home. I make these explorations to different parts of the Midwest and always end up one time per year in the Black Hills of South Dakota. You can drive down Interstate 90 at 80 miles per hour across South Dakota, but this is a drive I try not to do. I prefer to drop down into the state of Nebraska and drive through the Sandhills region. The Sandhills region is like no other place on earth. There is a 116,000-acre area that is designated as the Samuel McKelvie National Forest. This is one of the only places in the entire state you can ride your side-by-side on a designated trail system. I spent a day sitting under a sun shade and just watched the wind wave the short grass prairies that seemed to stretch endlessly as far as the eye could see. It was quite a sight. As misleading as the title it carries, this national forest has virtually no trees on it at all. There are some plantings in a few campgrounds, but that is about it. The Black Hills, which was my ultimate destination, is so different. I have spent a few days every year in the landscapes of western South Dakota, and it is like nothing else. My trips, which have spanned more than 20 years, normally centered around the area near Hill City, South Dakota. I have ridden almost every trail in this region but have also been to Spearfish, South Dakota, a time or two.

The best part of a trip like this is the diversity of landscapes. Some trails travel through deep canyons with rock faces that climb skyward at 90 degrees. Other trails traverse through cattle-grazed pastures. I have always admired the guy or gal that had to erect the fences used to keep their livestock where they belong. Pounding a T-post into what looks like solid rock would seem to be an impossible task. Fences are located in places I thought would be impossible to complete. The cattle there are of many varieties, and I have been exposed enough times to be able to identify those different breeds. I think a Red Angus is my favorite. This year we came across only one dead animal. It was obvious that it had been preyed on, but I could not tell if it was the cause of the animal's death or after the animal had died of other causes. In our adventures in the area, we had come across some mountain lion tracks in the soft mud. South Dakota actually has a season on these large cats, with very tight controls limiting the total kill. I can't imagine coming across one of these big cats

on a trail, but seeing one is unlikely. They tend to shy away from human activity. We did see a few deer, no elk, and more than a few wild turkeys. We normally make this trip in July, but we moved it to September so I could try my legs at riding the RAG-RAI, a 500-mile bicycle ride across Iowa. Needless to say, with 95- to 98-degree temperatures, a heat index that hovered around 105, my bike riding ambitions were quickly snuffed out. It was a one and done effort for me. The dates for the trip in September were picked to coincide with the fall color changes. We did not hit at the peak but were probably within 10 days or so. There is nothing more beautiful than riding in a canopy of golden leaf aspens gently fluttering in the wind. We did manage to hit a two-day rain spell during our four-day outing, and when I left the flatlands of southwest Minnesota, I was suffering from some pretty serious allergy symptoms. When your gal tells you the allergy meds are packed and you find out when you get there that she actually packed Gas-x tablets, you don't fare very well. I was pretty out of it for some of that time, but the rides were safe and the company was exceptional. There is just something to be said for having no phone signal for four days. Seeing different surroundings is just part of the human psyche. The difference between me and all of my friends is that I really have no desire to leave the continental United States. I am soon to be 63, and there is so much more to see that I will never live long enough to cross them all off my bucket list. The bucket list item I am looking forward to the most after I retire is to hook up my camper and load my four hunting dogs and take off on a one-month bird hunt across the central and western part of the U.S.

H-BC football/from page 8A

Junior Cameron Allen was successful kicking a field goal to make the score Patriots 45, Jaguars 6. Late in the fourth quarter Renville was able to score once more on a 48-yard run and two-point conversion run. It was too little, too late as the Patriots beat the Jaguars 45-14. "We made some big plays on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball," head coach Rex Metzger said. "The turnover we created before the half and the ability to score right before half was pretty big."



Greg Hoogeveen photo/1005 hbc fb3

Senior Riley Tatge (82) and junior Talon Steensma (60) take down a Renville running back behind the line Friday, Sept. 29, in Hills. The Patriots beat the Jaguars 45-14 and are now 5-0 on the season.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	Final
Quarters					
Renville	0	6	0	8	14
H-BC	8	22	8	7	45

Team Totals	HBC	RCW
First downs	26	8
Penalties/yards	2-10	2-10
Rushing Yards	273	146
Reception yards	126	78
Time of Possession	31:24	25:53

H-BC Individual Stats	Passing	Cp/Att	Yds	TD
Metzger	12/15		126	2
Rushing	Yds.	TD		
Bakken	83	1		

Bosch	64	2				
VandenBosch	40	0				
Metzger	31	0				
Roelfs	23	0				
Bush	11	1				
Rheault	9	0				
Leendert	5	0				
Wallin	2	0				
Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Tackles	Sacks	Int.
Bush	5	62	1	Wegener 2	0	1
Bosch	4	26	0	Roelfs 1	0	0
Tatge	1	22	1	Tatge 3	1	0
VandenBosch	1	11	0	Bosch 3	0	0
Gacke	1	5	0	Wallin 1	0	0
				Rheault 1	0	0
				Metzger 1	0	0
				Kruger 1	0	0
				Bush 6	0	0
				Moser 1	0	0
				Bakken 1	0	0
				Steensma 1	0	0
				Rheault 1	0	0
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				Gacke 7	0	0
				Bartels 1	0	0

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Wednesday, Oct. 4: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 6:15 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Organized Prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Oct. 5: 8 p.m. NA meeting. Saturday, Oct. 7: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Oct. 8: 9:30 a.m. FUEL/Adult Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Coffee. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Live streamed on Facebook and radio. Prayer Warriors following worship. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible study. Bake Sale in sanctuary. Ecumenical food drive – food shelf. Monday, Oct. 9: 6:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. BOOM Fall meeting. Tuesday, Oct. 10: 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. M&M meeting. 7 p.m. Scouts. BOOM Fall meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 11: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Prayer chapel. 10 a.m. Shut-in visits. 6:15 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. Organized Prayer. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Oct. 5: 8 p.m. NA meeting.

