

# Rock County STAR HERALD

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## Respect Lunch becomes Respect Picnic

Traditional manners lesson moves from elementary commons to outdoors playground

By Mavis Fodness

The annual elementary school Respect Lunch became a Respect Picnic Monday when the event moved outdoors.

Traditionally Respect Lunch happens in the elementary commons where tablecloths are used and food is passed "family style" around the table.

Students speak quietly and politely saying "please" and "thank you," and live piano music is played.

This year students took their corn dogs, french fries, apples, baby carrots and milk outside.

"The kids were very excited," said Amy Chapa, president of PPIE (Parents, Partners In Education).

The state of Minnesota lifted pandemic restrictions on outdoor events earlier this month, but Respect Picnic organizers kept students separated by grade levels by setting picnic tables on the north and south lawns of the elementary schools.

Students brought their lunch baskets outside and sat with adult volunteers at tables brought in by city Public Works employees

Students played Respect Picnic bingo, and winning tables received special treats.

"This year has brought a lot



Mavis Fodness photo/0527 Respect Picnic

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## City eyes property at Main and 75

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members met in closed session Tuesday, May 18, to consider purchasing property at 102 S. Kniss in Luverne.

The property on the southwest corner of Main Street and Highway 75 is owned by members of the Dennis and Norma Remme family.

It was the location of Remedez Hair Salon, started in 2007, and the business office for Remme Construction.

It closed in January and the 7,348-square-foot lot was listed for sale in March for \$162,500.

At last week's meeting, the council authorized City Administrator John Call to make an offer on the corner lot.

As of Tuesday's press deadline, a purchase agreement hadn't been signed.

The Remedez lot borders a property to the south at 108 S. Kniss that the city bought from the VanderPoel family for \$39,900 on Oct. 15, 2019.

The Remedez lot borders a lot to the west that the city purchased in 2015 from Dale and Karen Bosch, Beaver Creek, for \$70,000.

The house between Remedez and the municipal liquor store on the lot was demolished and the property has been held for future development.

The intent for the Remedez lot, if the city buys it, would be to lease it to an interested business.

## Rock County Historical Society hires director

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Historical Society Board announced Tuesday that Wendel Buys, Luverne, has been hired as executive director, a new full-time paid position with the organization.

"We've never had an executive director," said Historical Society President Betty Mann.

"I'm very, very excited."

She said Buys will oversee operations of the History Center and the four historical buildings in the community. They include the Hinkly House and the fairgrounds properties — the schoolhouse, summer kitchen and two barns.

"This means I can spend more time getting things written down," Mann said.

"I have so many things in my head from research for my talks, but I just have notes. I want to get it written down."

Buys currently teaches at Southwest Christian High School in Edgerton and previously taught in Hills.

"He has wonderful qualifications and has an interest in history," Mann said Tuesday morning.

She said the board made the hiring decision at their Monday night meeting and selected Buys from among 19 candidates.

"Many of them were excellent applicants," Mann said. "It was not an easy decision."



Wendel Buys



Lori Sorenson photo/0527 memorial day luminary

From 3 to 8, members of the public are invited to come to the veterans memorial to pick up red solo cups that will become luminaries for participating in the evening observance.

## Luminaries honor veterans Monday

By Lori Sorenson

By 9:30 Monday night, the Rock County Veterans Memorial at the courthouse will be aglow with hundreds of red solo cups with small American flags and battery-operated candle votives.

According to Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, a Monday evening service at the Courthouse Square will replace the usual Sunday candlelight vigil on the evening before Memorial Day.

"With Sunday being graduation, we didn't want there to be conflicts," Lanphere said. She said Memorial

Memorial Day/See page 2A

## Parade to celebrate LHS graduates Sunday

By Mavis Fodness

Last year the Luverne High School Class of 2020 jumped into vehicles after commencement exercises and followed a fire truck through Luverne.

On Sunday the LHS Class of 2021 will celebrate in similar style. "Last year was a big hit with many loving it, so the seniors asked to have it again," said high school principal Ryan Johnson.

"It was fun for the community to support them — waving at them and shouting out congratulatory remarks — made them feel special and accomplished."

The parade begins at 3:30 p.m. with participating graduates in vehicles starting and ending at

the middle-high school parking lot.

Johnson said this year's parade route is shorter than last year's event but long enough to give the public lining the designated boulevards the opportunity to congratulate students as they are chauffeured along the route.

The route from the school heads south on Donaldson Street, east on Main Street, north on Blue Mound Avenue, west on Veterans Drive and south on Highway 75 back to the school.

Commencement for the 90 students comprising the LHS Class of 2021 begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30, in the Luverne Elementary School gym.

## Help wanted:

Five resignations leave H-BC in search of seven teachers for 2021-22 school year

By Mavis Fodness

Officials with the Hills-Beaver Creek School District are seeking seven teachers before the start of the 2021-22 school year on Sept. 7.

As of Monday night, two of the six positions are filled.

The H-BC board approved the hiring of Danielle Kneip and Lydia Hildebrandt as elementary teachers for the 2021-22 school year.

At their May 10 meeting, board members accepted the resignations of two teachers — Jeanette Vanden Hoek, 25 years at the secondary school in science, and Diane Vanden Hoek, 31 years

at the elementary in second grade.

Current sixth-grade teacher Renee Edmundson was approved to transfer to the elementary school to fill Diane Vanden Hoek's position.

District officials are seeking to fill the middle school position and the K-12 art instructor.

"No applicants," is what Superintendent Todd Holthaus said for the art instructor.

At Monday's board meeting, the board accepted the resignation of secondary teacher

H-BC hiring/See page 3A





## COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,287	<1	+0.2%
Pipestone	1,163	<1	+0.2%
Nobles	4,083	<1	+0.0%
Minnehaha (SD)	31,665	8	+0.1%
Lyon (IA)	1,586	<1	+0.2%

**14-day case rate in Rock County per 10,000 people:**

Date Range	4/4-4/17	4/11-4/24	4/18-5/1	4/25-5/8
Rate	32.93	40.37	39.31	30.81

**Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY**

- People with at least one dose: 3,722
- People with completed series: 3,460

Data as of 05-23-2021

For more Covid-19 vaccine information, please visit:  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine.html>

**School Status**

**LUVERNE** - Elementary: In-person | Middle/High School: In-person  
**HBC** - Elementary: In-person | Secondary: In-person/HYBRID

Current data as of May 25, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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of changes, but it has been fun coming up with new ideas to still make it happen," Chapa said.

"We couldn't have asked for better weather. I think the kids really enjoyed the picnic-style lunch and the respect bingo."

The picnic lunch began at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 12:55 p.m. with each class having 40 minutes outside with adult volunteers.

"We had so many wonderful volunteers who made the event possible," Chapa said.



At right, students take turns cleaning their tables Monday at the Respect Picnic.

### Memorial Day features luminaries/continued from page 1A

Day services Monday morning at Maplewood Cemetery will be the same as usual, with the American Legion and VFW and speaker Mike Welch.

Monday afternoon services at the Veterans Memorial begin with a 3 p.m. federal government-initiated national hour of remembrance to officially remember those who were killed in KIAs and MIAs.

"That is when you are officially asked to remember KIAs and MIAs," Lanphere said.

"We will present the wreath and read the names of the fallen at the Veterans Memorial at 3 o'clock followed by taps," Lanphere said.

#### Sampson exhibit opens in Herreid Military Museum

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Sampson was a military chaplain known for staying with the enlisted men he served during World War II, including during the inva-

sion of Normandy.

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She is buried in St. Catherine Cemetery, where Sampson also chose to be laid to rest next to her when he died in 1996.

A 6-foot-tall quartzite monument marks his grave and tells the story of his military career.

Now, the Herreid Military Museum will expand on that story with artifacts and details of his service and life contributions.

#### Red solo cups and American flags

From 3 to 8, members of the public are invited to come to the veterans memorial to pick up luminaries to participate in the evening observance.

"We will give them a red solo cup with sand in it and an American flag, and they can set it on the paver

of any deceased veterans at the veterans memorial," Lanphere said. "Starting at 8, we will begin putting little lights in the cups.

From 8:30 until the next morning the luminaries will remain lighted.

"Our goal is to have hundreds of lights out there," Lanphere said. "By 9:30 at night it's going to be gorgeous."

The Memorial Day schedule at the Courthouse Square is as follows:

- 3 p.m. — National Hour of Remembrance with the placing of the wreath and reading of the names of Rock County KIAs and MIAs, followed by taps.

- 3:30 to 8 p.m. — Placing of luminaries. The public is invited to place luminaries on pavers of deceased veterans.

- 4 p.m. — Opening of Father Francis Sampson exhibit in the Herreid Military Museum (open until 8 p.m.)

- 8:30 p.m. — Lighting of the luminaries.

- 9 p.m. — Moment of reflection.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Car parade planned for LHS graduating class

A car parade at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 30, will feature the Luverne High School Class of 2021 following the 2 p.m. commencement in the elementary school gymnasium.

The Luverne Volunteer Fire Department will lead the parade of graduates around the city of Luverne. The parade starts and ends at the high school parking lot. The route consists of vehicles traveling south on Donaldson Street, east on Main Street, north on Blue Mound Avenue, west on Veterans Drive and south on Highway 75.

Community members are encouraged to congratulate students along the parade route.

### Memorial Day programs

**Hardwick American Legion Post #478** Memorial Day Program will be at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Veterans Memorial. Program includes a speech by Matt Niessink, staff sergeant and recruiter for the Army National Guard. Bring lawn chairs.

The **Luverne American Legion and VFW** will host a program at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 31, at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne featuring speaker Michael Welch and music by the Luverne High School Band. Bring your own chairs.

**Rock County Veterans Memorial** will host a 3 p.m. program featuring placing of the wreath and reading names of KIAs and MIAs, 3:30 to 8 p.m. placing of luminaries, 4 p.m. opening of the Father Sampson exhibit in the Herreid Military Museum and an 8:30 p.m. lighting of the luminaries. See [www.luvernechamber.com](http://www.luvernechamber.com) for details.

**Hills American Legion** will host a program at 9 a.m. Monday at the Legion Hall.

The **Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs** will host a 30-minute virtual Memorial Day program, "Reflections: Memorial Day 2021," at 8 p.m. Monday, May 31, on TPT's Minnesota Channel.

### Parade entries sought by May 31

Entries are being sought for the Hills Friendship Days parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, May 31, to [kaelbers@alliancecom.net](mailto:kaelbers@alliancecom.net) or by calling Keith at 507-962-3433 or Annette at 507-962-3432. Questions can be directed to same email address and phone numbers.

### Blue Mound Quilters' June 5

Blue Mound Quilters Show will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5, in the Hinkly House at 217 N. Freeman in Luverne. The show will feature quilts from the Blue Mound Quilters and from the 2021 Quilter of the Year Millie Lais. Also on display will be the Hospice Cottage historical quilts and the 2021 hospice raffle quilt. Face masks are encouraged.

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# Additional wells to be sampled for groundwater atlas

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has so far collected water samples from 57 wells in Rock County for use in the county's groundwater atlas.

An additional 33 samples are still needed to complete the groundwater sampling plan, with sampling proposed in May and June of 2021.

Property owners will be contacted by mail or phone for permission to sample their wells. The process involves collecting a water sample from an outside location for laboratory analysis.

Participation is voluntary and property owners will receive a report of the laboratory results.

Wells are selected based on geology, location, well depth and well construction.

Data from participants' wells will help the DNR create county maps and descriptions of groundwater distribution, movement, and conditions, and the pollution sensitivity of aquifers.

The final products will be available as printed maps, reports and geographic information system (GIS) files available on the web.

The atlas can be used to help identify viable water sources, evaluate supply, identify recharge sources and flow, manage sustainability, guide decisions for well and septic system construction, assist

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in well-head protection for public water supply, and assess pollution sensitivity and likely contamination migration.

County atlases are produced in two parts over the course of several years.

Part A covers the geology of the county and is expected to be completed for Rock County in 2021 by the Minnesota Geological Survey.

Part B will expand on this information to cover the hydrogeology (groundwater) using the new Rock County well sampling data. The DNR expects to complete Part B in 2022.

The county atlas program is funded in part by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Funding also comes from the Clean Water Fund, which receives 33 percent of the sales tax revenue from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment approved by voters in November 2008.

A full description of this DNR program and status reports for atlas products is available at [mndnr.gov/groundwatermapping](http://mndnr.gov/groundwatermapping).



The First Assembly of God Church west of Luverne is now known as Rock River Community Church. (Lori Sorenson photos)

# Assembly of God Church has new pastors, becomes 'Rock River Community Church'

By Lori Sorenson

The First Assembly of God church west of Luverne has a new name and a new face behind the pulpit.

In March Bob and Annette Junak took over as pastors of the church, now known as Rock River Community Church.

They moved to Luverne from Minneapolis where Bob pastored a church and Annette worked in the Assemblies of God district office, which oversees the 250-some churches in Minnesota.

When Pastor Ken and Gloria Kashner retired last fall, the Junaks noticed an opening in Luverne and looked at the map.

"At first we dismissed it," Bob said. "And then we took a drive down the day after Thanksgiving. The town felt nice. It was clean and inviting."

Annette said it felt like Luverne could be home.

So, they expressed interest and were invited to interview and meet the congregation.

"It was a meet and greet with the search committee, and it was like we already knew all of them," Bob said. "We left here that afternoon and we felt great. It was comfortable."

Bob's first sermon on March 14 was based on Nehemiah, who organized the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem.

"I talked about being 'all in.' Our ministry is to change and refresh," he said.

The sanctuary has roughly 100 chairs.

"Some ministers teach and preach. What God has blessed us with is foundational building and creating change. God's always placed us in a position of building and rebuilding and restructuring."

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"I declared the church a doily-free zone. Grandma don't live here," Bob said. "And everybody laughed."



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"When we thought about a name, we asked, 'What does Luverne identify with?' We thought that Rock River Community Church sounded like something the community could identify with," Bob said.

Annette said, "We're still Assembly of God, but we wanted a name to identify with the community."

She said she hopes the new name will encourage some exploration.

"Sometimes people have the wrong ideas about what Assembly of God means," she said.

The Junaks work part time as pastors and part time as commercial millwork estimators for a company in Blaine. Between pastoring and estimating, they both work full time.

"It's like working two full-time jobs," Bob said.

Annette is also a credentialed pastor and delivered the Mother's Day message. Their son, who is also

**Rock River Church/See page 5A**

## H-BC hiring/from page 1A

Nora Wysong effective at the end of 2020-21 school year. Band instructor Steve Olson's resignation was also accepted.

They also accepted the resignation of Steve Wiertzema as teacher/athletic director at the end of the current school year.

Bus drivers are also needed in the district as driver Ron Rauk's resignation was accepted by the board Monday.

Filling the open positions may be a challenge for the rural district, which has 375 K-12 students.

Holthaus said a report released through the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board continues to show a decline in people entering the education profession.

The report indicates not only are there fewer new teachers, 10 percent of them exit within the first five years on the job.

"Rural schools articu-

lated a greater difficulty and impact of the shortage compared to suburban and urban districts," concluded the Minnesota Rural Education Association in a recently released report.

### In other business Monday, the board:

- assigned Angie Hageman as summer 2021 extended school year speech/language teacher, and Samantha McGaffee as summer 2021 extended school year special education teacher and as summer office assistant.

- set the secondary advisory period coordinator position at \$1,200 for the upcoming school year.

- directed the business manager to sell or dispose of miscellaneous kitchen equipment as excess property.

- accepted the resignation of paraprofessional Drew Carver, effective at the end of the school year.

## MOWING NOTICE: BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

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## Honor Our Heroes



**May 31, 2021: 3 pm to 9 pm**

**Rock County Veterans Memorial & Herreid Military Museum**

3:00 pm—NATIONAL HOUR OF REMEMBRANCE  
*Placing of the Wreath, Reading of the Names of Rock County's KIA's & MIA's & Taps*

3:30 pm to 8 pm—PLACING OF LUMINARIES  
*Public invited to place luminary on the paver of deceased veterans  
Luminaries courtesy of Luverne Area Chamber & CVB*

4 pm—FATHER FRANCIS L. SAMPSON EXHIBIT OPENING  
*Honoring Sampson's life of service to God & to Country  
Herreid Military Museum (open to the public through 8 pm)*

8:30 pm—LIGHTING OF THE LUMINARIES

9 pm—MOMENT OF REFLECTION



## Backyard asparagus patch may ruin the sport of hunting and foraging

Hunting season is upon us, and I don't mean pheasants or deer. I'm talking about



### ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

asparagus — spotting it in its natural environment, camouflaged in roadside ditches and grassy field driveways.

