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'Feel good' return County fair to offer 'something for everyone'

By Mavis Fodness

This year's Rock County Fair is being planned as a Great Local Get-Together, as the largest get-together, the Minnesota State Fair, also makes a comeback.

"As a board we are excited to see everyone again," said ag society president Adam Kinsinger. "I think people are ready and looking for a bit of 'normal.' There will be something for everyone."

The county fair is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, through Saturday, July 31, in Luverne.

Whether it's food, entertainment, and/or a special event, the ag society board began to secure vendors and performers for this year's fair months ago.

As a full listing of fair events are assembled in the coming weeks, board members have announced the grandstand activities for the three nights of the four-day fair:

- Thursday, July 29, features the Great Plains Tractor Pull.
- Friday, July 30, is a free concert by the band, "Undercover," along with the corn hole tournament and a free-donation community meal.
- Saturday, July 31, is reserved for the long-running LSR Enduro Race.

In addition, there are many family-friendly attractions, such as the expanded Discovery Center and petting zoo, pig races, magicians and more.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0624 i90 construction

Summer construction season

Road construction is in full swing on I-90 in the westbound lanes between Luverne and Beaver Creek. This photograph was taken Monday on the Highway 75 overpass in Luverne facing west. Construction includes resurfacing the existing westbound traffic lanes and ramps, reconstructing shoulders, resurfacing the bridge over Rock County Road 11 and drainage improvements. Westbound I-90 traffic is shifted to the eastbound lanes, reducing traffic to a single lane with "head to head" travel utilizing existing crossovers east of Luverne and west of Beaver Creek. Westbound travelers, the Luverne exit ramp to Hwy. 75 will remain open until Aug. 16. The westbound ramp from Luverne onto I-90 will be closed for the duration of the project from June 14 through early September.

Local feedlots to host state beef tour

Fifteen tour buses, eight 'innovative' feedlots put Rock and Nobles county cattlemen on display

By Lori Sorenson

Local beef producers will host the 40th Annual Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association Summer Beef Tour July 13.

The event travels to different parts of the state each year, and the Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's Association was on deck to host in 2020 when the pandemic shut it down.

"We're excited to get this Minnesota Cattlemen's summer tradition back on track and put some 'normal' back in the summer," said Jay Bakken, Beaver Creek, president of the local association.

The 2021 state beef tour features eight cattle-producing families who will host tours of their facilities to showcase feedlot production in Rock and Nobles counties.

"The purpose is to promote the industry and show off innovative practices that are happening out here," Bakken said.

"It's a good learning opportunity for other cattlemen across the state to see how our producers are managing their facilities."

Tour isn't just for beef producers

The Summer Beef Tour is for anyone who wants to board a bus and view the local operations, according to Bakken.

"It's open to anyone, from fellow farmers to the local priest and hairdresser," Bakken said. "You don't have to be a farmer or involved in the beef industry to attend."

He added that the \$20 registration fee includes a midday lunch stop and a grilled steak

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Campgrounds now open at The Lake and River Road

By Lori Sorenson

Just in time for the Fourth of July holiday, Luverne area residents and visitors have new camping options at The Lake and at the former Boy Scouts campground east of the city park.

The "Luverne Campground" at The Lake received Minnesota Department of Health approval

Monday, and "River Road Campground" was approved earlier this month.

Mike and Traci Davis are developing The Lake site and they're partnering with Billy and Missy Cowell on the River Road location.

They said they hesitate to announce a grand opening, since both campgrounds are still being

developed, but they are open and taking reservations.

"I want people to understand there is construction going on," Davis said.

"I don't want them to leave with a bad taste in their mouths, because this isn't how it will be when we're done."

While he'd like to wait until

all details are finished, demand is increasing for local campsites, and several spots were filled over the weekend.

"They're filling up fast for the Fourth of July," Davis said. "The campgrounds are open, but there is still plenty to do."

K101, KQAD mark 50 years on air

By Jason Berghorst

Fifty years ago this year, Luverne's radio stations first hit the airwaves.

KQAD signed on at 800 on the AM dial on March 1, 1971. Six months later, KQAD-FM, now KLQL-FM, took to the airwaves on Sept. 1, 1971, at 101.1.

"Both stations had KQAD call letters until the early '80s when the FM station became KLQL, also known as K101," said Joel Vis, the current general manager of both stations.

KQAD AM-FM then

According to the July 22, 1971, edition of the Star Herald, the new stations were owned by Siouxland Broadcasting Corporation.

Paul Hedberg, who also owned KBEW in Blue Earth, was the major stockholder, along



Jason Berghorst photo/0624 KQAD Anniversary

Luverne's KQAD and K101 are celebrating 50 years on the air. Pictured are (from left) KQAD morning show host Jay Kelly, general manager Joel Vis, K101 morning show host Rick Freitag, and Max Hodgdon, who is departing K101 for radio stations in Columbus, Nebraska.

