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## Sanford announces changes to local hospice, homecare program

By Lori Sorenson

The Sanford Luverne hospice program is on the verge of several major changes.

Staff and volunteers were notified in mid-April that home health services will be based out of Windom and hospice services will be based out of Luverne.

Current home care staff will transition to employment through Good Samaritan Society, which Sanford now owns, and they will no longer provide hospice services after the transition later this summer.

The hospice cottages in Luverne and Worthington will continue operating as they do now, and nursing services will be provided by the current staff of the Worthington program.



Since the Luverne Cottage opened in 1998, it has served nearly 800 patients.

Sanford Hospice Luverne will expand to an 11-county group of hospice programs under the Sanford umbrella.

Although nurses and staff were told the effects of the transitions will be minimal, several

longtime hospice professionals in Luverne are leaving their positions.

**Exodus of longtime staff**  
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the program for 26 years, has accepted a position at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Her last day was Friday.

Hospice social worker Jill Roeman, who has been with the Luverne program 20 years, has accepted a job with Avera in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Her last day is Thursday, June 23.

Hospice registered nurse Tammy Moeller was told her position will be eliminated, and she will assume a position at Sanford Luverne in employee health.

Hospice RN Brandi Gaul resigned to work at a local nursing home.

Hospice registered nurse Sara Lanoue, who has been with hos-

**Hospice changes/see page 3A**

## Piersons chosen as parade marshals for Saturday's Hardwick Jubilee Days parade

By Mavis Fodness

Longtime Hardwick area residents Wes and Patti Pierson will be featured in Saturday evening's Hardwick Jubilee Days parade.

Anna Haas, representing the Community Club, asked the Piersons if they would do the honor.

"They have been a staple in this community for many, many years and have been actively involved with the community as a whole," Haas said.

Wes Pierson and Patti Kirby both grew up in the Hardwick area, attended grade school in Hardwick through eighth grade, and graduated from Luverne High School in 1958 and 1963 respectively.

They married, moved away, had three children and forged careers elsewhere before returning to Patti's childhood home outside of Hardwick decades later in retirement.

Each has fond memories of Hardwick's frequent holiday celebrations and activities such as city crews piling snow on Main Street for tobogganing, years of playing fast pitch softball and ultimately meeting each other.

"Activities in Hardwick were awfully good," Patti recalled. "It was fun, fun times."

Wes, now 81, met Patti when he was 19 and delivering eggs to the Kirby family a couple miles east of Hardwick.

"I asked her mom if I could take her out — if I had someone chaperone us — and she told me to come back when Pat was 16 (which was a couple of years away). So, I did. I think her dad thought I would forget about her," Wes said.

The couple married in 1964 (when Patti turned 19) in the Blue Mound Lutheran Church south of Hardwick.

The day after the wedding, they left for Camp Huachuca in Arizona, where Wes



Mavis Fodness photo/0623 Jubilee Days 2022 Piersons

Patti and Wes Pierson of Hardwick are the parade marshals for this weekend's Jubilee Days in Hardwick. The parade begins at 7 p.m. Saturday.

began his three-year stint in the Army. They later moved to Washington, D.C., where Wes finished his military service at the Pentagon.

In the military, Wes was a computer operations specialist, a career he pursued with IBM in Minneapolis and the Minnesota League of Credit Unions until his retirement in 2003.

Patti often found employment with each of Wes' employers, including his retirement years at Glen's Food Center and Teal's Mar-

ket, where he worked in accounting and she was a cashier.

The couple has experienced some health setbacks, most recently with Patti undergoing chemo treatments for ovarian cancer.

They're no strangers to hardships and heartache, however, after all three of their children have died over the years — Michelle in infancy in 1967, Allen in a motorcycle accident in 1990, and Suzanne from cancer in

**Piersons are parade marshals/see 5A**

## Manfred House on National Register of Historic Places

*'Save the Manfred House' lobbies for structure, state DNR will decide*

By Lori Sorenson

The Manfred house atop the Blue Mounds State Park is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, thanks to efforts of the nonprofit group, Save the Manfred House.

"Obviously, our group is pleased with the recognition both for cultural importance it has and the design significance of it," said Tom Brakke, a member of Save the Manfred House. "That recognition is fantastic and supports our mission in wanting to save it."

The designation, announced June 3, means it would qualify for grant funding. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources owns the structure, and recognizes the historic designation.

"It is a tribute of recognition to the significance of place especially relative to Mr. Manfred's writing," said Bob Welsh, DNR Resource and Asset Management Section Manager.

"We will proceed through a thorough review as is required when making any kind of alterations to historic structures and we are prepared to mitigate in whatever way is necessary."

The house is deemed unsafe due to moisture issues affecting structural integrity, and the Minnesota DNR decided to dismantle the building, leaving behind a portion of the home's footprint as the base for a Fred Manfred landmark.

For background, Welsh said the DNR in 2019 hired an architectural and engineering consulting firm to evaluate the Manfred house and surrounding area, and to develop three conceptual designs for the future use of the area as the "Eagle Rock Vista" trail-head and day-use facility.

"A final design for the trail-head facility includes elements from all three of the concepts," Welsh said.

**Save the Manfred House**  
News of the DNR's plans to

**Manfred house/see page 3A**

## School secretary gives up job she loves after 41 years

By Lori Sorenson

Diana Ouverson could have retired 10 years ago, but she liked her job so much she stayed.

"I love my job. Period. I love kids. I love people," Ouverson said Friday, her last day with the Luverne School District. "It's going to be very difficult leaving."

As Luverne Middle School-High School secretary, Ouverson has come to know thousands of students and their families.

Considering an average 90 students per graduating class, that's nearly 4,000 students over the past 41 years of her career in the school office.

And many of them she's nurtured on their path to graduation.



Lori Sorenson photo

School secretary Diana Ouverson retired last week after 41 years.

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**Middle child**

Diana Chapin grew up in Hardwick in a large family, the middle child among nine children of Hubert and Helen Chapin.

"I learned to work, believe me," she said about household chores, a big garden and tending to younger siblings.

**Ouverson retires/see page 2A**



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Grand Prairie Cemetery Association** annual meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at the cemetery. If it rains, the location will be the office room of Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

### Adult reading program begins

The Adult Summer Reading Program is currently underway at the Rock County Library. For every five books read between now and Aug. 15, an entry may be placed in the drawing to win one of four gift baskets. The program is open to ages 18 and older and includes e-books and e-audiobooks.

### Free Community Meal June 22

The United Methodist Church will host its Free Community Meal at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22. A pick-up option is available. Call 507-283-4529.

### Eden Lutheran Church annual service June 26

The Eden Lutheran Church of rural Jasper will meet for its 82nd annual service at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 26, at the church two miles east and 1 mile north of Jasper. A potluck meal will follow under a tent. Volunteers are needed to clean the church at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 25. Call Beverly Hunstad, 507-348-4126.

### Dental clinics June 29 and 30

#Luv1LuvAll Rock County Oral Health Task Force will host mobile dental clinics in Luverne Wednesday, June 29, and Thursday, June 30, at the Rock County Health and Human Services community room. This clinic provides dental care for adults and children ages 0 to over 100. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment. All forms of insurance accepted.

### 'Service Over Self' Camp

#### July 20 at Inspiration Hills

Rock the Edge is coordinating a Service-Over-Self-inspired work day on July 20 at Inspiration Hills Camp in Inwood, Iowa. Youth who have completed grades 8 through 12 are welcome to register, with adult volunteers also needed. Deadline to register is July 14. Email rocktheedgemn@gmail.com for more information and/or to request a registration form or call 507-283-2316 with questions.

### Register by July 14 for Luverne Community Ed

Community Education office will be closed for two weeks, from July 15-29. Please watch registration deadlines carefully.

Register now for **Discovery Time** pre-school starting in September for children 3-5 years of age. Early Learning Scholarships may be available to those who qualify.

**CPR & Ambulance Tour** is June 28. Learn the steps for hands-only CPR, plus see an ambulance and all its equipment. Fee is \$5

Friday morning **Adventure Day Camps** are at the fairgrounds for students who completed grades 1-4. July 8 is "Cows, Pigs, Pets, Oh My!" August 5 is "Blast Off!" Fee is \$15/day.

**Missoula Children's Theatre** returns to Luverne on August 15-20! There are openings yet for participants ages Kdg (as attended during 21-22 school year) through age 7 and ages 12 - 18 to take part in the live production of Hansel & Gretel. Fee is \$35 paid by July 14.

Fifth-graders (this past school year) through adult cane reserve **Open Studio** two-hour blocks of time on July 9 or August 6. Fee is \$25 and covers all materials, glaze and firing.

### Library Happenings

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

Magician "**Magic Zac**" is rescheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 28.

**Storytime** @ the Park will be 10:30 a.m. Thursdays in various parks in Luverne. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Dates and parks are:

- June 23, Veteran's Memorial.
- June 30, Hawkinson.
- July 7, Luverne City.
- July 14, Kolbert.
- July 21, Veteran's Memorial.
- July 28, Hawkinson.

**Teens in Action** (grades 5-12) will meet from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. A different activity will be featured each week beginning June 16.

Movie and snacks for **Camp Rock** begins at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 21. The movie is 1 hr. 37 min., rated G. All ages are welcome.



Lori Sorenson photo/0623 fareway construction

## Fareway starts work on corner of Main and 75

Crews with Dean Schneider Construction, Clear Lake, Iowa, started work Tuesday morning in the former W-2 Quality Meats building on the corner of Main Street and Highway 75 in Luverne to convert the building to a new Fareway Meat Market. Pictured are (from left) project manager Tyler Bryant, Kelley Hadaway, Andy Curely, Fareway Design Project Manager Mark DeYong, Caleb Hoselton, Terry Hansen and Todd Wendell. Construction is anticipated to wrap up later this summer. Fareway is leasing the building from Luverne Properties for at least two years with the option to purchase it if all goes well.

## Diana Ouverson retires from Luverne School District/from page 1A

"We were a very poor family, and we never knew we were poor. We heated one room in the winter and covered doors to other rooms with blankets."