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

Wednesday, October 4: 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m. Committee Meetings. Sunday, October 8: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School,

10:15 a.m. In-person Worship Service and Youth Sunday School (View on Facebook under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne, City of Luverne's LUV TV or on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays), 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Coffee Hour. Tuesday, October 10: OFFICE CLOSED for Indigenous Peoples Day. Wednesday, October 11: 4:00 p.m. Music Staff, 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir, 7:15 p.m. Session.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 8: 9 a.m. Worship service at First Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday school. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @FirstLutheranValley Springs; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish.

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

Sunday, Oct. 8: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service at Palisade Lutheran Church. All are welcome. We Are ONLINE! Facebook: @PalisadeLC; YouTube: FirstPalisadeLutheranParish. Wednesday, Oct. 11-Nov. 8: 9 a.m. Palisade quilting group will meet. All are welcome. Bring a friend. No experience necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Satisfied?

My son loves motorcycles. He buys one and customizes it to fit his style. He rides it for a while, then decides he wants a better one. So, he purchases another, modifies it, rides it and sells it for a nicer and better one. He's never satisfied with what he had or what he has. Well, until he had a couple of kids. Then his priority changed.

It seems like so many of us think the same way. We are not satisfied with what we have, always wanting something better.

But don't be too hard on yourself. I don't think it's our fault. We live in a world where nobody seems to ever be satisfied. We see people posting on social media showing off all their stuff, and we want the same stuff, only better, bigger and more shiny.

We are on a pursuit of better. We want a better car, a better house, or a better combine. Our never-ending pursuit of better quickly becomes a pursuit of more, whether we need it or not. It seems like we just simply are never satisfied.

My question is, when will you be satisfied? Can you imagine a time when you say you're satisfied? Or when you reach that point will you want more?

In Paul's letter to Timothy, he tells him – well, actually he commands him – to be different from those who lived for riches and material wealth. He told Timothy that people are misusing God's word by saying: "Follow God just for what you can get out of it." He told Timothy to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness, instead of pursuing pride and riches.

Our world has become a place where pursuing Paul's command has become something of no value. However, as Christ followers we need to keep the sense that these are valuable

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By Pastor Bob Junak, Rock River Community Church, Luverne

characteristics. Valuable to us as people and especially valuable to God. We need to keep fighting in the pursuit of being satisfied with what God has given us and to stop fighting to gain for ourselves. To stop buying motorcycles. To be satisfied.

Continuing in Paul's letter, he writes this to Timothy: "17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

God knows our tendency to trust in money and stuff instead of in him. He guards us against this danger because he wants us to trust in what is certain. He desires for us to trust in him and not in the uncertainty of what the world offers.

I think pride is the reason we are never satisfied. It's the enemy telling us, lying to us, making us believe that we are better if we have more than someone else.

It's simply not true! If we want to experience his certainty, be a giver of what he has given you and protect your heart from living unsatisfied.

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Rock County Highway Dept. seeks proposals by Oct. 16

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-611-010 ETC. BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. OCTOBER 16, 2023 LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday October 16, 2023.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday October 17, 2023, at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 46 Ft. of 16'x9' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 46 Ft. of 16'x8' PCST. Box Culvert + 2 End Sections; 132 Ft. of 14'x6' PCST. Box Culvert + 6 End Sections; 1,574 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill & Bedding; 551 Tons Rock Bedding; & 264 Tons Random Riprap Class 2.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be \$50.00. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-611-010, Etc.". The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer (09-14, 09-21, 09-28, 10-05)

City of Luverne seeks child care center roof replacement bids

City of Luverne Child Care - Roof Replacement Ad for Bid

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Knutson Construction Services for the Child Care Center Roof Replacement project located in Luverne, Minnesota. Sealed bids / proposals for each individual Trade Package and / or combined Trade Package will be received until 2:00 p.m. C.S.T. on October 16, 2023.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the site location, 1 Roundwind Road, Luverne, MN 56156, on October 10, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. C.S.T. Pre-bid will not be mandatory, but highly recommended for any interested parties.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the State of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" law as codified in Minnesota Statute section 16C.285.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid. Contractor's Proposals shall hold firm for ninety (90) days from the date of opening. Mutually agreed upon extensions of time may be made, if necessary.

The Contract Documents will be available to view and purchase on the Quest CDN Online Plan Room at https://www.questcdn.com. The documents are anticipated to be available on September 27, 2023, and will also be made available at the local plan rooms in the region.

Knutson Construction Services intends to submit a proposal for the general trades package scope of work. The owner will select a 3rd party representative to receive the bids for that trade package to maintain transparency and competitive bidding.

ISD #2184 School Board meets Aug. 24

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on August 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Ryan DeBates, Michael DeBates, Eric Hartman, Zach Nolz, Randy Saker, and David Wrigg. Absent: Tim Jarchow. Also present: Craig Otfedahl, Ryan Johnson, Jason Phelps, Stacy Gillette, Patrick Kroski, Emily Crabtree, and Mavis Fodness - Rock County Star Herald.

Vice-Chairperson Eric Hartman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Randy Saker, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Emily Crabtree with the Luverne Area Community Foundation shared information regarding the different grants and programs associated with the School District that have been helped through this Foundation.