Pattons are Jubilee Days parade marshals

By Mavis Fodness

Tradition resumes this weekend as the Hardwick Community Club organizes activities for the Jubilee Days town celebration.

The Saturday night parade for the annual event the last weekend in June highlights a long list of activities that begin Saturday afternoon and culminate with a community church service Sunday morning

Longtime Hardwick residents Don and Nancy Patton are this year's parade marshals.

Community club members accept suggestions for a Hardwick resident or couple who put Hardwick's interests first to be honored at the Saturday night parade. The Pattons rose to the

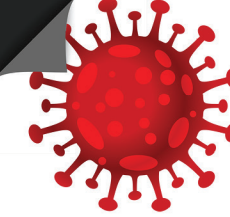
Pattons/see page 10A



Mavis Fodness photo

Longtime Hardwick residents Don and Nancy Patton (holding one of the couple's rescue cats) will lead the community's Jubilee Days parade Saturday night on Main Street Hardwick. The parade begins at 7 p.m. with several activities taking place before and after the event that was canceled last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.





COVID CORNER

County	Total Cases	DAILY average in last 7 days	Percent Change
Rock	1,287	0	+0.0%
Pipestone	1,167	<1	+0.0%
Nobles	4,075	0	-0.1%
Minnehaha (SD)	31,751	1	+0.0%
Lyon (IA)	1,588	0	+0.0%

Vaccine Dashboard: ROCK COUNTY

- People with at least one dose: 3,817
- People with completed series: 3,637

Data as of 06-20-2021

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

Current data as of June 22, 2021. Sources: MDH & The New York Times

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Mavis Fodness photo/0624 Food Shelf Open House
 Rock County Food Shelf Director Mary Gehrke (center with scissors) cuts the ribbon Thursday afternoon, June 17, with Megan Klaassen (left), Tammy Loosbrock, Roger Sparks, Scott Viessman, (Gehrke), Cris Oeltjenbruns, Mary Lou Mulligan, Lynette Hoiland, David Sternborg, Katie Baustian, Tyler Bush, Annie Opitz, Shelly Nibbelink and Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Grand Prairie Cemetery Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the cemetery. In case of rain, meet at Orv and Sons Plumbing in Ellsworth.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 1, at Poplar Creek on Oak Drive. Masks are required in the building.

Blood drive June 24

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Luverne from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Grand Prairie, 105 S. Estey St. Donors can complete the RapidPass® pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. Follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Identification required at check-in.

Pulled pork, historic homes June 24

A pulled pork feed fundraiser is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Hinkly House. A pulled pork sandwich, chips and a rootbeer float will be served for a freewill offering. The Hinkly House will be open for tours from 2 to 7 p.m. Golf cart tours of historic homes are from 2 to 3:30 and from 5 to 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Chamber. Suggested donation for the tour is \$5, and reservations may be made in advance at 507-283-4061.

Hospice donations due June 25

Sanford Luverne Hospice is changing the date of the Hospice Dinner & Auction to Thursday, Aug. 26, to better accommodate summer weekend plans. Note: Auction donations are currently being accepted thru June 25. Contact the hospice office at 283-1805 or email: helen.saum@sanfordheath.org.

Eden Church annual service June 27

The Eden Lutheran Church of rural Jasper will host its annual service at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 27. Pastor Sue Grinde will officiate from the black Lutheran hymnal, followed by a potluck noon meal under a tent. At the 1 p.m. tolling of the bell, the congregation will gather for an afternoon meeting of history and singing favorite hymns. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Church cleaning will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, with coffee and sweets served. Call Bev at 507-348-4126 with questions.

Community Ed announcements

Luverne Community Education will offer the following activities and classes in coming weeks. Call 507-283-4724 to sign up. See comed.isd2184.net to view the brochure and list of offerings.

Kids in grades 1-3 (completed) can sign up for **Paint and Snack Classes** on June 24 and July 22. Fee is \$33 per class.

Create three wooden games at **Beginning Wood Working** on July 6 and 8 and then enjoy playing the games at class. Open to anyone grade 2 (completed) through adult. Fee is \$25.

Crisis Center offers yoga

The Southwest Crisis Center yoga support group is expanding this summer to weekly sessions from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays through July 13 at the Luverne City Park. Bring a yoga mat as limited quantities will be available. Sessions are directed by Rock County advocate Jennifer Lindsey and is free and open to the public. Contact Lindsey at 507-283-9917 or Jennifer@mnscc.org with questions.

Food shelf opens in new location

By Mavis Fodness

The June 17 ribbon-cutting and open house for the new Rock County Food Shelf culminated a six-month campaign to raise \$225,000 to remodel the 2,000-square-foot building.

Today is the first time the new location will be used for food distribution.

Board chairman Pastor Roger Sparks commended those at the ribbon-cutting for the effort to open a larger facility.

"It's amazing how many people in this community like to help others," he said.