When she was old enough, she babysat and worked at the bowling alley setting pins.

"You sit in the back and the bowling ball would come flying at you," she said. "I did that for 10 cents a line, with my dad sitting next to me in the next line."

She said these lessons in hard work served her well in her career, when she claimed fewer than 10 sick days in four decades.

### Back to school

She graduated from Luverne High School in 1965 and returned to the district in 1981 after her two sons, Chad (LHS class of 1988) and Matthew (LHS '93), were in school.

Gregg Gropel hired her in the Community Education office and in 1983, a position opened in the Luverne High School counselor's office.

She first worked under superintendent Norm Miller. Other superintendents since then have included George Maurer, Vince Schafer, Gary Fisher and the current Craig Oftedahl.

The first principals she worked with were Jim Harner and John Rath (middle school and high school). "Harner and Rath, they were such a team."

After that Harner and Fisher were middle school and high school principals.

Donna Judson was hired as both middle school



Mavis Fodness photo

School secretary Diana Ouverson helps graduating senior Michael Aning (left) and Jase Arp (background) with their diplomas on graduation day, May 29.

and high school principal.

Ryan Johnson replaced her as both middle school and high school principal.

And most recently Jason Phelps came on as middle school principal to work with Johnson as high school principal.

### Hemming gowns and running mimeographs

This spring her grandson, Matthew (son of Chad and Christine McClure) was among the graduating seniors, and she had a front row seat for the occasion, since it was her job to assist students and staff with commencement details.

"I did caps, gowns, the lineup, the seating arrangements," she said.

"We used to use old choir gowns, and I used to

hand-stitch them — hem them up or let them down or fix zippers."

Her other duties comprise a list too long to mention.

Among other things, she answered phones, greeted visitors, entered grades, set up new families in the district, set up lockers, mailed out student handbooks, tracked purchase orders and made sure deliveries were accounted for and dispersed to teachers and staff who needed them.

Meanwhile she kept up with changing technology.

"In the beginning, teachers handed me their grades and I wrote them on a transcript," Ouverson recalled.

"When computers started in the Harner years, it was a big deal. We used

to crank the mimeograph machine for copies. ... Things have changed so much."

What hasn't changed, she said, is the way she treats people.

"You need to treat people fair and nice, no matter what. If they have issues or whatever, you still treat them fairly," she said.

"If a student comes through here tardy every single day, I still great him with a 'Good morning. I'm so glad you made it to school today.' I don't scold them for being late."

She said she felt like she had an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of students, and she said she's confident her replacement, Tami (Ver-Steeg) Bergman, will do the same.

"She is going to be so perfect for this job," Ouverson said. "And she and Becky (Banck) are the perfect team. ... They treat kids so wonderfully. They're friendly and nice with everyone."

At 74, Ouverson said she looks forward to more free time for exercise, playing cards — Ma Jongh (which she just learned), bridge and pinochle — and spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

"I love to travel, and one of my favorite things to do is bake," she said. "I'm looking forward to doing more of these things, too."

And she's going to try not to miss her job.

"It was a great career. More than I ever thought I would deserve," she said.

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## Hospice changes/from page 1A

pace in Luverne for 24 years, will work for Sanford under Good Samaritan Home Health Care.

Lanoué said she's committed to providing quality care, but she's apprehensive about the coming changes.

"I have greatly appreciated being part of the hospice community and being able to care for friends, neighbors and families," she said.

"But I'm heartbroken. Absolutely heartbroken. I'm sure the new staff are wonderful providers, and my hope is for our amazing community to welcome them and build community connections."

She said that's the key for a successful program.

"Continuum of care is what results from building relationships with care providers who know your story and your history and the things that are important to you about your care. ... The program is what you see because of the people and passion we have for this."

She said the hospice home health care component is an important piece of the overall hospice care program. "We've been a dual program since Day 1, home health and hospice."

### Continuum of care

Hospice social worker Jill Roemen agreed.

"We were such a good team together," she said Monday.

"Home care often transitions to hospice and the cottage, and having the same nurses and staff involved provides a continuum of care."

By August, when patients transition to new staff, they will be cared for by different nurses.

Stan Williamson recently lost his wife, Karen, to cancer, and they utilized hospice home care and the hospice cottage during her final days.

"They're such great people," he said Monday. "I could call Sara (Lanoué) anytime with any question I had when Karen was at home. And when it was time for her to come to the cottage, she helped us get her there."

Williamson's parents, Elmo and Dorothy, also were under hospice care in Luverne during their final days (2008 and 2017), with hospice at the nursing home and The Cottage.

Stan said he had built relationships with local nurses, staff and volunteers when each of his parents passed away, and by the time Karen needed hospice services, they had developed relationships and trust with their caregivers.

Lanoué said the Williamsons "epitomize" the value of local caregivers in the hospice program. "They trusted us because of their experience with us during the care of their other family members."

"We are living in this community and are taking care of our friends, neighbors, church family ... we are caring for our own," she said. "We are truly serving one another, and how important and valuable that is."

### Community connections

Hospice Chaplain Pastor Phil Booe of St. John Lutheran Church has worked with parishioners in hospice

programs in other parts of the country, and he said Luverne's program is special.

"What struck me as unique about Luverne's hospice program is how connected the staff is to the community," he said.

"These are your neighbors and friends. ... Significant, too, was the fact that the same nurses who cared for patients in the home health program were there to continue care for those who ended up transitioning into hospice."

He said he was also impressed by the community support for hospice.

"The regular outpouring of financial support from the community demonstrates just how impactful and appreciated hospice has been in Luverne," he said.

Booe has been volunteer hospice chaplain since January.

"In the six months since, I've been able to see firsthand the passion each nurse and staff member has for this program," he said.

"I pray God continues to bless Luverne's hospice program for the sake of those patients and families who are so well served by it."

### Cottage and its donations stay in Luverne

Roemen said she and many other Sanford staff members hope that long-time staff are recognized for their contributions.

For example, Saum raised a net \$1.2 million over the past 25 years through the annual hospice charity banquet and auction.

"The work she has done for the program is amazing and we're so grateful for her and her team of volunteers," Lanoué said. "There will be other banquets, but without Helen, will it be the same?"

Roemen said it's important to clear up rumors about the donated money.

"The funds that were donated to The Cottage will stay in Luverne," she said. "And there will still be a hospice program in Luverne. It just won't be the same people."

Lanoué said she hopes the success of the Luverne hospice program continues.

"We want hospice to continue to be a valued part of the community," she said.

"It won't be the same people, but we want to see it continue and we're hopeful these new faces and staff will be able to continue providing care."

Since 1993, the program has served more than 1,800 patients. Since the Cottage opened in 1998, it has served nearly 800 patients.

Dillon Hinker, director of Sanford Home and Community-Based Services, offered the following statement Monday in response to the Star Herald's question about why the changes are being implemented.

"Sanford Health is honored to care for hospice patients in Luverne and surrounding areas. To streamline operations, we are consolidating the Sanford Hospice locations in Worthington and Canby with Sanford Luverne Hospice. These businesses will operate from the Luverne location and Sanford Hospice caregivers will continue to care for our hospice patients and families."



Mavis Fodness photo/0623 PAC Sign

## Giant 'L' fitted into place at Luverne Schools

Another project funded by the 2184 Campaign was completed Monday when Pride Neon Sign Company of Sioux Falls hung a 20- by 20.5-foot "L" to the outside of the performing arts center's stage wall at Luverne Public Schools. Workers affixed a paper template to the wall before affixing the anchor bolts for the Old English script letter made from aluminum. Electricians will complete the wiring for backlighting the "L" that can be seen by passersby entering Luverne on North Highway 75. The 2184 Campaign is a fundraising effort by the Luverne Education Legacy Fund (LELF), formerly the Luverne School Foundation. The campaign sponsors enhancements in a partnership with Luverne Public Schools for academic initiatives, Cardinal activities, fine arts, campus beautification and alumni recognition.

## Manfred house on national list/continued from page 1A

dismantle the house prompted friends, family members and colleagues of Manfred to form the Save the Manfred House in 2019 to prevent demolition.

First on their agenda was to get the structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and they hired historic architect Rolf Anderson to submit the nomination.

The nomination included some background on the regionally acclaimed author who built the house.

"Frederick Manfred was larger than life. At six feet nine inches tall, he was a towering figure. His lifelong goal to produce a body of work that gave voice to an entire region over a span of 200 years was perhaps larger than life as well, and a remarkable literary achievement," Anderson wrote in the nomination.

"The Manfred House on the Blue Mounds was also a remarkable achievement. Perhaps it is not surprising that someone who was so closely connected to land would wish to build a house that was equally united with the land.

The result was a design both bold and extraordinary in concept with its incorporation of living rock and integration with the natural landscape. The Manfred House represents one of Minnesota's most unique and powerful architectural expressions in residential design."

Brakke and other advocates of saving the house are now urging state officials to pursue new funding avenues that the historic designation provides.

"We hope the recognition and possible funding sources will prompt the DNR to get a qualified historical architect to properly assess it," Brakke said.

### DNR recognizes Manfred's significance

In response to public interest, Welsh said the design process is carefully considering Manfred's cultural and historic significance.

"The DNR is working with the consulting firm to incorporate elements of the former Manfred House into the design in an attempt to balance recreational opportunities, natural resource protection, and the significance of

the place that inspired Mr. Manfred's writings," Welsh said.

"Specifically, the consultant has been asked to propose an alternative that incorporates Mr. Manfred's writing room. Feedback from the public has included comments that the DNR 'should at least save the writing room.' The DNR will be reviewing the consultant's revised concept design and will share it with the public when ready."

### History of house

Fred Manfred built the house in 1961 and he and his family lived there until the 1970s when financial difficulties forced a sale to the state.

It served for many years as a park interpretive center, but closed in 2016.

In 2017 the state began considering options for repairing it, and estimates were more than \$400,000.

However, at that time there were more pressing capital emergencies, such as contaminated park water and addressing flood destruction of 2014 that blew out the dam and drained the lake.