Asparagus hunting involves special wild game hunting instincts not utilized with big game or birds.

It requires an eagle eye and heightened peripheral vision in order to spot a single green stalk among tall green grass at 50 mph down a gravel road.

My husband is one such seasoned hunter, and every year he becomes more accomplished.

It used to be we were happy to find a few handfuls for a meal or two in the spring.

Now, the yields are measured in armfuls, and I joke that the cave-man is hunting and foraging for his family.

He owns it. "I've been hunting and foraging again," he says while delivering a pile of fresh, green stalks to the kitchen table.

We often share our bounty, but not with the other hunters and foragers in the neighborhood. That would take the fun out of the unspoken competition.

Saturday night, a neighbor (also a hunter) spotted our Blazer parked on the road shoulder while we were scouring the ditch.

"Finding any?" His voice came across the two-way radio. "Some," the husband said, piling an armload on the dash. "Were there any by the church?"

The lilac shrubs at church conceal a gold mine frequented by local asparagus hunters, and it's the source of un-Christian-like remarks when a stranger loots the patch.

"Only a couple," the husband replied over the radio airwaves. "I think that patch is about done producing."

*Liar!*

We scored an armload at the church 10 minutes prior.

"It was a couple ... of armloads," the husband smiled slyly.

That's the other thing about asparagus hunting. Never reveal your secret patches and never encourage a stampede to a hot spot.

It was getting dark, and I suggested we head for home with our lucky catch.

"Are you kidding? We still have three more spots to check."

To my untrained eye, the green grass and asparagus were one and the same as the sun sank over the horizon.

But the hunter and forager was in his element. A healthy new growth sprouted overnight in his favorite (secret) locations and we piled another armload on our catch of the day.

I sighed.

I'll never tire of fresh asparagus, but we've been eating it at every meal — steamed, broiled, grilled, blanched and raw. It's all good.

But this year, for the first time in my life, I experimented with preserving the produce.

If it's any good, we'll enjoy asparagus from a jar long after the patches go to seed.

And, if we can master that skill, maybe we can also grow our own asparagus patch in the backyard.

I planted a couple dozen ferny young plants this spring, and if there's success, hunting and foraging season will simply be harvest season when the patch matures.

Meanwhile, the hunt (and the sport) carries on.

## May is National Foster Care Month; will you accept the call?

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Rock County foster parent Shawna Sjaarda recently wrote about being a foster parent and about the need for others to fill the role of foster parenting.

Foster care is defined as "a situation in which for a period of time a child lives with and is cared for by people who are not the child's parents." Sjaarda said this definition barely scratches the surface of what foster care actually means for all involved.

"To a child being placed in a foster home, it means anxiety, distrust, fear, grief, anger, and for some, hope," she writes. "They have just been taken out of their 'normal' and no matter what bad choices their parents have made, they remain fiercely loyal to their parents."

She said foster children can present challenges to biological children of foster parents. "It means anxiety, distrust, joy, anger, jealousy, frustration and love," Sjaarda said. "A stranger has just moved into their house. He/she plays with their toys, takes away their parents' attention, and might even sleep in their room."

To foster parents, Sjaarda said, it means love, anxiety, grief, frustration, mourning and joy, patience, perseverance and joy.

"Will this child harm our bio children? Will he/she sleep at night? Will he/she allow himself/herself to be loved?" she writes.

"What a tangled web of emotions a child can spin when he/she is placed in a foster home.

What an incredible opportunity to provide a stable home for a child in desperate need."

Children are removed from a home for a variety of reasons including neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, parental drug use, unsanitary living conditions, incarcerated parents and other reasons.

Sometimes children stay in a foster home because they need a place in an emergency until a family member is able to care for them. Other times, a child may stay while a parent receives treatment for an addiction. Still other times, a child may never return to their biological parents.

For Sjaarda and her husband, foster parenting is a calling. "God commands us to care for the orphan and the widow in their time of need (James 1:27), and we felt that we could do that, with God's help," she said.

Over the years they have had over 25 foster children in their home. "Some have stayed for a couple of hours, some for a few days, while others have stayed for 18 months. We have had a 2-day-old-baby placed with us, a 17-year old and nearly every age in between."

She said each situation is

unique in its challenges and joys.

"Being a foster parent isn't easy, convenient or even fun at times, but when a child returns a hug, remembers to speak with respect, confides in us or progresses in positive behavior, we are reminded why we do this," Sjaarda writes.

"Each child that enters our home is made in the image of God and we can show him or her God's love for a short period of time. We don't know the eternal impact of what we are doing, but we can faithfully plant seeds and shower each child with love while they are part of our family. We may never see the fruit of our labor, but if we can provide a safe, loving home for a child in need, that is reward enough for us."

Six counties in southwest Minnesota work together under Southwest Health and Human Services, and there are currently 47 licensed foster homes in these respective counties (four in Rock County).

Sjaarda's full story appears on the Star Herald website, [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com), and she encourages others to consider foster parenting. "It's a choice with eternal significance. Will you accept the call?"



## Permit necessary when moving oversized items on Minnesota roadways

**Question:** Do I need an oversize or wide-load permit to haul a boatlift that is over 9 feet wide to my cabin?

**Answer:** You would need to obtain a permit because the width is over 8 feet 6 inches. Hauling oversized items without a permit or escorts (if required) can be dangerous and is illegal. Troopers and private escort companies are required to be trained and certified. An oversize and/or overweight permit is required when:

- an overall loaded width exceeds 8 feet 6 inches.



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

- an overall loaded height exceeds 13 feet 6 inches.

- an overall loaded length exceeds 75 feet on combination vehicles.

- an overall loaded length ex-

- ceeds 45 feet on single vehicles.

- when the overall GVW exceeds 80,000 pounds.

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## ON RECORD

### Dispatch report

**May 14**  
 •Complainant reported damage to a license plate.  
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 18, Luverne, reported debris on the road.  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported child at location.  
 •Complainant reported camera outage.  
 •Complainant reported missing items.

**May 15**  
 •Complainant requested residence check for juvenile.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a woman crying by roadway.  
 •Complainant on N. Estey requested assistance with a ride for a juvenile.  
 •Complainant on 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Valley Springs, reported vehicle fire at location.

**May 16**  
 •Complainant on S. Donaldson Street reported assault at location.  
 •Complainant at the Beaver Creek exit on Interstate 90 reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Luverne, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on U.S. Highway 75, Luverne reported that she was being video-taped.  
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court inquired about filing a report against law enforcement.  
 •Complainant on Interstate 229, Sioux Falls, reported reckless driving.  
 •Complainant on W. Warren Street reported narcotics activity.  
 •Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a person trespassing.  
 •Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported a suspicious vehicle.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported illegal parking.

**May 17**  
 •Complainant on E. Fletcher Street reported vandalism to train engines.  
 •Complainant on W. Warren Street reported property damage.  
 •Hills Fire Department for Beaver Creek on duty during funeral.  
 •Complainant on E. Sanford Avenue, Steen, reported truancy at location.  
 •Complainant on E. Warren Street reported a parking issue.  
 •Complainant on 111<sup>th</sup> Street reported harassing behavior at location.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 23, Magnolia, reported a driver at high rate of speed.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported trespassing.  
 •Deputy on Main Street and Kniss Avenue reported a driving violation.

**May 18**  
 •Complainant westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker Valley Springs, reported vehicle fire at location.  
 •Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported property damage at location.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, Beaver Creek, reported a motor vehicle driving erratically at location.  
 •Complainant reported a title deed scam.

**May 19**  
 •Complainant on Interstate 90, Valley Springs, hit some debris on the roadway.  
 •Complainant on County Road 7, Luverne, requested deputy assistance.  
 •Complainant in Kenneth reported harassing communications.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 4, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue, Luverne, reported suspicious activity.

**May 20**  
 •Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported an intruder in her home.  
 •Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported they will be handing out Bibles.  
 •Complainant on Commerce Road reported property damage.  
 •Complainant on Commerce Road reported confrontation.  
 •Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported harassment to tenants in the building.  
 •Complainant on County Road 6, Hills, reported students speeding from Beaver Creek.  
 •Complainant on Oak Drive reported a civil issue.  
 •Complainant on W. Mead Court reported a runaway.  
 •Complainant eastbound on Interstate 90, exit 1, Beaver Creek, reported a driving complaint.

In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 7 escorts, 10 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 11 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 17 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 1 driver's license check, 1 gas drive-off, 4 alarms, 3 drug court tests, 6 purchase and carry permits, 6 stalled vehicles, 21 traffic stops, 14 abandoned 911 calls, 3 welfare checks, 2 reports of cattle out and 3 follow-ups.



Rock River Community Church (former Assemblies of God) is seeking musicians to accompany worship services and has a full set of percussion and other instruments. Sunday worship service is in-person at 10 a.m. and Sunday School is at 9 a.m. Pictured is the updated sanctuary.

### Rock River Community Church/from page 3A

a pastor, will travel to Luverne to deliver the Father's Day message.

The Junaks hail from Ishpeming, Michigan, a town the size of Luverne, and located about two hours from Green Bay. They have two grown children and three grandchildren, all in the Twin Cities area.

The congregation has roughly 50 members and the Junaks said they look forward to pandemic restriction lifting so their church services can accommodate more members.

"It's our desire to bring a freshness and fun back to church," Bob said. "We believe in creating a space where people can hang out, meet Jesus and leave encouraged, yet challenged."

Sunday worship service is in-person at 10 a.m. and Sunday School is at 9 a.m.

The church is seeking musicians to accompany worship services and has a full set of percussion and other instruments.

The phone number is 507-283-9070 and email is info@rockrivercommunity.church. The website is www.rockrivercommunity.church.



The new church entry way features cool tones and inviting spaces as part of the physical upgrades to the building.

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— Bob Junak, pastor  
 Rock River Community Church

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 Beaver Creek Fire Department Fundraiser  
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# Return to the stage



Singing "Summer Nights," Danny (Xavier Carbonneau) and Sandy (Josie Golla) recall their summer romance with their friends at Rydell High. At summer's end, both agreed they would be only friends.

## Students return with production of 'Grease' after 18-month pandemic hiatus

### Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

After an 18-month hiatus, Luverne High School drama students will perform "Grease" to a live audience starting June 3.

Director Shawn Kinsinger chose this spring's production from student feedback.

"Last summer, the students asked me if the next musical could be 'Grease,'" he said. "They really enjoyed producing 'Footloose' in the fall of 2019 and wanted a similar experience."

However, the coronavirus pandemic canceled all in-person performances since that 2019 production. As of Friday, all capacity restrictions related to the pandemic are lifted.

"We'll be able to put 'Grease' on in front of a full house," Kinsinger said.

Students began practicing in March for the six performances scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on June 3-5 and 10-12. There is no Sunday matinee.

The extra practice time was built into the schedule due to all school activities shut down last fall, and winter activities were pushed forward into the early spring months, Kinsinger said.

The calendar cleared in June for the later-than-usual musical performances.

"June provides a few advantages," he said. "It is after most of the other school activities have wrapped up, but most importantly it allowed us more time."

He said the time has allowed for vaccine distribution and, in case of a COVID-19 outbreak, the production could shut down for a couple of weeks without losing the overall number of rehearsals.

The musical coincides with

Luverne's Buffalo Days set for June 4-6. Luverne Area Chamber assisted in covering some of the costs for costumes.

Kinsinger said the local production captures elements from the 1972 Broadway play and the 1978 movie.

"Recreating the iconic moments from 'Grease' is a lot of fun," Kinsinger said. "In some instances, we put our own spin on it, in others we try to stay as faithful to the movie as possible."

"There are so many moving pieces to this show. When it all comes together and I see the students making it happen — how excited they get — it's contagious."

The production received a special license to include four of the movie's most recognizable songs, "Hopelessly Devoted to You," "Sandy," "You're the One that I Want," and "Grease."

"It's worth it because the audience expects to hear those songs," Kinsinger said.

The musical, set in 1959, begins with summer romance between two incoming high school seniors: A greaser named Danny (portrayed by LHS senior Xavier Carbonneau) and a good girl named Sandy (senior Josie Golla).

After believing their summer love is at its end, they both end up at Rydell High School where they navigate highs and lows of school while trying to recapture that summer romantic magic.

The LHS production brings in "The Burger Palace Boys" or Danny's group of friends. In the movie they are called "T-Birds." The local production won't include the cinematic drag race.

"The show is so good that the audience won't miss it," Kinsinger said.



Doody (Parker Carbonneau) sings "Those Magic Changes" on his guitar recounting how love can heal a broken heart to the students of Rydell High.



From left, Sandy (portrayed by Josie Golla) is introduced by Frenchy (Mia Wenzel) to the rest of the Pink Ladies — Marty (Sophie Holmberg), Rizzo (Rylee Gee, standing) and Jan (Zoe Perkins).

Character names (and the students portraying them in the local musical) include:

Rizzo (Rylee Gee), Kenickie (Pierce Cunningham), Frenchy (Mia Wenzel), Marty (Sophie Holmberg), Jan (Zoe Perkins), Doody (Parker Carbonneau), Roger (Luke Thorson), Sonny

(Griffen Jarchow), Eugene (Chance Tunnissen), Patty (Miles Trimble), Vince Fontaine (Camden Hoven), Cha Cha DeGregorio (Anna Boltjes), Johnny Casino/Teen Angel (Simon Boyenga) and Miss Lynch (Joelia Lopez-Bomstad).

**Grease, continued on page 7A**

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

**Carol Foster** will be retiring from 30 years of service at First Farmers and Merchants Bank on Monday, May 31. Greetings may be sent to 302 S. Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, May 31: Memorial Day—Closed.**

**Tuesday, June 1:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, mixed vegetables, baked beans, cookie.

**Wednesday, June 2:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, California Normandy, bread, bar.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank.

**Thursday, June 3:** Kielbasa with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, dessert.

**Friday, June 4:** Chicken alfredo, broccoli, mandarin oranges, Rice Krispie bar.

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## COMMUNITY ED

*Luverne Community Education will offer the following activities and classes in coming weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to sign up. See [comed.isd2184.net](http://comed.isd2184.net) to view the brochure and list of offerings.*

**Distance Learning with Clay** open to all ages. Fee is \$20. Register by June 1.

Friday morning **Hands on Science Adventure Day Camp** will meet on June 4 — for grades 1-4 as attended during 20-21 school year. Fee is \$15.

Professional fisherman Mike Frisch returns to Luverne on June 7 to share his fishing knowledge with students grades 3-12 (as attended during 20-21 school year) at **School of Fish**. After a classroom portion, students will actually fish at The Lake with their new fishing rod and tackle (over \$50 of gear goes along with class registration). An adult fishing buddy is welcome.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2011)

•The storm drainage pond behind the Minnesota Veterans Home is chemically treated several times during the summer to control weeds and algae. ...

A fountain and aeration system will continuously move water to discourage growth of weeds and algae. It will have the added benefit of increasing oxygen levels in the water, which would allow the fish to grow larger in size.

The cost of the fountain, cables, lights and related items is estimated at \$18,500.

### 25 years ago (1996)

•It isn't easy to even talk about a school's crisis management plans. "You hate to go into great detail because it's suggestive," said Janet Shelver, psychologist for the Luverne Public Schools.

"We don't want to create alarms, but we have to be prepared." Shelver and school nurse Deb VanderKooi presented an updated crisis management plan to the Luverne School Board recently. The two served on a committee with administrators and school counselors to develop the detailed plan.

They defined a crisis as "an event that impacts upon the

students, staff, school in a threatening and devastating way." Crises might range from natural disasters to violent episodes.

In short, the committee made plans to address situations they hope will never happen.