The city of Luverne purchased the building on West Maple Street and agreed to lease it to the Rock County Food Shelf for \$1 a year. City leaders then challenged the group late last year to raise \$225,000 to complete improvements.

The improvements included new doors and windows, shelving, a bathroom, commercial refrigerators and freezers, insulated walls and a new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning unit.

"It is a matter of things falling into place at the same time," Sparks said.

On Monday the Service Over Self youth participants moved the remaining items from the food shelf's previous location in the United Methodist Church basement to the new location.

Mary Gehrke, the food shelf director, reflected on the opening that will serve more Rock County families.

"This is a pandemic blessing," she said.

Due to no contact requirements



The new Rock County Food Shelf on West Maple Street in Luverne features an area where recipients can choose food products from shelves. Previously, food shelf volunteers packed boxes to place in recipients' vehicles.

brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, distribution for the past year consisted of volunteers packing boxes for the individuals and families and placing the boxes into vehicles. She said some received too much food and some not enough.

The new location allows recipients to choose their own items while allowing for social distancing and

other pandemic requirements to keep volunteers and others safe.

The one-level building eliminates stairs, making the service available to more people.

The Luverne Backpack Program will also use the new food shelf location for their work in preparing the food packs for distribution to school-aged children.

Rock County Fair to have 'something for everyone' from page 1A

"It feels great to be planning the fair," Kinsinger said.

Watch for a full listing of fair events in the special section planned next month in the Star Herald.

4-H gearing up for 'normal' county fair

Officials with the Minnesota State Fair announced that the 2021 event will go forward with the normal timeframe of Aug. 26 through Sept. 6.

State 4-H Director

Jennifer Skuza indicated the University of Minnesota Extension is currently working through details to offer a "safe and secure" encampment for general and livestock projects.

"With this in mind, we have retained virtual judging options in addition to reintroducing our in-person experiences during the state fair," Skuza said.

Extension officials are encouraging in-person local fairs or showcase events.

"We are really looking forward to the fair this year and are working to get everything lined up and ready to go," said Kelsey Maeschen, Rock County 4-H director. Livestock shows will follow the traditional schedule and general judging day is scheduled for July 26.

Today is the fair registration deadline.

"I am anxious to see what our numbers look like and what projects are youth have registered for."

Last year, the Minnesota State Fair was canceled, with 4-H Extension offering a virtual state event for general and livestock projects.

Locally, a virtual 4-H showcase was offered for general projects, with in-person livestock shows.

The shows were closed to the public and were live-streamed on the Rock County Extension Facebook page for coronavirus precautions.

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Campgrounds open at The Lake and River Road/continued from page 1A

'Luverne Campground' located at The Lake:

The Davises, who own property adjacent to The Lake, are developing nine campsites with cement RV pads (not pull-through) and full hookup — water, sewer, electric and wifi.

The sites are across the street from The Lake, north of Edgell Street, along a private service road that would loop off from Edgell.

They requested — and obtained — a conditional use permit from the city a year ago to proceed with their plans.

According to Planning and Zoning Director Chad McClure, a campground is an allowable use in that zoning area, which is R-I, residential-industrial, and affected neighbors were notified and did not object.

DGR engineering surveyed the camp areas, and they meet licensure requirements for DNR with regard to flood plain drainage and the Minnesota Department of Health for safety.

Each site is 2,000 square feet with room for an RV and a vehicle. Adequate designated off-street parking is available for additional vehicles.

Noise rules fall under the same city ordinance, such as quiet times between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., and a 10-mph speed limit is imposed through the campground.

The Davises attended Monday night's hearing to answer questions about their plans.

Mike said licensure also dictates night lighting, garbage management, rodent and pest control and other requirements, in addition to a 24-hour contact for the Sheriff's Office in the event of an emergency.

"The Department of Health protects a lot of stuff, to make sure everything is clean and safe," he said. "And this will be small."

The Davises are also



Mavis Fodness photos/0624 River Road Campground

A former Boy Scouts campground, River Road Campground has two water areas campers can use.

developing nine small cabins on the south side of the road out of the flood plain, and possible asphalt paving.

Davis said the coronavirus pandemic hit in the middle of campground development plans.

"With construction prices and all, it turned a \$425,000 project into closer to \$600,000," he said about the Lake campground.

River Road Campground

The Davises and Cowells are working together on the River Road Campground.

It features 18 campsites for RVs on gravel with electricity and rural water hookup, with a dump station available at the campground entrance at the road.

"We're excited to have it here and have people driving through Luverne



Each public camping spot features hookups to water and electricity, a picnic table and campfire ring. River Road Campground does not have sewer hookups but has a dump station near the entrance.

to get here ... People who have camped here have really liked it," Billy Cowell said. "We're getting people to town and hopefully shopping here."

The Rock County Board approved the 13-acre campground in Luverne Township last year as a permitted use in ag district.