### Springwater Township Mowing Notice

Landowners are now responsible for mowing shoulders at least three times per summer, depending on rain and growth. It is recommended that shoulders be mowed by the 25th of June and the 15th of August. Failure to do so will result in your taxes being assessed at \$100 per half mile, per time.

Springwater Township Board

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## News editors don't get hugs in the frozen foods aisle the way teachers do

Seven longtime teachers are retiring from the Luverne School District this year, and it brought to mind a column I wrote several years ago about school teachers.



### ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

about her.

The fact that she meant business made the times when she smiled all the more rewarding.

I'll never forget how the words on the pages came to life while she read aloud "Charlotte's Web," "James and the Giant Peach" and "Where the Red Fern Grows."

She'd peer over the top of the book, waiting for shrieks of laughter to quiet so she could continue.

She also knew just when to pause for sad moments in the story line to sink in. She'd sigh heavily for effect and then continue.

Kids apparently still idolize their teachers. A few weeks ago in the grocery store, a little girl dashed across the room to hug Mrs. Sandy Klosterbuer, who returned the greeting with the same enthusiasm.

How many other jobs yield such popularity?

Newspaper work has its rewards, but I'll likely never be hugged in the frozen foods aisle with such genuine adoration.

Lucky teachers.

Best wishes, Mrs. Klosterbuer, and all your retiring colleagues. And rest in peace, Mrs. Klumper, who passed away six months ago at the age of 92.

Here's hoping the new teachers command the same presence in their classrooms and enjoy the same adoring little fans during their trips to the grocery store.

As a child, I idolized my teachers, so it's not surprising that I spent many long afternoons playing school with my sisters in the stairwell of our home near Kenneth.

My older sister, Lisa, and I would line up our younger three sisters, Linda, Lana and Lavelle, run them through a battery of Dick and Jane books and math flash cards.

Playing school and playing church often looked the same, since the songs we sang in Leota Christian Grade School were children's hymns, like "Jesus Loves Me" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

Of course, preschool and toddler sisters weren't very attentive, but it was very empowering to pretend we were in charge of a roomful of captive students.

My favorite teacher was Mrs. Klumper, who taught third and fourth grade for more years in her career than I was able to grasp at nine years old. She was known for her strict rules and a no-nonsense classroom style.

She wore polyester pants, paisley print blouses, eyeglasses and no makeup (except lipstick), but she smelled nice (like talcum powder). And she strolled up and down the rows of desks with an air that suggested matters were well under control.

And they were. I think that's what I liked

## Relay for Life event is smaller event; cancer is still a big deal

### STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Rock County Relay for Life hit its prime in Luverne about 10 years ago when hundreds of people raised thousands of dollars to support the American Cancer Society's search for a cure.

Dozens of local teams fundraised year-round, and in June they met other teams to "relay" at the park amid live music, food booths, testimonials and, of course, lighted luminaries in memory of or in honor of those with cancer diagnoses.

The staggering amounts of money from generous souls has been truly remarkable, but more than the dollars, and more than the survivors' balloon release and more than the laps around the park, Relay for Life has always been about support.

The annual event provides a dedicated time and place for people

who have been touched by cancer to connect with other people who have been touched by cancer.

They include cancer survivors. They include cancer patients at various stages of chemo and radiation.

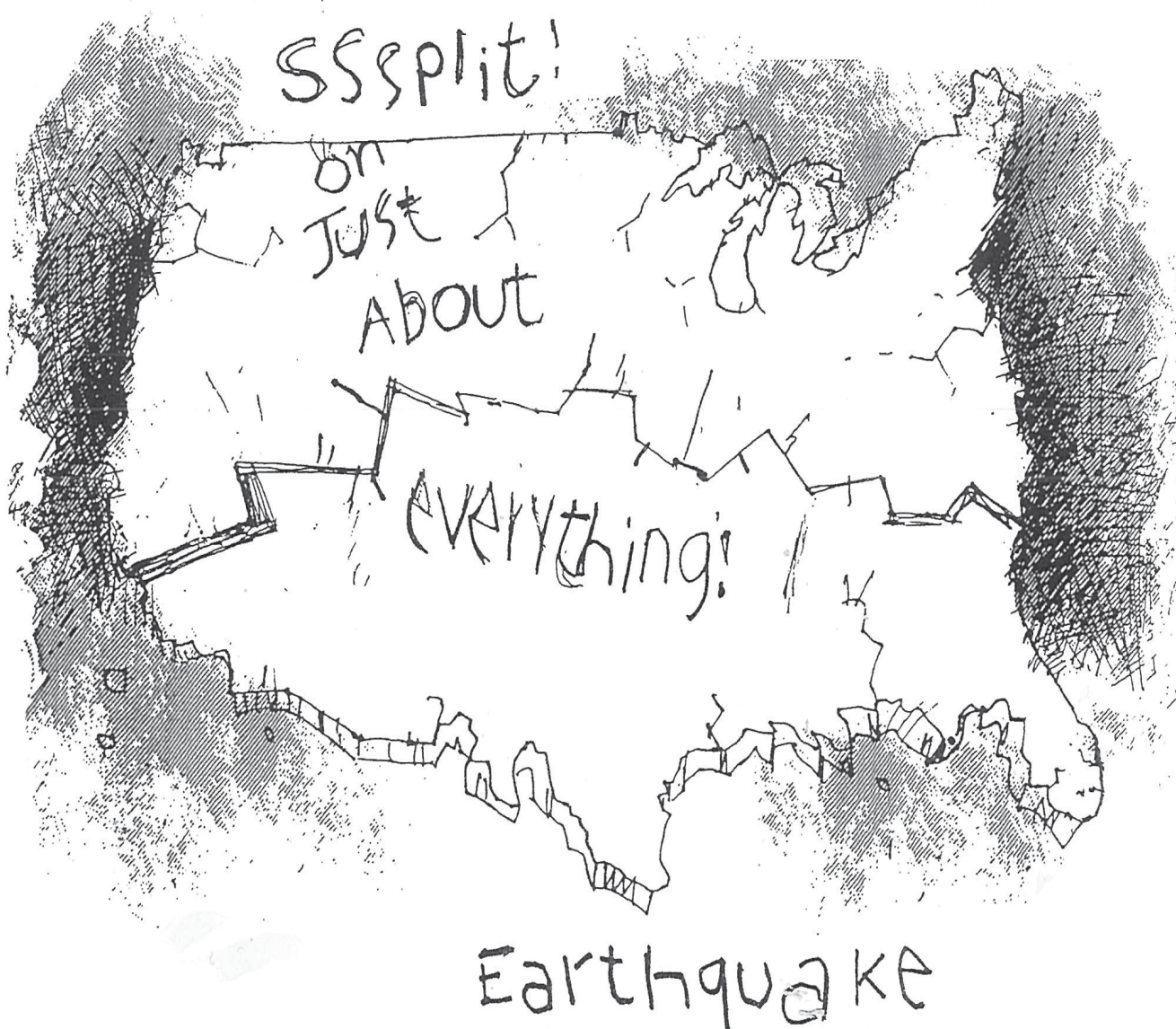
They include those who are grieving the loss of loved ones who didn't survive cancer.

They include those who are juggling work and family schedules to care for loved ones with cancer — shuttling from one doctor appointment to another, from one

treatment protocol to another, and trying to provide comfort in between.

The list goes on. Relay for Life as a community event isn't the big deal it once was. But cancer is still a very big deal, and we can all still support our local families affected by cancer.

This year's event is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 24, in the form of a block party at Take 16 Brewing Company on East Main Street. Check out the ad on our back page, or visit [RelayForLife.org/RockCountyMN](http://RelayForLife.org/RockCountyMN).



## There are no secrets here: 'A well-behaved dog is welcomed almost everywhere ...'

By Scott Rall, Outdoors columnist

I often wonder what life would be like without a dog or dogs in it. I have written many times about my four Labradors and how much they mean to me and my outdoor way of life. Tracer is going on 11, Sarge is almost 9, Raider is pushing past 6 and my little guy, Ghost, was 2 in March.

When you hunt as much as I do, it is more work than one dog can handle, especially if the temperatures are high and heat exhaustion is a major concern. Having many dogs allows me to hunt for an hour with one dog, and that dog rests as I take a fresh dog into the field.

The only way to be able to live harmoniously with four dogs that all reside in the house is to have four dogs that actually listen.

There are three distinct kinds of dogs that fit into three categories — dogs that hunt well, dogs that are easy to live with, and dogs that are both.

Very few dogs fit into the third category. The difference between a dog that listens and one that doesn't depends on the owner. As the saying goes, "A well-behaved dog is welcomed almost everywhere, and a badly behaved dog is welcomed absolutely nowhere."

Why would anyone want to spend 10-12 years with a dog that does not listen? Does not seem like all that hard a question, but it must be a difficult one because the majority of dog owners cannot answer this question with a rational answer or reason.

If I hear one excuse over and over, it is that the owner does not know how to train the dog properly. This might have been a sound excuse 20 years ago but with the videos on YouTube and all the

books available on the subject, it really does not hold any water today.

The real answer in most cases is that the owner will not dedicate the time and effort to train the dog and hold it to high standards after the training is completed.

A professionally trained dog, one that has spent months with a professional trainer, will revert to an un-trained dog in a matter of a few short months if the owner does not regularly reinforce the lessons the dog has been taught. It only takes about a week for the dog to learn who in the house means business and who will let them get away with just about anything.

The first thing a dog needs to know is that they are a dog, not a human child, not the leader of any pack or any high-level position in the family pack.

The reason professional dog trainers thrive in this country is not because there is nobody else capable of doing the job, but there are not enough people willing to commit the time and energy to do the job on their own.

I live in a town where people walk their dogs around the lake constantly. About 80 percent of the dogs are walking their human and not the other way around. On many occasions I can take these "un-walkable dogs" for an afternoon and when that day is done, they will walk at heel with me anywhere I want to go.