### 50 years ago (1971)

•Demuth Hardware in Hills underwent its third burglary in five months on Saturday, May 16, the sheriff's department reported.

Thieves made off with several portable radios, some watches and various other items. Estimated loss came to \$150.

A second Hills business, Henry's "66", was also broken into. There the thieves took two tires, a radio and about \$10 in cash. Total property stolen was estimated at about \$125.

### 75 years ago (1946)

•Luverne creamery butter is now being sold without cartons because of the shortage of paper.

"We're sorry to have to do this," Louis Gilbertson, manager, said, "but it's just another one of those things. We've had cartons on order for six months, and we still don't know when to

expect delivery.

"We've been putting the butter up in cartons of all different kinds and colors as an emergency measure, but now we can't even get those. Until we get our new cartons, we're going to have to ask our customers to get along the best they can."

### 100 years ago (1921)

•Baby Arthur, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Tangeman, of Hardwick, was awarded the first prize for the best baby under one year old, entered in the baby welfare clinic held during the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Technical School at London, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. Tangeman and Baby Arthur had gone there to visit Mrs. Tangeman's grandmother, after a stay with relatives in Chicago, and took advantage of the opportunity to enter Baby Arthur in the exhibit.

The baby show came to a close last Friday evening, and The London Advertiser for Saturday published a picture of Baby Arthur on the first page under the head of "A Perfect Baby," supplemented by the statement: "Baby Tangeman is but five months old, is a perfect baby, and weighs 23 pounds."





Mavis Fodness photos/0527 CEO Tradeshow 2021

### Crowds return to CEO Tradeshow

The 14 students from five school districts participating in the 2020-21 Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program debuted their individual businesses in a special CEO Tradeshow Wednesday evening, May 19. More than 300 people met, talked and purchased merchandise or services from the participating students from high schools in Luverne, Hills, Pipestone, Adrian and Edgerton.

Haleah Soto (right), a senior at Luverne High School, shows potential customers the personalized home décor and clothing offered through her business called Mariposa & Co.



## Prune pine varieties, prevent bunny and insect attacks

If you applied systemic rose care as I advised earlier, that was six weeks ago so now is the time to make a second application.



### KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

emerging seedlings or plants that I have planted.

Earlier this spring I mentioned using Milorganite fertilizer as a repellent, and that worked until the rain dissolved it.

I don't want to make a second application of fertilizer so step two is a dusting of garlic powder...just a dusting, not a dousing. Garlic powder changes the flavor if they get past the smell, and usually they will leave the plant alone until it is big enough to hold its own. Again, rain washes off the remedy, but it is inexpensive and easy to reapply.

Excessive heat made for a short bloom season for our fern leaf peony flowers this

year. Not something we can control, but we deal with what the weather is. Snip off the expired flower heads and remember that if you want to move or divide these peonies, the time to do that is when the foliage begins to yellow in mid August.

We prune lilacs when they have finished flowering and for the French hybrids, that time is now. Remember to cut them back far enough to give them room to grow, not to the size you want them to be.

In your vegetable garden, be vigilant watching for insect damage. It seems early for that problem, but I already see damage on tiny

kohlrabi seedlings, and often bean seedlings are a magnet for leaf hoppers.

Leaf hoppers are a small insect that works from the bottom of the leaf. They pierce the leaf tissue, feeding on the sap or juice of the leaf. The damage shows as white speckling on the leaf surface.

I don't know how the summer weather will unfold, but to help my garden survive if we have a dry summer, I mulch my crops with grass clippings. The mulch helps retain moisture, prevents weeds, keeps my shoes clean if the ground is wet, and adds organic matter to build soil health.

I do not use grass that has had herbicide applications because that weed spray has the potential of damaging sensitive vegetable and flower crops.

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

## 1950: Polio drive kicks off in Rock County

The following appeared in The Rock County Star-Herald on Jan. 26, 1950.

### \$15,000 Polio Fund Drive Starts

### Nearly \$22,000 Spent For Polio Care by Local Chapter the Past Year

Civic and social organizations have united to carry the March of Dimes campaign through its most crucial test, John Kurvink, county director, said this week.

Chairmen named to date for the various communities are as follows: Battle Plain, Walter Rolfs; Beaver Creek twp., Eldo Oehlerts; Denver, Leonard Arp; Kanaranzi, Eddie Hansen and Don Jackson; Luverne twp., Harry Beers; Magnolia, Lewis Boomgaarden; Martin and Hills, Ed Schellhouse; Mound, Ray Brandenburg; Rose Dell, Lloyal Fields; Springwater, Olaf Bakke; Vienna and Kenneth, Henry Nieuwboer; Beaver Creek, village, Don Sandstede; Steen, Lewis McEldowney; Magnolia, Herbert Cain; Hardwick, Alfred Staeffler.



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

The Luverne National guard unit was first to contribute toward the county's \$15,000 goal, giving \$42.50 from its funds, and the members matching it with their own individual contributions, making a total donation of \$85. Then, the American Legion Auxiliary last week voted to donate \$50 from their treasury. Other organizations throughout the county are expected to follow suit.

First rural contribution directly to the county treasury was a \$15 check from Ed De Groot, of Magnolia, Kurvink said.

A look at the Rock County Chapter's balance sheet for the year 1949 gives a vivid picture of the scope of the organization's activities on

a local scale. Care of county polio patients amounted to \$21,936.59, of which \$19,798.14 was used for hospitalization, \$1,948.50 for doctors' fees, \$130.00 for nursing and physiotherapists, and \$59.95 for braces, special shoes, etc.

To defray these expenses, the local chapter drew on its \$12,205.21 fund collected during the 1949 March of Dimes campaign in the county, and \$13,400.00 advanced by the National Headquarters.

*Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.*

*Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.*

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Deutsch earns doctorate in optometry

Dustin Deutsch graduated magna cum laude with his doctorate from Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, in a May 15 ceremony.

Deutsch, a 2013 graduate of Luverne High School, will work at Carlson-Tillisch Eye Clinic in Mankato.

He is the son of Doug and Colleen Deutsch of Luverne.

## OBITUARY

### Richard Brown

Richard M. "Dick" Hall, skiing in the Rockies and bicycling all over the Twin Cities.



His volunteer activities included administration tasks at Hudson Hospital, the Hudson Lions Club and serving as an officer of the ULLR Ski, Bike and Social Club.

Dick is survived by his wife of 22 years, Dianne Evert; his children Marty Brown, Marcia (Greg) Leadholm, Monica (Joe) Norton and Paul (Nanci) Brown; their mother, Jan Brown; his brother Steve (Jane) Brown; his bonus children, Donna (Nick) Luciano, Denise (Mike) Bartz and David (Tati) Evert; and his grandchildren, Rachel, Megan and Jack Leadholm, Jennifer and Kyle Brown, Marcos and Marina Llanas, Julia and Nate Luciano, Diego and Dante Evert; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Elmer Kuehl; a daughter, Susan; and his brother, Charles.

Arrangements were provided by O'Connell Funeral Home of Hudson, Wisconsin, www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com.

He enjoyed traveling all over the world, and his adventures culminated with a trip to Antarctica to complete the dream of visiting all the continents. He enjoyed Orchestra

(0527 F)

## DEATH NOTICE

### John Berghorst

John Harlan Berghorst, 73, Sturgis, South Dakota, died Monday, March 1, 2021, after a battle with cancer.

A celebration of life will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at the Eagles Club in Luverne. (0527 DN)

### LaVera Wick

LaVera Mae Wick, 89, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, formerly of Rushmore, died Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Visitation is from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in the Sunset Rest Cemetery in Rushmore.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0527 DN)

### Wayne Green

Wayne Green, 67, Luverne, died unexpectedly Sunday, May 23, 2021, in Luverne.

Arrangements are pending with Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com (0527 DN)

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## Grease/continued from page 6A

Ensemble members are Grace Ingebretsen, Elise Jarchow, Grace Sandbulte, Destiny Matthesen, Jocelyn Hart, Hannah Vaudrin, McKenzie VanGrootheest and Zoey Berghorst. Egypt Forrest handles light production.

Assisting with the production are band instructor James Jarvie and choir instructor Seana Graber, who are working with individual students during lesson times during school, and workshop instructor Darrell Van

Aartsen whose students are building the sets during their class time.

Tickets can be purchased at the Palace Box Office or online at palacetheatre.us. Cost is \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.

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## Maplewood Cemetery

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Maplewood Cemetery appreciates all the tax-deductible contributions that are given as gifts, memorials or a percentage of your estate. They all help to beautify and care for the cemetery. Your donations are needed for the essential cemetery maintenance. It takes the whole group to keep the cemetery cared for. The contributions can be sent to PO Box 902, Luverne, MN 56156.



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I would like to commend the young people of Luverne and Rock County that are getting the first of their COVID-19 vaccines. Getting vaccinated is safe, it's easy and it's free. By getting vaccinated you are helping to protect yourself, your family and your friends and classmates. Sanford Luverne and Lewis Drug Luverne are to be commended for their efforts in getting the vaccination into the arms of our area residents as quickly and safely as possible. Please do the right thing and make an appointment. Sleeves Up and Masks Off.

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Zander Carbonneau

"This is the first shot I've been excited to get." Zander is the son of pharmacist Mike Carbonneau and his wife Molly. Mike said, "We vaccinated Zander because we believe in science and doing our part to make the world a better place. We want this pandemic to be over." Molly said, "He really missed his grandpas for a year and that hug with them after they were vaccinated was amazing! We are thankful for all the healthcare providers who are leading us through this pandemic."



April and Berlyn Dewitt

Berlyn was very enthusiastic to get her vaccine because she wants to do her part in continuing to keep anybody who may get severe disease safer and she also has asthma so she could be at risk for severe disease as well. She has continued to wear a mask despite school taking away the mandate recently and even does so during most sporting events so this will give her a bit more freedom.

One fun fact is only 3 out of my family have been eligible to get the vaccine and each of us has received a different vaccination!



Dr. Nicole Woodley and Hannah

Dr. Nicole Woodley, Sanford Luverne, and her daughter Hannah, 13. Dr. Nicole said, "I'm so happy. I'm excited for her to be able to do things like normal again and be safe at school and in her sports."

Hannah said she is looking forward to summer and is glad she can protect her younger siblings by getting vaccinated. They have a family wedding coming up and the Woodleys think everyone who can get vaccinated has!

Photos courtesy Sanford Health.

*I am confident that Luverne Area Residents, working together, will emerge from this pandemic much stronger as a community.*

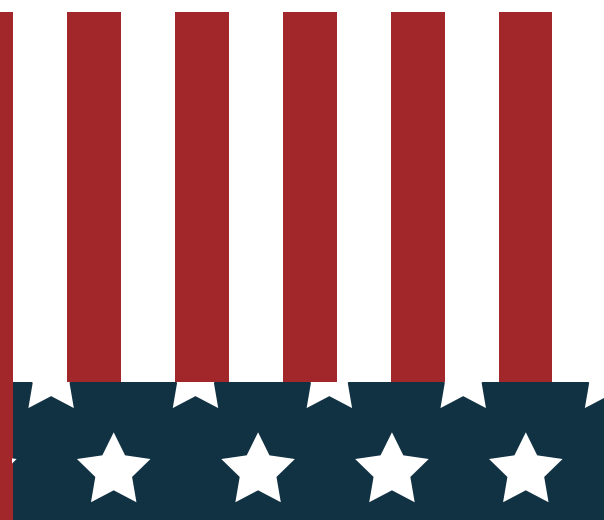


Sincerely,

*Patrick T. Baustian*  
 Mayor Patrick T. Baustian

# HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

From all of us at the **Rock County STAR HERALD**







Monday's Entrepreneur Fair at Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary School featured the fifth-grade class developing businesses to sell goods or a service to the kindergarten through fourth-grade staff and students. The 12 student-created businesses brought in more than \$600.

## Hills-Beaver Creek fifth-graders learn business through 'Shark Tank' experience

**Story and photos by Mavis Fodness**

A twist to this year's fifth-grade lesson on creating businesses meant each of Dylan Gehrke's 23 students went through a "Shark Tank-like" experience.

"We want our students to know what it is like to create a product or service and have customers to sell it to," Gehrke said.

"We also want them to understand the logistics and all the numbers behind creating a business and how that works."

Based on the reality show of the same name, students or student groups presented business ideas to an "investor," to consider supporting.

"I thought the idea of the 'Shark Tank' would be fun for students to have an investment from a shark and work together to create the best-selling business in the fifth grade," Gehrke said.

The "investors" panel included principal Todd Holthaus, paraprofessional Lexi Moore, teacher Shelly Fischer, Tyler Bush with Security Savings Bank and Gehrke himself.

"Students had to answer tough questions from the Sharks about how much money they have already spent so far, how much they will spend making their product, and what their profit goal was," Gehrke said.

"They were also asked about the quantity of their product they will have available on the day of the Entrepreneur Fair."

Monday's Entrepreneur Fair in the Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary gymnasium was the testing ground for the young entrepreneurs.

During their recess periods, students and staff from kindergarten through fourth grade spent no more than \$5 among the 12 businesses.

Together the businesses garnered \$622.50, which

earned investors \$74.95.

Gehrke invested in the best-selling business: REKkers of Stress because he liked their idea. He invested \$10 for 12.5 percent of the business' profits. Gehrke's investment was the highest of three bids for the business.

The business, named after the three founders — Ruby Susie, Ella Rheault and Khloe Susie, sold palm-sized stress balls made from balloons filled with Playdoh and glue.

"It's called a fidget toy and fidget toys are very popular today," Rheault said.

The trio estimated they put in six to seven hours making the 120 stress balls they brought to Entrepreneur Day to sell. They also baked two dozen cookies, also available for sale, which expanded their customer base.

"If they don't like stress balls, they could buy a cookie," Khloe Susie said.



Elaina Bos (top of table) decides on which color stress ball she would like to purchase from fifth-grade entrepreneurs (from left) Khloe Susie, Ella Rheault and Ruby Susie. The students named their business REKkers of Stress from the initials of their first names.

REKkers of Stress sold \$121.25 of product, paid their investor \$15.15 and pocketed \$35.36 per person.

"We thought we wouldn't get anyone to invest with us," Ruby Susie said.

An added lesson for the

entrepreneurs is that they paid taxes on their goods and services, which Gehrke estimated would comprise about half their profits.

## Reconnect with the outdoor world by observing area reptiles and amphibians

I recently spent a few days in western South Dakota shooting prairie dogs. This was a great trip and the subject of another column in the next few weeks. I was wondering what other kinds of creatures made a life on the grazed grasslands of this part of the state.

As I was researching what those creatures might be, I came across a question that I just could not answer. "What is the difference between an amphibian and a reptile?"

I like to think I know quite a bit about the outdoors and the creatures that live in it, but this question humbled me greatly. So I researched it and would love to share with you what I learned.

Amphibians are frogs, toads, newts and salamanders. They have complex life cycles that require they spend their time between water and land. Their skin needs to be



### THE OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, columnist

kept moist in order to breathe and survive. They tend to have tender, smooth skin. Amphibians can breathe both under water and out of water.

Reptiles include crocodiles, alligators, turtles, lizards and snakes. These creatures breathe only through their lungs and thus have scales to keep them from drying out. They can spend long periods under water but do need to come up for air.

This created confusion for me. Turtles are considered reptiles who only breathe through their lungs, but turtles also spend the winters in Minnesota living under the ice. This does not

seem to compute for me. As much as I looked, I could not find the answer to this conflicting evidence.

Both of these categories are called herpetofauna or "herps" for short. All herps are cold-blooded. This means they cannot regulate their own body temperatures by themselves. They utilize the environments in which they live to regulate body temperatures.

This is when a turtle sits on a log to absorb the energy of the sun. This warms them up. A cold dip in the lake can cool them off. These creatures on land may move in and out of vegetation to

heat or cool their bodies. As a result, generally these animals will be substantially more active in the middle of the temperature span and less active when it is really hot or really cold.

Short of alligators and crocodiles, reptiles and amphibians are the stuff kids' dreams are made of. How many kids have you ever known that would not try to catch a frog or carry around a turtle if they could find one? I have seen 10 kids spend all day catching crawdads and other lake creatures, placing them in a bucket and then just staring down into it for the rest of the day.