As part of the conditions to operate a campground on the property, the county required a permit through the Minnesota Department of Health. Other conditions include quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

In addition to clearing trees and developing campsites, passersby noticed last week the addition of a house that was moved onto the premises.

It will not be available for campground reservations; rather, it will be rented out as residential housing. "It was a way for us to establish instant equity," Davis said.

It was moved by Berghorst and Sons, Hull, Iowa, from an acreage east of Luverne along County Road 9 near Binford Farms onto a new foundation on River Road.

A spur from the planned Ashby trail will meander through the River Road Campground. "That will be a huge asset," he said.

Overall, Davis said he views the campgrounds as another tool in the box that makes the community stronger.

"I want to stress to people who come to use these campsites that they should still check out the state park, they should see the museums, and stop at bars and restaurants," he said.

"What the campgrounds mean to me is an opportunity for people to see what Luverne has to offer. We all feed off each other."

To reserve a campsite at The Lake, call 507-920-6998. To reserve at River Road call 507-935-5384 or 507-920-6998.

Sehr fills in for Nobles County engineer

By Mavis Fodness

In a two-month agreement, Rock County will help neighboring Nobles County with highway engineering oversight.

Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr will oversee projects completed by the existing Nobles County staff.

Sehr will not oversee the public works department that retiring Nobles County engineer/public works director Steve Schnieder also completed for decades.

Schnieder filled in for Rock County in 1996. Three months later Sehr was hired as engineer, replacing retired Dick Wagner.

Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre said no one has applied for Schnieder's position. He retires June 30.

The need for someone to oversee Nobles County's young engineering technicians led Nobles County officials to reach out to Rock County for assistance.

"They've got some projects

that they will need someone to talk to for oversight," Oldre said.

"They also have some budget concerns going into 2022 and ... Mark will have a set of eyes on that, too."

Rock County Commissioners approved working with Nobles County at their June 8 meeting.

A contract will be developed compensating Sehr and Rock County for the assistance. The agreement begins July 1.

Fiery crash on Hwy 23 kills two

By Lori Sorenson

The Minnesota State Patrol is investigating a June 17 fiery crash south of Jasper that took the lives of both drivers involved.

According to the accident report, the incident was reported around 6 a.m. Thursday in the curves of Highway 23 at Milepost 11 in Springwater Township.

It involved a southbound 2005 Ford pickup driven by Matthew Alan Crawford, 44, of Slayton and a northbound 2018 Chevy pickup driven by Jacob

Vincent Mulder, 26, of Brandon.

According to the State Patrol, a witness traveling behind the southbound pickup told authorities that it had crossed the centerline just prior to the crash.

The two vehicles collided head-on and burst into flames, killing both drivers at the scene.

Assisting the State Patrol were the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Jasper Fire and Rescue, Jasper EMS and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

H-BC choir to open for Foreigner

By Mavis Fodness

Tomorrow will be an exciting day for the Hills-Beaver Creek High School choir.

The group will be the opening act for the rock 'n' roll group, Foreigner, at the Washington Pavilion.

The H-BC choir was originally scheduled for the Sioux Falls event in May 2020. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the event was postponed for more than a year, according to director Amy Comp.

"It was a long year of waiting to see if we would be able to participate," she said. "It's different than we originally planned when we auditioned — we were going to sing on stage with Foreigner, but they are not ready to have students on stage

with them."

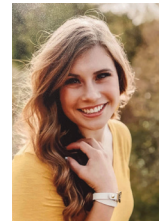
Instead, she said the group prepared the three a cappella songs to perform on stage before the concert and then the students will get to attend the Foreigner event. The group will sing "Dust in the Wind," "We Will Rock You," and "Don't Stop Believing."

Comp recorded the students performing a Foreigner song and entered the recording in a local radio station contest. To her surprise, her group was chosen. "We're beyond excited," she said.

Students performing include Allie LaRock, Tara Paulsen, Lexi Drake, Holly Barron, Britton McKenzie, Leif Tollefson, Regina Afkas, Tahliya Kruger, Madison Gaugler and Mazzi Moore.

Correction:

The June 17 edition of the Rock County Star Herald featured a story about Hills-Beaver Creek valedictorian Lauren Tatge and the wrong photograph was used with the writeup.




Lauren Tatge

Her correct image is seen here, and the Star Herald regrets the error.

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Springwater Township Board

MOWING NOTICE: ROCK COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

Landowners are responsible for mowing ditch shoulders. The first mowing should be done by July 1, 2021 and the last one to be done by September 15, 2021. This does not include: Beaver Creek, Denver, Magnolia, Martin, or Springwater.

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Language of the long lens:

Cell phones get the job done, but a Canon commands respect

I stood at the bottom of the inflatable water slide with my cell phone camera



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

pointed at the kids tumbling through the spray and landing in a laughing heap in a puddle at the bottom.

I was there on official business as the Star Herald photographer covering Hills Friendship Days, but the kids didn't know this.

A few of them looked sideways at me as they pivoted their bare feet in the muddy grass to climb the stairs for another go.