A gal told me three years ago that I had saved her dog's life, because without that one day of training and showing her what to do, she would have had to either give the dog away or have had it put to sleep if another suitable family could not be found.

At the end of the day, when you command a dog to do a certain thing,

they need to know the command is not a request. It is an order. You will not need to utilize any high level of force or correction.

You will use repetition and body language to communicate with your dog to achieve the desired outcome. Remember the first rule of owning a dog is that the dog must realize and understand that it's a dog.

You can follow along in this column over the next few months as I will be starting a four-part series on the basics of how to train your dog. There's no magic here; just basics that allow you to own and love a dog that listens. I look forward to sharing my almost 25 years of experience on the subject.

You should feel free to reach out to me before, during or after this series and I will be glad to help you along your way to having and enjoying a dog that falls into Category 3.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**June 10**

•Subject posted threats through social media.

•Complainant reported identity theft.

•Complainant reported gas drive-off on South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant on East Brown Street reported golf ball broke vehicle window.

•Complainant requested deputy at location for property dispute on S. West Park Street.

•Complainant reported bad check.

•Complainant at 161<sup>st</sup> Street reported farmers swearing at cattle.

•Complainant requested assistance with intoxicated person.

•Complainant reported multiple vehicles stopped on interstate at mile marker 18.

•Complainant reported a person who appears distressed.

•Complainant at West Interstate Drive reported a motor vehicle theft.

**June 11**

•Complainant reported a hit and run on South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant reported harassing communication.

•Complainant requested sheriff's number for Windom.

**June 12**

•Complainant reported parties in park.

•Complainant reported fleeing vehicle southbound on Highway 75.

•Complainant at 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Beaver Creek, reported possible gas leak at location.

•Complainant on East Bark Avenue reported possible burglary.

**June 13**

•Dispatch received possible elevator emergency call on East Dodge Street.

•Complainant on County Road 4 reported property damage.

•Deputy assisted property removal on North River Road.

•Subject was arrested on warrant.

•Subject from San Antonio arrested on warrant.

**June 14**

•Complainant reported hearing strange noises.

•Complainant on North Cedar Street reported two children who can't find their house.

•Complainant reported child locked in car on Oak Drive.

•Complainant on East Lincoln Street reported a child hasn't returned home when expected.

**June 15**

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding a stolen vehicle.

•Complainant reported suspicious activity on Koehn Avenue.

**June 16**

•Deputy reported assisting motorist at Highway 23 and County Road 5.

•Complainant reported power outage at 11:09 a.m.

•Complainant at 101<sup>st</sup> Street and 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported road closed to drop wind turbine.

•Complainant on East Main Street requested deputy for property disagreement.

•Complainant on North McKenzie Street reported suspicious activity.

**June 17**

•Complainant reported runaway is in Luverne.

•Complainant reported reckless driver on interstate at mile marker 1 eastbound near Valley Springs.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 deer accident, 2 abandoned vehicles, 1 escort, 10 ambulance runs, 6 paper serves, 7 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 9 burn permits, 6 alarms, 6 drug court tests, 1 background check, 6 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 21 traffic stops, 10 abandoned 911 calls, 4 tests, 2 welfare checks and 2 reports of cattle out.



Lori Sorenson photo/0623 beaver creek payloader and council

The Beaver Creek City Council approved the purchase of a 2021 Cat 910 payloader earlier this year and it arrived this spring. From left are council member Pat Bender, clerk Jane Blank, council members Al Harnack and Cody Dietrich, city maintenance supervisor Travis Helgeson, Mayor Josh Teune and council member Jeff Dysthe.

## Payloader arrives in Beaver Creek

By Lori Sorenson

Beaver Creek's \$123,000 payloader has arrived, and it's been put to work on city business.

After their meeting Wednesday, June 15, Beaver Creek City Council members and city maintenance supervisor Travis Helgeson agreed to a brief show and tell in the city shop.

The machinery, a 2021 Cat 910 with a snowplow attachment, showed up earlier this month after the council voted in December to make the purchase.

Helgeson had encouraged the city to sell its 2005 loader tractor and 1979 grader in exchange for newer, more versatile equipment that will do both jobs.

The city's previous equipment didn't move heavy snow efficiently, and Helgeson said the old grader was cumbersome and was used only three to five times per year.

In the bid process, Caterpillar offered the best price for what

would best serve the city's needs.

The company offered \$7,850 on trade for the city's grader (bought for \$10,000 nearly 10 years ago) and \$18,695 on trade for the city's tractor.

That brought final cost to \$104,345. After a \$20,000 down payment, the remaining \$84,345 is being financed through Security Savings Bank on a five-year loan at 2.75 percent interest.

Payments will be roughly \$1,500 per month, or \$18,000 per year. The first payments weren't made until after the equipment was delivered.

The council discussed in December that the city has \$58,000 in its equipment fund, so the \$20,000 down payment could be paid from that fund.

Council member Pat Bender made the motion to approve the pay loader purchase. "I just feel we're getting such a good trade on these, based on the current

economy, and there's a need for it."

Cody Dietrich, who supported the motion, said it's true that new equipment will continue to increase in price, but today's used prices will not hold forever.

"In a year, the used could be worth nothing and the new isn't going to come down, so you have to look at it that way," he said. "To get \$8,000 for that grader — that's not going to happen again."

Bender said the purchase would be a prudent use of city funds. "Our budget is \$15,000 for street equipment," she said, noting that annual payments are \$18,000 and the difference could be funded through reserves.

She pointed out that there will be no equipment expenses for the next three years due to the warranty on the new pay loader, and in five years the loan will be paid.

## H-BC students attend home events at no charge

*School board also approves salary contracts, new gym design*

By Mavis Fodness

K-12 students in Hills-Beaver Creek School District will be admitted free to home events beginning this fall.

Board members approved the change to the district's fee schedule at their June 13 meeting.

"We want to promote student attendance to our extra-curricular events," said board chairman Arlyn Gehrke.

Previously, students were charged \$4 to enter home events. The district estimates a \$3,000 decline in revenue due to the fee change.

### Three two-year contracts approved

Board members ap-

proved two-year contracts and salary increases with three district employees for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

Secondary principal Andrew Kellenberger's contract is for 225 days per year.

The first-year salary will be \$104,000 and the second will be \$108,000, plus up to \$4,000 in school administration education reimbursement over the two years.

Kellenberger's salary for 2021-22 was \$100,000.

Business manager Amanda Rozeboom's contract is for 260 years per year.

Year 1 salary will be \$57,500 and Year 2 will be \$60,000. Rozeboom's pre-

vious salary was \$55,000.

Building, grounds and transportation director Dalton Bass' contract is also for 260 days. His salary for Year 1 will be \$53,000 and Year 2 \$55,000. Bass' current salary is \$51,000.

### New gym design chosen for high school

In other matters at their June 13 meeting, H-BC School Board members approved improvements to the floor of the secondary gymnasium this summer.

The new floor design features a 14-foot Patriot mascot at the center.

At each end of the basketball court, the words "Hills-Beaver Creek" will be written in 2-foot-high letters on the floor, and the

length of the words will be 33 feet.

Along the sides of the court, "Patriots" will be written in 3-foot letters and stretch a little more than 20 feet.

Stain colors for the refinished court will be blue and nutmeg.

The current floor only has one graphic with the words "Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots" in the center.

Cost for the sanding, painting and finishing is \$21,000. The graphics painting is estimated at about \$5,000.

FLR Sanders of Princeton, Minnesota, will complete the work on the gym floor. Work is scheduled to begin Aug. 1 and take four weeks to complete.

## Piersons are Hardwick parade marshals/continued from page 1A

2011.

The Piersons have two adult grandchildren who live in Seattle.

The Hardwick community has embraced the Piersons. They most recently help the couple with mowing and other chores at their acreage.

The 7 p.m. parade featuring the Piersons on Saturday is among several events planned for Jubilee Days.

Jubilee events kick off Saturday afternoon with a 1 p.m. bean bag tournament. Other events include:

•A cruise-in from 2 to 4 p.m. on Main Street.

•Community meal from 2 to 10 p.m. at the Green Lantern Bar back patio.

•Axe throwing begins at 4 p.m.

•Free inflatables from 4 to 7 p.m.

•Face painting from 4 to 7 p.m.

•Music on Main with Ron and Jane Cote from 5 to 7 p.m.

•Pedal pull from children ages 4 to 11 begins after the parade.

•Hay bale toss for guys and gals also begins after

the parade.

•Live music by Casey Muessigman is from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Jubilee Days concludes Sunday with an outdoor

community worship

service at 10:30 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs.



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Lori Sorenson photos/0623 truckload of nutcrackers

The recently donated 130-plus nutcrackers include pieces of all sizes, the largest at about 6 feet tall and the smallest at several inches, and Mann said only three are duplicates to the ones in the History Center's current collection.

## Nutcracker collection grows thanks to Northfield donor

By Lori Sorenson

It was like Christmas in June for Betty Mann Tuesday evening, June 14, when a pickup load of nutcrackers rolled into the parking lot at the Rock County History Center.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. In all, she counted 134, all of them German collectibles, plus an assortment of vintage German ornaments.

The Northfield donor, Marvin Farmer, had worked for Midwest of Cannon Falls, a gifts and collectibles wholesaler that's no longer in business.

"Verl and I were familiar with the company, because years ago we had purchased nutcrackers from them,"

Mann said.

She explained that the collectible nutcrackers were produced in limited supply, and Farmer would keep one back every time he learned they were going to stop making it.

The donation includes nutcrackers of all sizes, the largest at about 6 feet tall and the smallest at several inches, and Mann said only three are duplicates to the ones in the History Center's current collection.

In an already crowded display room of more than 4,000 nutcrackers, Mann said it will take some "rearranging" to expand and make room for new pieces — or in this case, very old pieces.

"Some of these pieces were made in the German Democratic Republic, and some say West Germany," she said. "So, you know that's from the time the wall was up."

The pieces are currently spread over two large tables for sorting, and they'll be displayed with the other German collections, such as Steinbach, Christian Albrecht, Erzgebirge and Seiffen.