The species and population numbers of reptiles and amphibians in particular are great indicators of the health of the environment they live in. Because amphibians have soft, tender skin, it easily absorbs toxins and pollution. These are called indicator

species. Lakes, rivers, wetlands and streams devoid of these creature types signal very poor water quality and when in high numbers, they indicate dramatically better water quality.

One of the new threats to these venerable species is something called neonicotinoids. These are chemical seed coatings that protect row crop agriculture from many different pests. These chemicals have been shown to be beneficial to crop yields but are also shown to be very hard on pollinators and other desirable species.

Some research has shown that as these chemicals are leached off and travel into surface water sources, they can have a detrimental effect on everything from water insects to larger amphibians. As more research is done the effects of these seed coatings will become clearer.

Most people give very

little thought to reptiles and amphibians as they can't see them running round like you can a deer or a turkey. This does not make them un-important. As a conservationist and public lands advocate, I care about all of the creatures, big and small.

Take some time out of your busy schedule and take a walk in the tall grass or ankle-deep water and reconnect to the outdoor world. Look to see how the reptiles and amphibians in your neck of the woods are doing, then play your part in their protection. If you and I don't do it, then who will?

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# Awards night honors Luverne-Adrian FFA'ers

**By Mavis Fodness**

The Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter conducted its annual awards night April 26 at the Luverne Elementary Commons.

Members earned pins and plaques and star chapter awards, and 2021-22 officers were installed.

**Chapter awards**

Four top awards are given each year to members who excel in one of four areas. This year's awards and recipients were:

Star farmer: Shelby Kracht.

Star in ag placement: Leah Wynia.

Star in agribusiness: Destiny Matthiesen.

Star greenhand: Julia Hoogland.

**2021-22 officers**

Elected officers for next year are J.R. Remme, president; Lacy Saker, vice president; Macie Swenson, secretary; Morgan Ahrendt, treasurer; Morgan Bonnett, reporter; and A.J. Ossefoort, sentinel.

**Scholarship pins**

Scholarship pins were given to the following chapter members who have earned a grade point average of 3.2 or higher for the first time.

Recipients were Morgan Ahrendt, Morgan Bonnett, Julia Hoogland and Sawyer Saker.

FFA'ers who maintained the GPA standard were Ross Bergman, Tori Hemme, A.J.



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The top four Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter honors were announced April 26 at the chapter's annual awards banquet in the Luverne Elementary School commons. Recipients for 2020-21 are (from left) Julia Hoogland, star greenhand; Destiny Matthiesen, star in agribusiness; Leah Wynia, star in ag placement; and Shelby Kracht, star farmer.

Ossefoort, J.T. Remme, Trista Baustian, Jacob Hansen, Chase Overgaard, Lacey Saker, Macy Swenson, Peter Baustian, Cassie Flanagan, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, Destiny Matthiesen, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte and Leah Wynia.

**Leadership pins**

Members who accumulate 100 or more points by participating and completing FFA activities receive leadership pins.

Earning pins and recognition for their leadership skills are Morgan Ahrendt, Morgan Bonnett, Julia Hoogland, Holden

Overgaard, Sawyer Saker, Rydell Uithoven, Ross Bergman, Luke Hansen, Nick Hansen, Cole Mann, D.J. Swenson, Claire Hoffman, Leah Kruse, J.T. Remme, Harrison Uithoven, A.J. Ossefoort, Jacob Henning, Cameron Wieneke, Karly Kruse, Lauren Madison, Hunter Ahrendt, Chase Overgaard, Lacey Saker, Trista Baustian, Jacob Hansen, Connor Overgaard, Macie Swenson, Chris Anning, Drew Fick, Justin Mente, Ayden Bonnett, Hunter Baker, Justin Dohlmann, Austin Henning, Camron Kopp, Peter Baustian, Cassie Flanagan, Gretchen

Jacobsma, Shelby Kracht, Hunter Sandbulte, Eric Somnis, Leah Wynia and Destiny Matthiesen.

**Greenhand pins**

First-year FFA'ers earn Greenhand pins for their first year of membership.

Greenhands for 2020-21 were Morgan Ahrendt, Morgan Bonnett, Julia Hoogland, Holden Overgaard, Sawyer Saker, Rydell Uithoven and Jacob Hansen.

**Chapter pins**

Chapter pins were awarded to members completing their second year in FFA. The chapter pin is the highest chapter honor. Members must meet a variety of stipulations including earning a greenhand pin.

Chapter pins were awarded to Ross Bergman, Lucas Hansen, Nick Hansen, Jacob Henning, Tori Hemme, Claire Hoffman, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, Lauren Madison, Cole Mann, A.J. Ossefoort, J.T. Remme, Harrison Uithoven and Cameron Wieneke.

**Proficiency awards**

Proficiency award plaques are earned by members who have a supervised agriculture experience project and have kept records on the experience(s).

Category and recipients are as follows:

•Agricultural mechanics repair and maintenance

placement or entrepreneurship: Austin Henning, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, Nicholas Hansen and Lucas Hansen.

•Agricultural mechanics design and fabrication - placement or fabrication: A.J. Ossefoort, Shelby Kracht, Justin Dohlmann, Cole Mann, J.T. Remme, Connor Overgaard and Leah Wynia.

•Agricultural services - placement: Destiny Matthiesen, Chase Overgaard, Cassie Flanagan, Hunter Sandbulte, Cole Mann, Peter Baustian, J.T. Remme, Tori Remme, Connor Overgaard, D.J. Swenson and Leah Wynia.

•Agricultural sales: Destiny Matthiesen and Justin Dohlmann.

•Beef cattle production - placement or entrepreneurship: Austin Henning, Jacob Henning, Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, Macie Swenson, A.J. Ossefoort, Shelby Kracht, Julia Hoogland, Lacy Saker, Justin Mente, Drew Fick, Hunter Ahrendt, Cameron Wieneke, Trista Baustian and Jayson Rops.

•Dairy production - placement or entrepreneurship: Chase Overgaard, A.J. Ossefoort, Hunter Sandbulte, Peter Baustian, J.T. Remme, Connor Overgaard, and Leah Wynia.

•Vegetable production - placement and entrepreneurship: Macie Swenson and Nick Hansen.

•Veterinary Science - placement: Shelby Kracht.

•Swine production - placement and entrepreneurship: Chase Overgaard, A.J. Ossefoort, Hunter Sandbulte, Peter Baustian, J.T. Remme, Connor Overgaard, and Leah Wynia.

•Equine Science - placement or entrepreneurship:

•Fiber and oil crop production - placement: D.J. Swenson.

•Forage Production - placement: J.T. Remme.

•Fruit production - placement: Jacob Hansen, Lucas Hansen and Nick Hansen.

•Goat production - placement or entrepreneurship: Macie Swenson, Claire Hoffman and Lauren Madison.

•Poultry production - placement or entrepreneurship: Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse, and Lucas Hansen.

•Service learning - placement: Karly Kruse, Leah Kruse and Lacy Saker.

•Sheep production - placement or entrepreneurship: Lauren Madison and Gretchen Jacobsma.

•Small animal production and care: Destiny Matthiesen.

•Specialty crop production - placement and entrepreneurship: Destiny Matthiesen.

•Swine production - placement and entrepreneurship: Chase Overgaard, A.J. Ossefoort, Hunter Sandbulte, Peter Baustian, J.T. Remme, Connor Overgaard, and Leah Wynia.

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# FFA banquet rewards Hills-Beaver Creek students

**By Mavis Fodness**

Hills-Beaver Creek High School FFA Chapter members gathered for the 2020-21 banquet May 19 at the Reformed Church of Steen.

The current year's officer team conducted the banquet that honored members for their 2020-21 accomplishments as directed by adviser Cloey Anderson.

**Incoming officer team**

Eight FFA'ers will lead the FFA chapter next year.

President will be Donavon Leenderts, vice president Samantha Moser, secretary Olivia Bork, treasurer Danette Leenderts, sentinel Andrew Harris, reporter Kenadie Fick, historian Lanae Elbers and parliamentarian Carter Hartz.

**Chapter honors**

Josh Rehault of rural Beaver Creek was recognized as an honorary chapter member for his support of the local FFA program.

Dave and Dawn Leenderts of Hills were also honored with the chapter's placement in agriculture award.

Chapter star awards were earned by Tory Knobloch as Star Chap-



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An awards banquet was conducted by the Hills-Beaver Creek High School FFA Chapter May 19 at the Reformed Church of Steen where the 2021-22 officer team was announced. Pictured (from left) are adviser Cloey Anderson, president Donavon Leenderts, vice president Samantha Moser, secretary Olivia Bork, treasurer Danette Leenderts, sentinel Andrew Harris, reporter Kenadie Fick, historian Lanae Elbers and parliamentarian Carter Hartz.

ter Farmer; Lanae Elbers, outstanding freshman; Samantha Moser, Star in Ag Placement; and State Degree recipient Hannah Fick.

**Scholarship winners**

Earning Connelly Van Wyhe scholarships were

FFA members Chase Bosch, Hannah Fick and Tory Knobloch.

**Greenhand pins**

Greenhand pins are earned by first-year members for their involvement in chapter activities.

Greenhands for 2020-

21 were Taryn Birger, Layla Deelstra, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Alexis Gardner Swenson, Cooper Gehrke, Damion Meinerts, Brynn Rauk, Cole Rozeboom, Larissa Steinhoff, Logan Susie, Riley Tatge, Amallia Ternus, Carter Vande Voort and Megan Vis.

**Chapter pins**

Second-year FFA'ers are eligible for chapter pins based on their accomplishments. Chapter pins are the highest chapter honor.

Chapter pins were awarded to Danette Leenderts,

Joshua Wiersema, Alexander Harris, Brock Harnack, Taylor Huisman, Olivia Bork, Luke Furstenberg, Brayden Metzger, Cody Moser, Devon Dysthe, Elynnor Klosterbuer and Collin Schoneman.

**Proficiency awards**

Members can receive recognition from their supervised agriculture experience projects in which they have kept records.

Recipients and categories include:

Olivia Bork, dairy placement.

Chase Bosch, sheep entrepreneurship.

Taylor Dolphin, lawn and landscape.

Hannah Fick, ag business sales placement.

Lanae Elbers, swine placement.

Sean Elbers, grain and crops.

Sylvia Fick, equine placement.

Luke Fuestenberg, repair/maintenance placement.

Tyrae Goodface, vet science.

Alexander Harris, beef placement.

Samantha Moser, food service.

Tory Knobloch, beef entrepreneurship.

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## LHS tennis opens section tournament with victory over Redwood Valley

**By Brennan Rupp**

It took until the end of the season, but the Luverne Cardinals tennis team suffered its first match loss of the season on Tuesday, May 18.

Playing for the Big South Conference Championship, the Cardinals fell to New Ulm 4-3 in Luverne.

New Ulm's Isaac Bluemhoefer defeated Luverne's Pierce Cunningham in a three-set match.

Bluemhoefer bested Cunningham in the first set 6-0. Cunningham answered back to win the second set 6-2. In the third and final set, Bluemhoefer edged Cunningham 6-4.

Luverne's Griffen Jarchow defeated New Ulm's Max Gieske in a thrilling three set match.

Jarchow took the first set in convincing fashion 6-0.

Gieske battled back to win the second set 7-6 to force a third set. In the third set it was Jarchow coming out on top with a 6-3 set victory.

Luverne's Chance Tunnissen and Kyle



Brennan Rupp photo/0527 LHS Tennis  
Pierce Cunningham returns a serve during Luverne's match against Redwood Valley on Monday, May 24, in Luverne. The Cardinals defeated Redwood Valley 6-1.

Ferguson both lost their respective matches in straight sets.

The duo of Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow picked up the match victory for the Cardinals over Nathaniel Janssen and

Leo Waloch. Frahm and Jarchow won both sets by the score of 6-1.

The doubles team of Jayson Rops and John Miller defeated New Ulm's duo of Cody Gilman and Tate Trullinger in straight

sets. The Luverne duo won both sets by the score of 6-3.

Luverne's Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen lost their

Tennis/page 4B

## H-BC boys win conference meet

**By Brennan Rupp**

The Hill-Beaver Creek track team was one of seven teams that competed in the Red Rock Conference track meet in Slayton on Thursday, May 20.

The H-BC boys' track team placed first to claim the conference crown, while the H-BC girls placed fourth.

Tyson Bork placed first in the 100 meter with a time of 11 seconds and 36 milliseconds. Dewell Rauk placed third with a time of 11.86.

In the 200 meter, Bork placed first and Rauk placed second. Bork crossed the finish line with a time of 23.32, while Rauk finished with a time of 24.05.

Cole Baker placed third in the 400 with a time of 54.39.

In the 110 meter hurdles, Brandon Taubert placed third with a time of 18.50. Taubert also placed third in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 48.14.

The relay team of Baker, Bork, Ty Bundesen and Cooper Gehrke placed first in the 4-by-100 relay with a time of 46.15.

In the 4-by-200 relay, the team of Bundesen, Taubert, Gehrke and Rauk placed second with a time of 1:38.68.

Casey Kueter placed third in the shot put with a throw of 42-04.25.

In the long jump, Baker placed second with a leap of 19-03.00.

Baker placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 42-05.00.

Liam Raymon placed third with a jump of 40-01.00.

Taryn Rauk placed second in the long jump with a leap of 15-08.25.

Abby Knobloch took home second place in the shot put with a throw of 30-01.50.

The relay team of Ashlee Kelderman, Emma Deelstra, Taryn Rauk and Brynn Rauk placed second in the 4-by-200 relay team of 1:56.56.

Kelderman, Emma Deelstra, Brynn Rauk and Layla Deelstra placed third in the 4-by-100 relay with a time of 55.62.

In the 200, Taryn Rauk placed third with a time of 27.66.

## Cardinal softball tripped up by Flying Dutchmen 5-1

**By Brennan Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals softball team split a pair of games this past week to bring their overall record to 9-9.

The Cardinals opened the week on Tuesday, May 18, with a 13-3 victory over Adrian/Ellsworth.

Luverne wrapped up the week with a 5-1 home loss to Edgerton/Southwest Minnesota Christian on Thursday, May 20.

**LHS 13, A/E 3**

The Cardinals and Dragons appeared to be on their way to a nail-biting finish in Adrian on Tuesday, May 18.

The two teams were deadlocked at 0-0 until the Cardinals scored six runs in the third inning.

Luverne tacked on two more runs in the top of the fourth to build an 8-1 lead.

The Cardinals pushed across one run in the top of the sixth to make it a 9-1 game.

Softball/page 5B



Brennan Rupp photo/0527 LHS softball  
Reghan Bork swings at a pitch during Luverne's matchup against Edgerton/Southwest Minnesota Christian on Thursday, May 20.

## Luverne track hosts meet, Cardinal girls' team places first

**By Brennan Rupp**

The Luverne track team hosted Jackson County Central, New Ulm and Blue Earth on Thursday, May 20, at Cardinal Field.

The LHS girls' track team placed first overall and the boys' team placed second behind JCC.

Gracie Zewiske took home first place in the 100 meter with a time of 13 seconds and nine milliseconds.

Zewiske also placed first in the 200 with a time of 27.49.

Christina Wagner finished third in the 200 with a time of 28.11.

Zewiske earned her third, first place finish of the day with a time of 1:00.05 in the 400.

Tiana Lais placed third in the 400 with a time 1:03.36.

The Cardinals had three athletes finish in



Brennan Rupp photo/0527 LHS Track  
Maria Rops competes in the 4-by-800 relay for the on Thursday, May 20.

the Top 3 in the 800.

Tenley Nelson crossed the finish line with a time of 2:25.68.

Elizabeth Wagner finished second with a time of 2:37.22.

Ella Schmuck finished third with a time of 2:42.09.

Nelson placed first in the 1,600 with a time of 5:12.73.

Jenna DeBates finished second with a time of 5:15.49.

DeBates took home first place in the 3,200 with a time of 11:25.39. Grace Ingebretson placed third with a time of 13:02.70.

In the 100 meter hurdles, Regan Feit placed first with a time of 16.68. Elise Jarchow finished third with a time of 17.99.