A few parents also noticed the grownup with a cell phone camera.

Thankfully, one of them recognized me as legit and greeted me with conversation. It was the sort of exchange you'd have with a familiar friend or colleague.

And it was the sort of social interaction that likely reassured nearby parents I wouldn't abduct their children.

But the kids weren't reassured. Most of them didn't care; they were having a great time cooling off in the hot midday sun.

But when I captured an image I believed would work for the paper, I attempted to get the subjects' names for the photo caption.

"Who are you?" I asked the kid in the gray swim trunks.

"Who are you?" was the look he gave me.

After he glanced nervously at the line of grownups standing in the shade, I apologized and clarified that I was with Star Herald and could I use his photo in the paper.

He either understood my introduction or got the nod from his mom, but I got the kid's name and his friends

were a little less bothered by my presence.

I felt a bit irrelevant, longing for the day when the "newspaper lady" was welcome at local functions.

She's no longer a big deal for more reasons than her equipment (that's a topic for another column), but it occurred to me that I don't have this problem when I'm using my Canon Rebel XT with a 105 mm lens attached.

A bulky camera with a long lens at a community celebration somehow identifies a photojournalist on official business.

A random person with a cell phone in the midst of innocent children — not so much. (By the way, kudos to the kids who were smart enough to question the stranger.)

I like my good ol' Canon, but I've increasingly had more success with my 2019 iPhone 11 Pro than with my 2005 Canon EOS digital camera. The iPhone does better in low light and with wide angles, captures more vibrant colors and I don't have to remove an SD card or connect a cord to "airdrop" the files to my iMac.

Plus, I can share the images to our Star Herald Facebook page while still on assignment.

I still carry my Canon and its zoom lens for the long shots and sports plays, but now anymore, I just wear it around my neck to command respect.

"Yes, I'm here on official business," it tells people, even though I'm shooting with my iPhone. "No, I'm not creeping on your children."

Star Herald doles out thumbs for town celebrations, road construction and more

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Thumbs up — to the fantastic lineup at the Rock County Fair coming up at the end of July. There is something for everyone, and it's clear our local fair board put thought and creativity into the lineup of offerings.

Thumbs down — to Mother Nature for scorching heat and stingy rainfall this month. In a typical feast and famine cycle, we're now longing for some of those rainy days that flooded our fields and homes only a few years ago.

Thumbs up — to Hills council members and Hills residents for their efforts in making The Rez and city parks welcoming and pleasant places to spend an afternoon — or perhaps a weekend in the new rental cabin.

Thumbs down — to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for poor planning on the I-90 resurfacing project between Luverne and Beaver Creek. We're grateful for smooth roads, but it's too bad we had to beg for a better schedule to salvage some summer tourism dollars.

Thumbs up — to the Luverne High School drama department and their production of "Grease." After more than a year off the stage, director Shawn Kinsinger and LHS students deserve all the accolades we can give them for such a marvelous production.

Thumbs up — to the Rock County Food Shelf volunteers and their successful capital campaign and move into a new and more convenient facility on West Maple Street.

Thumbs down — to Dollar General for closing intermittently for lack of employees. Yes, there's a labor shortage everywhere following the pandemic, but when your wages are lower than literally every other starting position anywhere, it might pay to invest in workers.