When asked if the latest addition would put Luverne closer to having the largest nutcracker collection in the world, Mann said that's not her goal.

**Nutcracker, go to page 12A**

## Pruning and pest control on gardener's agenda

I need to remind you that now is the time to prune lilacs, weigela, mock orange, and snowball viburnums. These are all spring-blooming plants, and cutting them back now gives the new growth time to mature and develop buds for next year's flowers. I recommend pruning to eliminate the old stems to encourage new growth from the base of the shrub.



### KNOW IT AND GROW IT

By George Bonnema, Luverne Horticulturalist

When I looked at my potato crop last week, I noticed a busload of Colorado potato beetles had arrived! Those hungry buggers can strip away foliage in a flash, and worse still, they vector diseases in addition to reproducing at an alarming rate. I got my bottle of Sevin

insecticide, which gives excellent control, and remembered that I had not used it for a couple of years. I shook the bottle pretty vigorously for awhile, took the lid off and used a stiff wire to check if the liquid was all fluid. What I found was that the solids were no longer

suspended in the liquid. So I pried loose what had settled with the wire and then shook it until it all dissolved. Had I not done that, likely what had settled out would be the active ingredient and my spray application would have had little effect on the beetles. But my beetles weren't that lucky!

Be sure to deadhead perennials that have finished blooming to keep them from going to seed and giving you some more "weeds" to try to control ... that is, unless you want more of that particular

**Pruning, go to page 12A**

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

**Bryce Niessink** will celebrate his 60th birthday on Tuesday, June 28. Greetings may be sent to him at 806 N. Estey Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Carol Van Maanen** will celebrate her 80th birthday on Thursday, June

30. Greetings may be sent to her at PO Box 135, Hills, MN 56138.

**Marv and Verla Tinklenberg** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 21. Greetings may be sent to the couple at P.O. Box 373, Leota, MN 56153.

## MENU AT GENERATIONS

*New Location: 105 S. Estey, Luverne*

**Monday, June 27:** Chicken chow mein, brown rice, oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, dessert.

**Tuesday, June 28:** Meatballs, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread, dessert.

**Wednesday, June 29:** Creamy chicken, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, warm fruit crisp.

Half-Price Day sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church.

**Thursday, June 30:**

Pork loin, candied yam, broccoli, bread, dessert.

**Friday, July 1:** Barbecue pork on bun, potato salad, pineapple, pudding.

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## 1943: Diamond Club talks with William Everett

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

**March 11, 1943**

"Can't agree with you that Luverne's as good a place as any," declared William Everett, when someone commented that this part of Minnesota was a pretty fine spot for a home. "I'll take the west any day. You'll make two dollars for every one here if you just go about it right."

That led to the question, "Bill, how did you happen to make Luverne your home, then?"

"Well," said the old timer, "it was this way. I came here from Doon, Ia. I didn't know where I was going, but I knew I was going. I went to the hotel to wait between trains and I guess it never came. Some fellow came into the hotel and wanted a man to go to work on a farm. I went to work, and Luverne has been my home ever since. That was in August, 1917."

**Dakota Territory born**

Mr. Everett isn't certain just how old he is, but thinks he'll be 77 on April 21. He was born at Elk Point Union county, Dakota territory either in 1863 or '64. Records of his birth have since been lost. There were still Indians

and gun-totin' whites at that time and Hell's Bend," the wooded area where the Big Sioux empties into the Missouri, was still a hot spot. "I knew of four fellows who died with their boots on there. Two of them came to Johnny St. Pierre's cabin one night and he got them both. Johnny St. Pierre was a violinist who played for dances all through the country. He had just come back from a trip to Sioux City, Omaha and Missouri Valley, and two fellows came to get his money. He pulled his .44 before they did. One of them dropped right outside a window — the other was found the next morning at the edge of a wheat field, five or six rods away. As far as I know, that cleaned up Hell's Bend."

**Bits, continued on 7A**



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, Rock County Historian

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2012)

•Five members of the Luverne High School tennis program received postseason awards to cap a successful season.

Luverne, which won the Southwest Conference title with a 4-0 record during the regular season, landed five of the 10 positions on the 2012 All-Southwest Conference Tennis Team.

Three LHS juniors and two sophomores cracked the annual honorary roster.

Cardinal juniors making the team include Dustin Deutsch, Joey Vajgrt and Scott Nelson. Sophomores Blake Ziegler and Jonny Vajgrt grace the list as well.

### 25 years ago (1997)

•Hills-Beaver Creek basketball player Steve Esselink will begin his hoop-filled summer as a member of the Minnesota Select White Team this week.

Esselink, who will be a junior next fall, and the rest of his teammates will be hosting the Minnesota Select Summer Tournament through Sunday.

The tournament will attract 17 teams from Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota. All games will be played at the University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion

in Minneapolis.

### 50 years ago (1972)

•A big birthday party is planned by the residents of the Hardwick area to celebrate the village's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week.

Festivities will begin Friday evening and continue through Sunday. Bill DeBates and Henry Hengeveld, co-chairmen of the celebration which is being sponsored by the Hardwick Community Club, said this week that everything is in readiness for providing a gala time for young and old.

The youngsters will be featured first. At 6:30 p.m. Friday, they will stage a kiddie parade through Hardwick's main street. Mothers have been busy making costumes; children have been training their pets and fathers have been building some of the vehicles which will be used for the floats.

### 75 years ago (1947)

•Formal opening of "Boland's Drive-In", Luverne's latest curb service eating spot, will be made on Tuesday, July 1.

Lee Boland is the owner and he has remodeled the interior of the building he owns at the east end of Main street, just west

of the Rock Island tracks. Curb hop service will be featured but there will be accommodations for the patrons inside the building.

The "Drive-In" will be open from 4 a.m. till midnight each day. Featured will be hamburgers, hot dogs, a variety of sandwiches and short orders with French fries as a specialty, soft drinks, ice cream and malted milks, homemade pastries.

### 100 years ago (1922)

•The unexpected happened this week in that two Ford automobiles, stolen from Rock county owners, have been recovered, one at Valley Springs and the other at Worthington, but the practically new 1921 Chandler seven passenger touring car, abandoned Wednesday of last week near Magnolia, remains unclaimed.

One of the Ford cars recovered was owned by Henry Hass, of Vienna township, and was stolen Saturday evening, after it had been left standing opposite the Farmer's National bank. It was missed at about nine o'clock in the evening, but it was not until about midnight that it was definitely ascertained that it had been stolen, for it was thought that one of the young people had taken the car to go to a dance. This car was recovered at Worthington the following day.





At the Class A state golf tournament on June 14 and 15 at Pebble Creek Country Club in Becker, H-BC senior Tess Van Maanen finished in 25<sup>th</sup> place, in the top 30 percent.

## Area golfers end seasons at state tournament

**Van Maanen finishes H-BC golf career at state**

**Luverne's Hartquist places 12th at state meet**

**By Dalton Bass  
For the Star Herald**

Senior Tess Van Maanen traveled to Becker Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14 and 15, to compete at the state Class A golf meet for the third time in her high school golfing career.

She came away with a 25<sup>th</sup>-place finish under challenging course conditions. "Pebble Creek Country Club plays very difficult," said H-BC golf coach Dan Ellingson. "There is lots of water, hills and sand, along with very fast greens. The best players in the state need to play very well to score well."

**Van Maanen, go to 9A**



**By John Sichmeller  
For the Star Herald**

Luverne sophomore Henry Hartquist (pictured above at section meet) competed at the State AA Golf Tournament at the Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan June 14-15.

Hartquist shot a two-day

**Hartquist, go to 9A**

## Fastest in the state

### Sandbulte ends high school track career as most decorated runner in Luverne High School history

**By Jason Berghorst**

"I guess you could say naturally gifted."

That's how Ashton Sandbulte describes his athletic — and specifically running — abilities.

"My training for track is basically the football season and working with my dad on the farm," said Sandbulte, son of Curt and Jessie Sandbulte.

He completed one of the most decorated track and field careers in Luverne High School history last week in the state meet at St. Michael-Albertville High School.

He won state championships in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and anchored the 4-by-100-meter relay team, which placed second and set a school record at the state meet.

To say that Sandbulte's senior season was record-breaking would be an understatement.

In the 100-meter dash, he first broke the school record his junior season and went on to break his own record four more times this season.

Sandbulte also set the subsection and Section 3A meet records in the 100-meter dash his senior season.

He was within four-hundredths of a second of breaking the all-time Class A state meet record in the 100 during the prelims at the state meet, establishing himself as one of the fastest high school runners ever in the state.

"That's crazy to think about," Sandbulte admitted.

He also broke the school record earlier this season in the 200-meter dash and broke it twice more at this year's state meet, in addition to being the anchor of the record-breaking 4-by-100-meter relay team.

"Until this year I hadn't really



Jason Berghorst photo/0623 Sandbulte Feature

Ashton Sandbulte came close to breaking the all-time Class A state record in the 100-meter dash earlier this month. "That's crazy to think about," he said.

thought of the 200 record, but as it got closer, I knew I wanted to get it," Sandbulte said.

"It felt good to have such a successful state meet. There was some pressure and expectations going in," said Sandbulte, who had the fastest 100-meter speed in the state ahead of the state meet. "It was a relief to win, to be honest."

The recent LHS grad began his track and field career in seventh grade and first competed at the state track meet in ninth grade. He was an alternate, and when an older member of the 4-by-400-meter relay was unable to compete, Sandbulte stepped in and ran the fastest time in the relay.

The pandemic canceled his sophomore season in 2020.

His final two seasons have been nothing short of historic, however.

**'Coachable and team-oriented'**

"Ashton has grown into an extremely coachable and team-oriented kid," said Pete Janiszewski, LHS head track and field coach.

"Everything I asked him to do for the team this season he accepted without ever batting an eye," Janiszewski said.

"Anything that was going to benefit his teammates he was willing to do. ... As a coach, these are the things you hope to instill in your athletes and the things that make you most proud."