Feit placed first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 47.47.

The relay team of Mia Wenzel, Isabella Oye, Anna Banck and Sarah Stegenga took home second place in the 4-by-100 relay with a time of 53.67.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Stegenga, Wenzel,

Luverne track/page 4B

## LHS golf gets final tuneup for section play

**By Brennan Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals golf teams competed at the Big South Conference tournament Monday, May 24, at the Dacotah Ridge Golf Club in Morton.

The girls placed fourth overall with a score of 420

Fairmont took home first place with a final overall score of 373. St. Peter placed second overall with a score of 388 and Redwood Valley placed third with a score of 391.

The boys placed eighth with a final score of 364.

The top boys' team was Blue Earth Area with a final score of 324.

Fairmont placed second overall with a score of 327. St. Peter finished third overall with a score of 332.

The top individual per-



Brennan Rupp photo/0527 LHS Golf  
Luverne's Brady Bork putts on hole number one in Tyler on Wednesday, May 19.

## Cardinals go 2-1, improve to 16-2 overall

**By Brennan Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals wrapped up their regular season by going 2-1 this past week to finish with a 17-2 record.

The third-ranked Cardinals opened the week with a 13-5 victory over Murray County Central in Slayton on Tuesday, May 18.

On Thursday, May 20, the Cardinals fell to the Marshall Tigers 3-1 in Marshall.

The Cardinals wrapped up the week and regular season with a 14-1 victory over Adrian on Monday, May 24, in Adrian.

**LHS 13, MCC 5**

The Cardinals jumped on the Rebels early and kept their foot on the gas on Tuesday, May 18, in Slayton.

The Cardinals scored four runs in the first inning to jump out to an early lead.

Luverne added two more runs in the second and three

more in the third to build a 9-0 lead.

The Cardinals tacked on three more runs in the top of the fourth to build a 12-0 lead.

MCC got five runs back in the bottom of the fourth to trim Luverne's lead to 12-5.

Luverne scored one run in the top of the sixth to make the final score 13-5.

Kaden Anderson recorded eight strikeouts in three innings of work on the mound. Anderson also collected three hits at the plate.

Bailey Cowell recorded three hits, including a triple.

Cade Wenninger recorded a team-leading four RBIs.

**LHS 4 2 3 3 0 1 0 13 13 3  
MCC 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 5 5 5**

Hitting: Cowell 3-4; Wenninger

Baseball/page 4B

Luverne Golf/page 4B



## Luverne track/continued from page 3B

Oye and Christina Wagner placed first with a time of 1:52.66.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Feit, Lais, Christina Wagner and Nelson placed first with a time of 4:12.15.

Lais, Maria Rops, Cassi Chesley and Elizabeth Wagner placed first in the 4-by-800 relay with a time of 10:33.49.

Jocelyn Hart placed second in the shot put with a heave of 36-08.00. Jady Hart placed third with a throw of 31-11.00.

In the discus, Jocelyn Hart placed second with a throw of 104-06.

Jady Hart placed third with a throw of 91-03.

In the high jump, Elizabeth Wagner placed second with a jump of 4-10.00.

Lais placed third in the long jump with a leap of 14-04.25.

Kendra Thorson took home third place in the triple jump with a leap of 29-11.75.

Eli Radtke placed first in the pole vault.

Jordan Friedrichsen placed first in the shot put with a throw of 45-02.50. Zach Ahrendt finished second with a throw of 44-04.00.

Peter Baustian placed fifth overall with a throw of 39-02.00.

Ethan Teunissen placed sixth overall with a throw of 38-06.00.

Justin Dohmann placed 10th overall with a throw of 35-03.00.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Lucky Dara, Eduardo Godines, LaShad Smith and Arekel McLaughlin placed first



Brennen Rupp photo/0527 LHS Track  
Cameron Kopp competes in the shot put for the Cardinals on Thursday, May 20.

with a time of a 1:36.99.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Radtke, Godines, Dara and Ethan Rahm placed first with a time of 48.26.

In the 1,600, Camden Janiszkeski finished first with a time of 4:37.44. Owen Janiszkeski finished third with a time of 5:00.69.

In the 3,200, Sage Viessman placed fourth with a time of 11:49.39.

Camden Janiszkeski took home first place in the 800 with a time of 2:09.08. Owen finished third with a time of 2:22.26.

Ashton Sandbulte placed first in the 400 with a time of 53.67.

Smith finished third with a time of 55.79.

Sandbulte finished second in the 200 with a time of 24.00.

Smith placed fourth with a time of 24.40.

Sandbulte took home first place in the 100 with a time of 11:20.

McLaughlin finished second with a time of 11:77.

The Cardinals will host another meet on Tuesday, May 25.

Luverne will get their final prep before the section tournament on Thursday, May 27, in Fairmont.

The section tournament is scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 3.

## H-BC golf wraps up regular season in Worthington

By Brennen Rupp

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf teams competed in their final regular season meet on Tuesday, May 18, in Worthington.

On the boys' side of things, it was Adrian/Ellsworth taking home first place with a team total of 344. The Patriots placed fourth overall as a team with a final score of 399.

The top individual performer was Adrian/Ellsworth's Brock Henning who shot a 77.

Thomas Dysthe was the top individual performer for the Patriots with a final score of 92.

Dallas Page shot a 98 to get under 100.

Ethan Kruger placed third on the team with a final mark of 104.

Austin Allen finished right behind Kruger with a final score of 105.

Jacob Axness shot a 108 and Damien Meinerts shot a 109.

For the girls, it was Southwest Minnesota Christian/Edgerton's Brielle Vis finishing as the top performer with a round of 96.

Adrian/Ellsworth took home first place with a team score of 414.

The H-BC Patriots placed third with an overall score of 432.

Tess Van Maanen led the Patriots with a final mark of 104.

Hannah Fick finished a few strokes behind her teammate with a score of 106.

Tara Paulsen was third on the team with a round of 108.

The H-BC golf team will compete in the section tournament on Wednesday, May 26 in Worthington.

## Luverne golf/from page 3B

former for the boys was Blue Earth's Braden Gudahl with a score of 78.

Henry Hartquist tied with Pipestone's Braxton Thompson for 23rd overall with a final score of 88.

Owen Sudenga and Cooper Arends both shot a 91 for the Cardinals.

Brady Bork shot a 94 for the Cardinals.

Tyler Arends finished with a 95.

Colin Schoeneman finished with a round of 99.

Lauren Hansen led the girls' team with a round of 101.

Paige Sandbulte finished with a score of 102 for Luverne.

Morgan Gonnerman shot a 107.

Cheyenne Schutz shot a 110 for the Cardinals.

Jocelynn Mann finished with a 134 and Percyis Trierweiler finished with a score of 150.

Luverne will compete next in the section tournament in Oakdale, with the girls' team playing on Wednesday, May 26 at 9 a.m. and the boys playing on Thursday, May 27, at 9 a.m.

## Tennis/continued from page 3B

doubles match to Isaac Davis and Dylon Carreon in three sets.

Ommen and Nath took the first set by the score of 6-2.

Davis and Carreon answered back by winning the second set 6-3. In the third set it was Davis and Carreon coming out on the winning end 7-6.

### LHS 6, RV 1

The Cardinals opened the section tournament on Monday, May 24, with a 6-1 victory over Redwood Valley in Luverne.



Brennen Rupp photo/0527 LHS Tennis  
Ben Jarchow returns a serve during his doubles match against Redwood Valley on Monday, May 24.

With the win the Cardinals advanced to the semifinals where they'll play either Pipestone Area or Lac Qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd on Tuesday, May 25, in Redwood Falls.

Cunningham defeated Redwood Valley's Andrew Muetzel in straight sets. Cunningham won the first set 6-1 and then took the second set 6-0.

Griffen Jarchow won his match against Jacob Zollner in quick fashion. Jarchow won both sets 6-0 to pick up the victory for Luverne.

Tunnissen won his match against Laiten Goodthunder in straight sets. Tunnissen won the first set of the match 6-2 and took the second set 6-0.

Frahm and Ben Jarchow won their match against Levi Stoneberg and Noah U'Ren in straight sets. The Cardinal duo won the first and second sets by the score of 6-0.

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## LHS baseball/from page 3B

2-3; Beyer 1-3; Sehr 2-3; Ripka 1-2; Connell 1-4; Anderson 3-5  
Doubles: Anderson; Beyer  
Triples: Cowell

Batting: Sehr 1-3

### Marshall 3, LHS 1

The Cardinals lost a hard-fought battle to the Tigers on Thursday, May 20, in Marshall. The Tigers snapped Luverne's six-game winning streak by defeating the Cardinals 3-1.

The Tigers scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the third inning to put Marshall up 1-0.

Marshall scored one more run in the bottom of the fourth to make it a 2-0 ballgame.

The Cardinals scored one run in the top of the sixth inning to trim Marshall's lead to 2-1.

The Tigers got that run back in the bottom of the sixth to make it a 3-1 ballgame.

Luverne was limited to just one hit in the game. Ethan Beyer pitched three innings and recorded five strikeouts.

LHS 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 5  
Marshall 0 0 1 1 0 1 x 3 3 2

### LHS 14, Adrian 1

The Cardinals wrapped up the regular season with a 14-1 victory over the Dragons on Monday, May 24, in Adrian.

Luverne scored three runs in the first inning. The Dragons got one run back in the bottom half of the inning. Unfortunately for the Dragons that would be the only run they'd score in the contest.

The Cardinals scored six runs in the second inning to open up a 9-1 one lead.

Luverne tacked on five more runs in the top of the third inning to make it a 14-1 ballgame.

Sehr hit a pair of doubles and drove in five runs to lead the Cardinals.

The Cardinals will begin section tournament play on Saturday, May 29.

LHS 3 6 5 0 0 14 14 1  
Adrian 1 0 0 0 1 1 6

Batting: Wenninger 2-4; Beyer 2-3; Sehr 3-4; Overgaard 2-2; Bosch 2-4; R. Anderson 1-2; Sneller 1-1; K. Anderson 1-4  
Doubles: Sehr 2; Overgaard 1



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/s/Jane Blank  
City Clerk/Treasurer



# Luverne Redbirds improve to 5-1, extend winning streak to four games

**By Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Redbirds played four games this past week and went 4-0 to bring their overall record to 5-1.

The amateur baseball team opened the week with a 10-0 victory over Tracy on Wednesday, May 19, in Luverne.

On Friday, May 21, the Redbirds traveled to Pipestone and defeated the A's 5-2.

The Redbirds defeated the Ruthton Royals 9-6 and Mountain Lake 9-0 on Sunday, May 23, in Luverne.

## Redbirds 10, Engineers 0

Luverne and Tracy were tied at 0-0 when the Redbirds came up to bat in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Luverne's Phil Paquette broke that tie when he hit an RBI double to score Ben Serie.

The Redbirds added one more run in the bottom of the fifth to take a 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth inning the Redbirds tacked on two more runs to build a 4-0 lead.

The Redbirds scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh and three more in the bottom of the eighth to win the game 10-0.

Isaiah Bartels picked up the win for the Redbirds by pitching four innings and recorded six strikeouts.

Jake Haugen went 4-4 at the plate with a double and three runs batted in.

Tracy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Luverne 0 0 0 2 2 3 3 10

Hitting: Nath 1-5; Serie 2-4; Paquette 1-3; Haugen 4-4; Meyer 1-5

## Redbirds 5, A's 2

The Redbirds scored four runs in the final three innings to pick up a come-from-behind victory over the A's on Friday, May 21.

Codie Zeutenhorst hit an RBI single to score Newt Johnson in the first inning to give the Redbirds an early 1-0 lead.

The A's answered back by scoring a run in the bottom of the first and the bottom of the second to claim a 2-1 lead.

The Redbirds scored a pair of runs in the top of the seventh inning to take a 3-2 lead.

In the top of the ninth the Redbirds added a pair of insurance runs to make



Brennen Rupp photo/0527 Redbirds

Quinn Buss fires in a pitch during Luverne's matchup against the Ruthton Royals in Luverne on Sunday, May 23. The Redbirds defeated Ruthton 9-6.

it a 5-2 ballgame.

Serie picked up the save for the Redbirds by closing the door on the A's in the bottom of the ninth.

Paquette went 3-4 at the plate with a triple and one RBI.

Luverne 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 5  
Pipestone 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Batting: Beers 2-5; Serie 2-4; Paquette 3-4; Zeutenhorst 1-5; Haugen 1-5; Meyer 2-4; Bartels 1-4  
Doubles: Beers  
Triples: Paquette

## Redbirds 9, Royals 6

The Redbirds used another late rally to defeat the Ruthton Royals 9-6 on Sunday, May 23.

With the Royals holding a 5-2 lead, the Redbirds scored a combined seven runs in the fifth and sixth innings to pick up a 9-6 victory.

The Royals scored five runs in the top of the first inning to jump out to an early lead.

Luverne was able to get one run back in the bottom of the first inning to make it a 5-1 Royals lead.

Ruthton added one run in the top of the fourth to push their lead to 6-1.

The Redbirds got that run back in the bottom of the fourth to once again make it a four-run deficit.

In the bottom of the fifth, Codie Zeutenhorst hit a pinch-hit grand slam. The grand slam was part of a five-run fifth inning for the Redbirds that helped them take a 7-6 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth inning Paquette hit a solo home run.

Ruthton 5 0 0 1 0 0 0 6  
Luverne 1 0 0 1 5 2 x 9

Batting: Beers 1-4; Serie 1-3; Paquette 1-3; Wenninger 2-3; Norman 1-1; Crabtree 1-3; Zeutenhorst 1-1; Nath 1-3  
Doubles: Beers; Crabtree  
Home runs: Paquette

## Luverne 9, Mountain Lake 0

The Redbirds limited Mountain Lake to one hit on Sunday, May 23. With the Mountain Lake bats silenced, the Redbirds cruised to a 9-0 victory.

With the score 0-0, the Redbirds scored five runs in the bottom of the third to take a 5-0 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Redbirds tacked on four more runs to make the final score 9-0.

Paquette finished the game 2-3 at the plate with a home run.

By going 4-0 the Redbirds improved to 5-1 overall.

The Redbirds will be back at Redbird Field on Friday, May 28, against Marshall. The Cardinals will look to extend their winning streak to five games.

Mountain Lake 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Redbirds 0 0 5 0 4 0 x 9  
Batting: Nath 1-5; Paquette 2-3; Johnson 1-1; Wenninger 1-3; Beers 1-3; Zeutenhorst 1-4; Haugen 1-4; Meyer 1-3  
Doubles: Johnson  
Home Runs: Paquette

# LHS softball/from page 3B

The Dragons scraped across two runs in the bottom of the sixth to trim Luverne's lead to 9-3.

Roz Oye recorded eight strikeouts for the Cardinals.

Shelby Kracht, Billi Connell and Carly Olson all hit home runs for the Cardinals.

LHS 0 0 6 2 0 1 4 13 15 3  
A/E 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3 4 2

Hitting: Connell 3-5; Robinson 4-5; Olson 2-4; Oye 1-4; Boll 2-4; Kracht 2-3; Bork 1-3

## Edgerton/SWMNC 5, LHS 1

In the first meeting between Luverne and Edgerton/Southwest Minnesota Christian, it was the Cardinals edging E/SWMNC 7-6.

The second meeting on Thursday, May 20, in Luverne went to the Dutchmen 5-1.

Connell led off the bottom of the first inning with

a sharply hit single.

The Cardinals put runners on third and second in the inning but were unable to bring them home.

Nath opened the top of the second inning by striking out the first batter she faced.

With two outs in the inning, the Dutchmen hit an RBI single to open the scoring.

The Cardinals scored the equalizer in the bottom of the fifth to make it a 1-1 game.

E/SWMNC scored a run in the top of the sixth inning to make a 2-1 ballgame.

The visiting team added three more runs in the top of the seventh inning to make the final score 5-1.