Thumbs up — to the city of Luverne and Luverne Flowers for

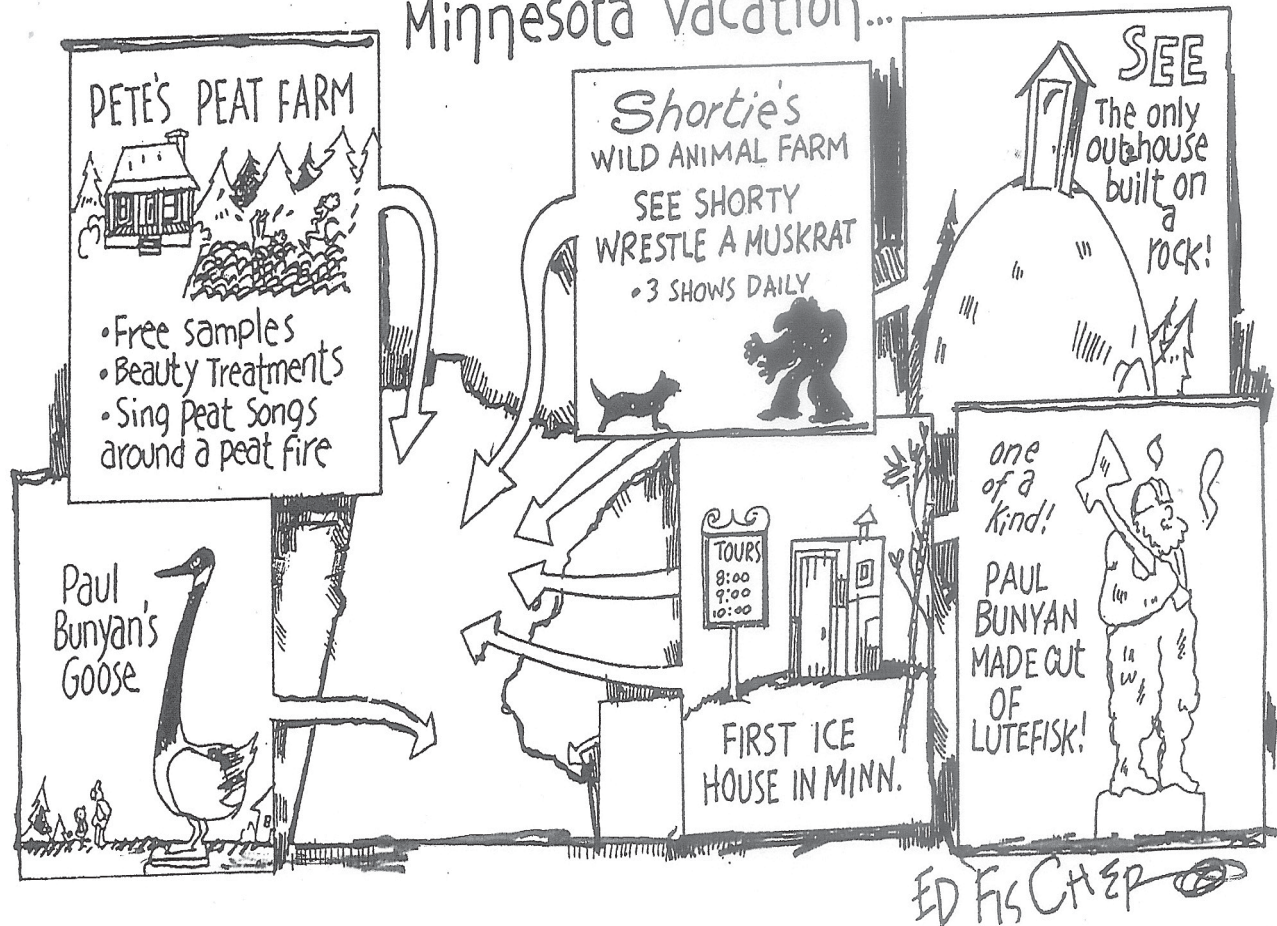
beautification work around town. It makes us proud to live here, and it presents a great first impression for visitors.

Thumbs down — to state legislators for failing again to complete their work during the regular session. Shame on them. The rest of us wouldn't have jobs if our work performance history were this poor.

Thumbs up — to those who work on our community celebrations and to those who come out and support them. It's great to see people smiling and greeting their neighbors again.

A BIG thumbs up — to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and received the coronavirus vaccination. It's what allowed our lives to return to a pre-pandemic normal. To those who declined being a part of that effort, you're welcome.

Little known places to see on your Minnesota vacation...



Using 'collector' license plates requires vehicles to meet age, transportation guidelines

Question: I own a convertible that I only drive in the summer when it isn't raining. (I hate to put the top up). My commute to work is 1.2 miles each way. It is now of a vintage that I could get collector plates on it, but I've heard there are restrictions on when I can drive it with those plates displayed. What are the rules? I would like to have collector plates but want to be able to drive it to work on sunny days in the summer.

Answer: There are several requirements for "collector" license plates.

- The vehicle must be a mini-



ASK A TROOPER

By Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

mum of 20 years old.

- The owner must prove that they have one or more vehicles with regular license plates.

- The vehicle is owned and operated solely as a collector's item and not for general transportation purposes.

What are general transportation purposes? To law enforcement, this means that you can drive it to fairs, shows, etc., but it is not to be utilized for work, school, shopping and other everyday activities. It is a judgment call on the part of the officer, but the intent of the law is

that the vehicle is not to be used as an additional vehicle for your family.

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- "Intent to escape tax" — a gross misdemeanor (up to one year and/or \$3,000 fine, depending on the situation).

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

June 11

•Complainant reported theft.
•Complainant on E. Warren Street reported alleged maltreatment.

June 12

•Complainant on County Road 4 and County Road 3, Magnolia, reported glass on the roadway.
•Complainant on 160th Avenue, Ellsworth, reported a horse was found at location.

•Complainant on E. 2nd Street, Beaver Creek, reported a wallet was found at location.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and Interstate 90, Luverne, reported a trailer fire at location.

•Complainant on Highway 23 and 21st Street, Jasper, reported a driving complaint.

•Complainant at the Ellsworth Public School reported a street sign missing at location.

June 13

•Complainant on S. Broadway Street, Ellsworth, reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Barge Channel, St. Paul, reported a subject with a Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on 121st Street, Garretson, reported a suspicious vehicle.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported someone threw a can of beer at his vehicle.

June 14

•Complainant on 231st Street, Luverne, reported he is locked out of his vehicle.