Motion made by Michael DeBates, second by Ryan DeBates, to approve the July 27, 2023, School Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Otfedahl reviewed the District and Student Activity checks. Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Randy Saker, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,246,572.52; with payroll in the amount of \$210,106.76; for a grand total of \$1,456,679.28. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Zach Nolz, to receive the Student Activity report showing the balances as of July 31, 2023. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Zach Nolz, to give authorization for Craig Otfedahl, Tyler Reisch, and Brenda Teal to wire transfer depositories. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Otfedahl reviewed the changes made to the Agreement with the Luverne Hockey Club. Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Michael DeBates, to approve the agreement as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Zach Nolz, to approve the hiring of Levi Klinkner as full-time custodian effective August 16, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Randy Saker, second by David Wrigg, to approve the hiring of Jonathon Dolo as full-time custodian effective August 1, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Zach Nolz, to approve the hiring of Heidi Remme as part-time Title I Paraprofessional effective August 28, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Michael DeBates, second by Randy Saker, to approve the hiring of Grace Egenes as full-time Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 28, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Zach Nolz, second by Ryan DeBates, to approve the hiring of Barbara WeberFriese as full-time Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 28, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by Randy Saker, to approve the hiring of Kylee Cohoon as part-time Title I Paraprofessional effective August 28, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Michael DeBates, to approve the

hiring of Julia Christensen as full-time Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 28, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Michael DeBates, second by Zach Nolz, to approve the hiring of Michaela VanGrootheest as full-time Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 28, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Randy Saker, second by Zach Nolz, to accept the resignation of Jason Berghorst as Mock Trial Coach effective August 17, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Zach Nolz, to approve Mike Maurer as a volunteer football coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Ryan DeBates, second by David Wrigg, to approve the switch of Doug Rozeboom from two-hour food service worker to five-hour food service worker. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Randy Saker, to accept the resignation of Maryln VanGrootheest as Special Education Paraprofessional effective August 24, 2023. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by David Wrigg, second by Zach Nolz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: August 24, 2023

David Wrigg, Clerk (10-05)

Kleine probate

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

Estate of: Lois A. Kleine Decedent Court File No. 67-PR-23-223

NOTICE 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 23, 2023, at 8:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown St., Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated December 19, 2019, and codicil(s) to the Will dated, and separate writing(s) under Minnesota Statutes section 52A.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Kevin Kraetsch, whose address is 552 190th Ave., Magnolia, MN 56158, for Loren Forsberg whose address is 318 30th Street, Dunnell, MN 56127, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives 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, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: Sept. 22, 2023

BY THE COURT

Attorney for: Personal Representatives Name: Benjamin Vander Kooi, Jr. Firm: Vander Kooi Law Offices, P.A. Street: 127 E. Main, PO Box 746 City, State, ZIP: Luverne, MN 56156 Attorney License No: 112124 Telephone: 507-283-9546 FAX: 507-283-9629 Email: lawkooi@gmail.com

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt Judge of District Court /s/ Natalie Reisch Court Administrator

(10-05, 10-12)

H-BC School Board meets Sept. 11

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671 Minutes Sept. 11, 2023

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the H-BC School District Board room, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN. Board members and Administration present were Bosch, Harnack, Helgeson, Rauk, Rozeboom and Uittenbogaard. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Kellenberger and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Board member Gehrke was absent.

Assigned Tim Bosch as Acting Chairman. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Uittenbogaard, and carried to approve the agenda. Addition to Agenda: 8.2.

Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness (Rock County Star Herald) and Megan Klumper.

PATRIOT PRIDE: Back to School Successes

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES: Personnel 9/6/23

Motion by Harnack, second by Rauk, and carried to approve consent agenda: -Minutes—08/28/2023 -Bills -Imprest Cash Report

Motion by Uittenbogaard, second by Helgeson, and carried to approve high quote for Excess Property: Air Compressor Motion by Rozeboom, second by Harnack, and carried to approve moving regular board of education meeting for Monday, September 25 to 8 p.m.

Motion by Uittenbogaard, second by Harnack, and carried to approve Donation Resolution: -\$6,083.58 from H-BC After Prom Committee for Senior Class of 2024

DISTRICT NON ACTION ITEMS: -Back to School Enrollment Numbers -Secondary Principal Report -Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: DATES TO REMEMBER: -Regular Board meeting, Monday, September 25 -Regular Board meeting, Monday, October 9

Motion by Helgeson, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve adjournment of meeting. Time of Adjournment 7:33 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk (10-05)

Larson hearing

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

In Re: Estate of Janice Marie Larson, a/k/a Janice M. Larson a/k/a Janice Larson, Deceased Court File No. 67-PR-23-228

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

TO ALL IINTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of October, 2023, 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 Christi Kay Wilson, whose address is 313 E. Crawford Street, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, 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 personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: September 25, 2023

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt District Court Judge

Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke Attorney for Petitioner Eisma and Eisma 130 East Main Luverne, MN 56156 507-283-4828 I.D. #389457

/s/ Natalie Reisch Court Administrator

(COURT SEAL)

(10-05, 10-12)

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CARDS OF THANKS



We would like to thank the Hardwick First Responders, Luverne First Responders, Luverne ambulance staff, Luverne Sanford ER staff, and Sanford air medical flight staff for their great care the day of my accident on October 1, 2022. A big thank you to Kevin Barnhart for staying with me. Thank you to our church family at Living Rock for all their prayers, and friends for food, cards, support and all their prayers.

In Christ We Stand,
Tom and Bev Martius
(9.30-10.5)

CARDS OF THANKS

With deepest gratitude we would like to thank our community that has supported us after our house fire. We give thanks to the Luverne Fire Department for their quick response and professionalism; to Nick Domagala of American Family Insurance for his quick response and support; to all of the people who showed up on the day of the fire (and in the following days and weeks) to give support and help in any way they could; to our family for their immediate care, concern and support; to Phoebe, Caroline and Security Savings Bank for organizing and managing the benefit account and to everyone who contributed to that account; to our First Presbyterian Church family for their support and prayers; and to the Hoiland Family for offering and preparing a home to us to rent while we rebuild. As we begin the journey of rebuilding our home we take solace in knowing that we have a loving and caring community to support us. Luverne is truly a wonderful community and we wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

With Gratitude,
Mark, Kari, Tiana and Jaxon Lais
(9.30-10.12)

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Celebrating Luverne Alumni

A Star Herald special tribute to the dedication of Luverne's Alumni Garden and Alumni Hall of Fame

Homecoming 2023 to honor Alumni Hall of Fame inductees and celebrate dedication of Alumni Garden

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne High School's homecoming festivities this week include a special celebration of Alumni Hall of Fame inductees and the dedication of the new Alumni Garden.