E/SWMNC 0 1 0 0 0 1 3 5  
LHS 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1

Hitting: Robinson 1-2; Olson 1-4; Connell 2-4; Kracht 1-3  
Doubles: Kracht

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Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

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## Luverne Christian Reformed Church

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[www.luverneccrc.com](http://www.luverneccrc.com) — [office@luverneccrc.com](mailto:office@luverneccrc.com)  
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. Sunday, May 30: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Worship service. Wednesday, June 2: 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Prayer Time. We are streaming Sunday services live on Roger Sparks' Facebook page at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Send him a friend request if you're not connected. You may also visit our website for delayed broadcasts. Also our services are on local cable TV at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. In all circumstances, may we joyfully declare: "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 124:8.

## First Baptist Church

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Walt Moser, Pastor

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. In-person worship service. Service is also on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m.

## Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4431; [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org) — [graceluverne.org](http://graceluverne.org)  
Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Thursday, May 27: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, May 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, May 30: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study via Zoom. Monday, May 31: Office is closed. Tuesday, June 1: 9 a.m. staff meeting. Wednesday, June 2: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website [www.graceluverne.org](http://www.graceluverne.org), click Worship tab or go directly to our Facebook page at Grace Lutheran ELCA, Luverne. TV: Vast Channel 3 will air our worship service Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. – NEW TIME! Radio: KQAD-AM Radio will air our worship service on Sundays at 8:15 p.m.

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720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834  
[pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com)  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

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Mike Altena, Pastor

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(formerly First Assembly of God)  
1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4  
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109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne  
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## First Presbyterian Church

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## Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, May 30: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10:15 a.m. Worship service. Monday, May 31: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Wednesday, May In-person Worship service and through Facebook Live Sunday. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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Saturday, May 29: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, May 30: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school and Adult Bible study. 7 p.m. Online Bible study. Worship service is 75 people. Services will be available on the Vast channel 3 Sunday and online at the city website, [cityofluverne.org](http://cityofluverne.org).

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Sunday, May 30: 10 a.m. Joint worship service at Palisade Lutheran. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Facebook live. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHdQwVxFcU4>

## Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
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Ph. 507-935-5025  
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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  
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112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
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## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270  
Nita Parker, Pastor

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## Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
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## Sure and certain are standards for biblical 'hope'

"I hope I can find a job after I graduate."

"I hope I meet the right person and get married one day."

"I hope my new college or university is a good fit." "I hope my team wins the championship."

"I hope I get to go to heaven."

When we use the word "hope," there is often a lot of uncertainty attached to it. Sometimes we use the word "hope" as if it's a wish or a dream, sometimes even an impossibility. "I hope."

However, when the Bible uses the word "hope," it uses it in a very different way. "Hope" in the Bible is sure and certain. It is sure and certain because it is based on an event that has already happened.

The Apostle Peter explains, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." (1 Peter 1:3-4)

"Hope" in this sense is not uncertain because Christ is truly risen. Because of Jesus' perfect life for you, his innocent death on the cross for you, and his glorious bodily resurrection for you, we now have a sure and certain hope in Him.

So, of what does Jesus' resurrection make us certain? Peter points to our life in heaven. We should not look at life in heaven as some sort of "wish." Our eternal life in heaven is a real certainty. Our Savior has won heaven for you

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Rev. Andrew Palmquist  
Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

*It is sure  
and certain  
because it is  
based on an  
event that  
has already  
happened.*

and me!

This is a certainty not because of how we have lived or anything we have done, but because God sent His Son to perfectly accomplish our salvation. Jesus has earned it all. And He sends the Holy Spirit, as we celebrate at Pentecost, to create living faith in our hearts through Baptism and His powerful Word.

The blessings of Christ's life, death, and resurrection are made ours personally through the Word and Sacraments.

This means the "hope" of heaven is yours. You and I can rejoice and be confident in the sure, certain hope that is ours from our living, victorious Savior!

And that same Lord Jesus is with you throughout your life. He loves you, and is taking care of you!

May our gracious God richly bless our graduates!

*Adapted from: Good News for You! 2020 Peace Devotions*

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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for July 1

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 29, 2016  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$33,781.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Linda S. Jordan, a single woman  
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns  
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:  
Recorded: January 06, 2017 Rock County Recorder  
Document Number: 189906  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:  
And assigned to: Quicken Loans, LLC  
Dated: November 02, 2020  
Recorded: November 09, 2020 Rock County Recorder  
Document Number: 198487  
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100039033650596798  
Lender or Broker: Quicken Loans Inc.  
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Quicken Loans, LLC  
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
Property Address: 821 N McKenzie St, Luverne, MN 56156-1336  
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0242-000  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The North Fifty-five (N.55) feet of Lot One (1), in Block Two (2), in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, except the West Twenty-five (W.25) feet thereof  
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$35,469.91  
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;  
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 01, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota  
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.  
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not

redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on January 03, 2022, or the next business day if January 03, 2022, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE  
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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DATED: May 13, 2021  
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: Quicken Loans, LLC  
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Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee  
7616 Currell Blvd; Ste 200  
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296  
(651) 209-3300  
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(05-13, 05-20, 05-27, 06-03, 06-10, 06-17)

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### EMPLOYMENT

### RENTALS

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### CARDS OF THANKS

We want to thank family and friends for all the anniversary wishes, cards and money. Thanks to Marilyn for dinner. On to the next 50! Great to have fantastic friends.  
**Darlene & Norman Gyberg**  
(5.22-5.27)

A heartfelt thank you to all those who remembered my sister Paula with cards and memorials. To those who knew her, how truly special she was and how she could light up a room. Thank you for the kindness shown to her when she visited Luverne. She really loved it here. Maybe she and Bill are watching Wheel of Fortune together in Heaven!  
**May God rest her soul.**  
**Janet Preuss**  
**Jeff and Angie Hicks**  
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(5.22-5.27)

### EMPLOYMENT

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### CARDS OF THANKS

In an effort to "make a long story short," we would like to express our love and gratitude for all who attended Bill's memorial service, for the beautiful plants, flower arrangements, the heartfelt cards, gifts and food. We are also sincerely grateful for the many memorials we received. These memorials have been given to the Luverne Area Community Foundation in Bill's memory. He loved Luverne with all his heart, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you to Dingmann Funeral Home and to all the girls who made and served lunch. It was delicious! A special thank you to Brenda Winter for officiating at Bill's service and doing such a great job. He would have been so proud, and he would have laughed and cried at the same time. As Bill would say, "Remember me but do not grieve for me. At least not for very long!"  
**May God rest his soul.**  
**Janet Preuss**  
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- UCC continuations-file, terminate and amend UCC's
- Attend weekly loan committee meetings; assist loan officers with preparation of information to be discussed at loan meetings
- Scan required loan file documents to bank systems
- Comply with all bank and regulatory requirements

**The following skills and attributes for this position are not required but beneficial:**

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- Perform duties in compliance with policy, procedure and process
- Self-motivated with attention to details
- Ability to communicate effectively (orally and in writing)
- Ability to maintain discretion and confidentiality
- High level of accuracy and timeliness
- Ability to multi-task and organize priorities
- Strong aptitude for problem solving
- Ability to read and interpret documentation such as operating and procedure manuals

**Education:**

- High school or equivalent, BS in Finance, Banking or relevant field is preferred

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Full-time position  
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A Bachelor's degree in social work, gerontology, nursing, or related human service field is required. Candidates for the Information and Assistance Specialist must have one year of professional or internship experience in the social services field, including long term care, health care, social services or lead agency setting. Degree in social work or nursing requires licensure or demonstrated progress/intent on securing licensure.

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# 2021 Memorial Day Services

May 31  
10:00am

*In case of rain:  
Hardwick  
Legion Hall*

## Hardwick Memorial Day Program

**Hardwick Veterans Memorial**

**Guest speaker:** Matt Niessink,  
Staff Sergeant & Recruiter of  
Luverne National Guard

Special readings by  
by Chance Tunnissen, 2021 Boy Stater

Special Music by:  
Maddie Oye & Julia Berg  
*Sponsored by the Hardwick American  
Legion Arthur Moeller Post #478*

**Bring your own lawn chair  
Refreshments to follow**

May 31  
10:30am

## Beaver Creek Memorial Day Program

**First Presbyterian Church of Beaver Creek**

7 - 10 a.m. - Breakfast at Fire Hall

9:45 a.m. - Coffee & Bars at Church served prior  
to service

11:00 a.m. - Program at Beaver Creek  
Cemetery with American Legion and Luverne VFW

May 31  
9:00am

## Hills Memorial Day Program

Hills American Legion  
Flag detail

May 31

## Rock County Veterans Memorial & Herreid Military Museum

Rock County Courthouse Square

**3:00pm-National Hour of Remembrance**

*Placing of Wreath, Reading of the Names of Rock County's KIA's & MIAs & Taps*

**3:30pm to 8pm- Placing of Luminaries**

*Public invited to place luminary on the paver of deceased veterans  
Luminaries courtesy of Luverne Area Chamber & CVB*

**4:00pm-Father Francis L. Sampson Exhibit Opening**

*Honoring Sampson's life service to God & to County Herreid  
Military Museum (open to the public through 8pm)*

**8:30pm-Lighting of the Luminaries**

**9:00pm-Moment of reflection**

*Honoring the Service & Sacrifice of Rock  
County Service Members*

**Open House & Reception**

**Herreid Military Museum 3-9pm**

*Please bring your own chair*

May 31  
10:30am

## Luverne Memorial Day Program

Maplewood Cemetery

**Memorial Day Address**

Michael Welch, MTCS/SS USN Ret.

Luverne High School Band

American Legion Post 123, Luverne

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(Front row, from left) Sophie Holmberg, <sup>1</sup>Ainslie Robinson, <sup>1</sup>Solveig Tofteland, <sup>1</sup>Lauren VerSteege, <sup>3</sup>Shelby Kracht, Leslie Van Engelenhoven, Paige Sandbulte, Cassie Flanagan, Sophia Eisma, <sup>3</sup>Rachel DenHerder, <sup>3</sup>Elisabeth Kelm, Ann Dara, (second row) Melisa Osias, <sup>3</sup>Emma Hinz, <sup>3</sup>Sadie Reisdorfer, Brody Bonnett, <sup>3</sup>Leah Wynia, <sup>2</sup>Autumn Nath, <sup>2</sup>Brynn Thier, <sup>1</sup>Gracie Zewiske, <sup>1</sup>Kaitlyn Anderson, <sup>1</sup>Rozlyn Oye, Noemi Gutierrez Cazares, Tyrcia Davis, Haleah Soto, Crystal Sayavong, Trinity Carson, Duncan Reese, (third row) Jonathan Dolo, Riley Cowell, Trevor Halverson, Jaime Palmquist, Gaven Hooegeven, <sup>2</sup>Dyllon Gehrke, Bailey Cowell, <sup>2</sup>Regan Feit, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Adam Skindeliien, Tyler de Cesare, <sup>1</sup>Simon Boyenga, Anna Boltjes, <sup>3</sup>Genevieve Rolfs, <sup>1</sup>Josie Golla, Katlin Petronek, (fourth row) William Fischer, Arekel McLaughlin, Shaid Shearer, Marshall DeHaven, Riley Anderson, Cooper Arends, Hunter Sandbulte, Nathan Meeker, Carlton Oftedahl, <sup>3</sup>John Miller, Eduardo Godines, Rebecca Austin, LaShad Smith, <sup>3</sup>McKenzie VanGrootheest, <sup>1</sup>Elise Jarchow, <sup>3</sup>Destiny Matthiesen, <sup>3</sup>Alex Mann, (back) <sup>1</sup>Ethan Beyer, <sup>1</sup>Ben Jarchow, Isaac Eidem, <sup>3</sup>Zach Ahrendt, Camron Kopp, Ethan Teunissen, Justin Dohmann, <sup>1</sup>Peter Baustian, <sup>3</sup>Jason Rops, <sup>1</sup>Cade Wenninger, Gretchen Jacobsma, Matthauss Dobbe, <sup>2</sup>Russell Aanenson, Eric Somnis, Ethan Curtiss, Mia Halverson, Katarina Horn and Hailey Kruger. <sup>1</sup>summa cum laude 3.900-4.000, <sup>2</sup>magna cum laude 3.750-3.899, <sup>3</sup>cum laude 3.500-3.749

# Class of 2021

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all your memories.

Before you,  
all your dreams.

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all who love you.

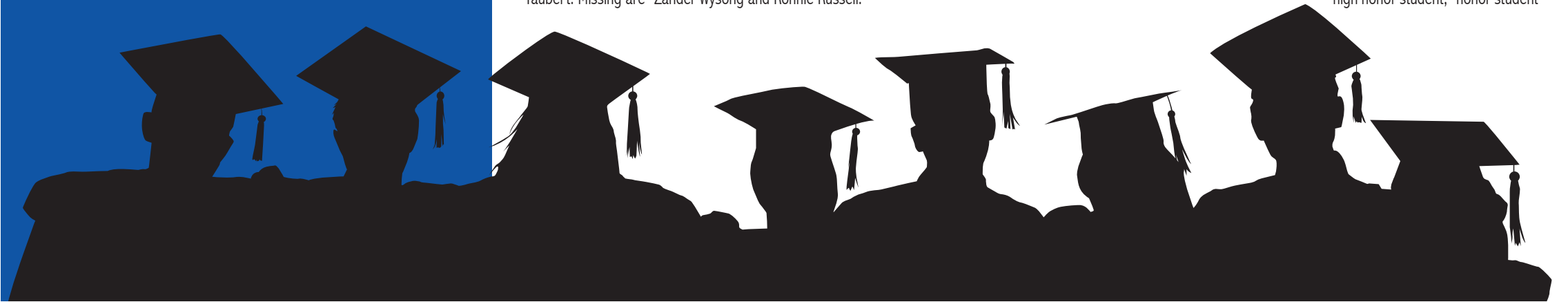
Within you,  
all you need.

## HILLS-BEAVER CREEK



Submitted Photo

Kneeling from left are <sup>1</sup>Taryn Rauk, <sup>2</sup>Emilee Kodet, Adrienne Boltjes, Abbigail Olson, <sup>1</sup>Hannah Fick, Kathleen Kiers, (second row) <sup>1</sup>Lauren Tatje, <sup>1</sup>Abby Knobloch, <sup>2</sup>Ashlee Keldermann, <sup>1</sup>Allison LaRock, <sup>2</sup>Jacey Vanden Hoek, Erika Dysthe, <sup>2</sup>Annie Bos, <sup>2</sup>Avery Vis, Shayla Rainford, (back) Jessup Dunn, <sup>2</sup>Jacob Sheppard, <sup>2</sup>Ethan Gray, <sup>2</sup>Gavin Wysong, Tory Knobloch, <sup>2</sup>Chase Bosch, Tryce Bennett, <sup>1</sup>Calvin Erickson, Joshua Swenson, <sup>2</sup>Thomas Dysthe, <sup>2</sup>Tyson Bork, Dewell Rauk, Seth Klarenbeek, Mikael Mess and <sup>2</sup>Brandon Taubert. Missing are <sup>2</sup>Zander Wysong and Ronnie Russell. <sup>1</sup>high honor student, <sup>2</sup>honor student





# LUVERNE HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement: 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 30, 2021 in the Cardinal Gymnasium

*Class Motto:*

"If you focus on what you left behind, you will never be able to see what lies ahead." ~ Chef Gusteau

*Class colors:* Ruby and Alabaster

*Class flower:* Fire and Ice Rose



**Russell Aanenson**

Russell is the son of Jason Aanenson and Sheila Aanenson, Luverne. Russell works at Sunshine Foods. Activities included golf. Following graduation Russell will attend Saint John's University, Collegeville, to earn a degree in secondary education.



**Zach Ahrendt**

Zach is the son of Eric and Bobbie Ahrendt, Hardwick. Zach works at Sunshine Foods in Luverne. Activities included student council, National Honor Society, football and track. Zach will attend Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, to study exercise science and play football.



**Kaitlyn Anderson**

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Tim and Barb Anderson, Luverne. Kaitlyn works for Catnach Insurance Agency. Activities included mock trial, student council, peer helping, Math League, yearbook and concert choir. Following graduation Kaitlyn will attend the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, to major in business management.



**Cooper Arends**

Cooper is the son of Brian and Kim Arends, Luverne. Cooper works for Loosbrock Electric. Activities included hockey, golf and trapshooting. Following graduation Cooper plans to work for a year and then attend school to earn an electrician degree.