•Complainant on 131st Street, Luverne, reported damage to a mailbox.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported a car parked for a week.

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a lost driver's license.

June 15

•Complainant on E. Third Avenue, Beaver Creek, reported a person taking photos of property.
•Complainant on Edgehill Street reported a suspicious person at location.

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

•Complainant on County Road 4 and 60th - 100th Ave., Beaver Creek, reported debris was found on the road.

•Complainant on 120 N. Spring Street reported sudden death/body found.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a patient requesting service.

•Complainant west of Interstate 90, Sioux Falls, reported seeing an amber alert vehicle.

June 16

•Complainant re-

quested the non-emergency number for RSCO.

•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a stolen vehicle.

•Complainant on W. Harrison Street reported a break-in.

•Complainant on W. Gabrielson Road reported an abandoned bike at location.

•Complainant reported HVAC issue.

•Complainant on County Road 6 and Highway 270, Hills, reported reckless driving.

•Complainant east-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 6, Beaver Creek, reported steel sheets in the roadway.

•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, Luverne, reported a stolen vehicle was sighted.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Dodge Street reported a pedestrian walking on roadway.

•Complainant on 211th Street, Hardwick, reported a garage fire.

•Complainant on N. Cedar Street reported strange behavior from person walking in roadway.

•Complainant south-bound on Highway 23, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported an erratic driver.

June 17

•Complainant on N. Cottage Grove Avenue, Luverne, reported stolen bikes.

•Complainant reported an accident with property damage.

•Complainant reported a scam.

•Pursuit occurred out of Lyon County on Highway 75 and 21st Street, Luverne.

•Complainant on Edgehill Street reported someone is intoxicated.

•Deputy conducted roadside assist on S. Kniss Avenue and W. Maple Street.

June 18

•Complainant on S. Walnut Avenue reported theft.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street reported someone keeps throwing a ball in her yard.

•Complainant on W. Main Street requested a warrant check.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 6 escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 1 parking violation, 2 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 3 fingerprint requests, 7 burn permits, 1 gas drive-off, 4 alarms, 3 drug court tests, 2 purchase and carry permits, 10 traffic stops, 15 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 2 welfare checks and 2 follow-ups.

Luverne student earns Red Cross scholarship

By Lori Sorenson

The American Red Cross awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to Luverne High School graduate Elise Jarchow on Monday for her volunteer work over the past year.

She and local volunteers and Red Cross officials met at WildFlowers to review the numbers and recognize Jarchow's efforts.

"We already have a great group of donors in Luverne, but Elise increased those numbers over what we've had in the past," said Red Cross donor recruiter Kim Jensen.

The Luverne drive has already collected 280 units so far this scholarship period with a goal of 70 at the drive on Thursday that will count toward Jarchow's award.

The Bloodmobile will be in Luverne from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Grand Prairie, 105 S. Estey Street.

"If we collect to goal, that is 350 units which is up from the previous year's total of 272 when the community and high school



Lori Sorenson photo/0624 elise jarchow red cross

Elise Jarchow, center, received a \$3,000 scholarship from the American Red Cross. She's pictured with Linda Wenzel of A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota (far left) Kim Jensen of the Red Cross, her dad, Mike Jarchow, and her brother, Griffen Jarchow, who also plans to volunteer with the Red Cross.

drives were held separately."

She said there were also 35 first-time donors so far this year in Luverne.

Jarchow isn't the first student to earn a Red Cross scholarship, but Jensen said Jarchow's efforts

during the coronavirus pandemic helped Luverne donors to continue giving blood.

"In the past, students volunteered with the two drives per year that we had in the school, but with

COVID, we weren't able to go into the schools this past year," Jensen said.

In contacting Mike Jarchow to use the space in Grand Prairie Events, he mentioned that Elise could help.

"We told him, 'If you have a student, we have a scholarship,' and her youth and vibrancy with our adult volunteers got everyone excited to come out and give blood," Jensen said.

"Elise stepped right in and has a handle on the technology and it really has been wonderful."

At Monday's luncheon, Linda Wenzel of A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota expressed appreciation for all the local volunteers who work to make the blood drives successful.

"We logged 372 volunteer hours in 2020," Wenzel said about volunteers working behind the scenes with temperature screenings, snacks, refreshments and more.

"That's monumental considering we were in COVID-19 restrictions."

Local feedlots host State Beef Tour/continued from page 1A

dinner. The registration fee is waived for students, college and younger.

"We've had good support from our business partners who get to come along and learn about what we're doing," Bakken said.

"It creates opportunity for some face-to-face interaction between these vendors and producers."

He said the ag economy in the beef industry is fairly far-reaching and the Summer Beef Tour is a good time for everyone to come together.

"It's also a social time for camaraderie in the beef business," Bakken said. "If there were ever a time to get support from your peers, this is it."

"We have a lot of producers doing innovative

things here and we're going to see top-notch feedlot production enterprises in this part of the state."