**Sandbulte, go to 10A**

## Three more league wins for Redbirds

**By Jason Berghorst**

The Luverne Redbirds won three more games this week, all in the Gopher-First Nite League, to run their league record to 9-2 and overall record to 11-2 on the season.

The Redbirds defeated the Lakefield Horned Frogs 17-7 in a 10-run rule seven-inning game at Redbird Field June 15 before holding on for a close 7-6 win in Adrian Friday night.

On Sunday, Luverne traveled to Hadley and exploded for 25 runs in seven innings against the Buttermakers and earned a 25-13 victory.

The Birds were scheduled to host the Pipestone A's Wednesday night (June 22) at Redbird Field before hosting Brookings Friday night in a non-league contest.

Luverne will then play two road games on Sunday. The Redbirds are scheduled to play Fox Lake at 2 p.m. and Fairmont at 5 p.m.

**Luverne 17, Lakefield 7**

The Lakefield Horned Frogs came to Redbird Field Wednesday night, June 15, for a league contest against the Redbirds.

The hosts had a 10-6 advantage after five innings before Luverne scored two in the sixth and seven more in the seventh to reach the ten-run rule and end the game after seven innings.

With two out and a nine-run advantage in the bottom of the seventh and Derek Lundgren at bat, Cade Wenninger stole third base and Colby Crabtree stole second. When Lundgren hit a line drive single to left field, Wenninger scored on his 20th birthday to end the game with a victory.

The Birds stole eight total bases, including five by Cade Wenninger and two by Crabtree.

Gaige Nath led the Redbird offense going three for five, including a double and a single. He scored two runs and recorded four RBIs in the game.

Lundgren tallied two runs and three RBIs off of two hits.

Newt Johnson plated three runs while Ben Serie, Brooks Maurer and Cade Wenninger had two RBIs each.



Mavis Fodness photo/0623 Redbirds

Colby Crabtree is hit by a pitch in the bottom of the third inning at home against The Lakefield Frogs Wednesday night, June 22. Luverne went on to win the game by the 10-run rule after seven innings. The Redbirds won 17-7.

In all, the Redbirds collected 17 hits in the game.

Jake Haugen was on the mound for six innings for Luverne. He gave up eight hits and six runs while striking out seven and walking two.

Maurer came in to pitch the seventh inning, giving up one hit and one run. He struck out one and walked two.

Lakefield	1	2	2	1	0	1	x	x	7
Luverne	3	1	4	2	0	2	5	x	17

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	4	2	2	3
P Paquette	4	1	2	1
L Norman	0	1	0	0
S Wenninger	4	1	1	0
B Serie	5	1	2	2
N Johnson	2	3	1	0
J Haugen	3	1	2	1
B Maurer	1	1	1	1
C Wenninger	5	3	2	2
C Crabtree	3	1	1	1
G Nath	5	2	3	4

**Luverne 7, Adrian 6**

The Luverne Redbirds came home from Adrian Friday night with a close 7-6 victory over the A's.

Luverne scored single runs in the top of the first and second innings before opening up for four more runs in the fourth inning.

The inning began with singles by Lundgren, Johnson and Ben Serie. All three runners then scored when Logan Norman hit a three-RBI double. Crabtree then hit a double that scored Norman.

Adrian answered with three runs in the bottom of the fourth to cut the lead in half to 6-3.

Each team scored an additional run in the fifth to bring the score to 7-4.

The A's cut the lead again by scoring two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to get within one run of Luverne.

When neither team scored in the final two innings, the Redbirds escaped with a 7-6 win.

Serie threw seven innings for Luverne. He allowed six hits and six runs while striking out 13 A's.

Cade Wenninger came to the

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## Ahrendt first LHS athlete to qualify for state trap shoot meet

**By Mavis Fodness**

When Hunter Ahrendt picks up his Remington shotgun Friday, June 24, he'll become the first Luverne High School athlete to compete in the Minnesota State High School League Clay Target Tournament.

"I'm excited," the recent LHS graduate said. "I am just praying for good weather — I am tired of the wind."

Ahrendt, the oldest child of Jeff and Johnna Ahrendt of rural Luverne, earned an invitation to the elite tournament as an individual by posting a season average of hitting 23.6 clay targets out of the round of 25.

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Hunter Ahrendt, a recent Luverne High School graduate, holds a patch he received as an All-State shooter (state's Top 100) for the 2022 spring season.

## H-BC's Dwire named top female shooter in conference, earns berth to national event

**By Mavis Fodness**

Recent Hills-Beaver Creek graduate Journey Dwire never expected to be named the top female shooter in the Class 3A-Conference 1.

She was awarded a first-place medal from the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League Wednesday, June 22, during the trap shooting championships in Alexandria.

The six-year member of the team said she was shocked to receive the award.

"My main goal was to just improve every year," she said. "I never really expected



Journey Dwire, a recent Hills-Beaver Creek High School graduate, was named the Top Female Shooter for her efforts this spring in the Class 3A Conference 1 trap shooting league. She'll compete at nationals next month.

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# Luverne trap team finishes eighth at champ shoot in Alexandria

## Three shooters earn 25-straight at Alexandria

**By Mavis Fodness**  
 Luverne High School placed eighth out of 54 Class 2A schools June 14 at the Minnesota Trap Shooting Championship at the Alexandria gun club.  
 The team shot a 461 out of 500. Wheaton High School was the top Class 2A team with a score of 481.  
 Recent LHS graduates Hunter Ahrendt and Cheyenne Schutz each shot a straight-25 at the championship, along with teammate Jacob Henning, a junior at Adrian High School.  
 Ahrendt also made the 2022 spring season All-State Clay Target League and received a special patch (see related story). He averaged 23.6 during the five-week season.  
 Henning was Luverne's

top male shooter, finishing fifth among the 300 varsity Class 2A male participants with a total score of 97.  
 Schutz was Luverne's top female shooter, finishing tied for 15<sup>th</sup>. She shot an 82 over four rounds.  
 In the novice division, top female gun was Rayann Remme, an LHS sophomore. Remme shot a 66 and finished 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 LHS sophomore Cash Bonnett was the team's top junior shooter, garnering an 85 and tying for 41<sup>st</sup> overall in Class 2A.  
 More than 7,900 high school students were registered to shoot during the June 13-21 championship event.

Name	Rd1	Rd2	Total
Hunter Ahrendt	24	25	49
Varsity/T12	23	24	46
Cash Bonnett	21	24	45
JV/T41	19	21	40
Alex DeWispelaere	22	24	46
Varsity/T26	24	24	48
Trygve Gangestad	17	19	36
Varsity/T269	17	24	41
Jacob Henning	24	25	49
Varsity/T5	24	24	48
Chase Matthiesen	22	21	43
JV/T85	20	18	38
Liam Murphy	20	20	40
JV/T136	13	22	35
Chase Overgaard	17	23	40
Varsity/T269	18	19	37
Holden Overgaard	23	22	45
Varsity/T169	21	20	41
JT Remme	23	20	43
Varsity/T238	18	20	38
Rayann Remme	12	18	30
Novice/12 <sup>th</sup>	16	17	33
Cheyenne Schutz	17	25	42
Varsity/T15	17	23	40
Grant Wienke	19	15	34
JV/T180	16	18	34
Piper Wynia	17	17	34
Varsity/31 <sup>st</sup>	17	19	36

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He ended the spring 2022 season listed in the top 100 shooters in the state, finishing tied for 74<sup>th</sup>.  
 Ahrendt was presented with an All-State patch June 14, when Luverne participated in the Minnesota Trap Shooting Championship in Alexandria.  
 Being able to move on to this week's state tournament is a crowning achievement for Ahrendt, whose love of hunting began at a very young age when he would accompany his dad and grandpa, Lowell Ahrendt.  
 "I remember sitting in a blind at 5 years old, just watching," he said.  
 Through the years, Ahrendt became a hunter and enjoys hunting white-tail deer and pheasant hunting with a dog.  
 He's played organized sports (his name, Hunter, comes from a movie baseball player), but he dropped playing football and basketball and now focuses on his love of trap shooting.

He's been a member of the high school program since it started in 2017. He was a sixth-grader at the time.  
 "Trap is the closest thing (sport) to hunting I can do with my buddies," Ahrendt said.  
 Two years after joining the high school team, he shot a perfect 25 out of 25. Last year he shot a perfect 50 out of 50.  
 This year Ahrendt achieved one 50-straight and four 25-straight.  
 He said he would have achieved a higher season average if not for one round where he mistakenly used a fellow shooter's Remington over-under gun instead of his own. The shotguns looked identical except for one critical factor.  
 "I shot terribly," he said.  
 "If you've shot with a gun for a long time, don't go changing it up."  
 He views the 55 athletes out for this year's school team as allies and not as competitors, as head coach Scott Loos-

brock and the other assistant coaches stress to the team.  
 "The biggest thing is not to compete with your friends because it sets a standard of pressure ... instead cheer them on," Ahrendt said.  
 Routine is another competitive strategy for Ahrendt.  
 He's developed two must-do routines before each shoot: Move the microphone that activates the clay target launcher a couple of inches at each launch site, and reset the gun on his shoulder before each shot.  
 "My best shooting has been 99-straight," he said. "If I don't do it (the two must-dos), I miss."  
 At the state tournament, Ahrendt is aiming for a possible score of 100.  
 "My strategy — I've been so busy this year — is to try to keep myself relaxed and put the stress of the day behind me," he said. "I've been teaching myself to struggle off a miss — you can't try to take it back because then you'll miss the next one."



Mavis Fodness photo/0623 Redbird

In a fielding error by the Lakefield Horned Frogs infield, Derek Lundgren safely reaches second base in the bottom of the first inning Wednesday night, June 22, in a home game at Redbird Field in Luverne.

# Redbirds/continued from 8A

ground for 1 1/3 innings and gave up one hit before Lundgren came in to record the final two outs.