The Alumni Hall of Fame is intended to recognize the accomplishments of former Luverne students while inspiring current students to strive for greatness in their professional or

personal lives.

The Luverne Alumni Garden is a space for students and teachers to enhance their educational process, but it's also a gift for the entire community.

It's a gift from Luverne native Warren Herreid II and his wife, Jeannine Rivet, who donated funds for the project to the Luverne Education Legacy Fund to fund its construction and special effects.

Students, staff, community members and alumni are invited to celebrate both the Alumni Hall of Fame and the Alumni Garden Friday, Oct. 6. Events are hosted by the Luverne Educational Legacy Fund.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Luverne Alumni Garden. That's also when the garden's grand opening will be celebrated and recognized.

At 5:30 p.m. the Homecoming Tailgating Reception will begin at Cardinal Field. That's also where the Luverne Alumni Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced at 6:30.

This special recognition will occur in front of fans, visitors, alumni and family and friends ahead of the 7 p.m. homecoming football game between the Luverne Cardinals and Pipestone Arrows.

The Class of 2023 includes six individuals – Quentin Aanenson, Jim Brandenburg, Jerilyn Britz, Warren Herreid Sr., Betty Mann, and Monti Ossenfort – and also the players, coaches and manager of the 1964 state championship basketball team.

The Alumni Hall of Fame is organized by the Luverne Education Legacy Fund (LELF) and the Luverne Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Committee members include Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, former teachers Jeanne Bowron and Elmer Menage, current teacher Jason Berghorst, School Board member Mike DeBates, LHS alumni Emily Crabtree and Gary Papik and Chamber Director Jane Lanphere.

A new class of inductees will be added to the Hall of Fame each fall during LHS homecoming ceremonies.



Heather Johnson photo

The Luverne Alumni Garden grand opening will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, during homecoming festivities.

Luverne Alumni Garden is gift for education and for entire community

Final result will include student-made metal Cardinal sculpture and restored historic bell

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne School District's Alumni Garden is located on school property, but the creative space was built for the entire community.

That's according to Warren Herreid II who gifted the garden and guided much of its development.

"We want the school, alumni and the entire community to enjoy the new gardens," Herreid said. "We felt it would show the community how proud we were of the school and its graduates. And we're grateful that the Alumni Association is honoring Warren Sr. for his impact on Luverne."

Warren Herreid II and his wife, Jeannine Rivet, have supported many local endeavors through their family non-profit, the K.A.H.R. Foundation.

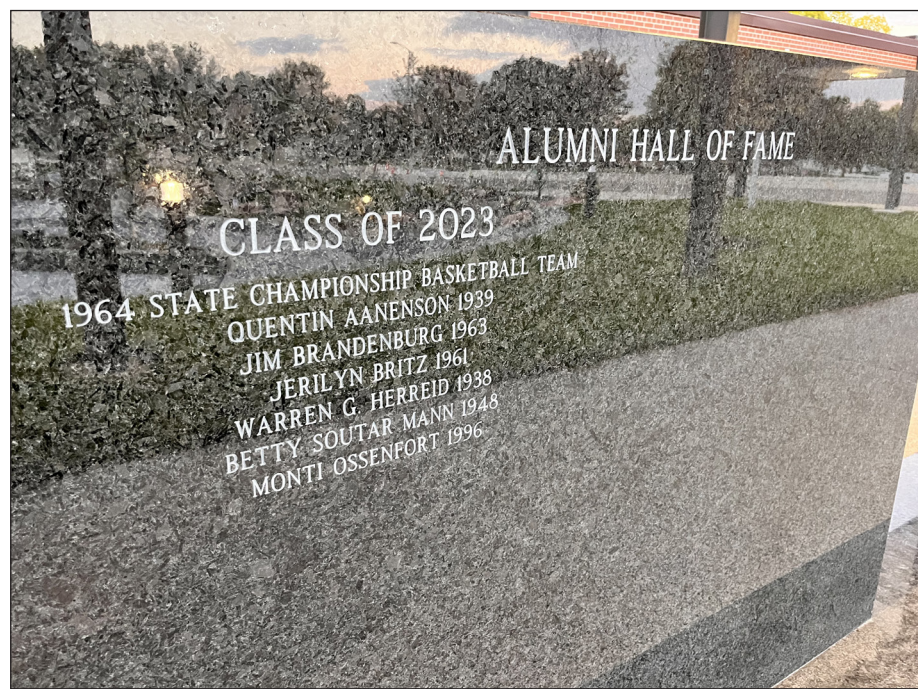
Among the most notable are the Rock County Veterans Memorial, the Herreid Military Museum, the History Center, the community portion of new National Guard Readiness Center and others.

"Our family has been very blessed, and we are happy that we can give back to the community," Herreid said.

But he and Jeannine are personally funding the Luverne Alumni Garden as a special gift.

He said the idea for the garden was hatched during a lunch with Superintendent Craig Oftedahl and Kyle Oldre over two years ago when they talked about having an alumni wall of honor to recognize distinguished Luverne graduates.

Not long after that, Herreid said



The polished stone Alumni Hall of Fame wall was built with a larger footing poured to accommodate for future expansion as more Hall of Fame members are inducted.

they realized the green space near the school entrance canopy would be a good location for an alumni recognition wall.

"The covered walkway was a perfect place to have the alumni wall, being protected from the weather," Herreid said.

"I thought it would be a great area to have an outside classroom area that would utilize some of the green space and add a unique feature to the school."

He soon contacted experts he personally knew would be right for the job.

"I met with a friend of mine,

Craig Roney, an architect, and had him draw up a few ideas for the area," he said. "After a couple of iterations, we agreed on the basic concept."