**Rebecca Austin**

Rebecca is the daughter of Barb Austin and Heath Austin, Luverne. Rebecca works at Good Samaritan Society in Luverne and Subway in Rock Rapids, IA. Activities included volleyball and choir. Following graduation Rebecca will attend SDSU, Brookings, SD, to study early childhood education and minor in photography.



**Hunter Baker**

Hunter is the son of Terri Baker, Luverne, and Dean and Tracy Baker, Luverne. Hunter works at New Prairie Insulation. Activities included wrestling, baseball, football, hockey and FFA. Following graduation Hunter will continue working for New Prairie Insulation.



**Peter Baustian**

Peter is the son of Pat and Katie Baustian, Luverne. Peter works for Pheasant View Farms in Jasper. Activities included football, marching band, band, FFA, track and field, trap shooting and student council. Following graduation Peter will enroll in the Minnesota Air National Guard and then will attend Iowa State University, Ames, IA, for food science.



**Ethan Beyer**

Ethan is the son of Jen and Jamie Beyer, Luverne. Ethan works for Papik Motors and Luverne Community Education. Activities included National Honor Society, baseball, basketball and football. Following graduation Ethan will attend Concordia College, Moorhead, to major in finance and play baseball.



**Trey Bierman**

Trey is the son of Pamela Bierman, Luverne, and Matthew Bierman, Sioux Falls, SD. Trey works at Sunshine Foods. Following graduation Trey will attend Minnesota West, Worthington, for law enforcement.



**Anna Boltjes**

Anna is the daughter of Darryl Boltjes and Marti Boltjes, Luverne. Anna works at Sunshine Foods. Activities included cheer, color guard, band and spring play. Following graduation Anna will attend Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.



**Brody Bonnett**

Brody is the son of Jamie and Annie Bonnett, Luverne. Brody works for VanAartsen Construction. Following graduation Brody will attend Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD, for their construction management program.



**Simon Boyenga**

Simon is the son of Mike and Angie Boyenga, Ellsworth. Simon works at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Activities included mock trial, band, National Honor Society and play. Following graduation Simon will attend the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, to major in genetics and genomics.



**Brennan Brecher**

Brennan is the son of Jason Brecher, Luverne, and Diana Leija, Pipestone. Brennan works for Pepsi. Following graduation Brennan will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College for carpentry.



**Xavier Carbonneau**

Xavier is the son of Michael and Molly Carbonneau, Luverne. Xavier is a lifeguard at Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center. Activities included band, speech, mock trial, theater, student council and Robotics. Following graduation Xavier will attend Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD.



**Trinity Carson**

Trinity is the daughter of Jeremia and Kayleigh Carson, Jasper. Following graduation Trinity plans to work.



**Noemi Cazares**

Noemi is the daughter of Rebecca Gutierrez, Luverne, and Roberto Cazares, Worthington. Following graduation Noemi plans to travel and live life the way it should be.



**Bailey Cowell**

Bailey is the son of Abby (Cowell) and Dustin VerSteege, Luverne, and Matt Herman, Luverne. Activities included football, basketball and baseball. Bailey's plans following graduation are undecided.



**Riley Cowell**

Riley is the son of Tim Cowell and Heather Kroon, Luverne. Riley works for Cowell Construction and Sell Farms. Activities included wrestling and football. Riley's plans following graduation are undecided.



**Ann Dara**

Ann is the daughter of Thongbai Xaysongkham and Sisouphanh Dara, Luverne. Ann works at Godfather's Pizza at Sunshine Gas. Activities included choir. Ann is undecided of her plans following graduation.



**Tyricia Davis**

Tyricia is the daughter of Deanna Davis, Luverne. Activities included choir. Following graduation she will attend the University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD, to major in criminal justice, and then will transfer to attend law school.

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**Tyler deCesare**

Tyler is the son of Joel and Gina deCesare, Luverne. Tyler works at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, Luverne Aquatics Center and Power Fitness. Activities included track and field and football. Following graduation Tyler will attend the USD, Vermillion, SD, to major in medical biology with aspirations of becoming a doctor.



**Marshall DeHaven**

Marshall is the son of Brandy DeSollar, Luverne. Marshall is undecided of his plans following graduation.



**Rachel DenHerder**

Rachel is the daughter of Brian and Dee DenHerder, Luverne. Rachel works at Country Cupboards. Activities included peer helping. Following graduation Rachel will attend San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, for interior design.



**Kaden Desollar**

Kaden is the son of Brooke Mendez, Jasper. Kaden works for The Mentor Network. Activities included basketball. Following graduation Kaden will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College, to earn a coaching degree to coach basketball.



**Matthauss Dobbe**

Matthauss is the son of Sam and Christina Harris, Jasper. Matthauss works at the Trosky Bar and Grill. Activities included track and managing the boys basketball and football teams. Following graduation Matthauss will attend Dakota State University, Madison, SD.



**Justin Dohlmann**

Justin is the son of Tom and Kelly Dohlmann, Luverne. Justin works at the Luverne Building Center. Activities included football, basketball, track, trapshooting and FFA. Following graduation Justin will attend Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD, for general courses and their electrician program.



**Isaac Eidem**

Isaac is the son of Steven and Karla Eidem, Sioux Falls, SD, and Peggy and Tyler Johnson, Luverne. Isaac works at Sunshine Foods. Activities included band and golf. Following graduation Isaac will attend Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, SD, for culinary arts.



**Sophia Eisma**

Sophia is the daughter of Damon and Kirsten Eisma, Luverne. Sophia works at the Luverne Country Club. Activities included track and field, choir and peer helping. Following graduation Sophia will attend the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, for their business administration and marketing program.



**Regan Feit**

Regan is the daughter of Kyle and Amy Feit, Luverne. Regan works as a nanny during the summer months. Activities included cross country, hockey, track, student council, National Honor Society, peer helping and Math League. Following graduation Regan will attend Winona State University, Winona, to major in cell and molecular biology and run track.



**William Fischer**

William is the son of Amber Benson and Jack Fischer, Luverne. Activities included track and field. William is undecided of his plans following graduation.



**Cassie Flanagan**

Cassie is the daughter of Pat Flanagan, Luverne, and Mary Flanagan, Aurora, SD. Cassie works at Bomgaars. Activities included FFA. Following graduation Cassie will attend Dakota State University, Madison, SD, for computer game design.



**Rylee Gee**

Rylee is the daughter of Ryan and Laura Gee, Luverne. Rylee operates her own CEO business, OG Metal Design. Activities included hockey, theatre, drama, choir, Math League, student council, CEO and National Honor Society. Following graduation Rylee will attend Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO, to play hockey and study mechanical engineering and graphic arts.



**Dyllon Gehrke**

Dyllon is the son of Don and Nancy Gehrke, Luverne. Dyllon works at Bomgaars. Activities included Robotics. Following graduation Dyllon plans to work in landscaping or construction.



**Josephine Golla**

Josephine is the daughter of Nate and Molly Golla, Luverne. Josephine works at the Luverne Farm Store. Activities included theater, One-Act Play, speech, band, choir, jazz band and drama club. Following graduation Josephine will attend Concordia College, Moorhead, for a BA in music education.



**Mia Halverson**

Mia is the daughter of Derek Halverson and Holly Renken, Luverne. Mia works at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Activities included choir, peer helping, track and Robotics. Following graduation Mia will attend Minnesota State University, Mankato.



**Trevor Halverson**

Trevor is the son of Ryan and Kelly Halverson, Ellsworth. Trevor works at Luverne Ace Hardware. Activities included football and baseball. Following graduation Trevor will attend Valley City State University, Valley City, ND, to major in physical education.



**Emma Hinz**

Emma is the daughter of Alan and Patty Hinz, Luverne. Emma works at Pizza Ranch. Following graduation Emma will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, to major in animal science/pre-veterinary medicine.



**Sophie Holmberg**

Sophie is the daughter of Chris and Diane Holmberg, Luverne. Activities included band, choir, drama/theatre and hockey. Following graduation Sophie will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, to major in history.



**Gaven Hoogeveen**

Gaven is the son of Tricia Huiskes, Luverne, and Greg Hoogeveen, Luverne. Gaven works at Lewis Family Drug. Following graduation Gaven will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College for their EMT program.



**Katarina Horn**

Katarina is the daughter of Tamara Horn, Hardwick, and Harvey Horn, Zimmerman. Activities included Robotics and choir. Following graduation Katarina will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Luverne, to study to become a lab technician.



**Gretchen Jacobsma**

Gretchen is the daughter of Doug and Erin Jacobsma, Luverne. Gretchen works for Brands Haven Holsteins. Activities included FFA. Following graduation Gretchen will attend Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls, IA, for ag business and equine management.



**Ben Jarchow**

Ben is the son of Tim Jarchow, Luverne, and Kayla Jarchow, Sioux Falls, SD. Ben works at Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness. Activities included baseball, tennis, basketball and Math League. Following graduation Ben will attend Drake University, Des Moines, IA, to major in actuarial science.



**Elise Jarchow**

Elise is the daughter of Mike and Wanda Jarchow, Luverne. Elise works at The Bean. Activities included tennis, track, spring play, band, student council, peer helping and National Honor Society. Following graduation Elise will attend the University of Northwestern-St. Paul, to major in education and play tennis.



**Elisabeth Kelm**

Elisabeth is the daughter of Joel and Sandra Kelm, Luverne. Activities included tennis, FCCLA and peer helping. Following graduation Elisabeth will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, for agronomy.



**Blake Koffron**

Blake is the son of Brian Koffron, Esterville, IA, and Kimberly Koffron, Luverne. Blake works at Midwest Fire. Activities included band and basketball. Following graduation Blake will work full time for Midwest Fire.

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**Camron Kopp**

Camron is the son of Jason and Stacy Kopp, Luverne. Camron works at his father's business during the summer. Activities included football, track, trapshooting and FFA. Following graduation Camron will attend Alexandria Technical and Community College, Alexandria, to become a DNR conservation officer.



**Shelby Kracht**

Shelby is the daughter of Larry and Bobbie Kracht, Magnolia. Shelby works at Moon Creek Vet Clinic in Rock Rapids, IA. Activities included CEO, FFA, hockey, softball and trapshooting. Following graduation Shelby will attend Dordt University, Sioux Center, IA, to play softball and major in animal science.



**Anthony Kramer**

Anthony is the son of Scott Kramer, Magnolia, and Jen Wiebe, Luverne. Anthony works for Kramer's Trenching Service. Following graduation Anthony will attend the Fall 2021 Electrical Program at Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, SD.



**Dylan Labat**

Dylan is the son of Amy Labat, Luverne, and Joel Labat, Marshall. Dylan works at BP gas station. Activities included hockey. Following graduation Dylan will attend Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD, for welding.



**Alex Mann**

Alex is the son of Cory Mann and Bridget Mann, Luverne. Alex works for Sunshine Foods. Following graduation Alex will attend Dakota State University, Madison, SD, to major in computer game design.



**Destiny Matthiesen**

Destiny is the daughter of Kami Kindt, Luverne, and Jeremy Matthiesen, Canton, SD. Destiny works at Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Ellsworth. Activities included tennis, speech, track and field, One-Act Play, FFA, spring play and trapshooting. Following graduation Destiny will attend Vermillion Community College, Ely, to become a wildlife technician.



**Arekel McLaughlin**

Arekel's guardian is Mira Uithoven, Beaver Creek. Arekel works at the Luverne Farm Store. Activities included peer helping, football, basketball and track. Arekel is uncertain of his future plans following graduation but is considering joining the military or going into real estate.



**John Miller**

John is the son of Alex and Karen Miller, Edgerton. John works at Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness. Activities included baseball, cross country, jazz band, brass band, marching band, tennis, Math League, mock trial, speech and Robotics. Following graduation John will attend the South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City, SD, to major in engineering.



**Autumn Nath**

Autumn is the daughter of Scott and Lori Nath, Luverne. Autumn works at the Good Samaritan Society. Activities included track, basketball and Math League. Following graduation Autumn will attend the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, to major in nursing, then study for physician's assistant.



**Carlton Oftedahl**

Carlton is the son of Craig and Randi Oftedahl, Luverne. Carlton works for VanArtsen Construction. Activities were football, hockey, baseball, golf, FFA, Math League, peer helping and Robotics. Following graduation Carlton will attend Central Lakes College, Brainerd, to earn a degree in marine and power sports technology.



**Melisa Osias**

Melisa is the daughter of Luana Osias, Pipestone. Following graduation Melisa will work or volunteer part time somewhere.



**Rozilyn Oye**

Rozilyn is the daughter of Todd and Carrie Oye, Luverne. Roz works at Verne Drive-In. Activities included student council, yearbook, peer helping, National Honor Society, Cardinal TV, choir, tennis, hockey and softball. Following graduation Roz will attend Southwest State University, Marshall, to major in secondary education.



**Jaime Palmquist**

Jaime is the son of Shane and Jessica Palmquist, Luverne. Jaime works at Luverne Body Shop and Papik Motors. Following graduation he will continue to work for Luverne Body Shop and Papik Motors.



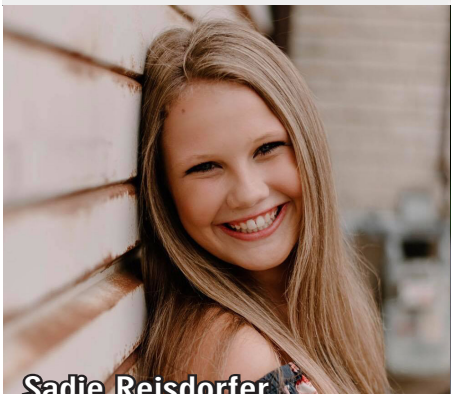
**Katlin Petronek**

Katlin is the daughter of Mike and Tina Petronek, Luverne. Katlin works at M&H Hardware and Appliance in Edgerton and volunteers at the Tracy Area Animal Rescue. Activities included drama and theater. Following graduation Katlin plans to fulfill her life goals of pet grooming and dayli hybridizing.



**Duncan Reese**

Duncan is the son of Dionne Reese, Luverne, and Brian Reese. Duncan participated in Special Olympics Sioux Falls United team, preferred sports and powerlifting, bowling and track and field. Duncan's plans following graduation are undecided.



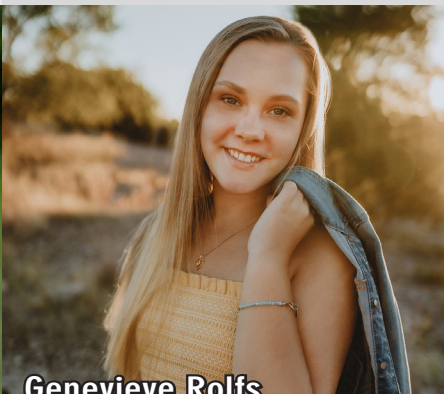
**Sadie Reisdorfer**

Sadie is the daughter of Glen and Jamie Reisdorfer, Luverne. Sadie works at Dragonfly. Activities included volleyball, softball, choir and fall play. Following graduation Sadie will attend the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, to major in elementary education.



**Ainslie Robinson**

Ainslie is the daughter of Wayne and Ann Robinson, Luverne. Ainslie works at the Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce. Activities included tennis, softball, band, jazz band, choir, National Honor Society, student council, mock trial, Math League, fall play, peer helping and peer tutoring. Following graduation Ainslie will attend Northwestern College, Orange City, IA, to play tennis and major in biology-health professions.



**Genevieve Rolfs**

Genevieve is the daughter of Tom and Jen Rolfs, Luverne. Genevieve works at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Activities included marching band and volleyball. Following graduation Genevieve will attend Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD, to double major in business and art for interior design and will participate in marching band.



**Jayson Rops**

Jayson is the son of Tom Rops and Jodi Rops, Luverne. Jayson works at Godfather's Pizza. Activities included football, basketball, baseball, tennis, CEO, BPA and FFA. Following graduation Hunter will attend the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, to major in accounting or education.



**Hunter Sandbulte**

Hunter is the son of Paul and Amanda Sandbulte, Luverne. Hunter works in hog confinements. This summer he will work at John Deere. Activities included FFA and Robotics. Following graduation Hunter will attend Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, for agricultural diesel, and will continue working for John Deere.