Luverne	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	7
Adrian	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	6

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	5	2	2	0
S Wenninger	5	1	2	0
B Serie	5	1	3	0
N Johnson	4	2	2	1
L Norman	5	1	1	3
C Wenninger	5	0	1	0
C Crabtree	4	0	1	1
E Beyer	3	0	0	0
M Sterrett	5	0	0	0

## Luverne 25, Hadley 13

It was an offensive explosion when the Redbirds traveled to Hadley for a hot Sunday afternoon game.  
 Luverne tallied an impressive 25 runs off 20 hits in the game.  
 All nine Redbird batters re-

corded hits, with six of them tallying multiple hits.  
 Lundgren was four for four at the plate and scored five runs in the game while adding four RBIs.  
 Skyler Wenninger, Ethan Beyer and Serie, who also scored four runs, had three hits each in the contest.  
 Serie blasted two home runs and Johnson had one.  
 The Birds set the tone of the game early by plating nine runs in the top of the first inning before the Buttermakers even got to bat.  
 Hadley answered with six runs in the second before Luverne scored nine more runs in the third to reach an 18-6 lead after three.  
 The Buttermakers had another six-run inning in the fifth, but the Redbirds kept adding runs. When the score was 25-13 at the end of

five, the game ended due to the ten-run rule.  
 Lundgren pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up 11 runs off five hits.  
 Beyer pitched the remainder of the game. He gave up three hits and two runs while striking out six.

Luverne	9	0	9	0	2	1	4	x	x	25
Hadley	0	6	0	1	6	0	0	x	x	13

	AB	R	H	BI
D Lundgren	4	5	4	0
P Paquette	4	2	2	5
S Wenninger	6	2	3	5
B Seri	4	4	3	4
N Johnson	4	3	1	4
J Haugen	5	2	1	3
C Wenninger	4	1	2	1
E Beyer	5	3	3	3
G Nath	3	3	1	0

# Sandbulte/continued from 8A

Two examples of Sandbulte's willingness to do what's best for the team occurred at True Team meets this season when he also ran the 400 and competed in the long jump, entering the maximum number of events in order to gain the most points for his team.  
 Sandbulte ended up finishing in the Top 10 all-time for LHS in both events.  
 In fact, according to Janiszski, Sandbulte recorded Top 10 all-time LHS performances in seven different events during his career as a Cardinal: the 100, 200, 400, long jump, 4-by-100 relay, 4-by-200 relay and 4-by-400 relay.

## Friendly competition and good coaching

When asked what he enjoys most about track, Sandbulte, who also was a standout running back for the Cardinal football team, said he enjoys how track is both a team and an individual sport.  
 "I also like how there's a lot more interaction with the athletes from other schools," he said. "You really get to know your competitors but it's in a way more positive way. In football it seems like you dislike your opponents, but in track you meet more people from other schools on good terms."  
 Sandbulte gave the example of competitors from different Section 3A teams coming together for a photo at the state meet.  
 Known for his flowing hair on the track, Sandbulte surprised many at the state meet when he came to race with short, dyed-blond hair.

He and senior teammate Eli Radtke both sported the new hairstyles to add some fun to their final track and field meet.  
 "We wanted to do something fun and different, while still being respectable," Sandbulte said. "I'm kind of known for my hair so it was funny. I started talking to some guys from other schools and they didn't even realize it was me at first."  
 Sandbulte plans to continue his track career at Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota, next year, where he will also play football for the VCSU Vikings.  
 When asked what he would miss most about Cardinal track, Sandbulte recognized his coaches while looking to the team's future.  
 "First, we have great coaches," Sandbulte said.  
 "Coach J (Janiszski) is known all around the area as a great coach. He's just a well-rounded coach who knows what he's doing. We even have kids from other schools tell us they wish they had a coach like J. That says something."  
 He also mentioned assistant coach Jodi Nelson, who works with the sprinters on the team. "She's a great coach, too."  
 Sandbulte added that the future looks bright for the Cardinal track and field program.  
 "The team will be very good in the future with a lot of talent coming up," he said. "For how young they are, they all did very well at state."  
 Whatever success the team has in the future, it may be a while until another LHS track athlete puts his or her name on the record board as many times as Sandbulte has.

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# Elbers gets hole-in-one



Derek Elbers, Luverne, hit a hole-in-one Sunday, June 19, at the Luverne Country Club while golfing with Matt Reverts, Cody Hemme and Jared Pick.  
 Elbers used his 8-iron to send the ball 175 yards to the cup on hole No. 3.



# Legion donates baseballs

American Legion members Frank Kemper (left) and Veryl Stoffel (right) from Post 636 in Lismore give a box of baseballs to Don Dinger, Luverne Baseball Association president, to be used at the Legion State Tournament July 28 through July 31 in Luverne. Stoffel, father of Luverne Public Works supervisor John Stoffel, and the Lismore Legion have donated new balls to the local program for the past several years, and this year they gave more than 80 balls for the Legion State Tournament hosted by Luverne.

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

Wednesday, June 22: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 7-8:15 p.m. VBS. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Saturday, June 25: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Tuesday, June 28: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 1:30 p.m. Sewn in Faith. 7 p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts. Wednesday, June 29: 7-8:15 p.m. VBS. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Live streamed on Facebook and radio.

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Sunday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. In-person Worship service and live on Facebook. Our Facebook page can be found under First Presbyterian Church of Luverne. We are also on the local Luverne cable station at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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Our faith in Jesus must be our lifestyle. It is not a decision we make once in our lives. It is a daily effort and commitment.

Jesus says we are to take up our cross daily and follow him. An everyday faith is not something seen only on Sunday mornings. It is exercised at home, at work and at play. Every single part of our lives needs to demonstrate what we believe to the world around us, or we are not practicing our faith every day.

If we don't want to live out an everyday faith, then what is the point of believing in Jesus as Lord and Savior? Why believe if we don't want to live like

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By Jeremy Wiersema  
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we believe?

I think that is a fair thing for us to wonder about. We live in a hurting and divided nation. Our nation is in deep need of real role models. Maybe you agree that we need people to step up and lead in a positive and productive way.

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I would like to thank all the beautiful people who made my 80th birthday party a wonderful day, made me feel like a queen for a day! All my families, medical center family, Steen church family, Bethany Meadows family, Valley Springs family, John the accordion player, Pete the soloist and the Hallelujah Hooligans. The Star Herald and Brandon Report for sending out announcements.

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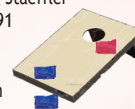


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# Congratulations 2022 SPRING SPORTS



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June 23, 2022

## Congratulations, LHS Track and Field

### Cardinal Boys' Track at state

Fourth-Place Team Class A State Championships

Ashton Sandbulte - State Champion 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash

### Boys' Track section results

Section 3A True Team Champions

Section 3A Champions

Ashton Sandbulte - 100-meter Section 3A Champion

Eli Radtke - Pole Vault Section 3A Champion

Camden Janiszkeski - 3200-meter Section 3A Champion

4-by-100-meter relay - Lucky Dara, Zachary Terrio, Eli Radtke, Ashton Sandbulte - Section 3A Champions

4-by-800-meter relay - Camden Janiszkeski, Owen Janiszkeski, Ryan Fick, Sage Viessman - Section 3A Champions

### Cardinal Girls' Track at state

Fifth-place Team Class A State Championships

4-by-800 Relay State Champions - Elizabeth Wagner, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates, Tenley Nelson (**below**)

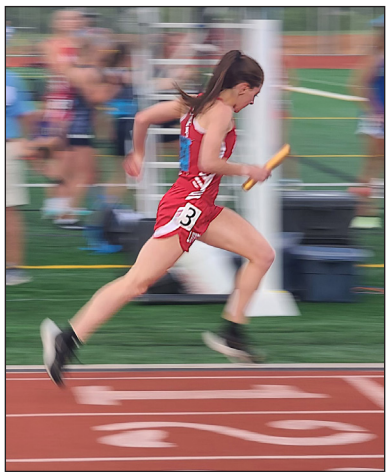
Tenley Nelson - State Champion 800-meter run



Luverne girls' track section qualifiers include (front, from left) Ella Schmuck, Anna Banck, Tiana Lais, Makena Nelson, Tenley Nelson, Mia Wenzel, Jenna DeBates, Isabella Oye, Sarah Stegenga, (back) Hannah Sneller, Corynn Oye, Kendra Thorson, Maria Rops, Cassi Chesley, Jady Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Elizabeth Wagner, Kayla Bloemendaal and Hailey Como.

At left Tenley Nelson races to the finish with the baton at the state meet.

At lower left, Ashton Sandbult sprints down the straight-away at the state meet.



Luverne boys' track section qualifiers include (front, from left) Ashton Hood, Darius Dolo, Lucky Dara, Noah Mehlhaff, Owen Janiszkeski (lying on track), Camden Janiszkeski, Ryan Fick, Sage Viessman, (back) Coulter Thone, Gavin DeBeer, Tyler Rolfs, Eli Woodley, Eli Radtke, Ashton Sandbulte, Zach Terrio and Ethan Rahm.



### Girls' Track section results

Section 3A True Team Champs

Section 3A Champions

Tenley Nelson - 800-meter Section 3A Champion

Jocelyn Hart - Shot put Section 3A Champion

Jady Hart - Discus Section 3A Champion

4-by-200-meter relay - Makena Nelson, Isabella Oye, Anna Banck, Sarah Stegenga - Section 3A Champions

4-by-400-meter relay - Elizabeth Wagner, Tiana Lais, Sarah Stegenga, Tenley Nelson - Section 3A Champions

4-by-800-meter relay - Elizabeth Wagner, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates, Tenley Nelson - Section 3A Champions



Henry Hartquist came in 12th-place Individual Class AA State Meet.

Members of the Luverne boys' golf team include (front, from left) Tucker Banck, Tyler Arends, Levi Gonnerman, Camden Hoven, (back) Jack Gangestad, Zach Overgaard, Owen Sudenga, Henry Hartquist, Brady Bork and Colin Schoeneman.