Those plans included the alumni wall, which was the impetus for the project, and an amphitheater to add usable space for teaching and for events — for both the school and the community.

The design included stadium seating for 30 to 40 people, complete with a podium and sound system.

Closer look at the inductees

Alumni Hall of Fame epitomizes Luverne School District's vision of 'Learn, Live, Lead'

By Mavis Fodness

The first inductees to the Luverne Alumni Hall of Fame are not only outstanding individuals, they epitomize the school district's vision of "Learn, Live, Lead."

Each, as they walked the halls of Luverne Public Schools, learned the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. But they also honed the leadership skills that propelled them to become leaders both at home and across the state and/or the nation.

Nomination letters answered the questions as to why the individuals should be considered for the Hall of Fame.

The Star Herald received copies of the nomination forms and the support letters to offer background on the inductees that include individuals Quentin Aanenson, Jim Brandenburg, Jerilyn Britz, Warren Herreid Sr., Betty Mann, and Monti Ossenfort and also the players, coaches and manager of the LHS 1964 state championship basketball team.

Betty (Soutar) Mann

Preserving

Rock County history became Betty Mann's mission more than 25 years ago and is forever enshrined in the Rock County History Center, a facility she helped build.

At age 93, she continues to assist in preserving and sharing local history.

Luverne Area Chamber Executive Director Jane Wildung Lanphere witnessed Mann's dedication firsthand over the past 15 years.

"Through dogged determination and commitment, the opportunity came for the RCHS to purchase and renovate the former Ford Motor building on Main Street in Luverne," Lanphere wrote.

"The project, with a total cost of over \$1 million, was funded through donations and pledges. The RCHS moved into the building in

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the summer of 2016, gifting back the Masonic Temple (the former home of the RCHS) to the Masons for \$1. Today, the society is debt free."

Mann's dedication to history began as a student at Luverne Public Schools, where she graduated in 1948.

She taught in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District in the school year 1950-51 before starting a family with her husband, Verlyn.

In 1967 she returned to the classroom as an elementary/special education teacher for Luverne, retiring in 1993.

"She was an advocate for her students," wrote elementary principal Edward Salzer. "Parents appreciated her commitment to the education of their children."

In retirement, Mann turned her attention to the historical society.

"Her knowledge of history and willingness to share the stories has been the foundation of the growth of the Rock County Historical Society," wrote RCHS board president Al Stoakes.

Mann donated her personal nutcracker collection and has helped it grow to almost 5,000 unique pieces. The nutcrackers draw visitors to Luverne from throughout the U.S. and the world.

"I can think of no one

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Waterlines support vegetation along the garden pathways as well as heated sidewalks under the existing canopy to aid in snow removal.

Rocks and granite

The base of the project includes 154 tons of granite slabs, and Sioux quartzite boulders are primary accent pieces throughout.

Herreid called on Steve “Junior” Selseth of Oh’Landscapes in Mayer, Minnesota, to oversee the work.

“One of the things I like most about the garden is the fact that it incorporates local rocks,” Herreid said.

“Junior and his team from Oh’Landscapes put in a tremendous amount of pride and extra effort to complete the project in a timely manner and with such high quality.”

He said Selseth’s special touch is one of the things that makes Luverne’s Alumni Garden so unique.

For one thing, 70 percent of his business involves stone and high-end custom materials and designs.

“I’ve done a lot of crazy projects,” Selseth said. “I’m willing to do all kinds of things most people don’t.”

He hired landscape architect Charles Klinefelter for technical planning.

“I’ve worked with Chuck for 30 years, and I knew between the two of us he could get things dimensioned and scalable to be able to share with other contractors.”

Selseth said Klinefelter’s drawings served as a base plan that changed often.



The base of the Alumni Garden includes 154 tons of granite slabs, and Sioux quartzite boulders are primary accent pieces throughout. “It was going to have some dyed concrete, but most of it was going to be regular gray concrete,” said Steve Selseth of Oh’Landscapes. “Now it’s all real granite – regular poured concrete and then a layer – a topping – of real granite mixed into the blend of the topping.”

Steve “Junior” Selseth said one of his favorite features in Luverne’s Alumni Garden is the polished stone podium (at right), an upgrade from original plans.

It’s custom fabricated of Mesabi black granite, from Babbit Quarry, Minnesota.

“It actually turned out better than where we were going to order it from,” Selseth said. “That is actually a really cool feature. ... I’ve never been anywhere where they have a polished stone podium like they have there in Luverne at the Alumni Garden.”

“It’s great to have something to start with to measure out, but things always change so much. We made adjustments on the fly.”

He said that’s especially the case with Herreid, who was suggesting changes and upgrades to



the garden.

“He was like, ‘Let’s do this and let’s do that.’ And I’m like, ‘None of this is in the plan, and that’s not in the budget,’ but I like Warren, because he’s not afraid to think outside the box,” Selseth said.

‘If you can’t find a way, make one’

“I’ve done projects with him where I’ve said, ‘Nobody does this.’ And he’ll look at me and say, ‘Well, we do. Right?’ and I’ll be like, ‘Yeah. Let’s do it. I’m not afraid to try.’”

He said he’s worked on

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– Steve “Junior” Selseth, project manager Oh’Landscapes, Mayer, Minnesota

projects with Herreid that now others are trying to duplicate.

“He’s definitely a man who doesn’t do well with the word, ‘no.’ He has a sign in his office that says, ‘If you can’t find a way, make one.’ And I believe Warren kind of lives by that. There’s always a way to figure it out.”

Selseth said one of his favorite features in Luverne’s Alumni Garden is the polished stone podium, which was another Herreid upgrade to plans, originally estimated to cost \$1.4 million.

“He said he wanted a polished black rock, and I said, ‘Seriously? Nobody does this. This isn’t going to be cheap,’” Selseth said.