**Paige Sandbulte**

Paige is the daughter of Missy Aanenson, Luverne, and Eric Sandbulte, Luverne. Paige works at Minnwest Bank, PegTV - and is interning at CHS in Luverne. Activities included golf, volleyball, hockey and choir. Following graduation Paige will attend Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, SD, to major in commodity merchandising and ag finance.



**Shaïd Shearer**

Shaïd is the son of Marty and Cathy Shearer, Luverne. Activities included football, hockey, baseball and band. Following graduation Shaïd will attend Davenport University, Grand Rapids, MI, to play hockey and study business marketing.



**Adam Skindelien**

Adam works at McDonald's. Activities included hockey. Following graduation Adam will continue to work at McDonald's.



**LaShad Smith**

LaShad is the son of Paul and Melinda Smith, Luverne. Activities included football, basketball and track and field. Following graduation LaShad will attend Valley City State University, Valley City, ND, to play football and earn a degree in elementary education.



**Eric Somnis**

Eric is the son of Robert and Lynn Somnis, Magnolia. Activities included FFA, BPA, band, golf and trap shooting. Following graduation Eric will attend college to study dairy science.

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**Haleah Soto**

Haleah is the daughter of Carrie Soto, Luverne. Haleah works at Scooters Coffee in Brandon, SD, and Wildflowers Coffee Boutique. Activities included CEO. Following graduation Haleah will attend Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, SD, to major in business administration, entrepreneurship and marketing.

**Ethan Teunissen**

Ethan is the son of Galen and Lauree Teunissen, Luverne. Ethan works at JJ's Tasty Drive-In. Activities included football, track and Robotics. Following graduation Ethan will attend Dakota State University, Madison, SD, for computer science.

**Brynn Thier**

Brynn is the daughter of Nikki and Jon McLendon, Luverne, and Tyler Bullerman, Rushmore. Brynn works at The Bean. Activities included tennis and hockey. Following graduation Brynn will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, WI, to major in food science.

**Solveig Tofteland**

Solveig is the daughter of Dean and Jennifer Tofteland, Luverne. Solveig works for Tofteland Farms and at the Mary Lane Brown Home. Activities included tennis, band, student council, mock trial, speech, Math League, FCCLA, Robotics, fall play and peer helping. Following graduation Solveig will attend the University of Minnesota's School of Nursing, Minneapolis.

**Leslie Van Engelenhoven**

Leslie is the daughter of Duane and Deb Van Engelenhoven, Luverne. Leslie works at Habilitative Services, Inc. Activities included choir. Following graduation Leslie will attend University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD, to major in nursing.



**McKenzie Van Grootheest**

McKenzie is the daughter of Mike and Marlyn Van Grootheest, Luverne. Activities included National Honor Society, peer helping, choir, volleyball, basketball and school play. Following graduation McKenzie will attend the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, for elementary education.

**Lauren VerSteeg**

Lauren is the daughter of Tom and Alison VerSteeg, Luverne. Lauren works at Dragonfly Boutique, Lasting Legacies in Rock Rapids, IA, and is a student helper for the Blue Mound Figure Skating Club. Activities included tennis, mock trial, student council, National Honor Society, Robotics, Math League, band and peer helping. Following graduation Lauren will attend the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**Cade Wenninger**

Cade is the son of Mike and Lauri Wenninger, Luverne. Cade has coached t-ball and major and minor league baseball, and also mowed the past summers. This summer Cade will work construction. Activities included baseball, football, hockey, peer helping, student council and National Honor Society. Following graduation Cade will attend Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, IA, to major in computer science and to play baseball.

**Leah Wynia**

Leah is the daughter of Roger and Julie Wynia, Luverne. Leah works at Jaycox Implement. Activities included softball, trapshooting and peer helping. Following graduation Leah will attend the Minnesota Army National Guard and South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, for precision ag.

**Gracie Zewiske**

Gracie is the daughter of Wayne and Tara Zewiske, Luverne. Gracie works at Bluestem Catering and The Bean. Activities included volleyball, track and field, Math League, yearbook, National Honor Society and peer helping. Following graduation Gracie will attend Creighton University, Omaha, NE, to study biology.

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**Tryce Bennett**

Tryce is the son of Curt and Mandy Bennett, Beaver Creek. Tryce works for HOM Furniture. Activities included football, basketball, track and FFA. Following graduation Tryce will attend the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, for criminal justice.



**Adrienne Boltjes**

Adrienne is the daughter of Ryan and Melissa Boltjes, Steen, and Alyson and Dana Olson, Hills. Adrienne works at the Tuff Memorial Home. Following graduation Adrienne will attend Minnesota West Community and Technical College for dental assistant.



**Tyson Bork**

Tyson is the son of Barry and Tami Bork, Beaver Creek. Tyson works for Bork Farms. Activities included football, track and FFA. Following graduation Tyson plans to continue working for Bork Farms.



**Annie Bos**

Annie is the daughter of Ken and Tammy Bos, Hills. Annie works on the family farm, Sterling's Cafe & Grille and the Tuff Memorial Home. Activities included volleyball, basketball, FFA and FCA. Following graduation Annie will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, for agricultural science.



**Chase Bosch**

Chase is the son of Tim and Trista Bosch, Hills. Chase works at S & S Locker and on the family farm. Activities included football, FFA and trapshooting. Following graduation Chase will attend Lake Area Technical College for diesel technology.



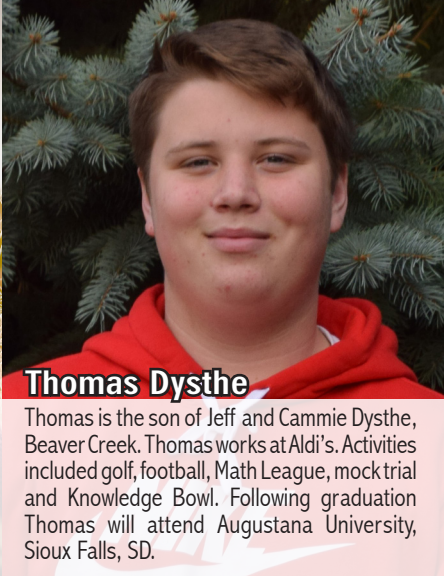
**Jessup Dunn**

Jessup is the son of Jud Dunn, Hills, and Amy Wilstermann, Sioux Falls, SD. Following graduation Jessup will work.



**Erika Dysthe**

Erika is the daughter of Jamie and Laurie Dysthe, Beaver Creek. Erika works at Doodlebugs and Dinosaurs Daycare in Brandon. Activities included mock trial, FFA, yearbook, track and FCA. Following graduation Erika will attend SDSU, Brookings, SD, to major in psychology and minor in early childhood development.



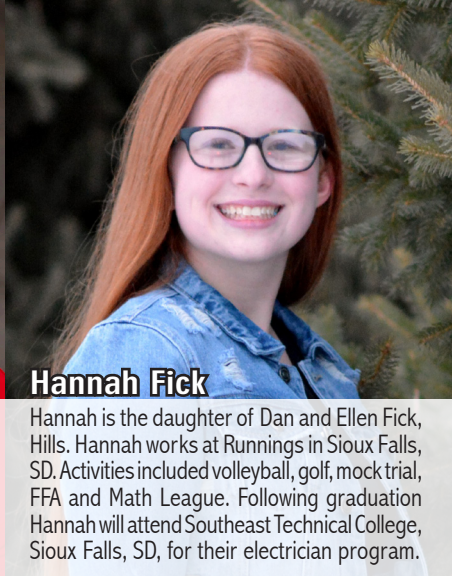
**Thomas Dysthe**

Thomas is the son of Jeff and Cammie Dysthe, Beaver Creek. Thomas works at Aldi's. Activities included golf, football, Math League, mock trial and Knowledge Bowl. Following graduation Thomas will attend Augustana University, Sioux Falls, SD.



**Calvin Erickson**

Calvin is the son of Aaron and Heather Erickson, Hills. Calvin works for local farmers and Elbers' Auction Service. Activities included football, basketball, track, FFA, trapshooting and Knowledge Bowl. Following graduation Calvin will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, for agricultural science.



**Hannah Fick**

Hannah is the daughter of Dan and Ellen Fick, Hills. Hannah works at Runnings in Sioux Falls, SD. Activities included volleyball, golf, mock trial, FFA and Math League. Following graduation Hannah will attend Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD, for their electrician program.



**Ethan Gray**

Ethan is the son of Michael and Michelle Gray, Hills. Ethan works at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills. Following graduation Ethan will attend a trade school in Wisconsin for welding.



**Ashlee Kelderman**

Ashlee is the daughter of Cory Kelderman, Hills, and LaDawn Swenson, Hudson, SD. Ashlee works at Perkins Restaurant and Bakery in Sioux Falls, SD. Following graduation Ashlee will attend Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD, to become a pharmacy technician.



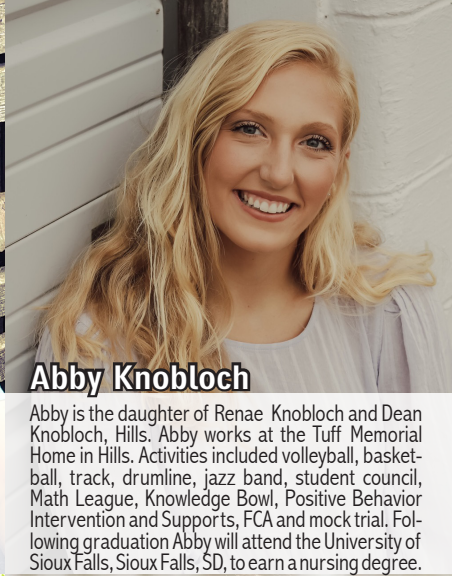
**Kathleen Kiers**

Kathleen is the daughter of Eric and Lisa Kiers, Luverne. Kathleen works at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Following graduation Kathleen will attend Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, for graphic design.



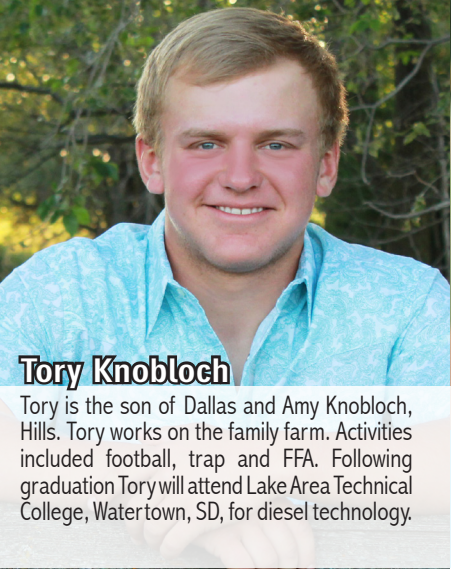
**Seth Klarenbeek**

Seth is the son of Dylan and Heather Klarenbeek, Hills. Seth works at Papik Motors, Luverne, and Runnings in Rock Rapids, IA. Activities included trapshooting. Following graduation Seth will attend Southeast Technical Institute College, Sioux Falls, SD, for collision repair and finish technology.



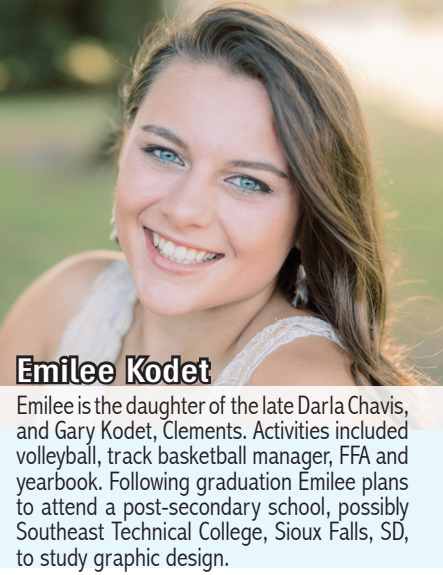
**Abby Knobloch**

Abby is the daughter of Renae Knobloch and Dean Knobloch, Hills. Abby works at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills. Activities included volleyball, basketball, track, drumline, jazz band, student council, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, FCA and mock trial. Following graduation Abby will attend the University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD, to earn a nursing degree.



**Tory Knobloch**

Tory is the son of Dallas and Amy Knobloch, Hills. Tory works on the family farm. Activities included football, trap and FFA. Following graduation Tory will attend Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, SD, for diesel technology.



**Emilee Kodet**

Emilee is the daughter of the late Darla Chavis, and Gary Kodet, Clements. Activities included volleyball, track basketball manager, FFA and yearbook. Following graduation Emilee plans to attend a post-secondary school, possibly Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD, to study graphic design.



**Allison LaRock**

Allison is the daughter of Dan and Marie LaRock, Hills. Allison works at Embrace Church. Activities included mock trial, choir, concert band, jazz band, drumline, theater, Knowledge Bowl, Math League, student council, Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, FCA, FFA, basketball and volleyball. Following graduation Allison will attend Bethel University, St. Paul, to double major in Missional Ministries and communications and minor in leadership studies.



**Abbigail Olson**

Abbigail is the daughter of David and Amy Olson, Beaver Creek. Abbigail works at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills. Activities included volleyball, basketball, basketball manager and yearbook. Following graduation Abbigail will work and then in the spring will attend Stewart School in Sioux Falls, SD, to be a nail technician.



**Shayla Rainford**

Shayla is the daughter of Lisa Moeding, Luverne, and Collin Rainford, Brandon, SD. Shayla works at The Mentor Network. Activities included volleyball, track and field and mock trial. Following graduation Shayla will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, to major in early childhood education.

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**Dewell Rauk**

Dewell is the son of Ryan and Gina Rauk, Beaver Creek. Dewell works at Habilitative Services Inc. in Luverne. Activities included football, basketball, track and FFA. Following graduation Dewell will attend Augustana University for his general courses.



**Taryn Rauk**

Taryn is the daughter of Chad and Tami Rauk, Beaver Creek. Activities included basketball, volleyball, track, FCA and Math League. Following graduation Taryn will attend Dordt University, Sioux Center, IA, to major in elementary education and play basketball.



**Jacob Sheppard**

Jacob is the son of Ben and Deanna Sheppard, Hills. Ben works at BFB Painting. Activities included mock trial and Knowledge Bowl. Following graduation Ben will work full time for BFB Painting.



**Joshua Swenson**

Joshua is the son of Chad and Andrea Swenson, Hills. Following graduation Joshua plans to get a job.



**Lauren Tatge**

Lauren is the daughter of Shannon and Melanie Tatge, Beaver Creek. Lauren works at Aldi in Sioux Falls. Activities included volleyball, basketball, track and field, mock trial, Math League and Knowledge Bowl. Following graduation Lauren will attend North Dakota State University, Grand Forks, ND, to pursue a doctorate in pharmacy with a minor in chemistry.



**Brandon Taubert**

Brandon is the son of Brent and Jodi Taubert, Beaver Creek. Brandon works at Sunshine Foods in Luverne. Activities included track and trapshooting. Following graduation Brandon will spend the summer working and then will decide his future plans.



**Jacey Vanden Hoek**

Jacey is the daughter of Justin and Sandy Vanden Hoek, Jasper. Jacey works at Interstate Veterinary Clinic. Activities included volleyball, FFA and Math League. Following graduation Jacey will attend South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD, to earn a degree in animal science.



**Avery Vis**

Avery is the daughter of Mike and Stacy Vis, Valley Springs, SD. Avery works at Bethany Meadows in Brandon, SD. Activities included volleyball and FFA. Following graduation Avery will attend the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, and major in dental hygiene.



**Gavin Wysong**

Gavin is the son of Blake and Denise Wysong, Beaver Creek. Gavin works at SpringBrooke Golf Course. Activities included football, basketball, track, FFA and FCA. Following graduation Gavin will attend University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD, to play football.



**Zander Wysong**

Zander is the son of Kouri and Nora Wysong, Hills. Zander will be working at Menards this summer. Activities included football, basketball, track, trap-shooting, Math League and student council. Following graduation Zander will attend Southwest State University, Marshall, for computer science and will participate in E-sports.

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