# Congratulations, Luverne High School boys' and girls golf teams

### Cardinal Boys' Golf Section 3AA fourth-place team

Henry Hartquist - 12<sup>th</sup>-place Individual Class AA State Meet

All-Conference honorees:  
Brady Bork and Henry Hartquist

### Cardinal Girls' Golf Section 3AA eighth-place team



Members of the Luverne High School girls' golf team include (front, from left) Mallory Von Tersch, Averill Sehr, Kiesli Smith, Kayetlin Huiskes, Brielle Watters, (back) Morgan Gonnerman, Cheyenne Schutz, Mallory Nelson, Lauren Hansen, Perceyis Trierweiler, Abby Anderson and Jocelynn Mann.



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Members of the Luverne boys' tennis team include (front, from left) Zander Carbonneau, Caleb Kracht, Austin Sandbulte, Elijah Henrichs, Terran Siebenahler, (second) Hunter Gaffaney, Spencer Kracht, Logan Ommen, Ross Bergman, Parker Carbonneau, Ethan Nath, Burke Johnson, (back) Luke Bosch, Levi Thielbar, Griffen Jarchow, Blake Frahm, Pierce Cunningham, Jase Arp, Kyle Ferguson and Chance Tunnissen.

# Congratulations, Luverne High School tennis team

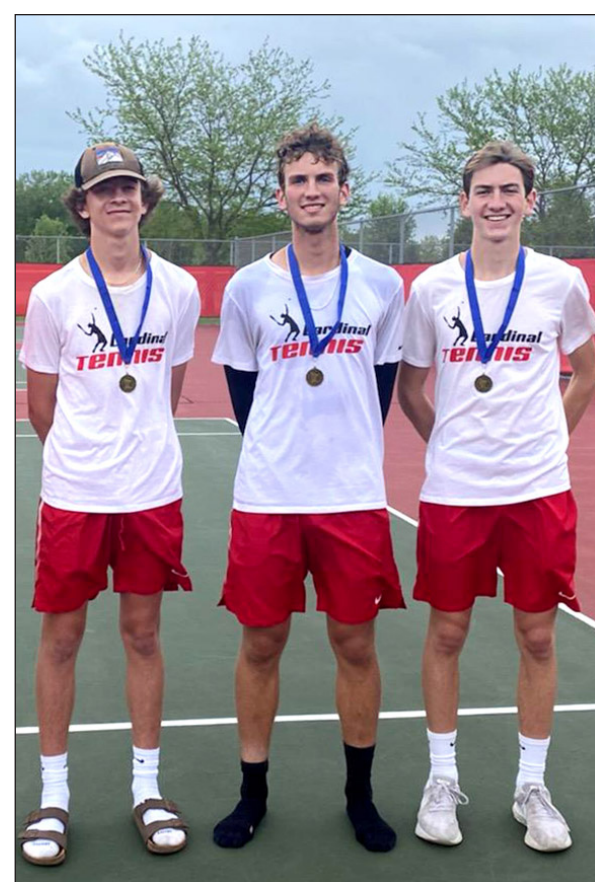
**Cardinal Boys' Tennis** 18-7 season record

Section 3A Champions

Pierce Cunningham - Section 3A Individual Champion and state competitor (pictured at right in the center)

Griffen Jarchow and Blake Frahm (pictured at right — Frahm on left and Jarchow on right)  
Section 3A Doubles Champions and state competitors

All-Conference honorees: Pierce Cunningham, Griffen Jarchow and Blake Frahm  
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Members of the Hills-Beaver Creek girls' track team are (front, left) Tatyana Williams, Emma Deelstra, Clara VandenBosch, Taylor Durst, Kenadie Fick, Larissa Steinhoff, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk, Abigail Harris, Aspyn Shimp, (back) Bailey Spykerboer, Ally Birger, Hailey Moser, Makynzie Hellerud, Katelyn Chesley, Isabel Wysong, Brynn Bakken, Olivia Deelstra, Ava Steinhoff, Ella Sammons and Tyrae Goodface.

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# Congratulations, H-BC Track athletes

## H-BC Track and Field

### Patriot girls track and field

As a team, the girls finished seventh and the boys finished 17th in the section.

Patriot girls were third in the Red Rock Conference

4-by-100-meter relay - Brynn Bakken, Layla Deelstra, Abby Harris, Brynn Rauk, Section 3A champions and seventh place at state. (These girls broke and rebroke the school record they set earlier in the season.)

Brynn Bakken – Section Champ in the 100 meters and 200 meters. Seventh place at state in 100-meter dash. She was in 11th place at state in the 200 meter dash.

Girls' all-conference honorees: Brynn Bakken, Layla Deelstra, Olivia Deelstra, Kenadie Fick, Abby Harris, Brynn Rauk and Larissa Steinhoff



Above is Brynn Bakken. At right are (from left) Abbie Harris, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra and Brynn Bakken.



### Patriot boys track and field

The boys were fourth place in the Red Rock Conference

Boys' all-conference honorees: Liam Raymon, Ty Bundesen, Luke Fuerstenberg, Beau Bakken, Cooper Gehrke and Eli Taubert

The H-BC boys' track and field team includes (front, left) Max Scholten, Brock Harnack, Cooper Gehrke, Luke Fuerstenberg, Liam Raymon, Ty Bundesen, Brayden Metzger, Alexander Harris, Eli Taubert, (back) Jamesyn Klosterbuer, Jack Moser, Jackson Gacke, Beau Bakken, Cameron Allen, Riley Tatge, James Vandenbosch, Lukas Hubbard, Talon Steensma and Quintyn Volden.



# Congratulations, H-BC golf teams



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H-BC boys' and girls' golf section qualifiers from the 2021 season are (from left) Austin Allen, Dallas Page, Danette Leenderts, Tess Van Maanen (also pictured above), Ethan Kruger, and Jacob Axness.

### Patriot Girls Golf

Tess Van Maanen- All Conference Regular Season All State Three-time State Qualifier, finished tied for 25th Academic All Conference Academic All State

Danette Leenderts- Academic All Conference Academic All State

### Patriot Boys Golf

Austin Allen- All Conference Second-Day Section Qualifier Academic All Conference

Boys' golf team placed third in Red Rock Conference

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Attending the Minnesota State Trap Shooting Championship were (from left) head coach Scott Loosbrock, Liam Murphy, Holden Overgaard, Chase Matthiesen, Chase Overgaard, Alex Dewisplaere, Hunter Ahrendt, Tyson Cowell, JT Remme, Jacob Henning, Tryg Gangestad, Cash Bonnett, Grant Wieneke, Cheyenne Schutz, Rayann Remme, assistant coach Joe Loosbrock and Piper Wynia.

# Congratulations, trap shooting teams

## Cardinal Trap Team

Hunter Ahrendt - MSHSL State Clay Target Tournament participant.

Hunter Ahrendt was named to the All-State Trap Shooting Team with a season average of 23.6 and qualified for the MSHSL event.

Team finished regular season with 6,757.5 points, sixth out of eight teams in the Class 2A-Conference 7

Achieving 50-straight during season: Hunter Ahrendt (week 3); straight-25 include Hunter Ahrendt (week 1, week 3, week 4, championship), Tryg Gangestad (week 4), Holden Overgaard (week 5), Jacob Henning (championship), and Cheyenne Schutz (championship).

## H-BC Trap Shooting

Team finished season with 9,389 points, third in Class 3A-Conference 1 Championship.

Senior Journey Dwire top shooter in the girls' division with 20.7 average; earned invitation to USA Clay Target National Championships.

Eight students traveled to the Shooting Sports Championship in Alexandria: Luke Fuerstenberg, Journey Dwire, Cooper Gehrke, Lukas Hubbard, Blake Leenderts, Max Scholten and John Tiesler.

Achieving a perfect straight-25 during the 2022 spring season were Cooper Gehrke (week 2), Hunter Leenderts (week 2), Weston Kellenberger (week 2), Luke Fuerstenberg (week 4, championship) and Max Scholten (championship).



Twenty-six students comprised the 2021-22 Hills-Beaver Creek High School trap shooting team. Members pictured (front, from left) include Brooklynne Hubbard, Michael Ykema, Johnathan Tiesler, Clayton Kellenberger, Lucas Hubbard, (second row) Journey Dwire, Olivia Bork, Danette Leenderts, Tara Paulsen, Cameron Allen, Sawyer Bosch, Samantha Moser, Cole Rozeboom, Weston Kellenberger, Blake Leenderts, (back) Luke Fuerstenberg, Casey Kueter, Max Scholten, Cody Moser, Cooper Gehrke, Ty Bundesen, Daniel Martinyuk, Jack Moser, Alex Harris and Robbie Drake. Not pictured Camdyn Broesder. Mavis Fodness photo/H-BC Trap Shooting 2022

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Members of the LHS baseball team include (front, from left) Carter Sehr, Elliot Domagala, Kai Buss, Gavin Reisch, Riley Sneller, Tyler Gebauer, (second) Casey Sehr, Jacob Stroh, Patrick Kroski, Nathaniel Cole-Kraty, Will Serie, Andy Halverson, Braydon Ripka, (back) head coach Phil Paquette, A.J. Ossefoort, Conner Connell, Connor Overgaard, Kaden Anderson, Zach DeBoer and assistant coach Cade Wenninger.



Softball players were (front, from left) Ella Reisdorfer, Gracie Nath, Amira Cowell, Belle Smidt, (second) Kenedee Franken, Carly Olson, Anika Boll, Tori Serie, Peyton Behr, (back) Macie Swenson, head coach Brooks Maurer, Jacey Smith, Reghan Bork, Billi Connell, assistant coach Tara Sudenga and Kendall Buss.

# Congratulations, LHS ball teams

**Cardinal Baseball** 16-8 season record  
 All-Conference honorees: Casey Sehr, Conner Connell, Braydon Ripka  
 Honorable Mention: Kaden Anderson, Connor Overgaard

**Cardinal Softball** 20-5 season record Section 3AA Runners-Up  
 All-Conference honorees: Billi Connell, Payton Behr, Carly Olson, Gracie Nath  
 Honorable Mention: Ella Reisdorfer, Belle Smidt

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