“We got our quotes and shared it with him, and he said, ‘That’s what I want.’ And I said, ‘No you don’t. That’s ridiculous. We’re not doing that.’ And he said, ‘Yeah we are. Order it.’”

When he ordered the stone, Selseth learned the delivery timeline wasn’t going to be until November, so he did his own research.

He discovered a friend could get the rock, Mesabi black granite, from Babbit Quarry, Minnesota, and sent it to a custom fabricator.

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better than where we were going to order it from,” Selseth said. “That is actually a really cool feature. ... I’ve never been anywhere where they have a polished stone podium like they have there in Luverne at the Alumni Garden.”

Other “Warren changes” along the way included larger footings for the Alumni Hall of Fame wall to accommodate for future expansion, flag poles and granite-blended concrete topping throughout the garden.

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“Now it’s all real granite – regular poured concrete and then a layer – a topping – of real granite mixed into the blend of the topping. So that’s not regular concrete on the surface. It’s all real granite.”

He said it’s like exposed aggregate, but this is more of an exposed granite known as “reveal.”

The stairways were going to be made of regular concrete, as were the ramps leading to the garden, “... but Warren was like, ‘No. We’re going to make all this a little nicer.’”

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who has volunteered more to support her community and has been a tireless cheerleader for Luverne her entire life," wrote Shirley Klosterbuer.

Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow chairman Pat Baustian added, "We have seen a positive impact and growth in tourism in Luverne and Rock County. This has happened because of Betty Mann's generosity, unwavering energy and hard work."



Monti Ossenfort

One of Betty Mann's elementary students was LHS Class of '96 graduate Monti Ossenfort.

He took his love of football and parlayed that into three Super Bowl rings during his 22-year career with the National Football League.

Today, Ossenfort is general manager of the Arizona Cardinals.

But first, Ossenfort started with the Luverne Cardinals.

Bob Osterday was Luverne's head football coach (1983-1989) when Ossenfort became the team's student manager/waterboy.

"He did everything from making sure the equipment was loaded for away games to handling everything on the sidelines all by himself," Osterday recalled.

"I had such complete trust in him that I gave him a set of keys to the equipment room. His work ethic

and commitment to our program were incredible."

From team manager, Ossenfort became Luverne's quarterback, advancing to college as the starting quarterback with the University of Minnesota-Morris.

However, Ossenfort's lifelong dream was to be a part of a National Football League team, according to classmate Matt Lais.

"His hard work through the years has paid off as he developed his craft from an unpaid assistant (2001) to now being the general manager of the Arizona Cardinals."

In between college and becoming an NFL general manager, Ossenfort was part of four Super Bowl wins with the New England Patriots, with whom he spent 15 years.

He shared football experiences in his college alma mater's communications department in 2017, including what drove him to achieve his NFL dream.

"It's a big world out there; find something that you love to do and go for it," he said.

"There are opportunities out there. If you have determination and willingness and you're able to sacrifice and go the extra mile, anything is achievable."

Through the years, Ossenfort hasn't forgotten his LHS roots.

Todd Oye, LHS 1990 graduate and current dean of students/activities director, asked Ossenfort to complete a special task for the LHS Class of 2021.

"Luverne High School had a 'remote' graduation ceremony because of Covid," Oye recalled.

"Monti was gracious enough to be the keynote speaker and reflect on his time in Luverne."



Warren Herreid Sr.

The late Warren Herreid Sr. was passionate about his community and service to the military.

"Warren lived his life as Luverne's biggest cheerleader," recalled Larry Lanphere. "Friend or foe, it wouldn't be long until Warren began to convince you that America is the greatest place to live in the world and Luverne/Rock County is that little piece of heaven in America."

Herreid's military service spanned 41 years with the Army National Guard with active duty in World War II and the Korean War.

After retiring, he also served an additional 20 years as a volunteer with Employer Support of Guard and Reserve.

"I believe his greatest contribution goes beyond his active service and into the training that he developed, which became the foundation for every future non-commissioned officer in the state of Minnesota," Kyle Oldre wrote.

"The training and expertise Warren provided greatly enhanced the professionalism and readiness of the Minnesota National Guard."

Herreid retired with the rank of sergeant major (the highest non-commissioned rank in the National Guard).

Herreid's ability to lead didn't end with his military service, but followed as he turned into an avid volunteer in Luverne and advo-

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— Larry Lanphere

cate for his fellow service-men locally.

Herreid organized the Southwest Minnesota Honor Flight to bring military veterans to view the war memorials in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for 440 World War II veterans completing the flight.

He was also instrumental in preserving military history by helping in the research for Ken Burns' military documentary, "The War," and developing the Herreid Military Museum in the former Rock County Jail with the assistance of fellow Alumni Hall of Fame inductee Betty Mann.

"I came to know him and witnessed his impact on others as he supported them and they shared stories of war they had never told before," Mann recalled.

Herreid convinced his son, Warren II, and his daughter-in-law, Jeannine Rivet, to fund the museum's remodel and create the Veterans Memorial on the Rock County Court-house lawn.

Socially, he brought a close group of 26 World War II veterans together in 2010 that became the "Last Man's Club."

"These men supported each other until their deaths," wrote Terrie Gulden. "I had many opportunities to sit and have coffee with them and listen to their stories and what was important to them."

Gulden also served with Herreid as a member of the VFW and Rock County Honor Guard, recalling, "He was an effective recruiter of younger veterans to serve on the Honor Guard." Guard members were present at Herreid's burial in 2017.

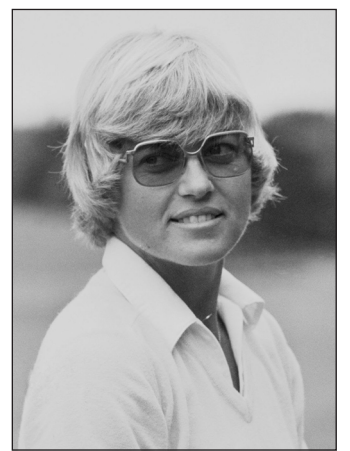
Jerilyn Britz

As Title IX expanded the athletic opportunities for women across the U.S. in 1972, Jerilyn Britz, an LHS Class of 1961 graduate, was already blazing the trail.

At age 17, she began playing golf at Luverne Country Club. However, her chance to perform on the national stage didn't happen until 1974, when at age 30, Britz joined the Ladies Professional Golf Association, qualifying for the tour at her first attempt.

Her college roommate, Katie Hemme (a Luverne teacher from 1963-1999), met Britz as a college freshman at Mankato State University.

"Jerilyn took advantage of opportunities available and created new ones where none existed," Hemme recalled. "Where-



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— Katie Hemme

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After college graduation, Britz spent eight years as a teacher at the secondary and college levels before she pursued a professional athletic career.

Mary Jo Graphenteen met Britz at LCC, and the two developed a friendship on the golf course in the late '80s.

"As a product of Title IX in my own sport life, it is amazing how she blazed her trail to golf's pinnacle," Graphenteen shared. "She

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Selseth contracted with Concrete Arts of Hudson, Wisconsin, for the finishes, but the 400 tons of Sioux quartzite boulders were donated by Stan Williamson from his fields in western Rock County.

"The bigger stones are 12,000 to 14,000 pounds," Selseth said. "We went out to one of his fields with excavator and trucks. He donated all the material, and we shipped it."

Local rocks for the garden were secured nearly two years ago, but the project was held up nearly 18 months by delays for other materials, like stone for the amphitheater memorials and for the granite pavers.

Student-made metal Cardinal sculpture to be final touch

A large metal sculpture of a Cardinal is in the original Alumni Garden plans, but it will be added later because it will be created by students.

The Cardinal will be a joint project of industrial arts students in Luverne and in Selseth's hometown school of Dassel-Cokato, where the industrial arts program has a forge.

"When I was in high school, one of the last things I built was a globe and a lightning bolt," he said.

"We built that and put that in front of our school."

He recalled that it was a team effort between a local artist, the school's industrial technology class and the school's art program.

It combined the school's symbol – a lightning bolt – with the idea that education prepares students for the real world, and Selseth said his industrial arts teacher in 1991 was instrumental in his own career.



The Luverne Alumni Garden features an amphitheater with stadium seating for 30 to 40 people, complete with a podium and sound system.



The Alumni Garden is wired for lighting throughout the structure, making it as aesthetically pleasing by night as it is by day.

"I give him some credit for helping a guy like me get through high school," he said.

"Because I didn't like high school so much, but I like building things."

Selseth said he and his teacher, Steve Ellis, became close friends in the years since then, and now the Cardinal sculpture in Luverne will accomplish similar goals.

The students in Luverne

will work on the design and final installation, and the Dassel-Cokato students will use their forge to melt steel and other metals.

"Even if it takes two or three years, between their shop class and ours, we figured this would be real-life interaction between the students," Selseth said.

"They'll have to communicate with each other about who's building which parts — like what goes on



Stan Williamson donated 400 tons of Sioux quartzite boulders, some weighing 14,000 pounds, from his fields in western Rock County.

in the real world."

He said the Cardinal will take some time, as the students work together on the artwork and manufacturing.

Restored bell coming back to Luverne school

Dassel-Cokato students are currently working to repair the historic bell that was once displayed in the front of Luverne High School.

"There are some cool stories behind that bell," Selseth said. "We figure it had to be made sometime between 1866-1872."

The bell is missing its brass clapper, the "dinger," and students are recreating that and other missing pieces and parts.

"We picked it up and dropped it off at our school with our students," Selseth said. "When we get it done, it will be installed in the

future."

Footings for the bell have already been poured in the landscaping to the east of the current flagpoles.

Alumni Garden is product of collaboration to last for generations

The Luverne Alumni Garden will be dedicated Friday, Oct. 6, during Luverne School District's homecoming celebration.

There is still some work underway, such as the boiler system for the heated walkways, but Selseth said it's rewarding to see the garden at this stage of completion.

"I've been thinking about this project for a couple of years, collaborating with Chuck, the landscape architect, and my schoolteacher buddy, trying to bounce off different ideas," Selseth said.

Some of those interactions have been with Superintendent Craig Oftedahl and district director of buildings and grounds Cory Schmuck, as well as County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

"I want to issue some kind of thank you to the community and to Warren and Jeannine for their involvement in the project and all the good people who were willing to contribute and answer questions," Selseth said.

"I can't believe all the positive things Warren and Jeannine do in the community. ... It's very nice to see that there are people in our world willing to do this. The Alumni Garden will be a good community project for everyone — a long-lasting thing that should be there for many years. A lot of people can get use and enjoyment out of it."

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has been a true role model for me with her unrelenting desire to improve her game.”

Within five years of joining the LPGA tour, Britz won the 1979 U.S. Women’s Open, the pinnacle tournament of women’s golf, according to Tim Connell, a 1967 LHS graduate.

She followed with a second professional tour win in 1980, claiming victory at the Mary Kay Classic.

Britz competed successfully on the LPGA tour for 26 years.

“Through all the fame that ensued, she remained committed to and proud of her hometown roots,” Connell wrote. “She continues to play golf in Luverne and gives selflessly of her time and talent, providing advice and coaching to many Luverne golfers.”

Her LHS classmates appreciate what Britz has done to shine a spotlight on Luverne and Luverne Public Schools.

Bill Miller is one of Britz’ admirers

“Jerilyn has always been proud of Luverne Public Schools and the opportunity she had to grow up in a great Midwestern town,” he wrote.

“She still considers Luverne her home as she continues to travel throughout the United States, representing our community with dignity, humility and honor.”

Jim Brandenburg

As a youth, Jim Brandenburg put down his hunting rifle and started seeing wildlife through the lens of a camera.

The 1963 Luverne High School graduate’s love of nature led him to travel throughout the



world, capturing rare images and film footage of wildlife that’s led him to be considered one of the most accomplished and prolific wildlife photographers in the world.

His photographs first appeared in National Geographic magazine in 1978, and his documentaries have aired on PBS.

Brandenburg’s images have earned dozens of accolades over a 20-year period.

He’s also never forgotten his childhood roots.

“He has an incredibly artistic ability to capture nature in a way few people could ever hope to, and his images and film work are considered some of the best in the world,” wrote Chris Nowatzki.

“Jim’s passion for nature and its preservation led him to create the Touch the Sky Northern Tallgrass Prairie Refuge.”

The 1,000-acre refuge north of Luverne brings thousands of visitors to view and learn more about the virgin prairie. They also stop at the local Brandenburg Gallery, located on the courthouse square in Luverne.

Dave Smith was the director of the Luverne Area Chamber when efforts began in the 1990s to open the gallery.

“From the time the gallery opened (in 2000), I

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could see the impact on our community by the number of people stopping in to see the photographs,” Smith wrote. “Jim’s impact on nature photography and in this community is exceptional.”

However, Brandenburg’s love of nature doesn’t stop with his award-winning work.

His spotlight on nature and endangered species has led to the preservation of natural habitats involving plant life as well as wildlife for all to enjoy.

Brandenburg’s pictures are still being noticed 60 years after his graduation from LHS.

Gallery proceeds and fundraising efforts through the Brandenburg Foundation keep the Touch the Sky a viable local asset, according to current Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Lanphere.

“Jim’s impact on the environment through the purchase and management of this land has preserved and expanded native plants, once thought to be gone,” she wrote.

“His lifework has made a difference to people around the world and continues to do so through today.”

Quentin Aanenson

LHS Class of 1939 graduate Quentin Aanenson personal experienced during World War II in the Army Air Corps catapulted him into the national spotlight.

His military stories helped others to have a better understanding of “loyalty, duty, respect, selfless honor, integrity and personal courage,” words Dave Haugom used to describe Aanenson, who died in 2008.

“In a time where very few World War II veterans are still living, it is important that we honor those that served in uniform before us,” he wrote.

“The military has a proud heritage, but not proud service men and women.”

Aanenson’s self-produced-and-written



documentary, “A Fighter Pilot’s Story,” was aired on PBS in 1993, describing the harrowing combat missions and military duties, details that very few survivors of World War II would discuss openly.

John and Jeanne Bowron indicated that if Aanenson hadn’t opened up about his military service,

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Quentin Aanenson’s “A Fighter Pilot’s Story” brought the spotlight to Luverne when Ken Burns chose Aanenson and the writings of Star Herald editor Al McIntosh as features in his documentary, “The War,” released in 2007. Since then, more than 75 million viewers have seen Aanenson’s military story.



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the world would not understand the horrors of war and how these experiences silenced those who fought in the war.

"Quentin was a farm boy with big dreams," the Bowrons wrote. "His wartime experiences found him excelling as a fighter pilot and with skills in radio communication. He was a war hero."

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"This video, plus the articles penned by Al McIntosh, were the reasons that Luverne was selected as one of four cities in the United States that were featured in Burns' epic tale," wrote Terrie Gulden, exhibit curator at the Herreid Military Museum. "The impact of the story of World War II in relation to Luverne will continue decades into the future. Quentin's story made this happen."

The 1964 LHS boys' basketball state championship team

The team's 72 to 66 win over Rochester in the final game of the state high school basketball tournament propelled the 12 members of the 1964 Luverne High School boys' basketball team into the record books for their statewide one class championship win.

Judy (Fredrikson) Brandenburg (LHS Class of '64) was a cheerleader



Luverne.

In front, left to right, are Bill Toms, Tom Kozney, John Beyer. Middle row, same order: Milo Herrmann, Scott Creeger, Gregg Thone, Bryan Wells, Curt Laudon and Chuck Lippi. In back, left to right, are Bob Lorenzen, assistant coach, Richard Iverson, Rodger McKay, Del Jessen, Coach Ray Merry and Larry Stoterau, manager.

for the team and had a front row seat to the team's feat that earns them a place in the Luverne Alumni Hall of Fame.

"We were honored to live through a nail-biting year when coach Ray Merry and assistant coach Bob Lorentzen led the team to Williams Arena to compete for the state title," Brandenburg reflected.

"All of southwest Min-

nesota talked, wrote and heard basketball. Friday nights were standing room only in any gym the team played in."

Team members included Del Jensen, Bill Toms, John Beyer, Greg Thone, Jerry Kozney, Rodger McKay, Rich Iverson, Curt Laudon, Brian Wells, Scott Creeger, Milo Herrmann and Dave Moher.

"To say that they were southwest Minnesota

heroes is an understatement," wrote LHS graduate Verlyn Van Batavia, who followed the team's progress.

"They put Luverne on the state map in 1964 and Luverne's connection to our first and only state title (when everyone competed in the same class) is still something amazing."

Almost 60 years later, memories of the 1964 state championship are

still shared, as recalled by LHS alum Kathy Heeren.

"Even this year, when I joined the other members of my class for a tour of the newly remodeled school, one of the highlights was to see that state trophy shining brightly in the display case," she wrote.

"These boys made all of us so proud and set a record for Luverne that will never be duplicated

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since the high school league's decision to go multi-class tournaments."

Their win had a lasting impact for Jill Wildung Schmidt.

Schmidt was 6 years old when she attended the 1964 congratulations dinner at the Luverne Armory for the team.

"After we ate, they let us go up and congratulate the team," Schmidt wrote.

"I had saved a piece of my paper placemat and my dad gave me a pen. I stood patiently and waited so that each member of the team signed my little piece of paper. I cherish that piece of paper yet today."

Schmidt, a 1976 LHS graduate, was a member of the 1975 girls' basketball state tournament team.

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