Summer Beef Tour registration information is at www.mnsca.org or by contacting Bakken at jsbakken918@gmail.com.

Summer Beef Tour stops include:

- Binford Feedlots (Grant and Eric Binford), northeast of Luverne, features bedded barns, slatted barns and modern feed commodity facilities.
- G&A Farms (Glen and Matt Boeve), Steen, features outdoor lots and a unique wastewater handling system with dewatering and pivot irrigation.
- Brad VanDeBerg, Hills, features a slatted barn, a unique shipping and

receiving barn and working facility.

• Dave Mente, Adrian, features the tour's only cow/calf operation. It will highlight rotational grazing and local seed stock display to illustrate genetics of breeding bulls.

• R&R Thier (Ryan Thier), Rushmore, features outdoor yards and bedded and slatted barns.

• Summit Lake Livestock (Russ and Brian Penning), Wilmont, features a unique hog-finisher barn converted into cattle slat facilities.

• Brake Feedyards, Wilmont, is a multi-generational Brake family feedlot operation

• 3B Farms, Adrian, is a multi-generational Bullerman family slatted barn feedlot operation.

Fifteen tour buses, eight 'innovative' stops

Fifteen tour buses will depart at 7 a.m. from headquarters at the ice arena in Worthington to the farms, where they will spend about an hour talking to the producers and viewing the facilities.

On the way to each stop, video footage from each farm is broadcast on the tour buses.

All buses will stop at the Magnolia New Vision facility for a noon meal, and then return to the ice arena in Worthington at 5:15 p.m. for an evening steak supper.

Summer Beef Tour registration information is at www.mnsca.org or by contacting Bakken at jsbakken918@gmail.com.

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Happy (and sweet) Father's Day

Luverne Community Education sponsored a Kids in the Kitchen class Thursday afternoon, June 17, in the new high school kitchen for FACS (family and consumer sciences). This time the homemade items were cake pop bouquets, sugar cookies and other special treats with Sunday's Father's Day in mind. More Kids in the Kitchen classes led by instructor Victoria Stearns are scheduled in July and August. Assisting Stearns were student helpers Zander Carbonneau and Harper Renken.



Above: James Lindsey (right) cuts out a "D" in sugar cookie dough while Kaleb St. Claire cuts out a heart and Charlie St. Claire makes sure his dough is the correct thickness.

Left: Harper DeWispelaere shows off her sugar cookies she decorated.

Bottom left: Micaela Hemme rolls out cookie dough for her sugar cookies.



Above: Luka and Isley Smith place heart-shaped cookies into gift boxes.

Left: Zander Carbonneau assists Kids in the Kitchen participants by coating the cake pops with colored chocolate.

Top: A finished gift box features "Dad" spelled out in sugar cookies along with other homemade treats.

Mavis Fodness photos/
0624 Kids in Kitchen

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

Mark and Brigitte Wieneke will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, June 24. Greetings may be sent to them at 1018 N. Lindale; Luverne, MN 56516.

Paul and Caroline Krapf will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 26, with a celebration at the Jasper City Park from 2-4 p.m. Caroline will also be celebrating her 88th birthday.

Open house

An open house bridal shower for **Emilee Johnson**, bride-to-be of **Nate Haraldson**, will be from 9:30-11:30 Saturday, June 26, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

MENU

Monday, June 28: Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, peas, dinner roll, bar.

Tuesday, June 29: Goulash, broccoli, tropical fruit, bread.

Wednesday, 30: Chicken salad on a bun, pea and cheese salad, pears, cookie.

Thursday, July 1: Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, dessert.

Friday, July 2: Hot dog on a bun with ketchup and mustard, potato salad, fresh fruit, dessert.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to arrange to pick up a dinner or for home-delivered meals.

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

COLLEGE NEWS

Krueger graduates from U of Nebraska

Ashton Krueger, Luverne, graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences as a member of the honors program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

To graduate from the honors program, students must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average, complete a culminating senior project or research thesis, and fulfill other curricular requirements.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2011)

A huge bolt of lightning struck the ground near the Rock County Law Enforcement Center June 14 causing \$30,000 in damage to the county's communications systems.

Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre updated County Board members at their regular Tuesday meeting.

He said all but \$1,000 of the damage is covered by insurance and the extent of the damage to county communications systems continues to be discovered.

"We lost the law enforcement PCs, 30 handsets ... the Highway Department, Family Services were all wiped out."

Emergency 911 calls for most of the day were routed to Nobles County dispatchers.

25 years ago (1996)

Some local talent and a group of golfers from Sioux Falls excelled in the sixth annual Peg Hoiland-Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament played at the Luverne Country Club Monday.

A group of Luverne High School boys joined forces to win the men's team portion of the 18-hole, best ball tournament. ...

Topping a six-team men's field are Luverne's Phil Oksness, Pat Connell, Matt Kopp and Brian Amos, who were members of the LHS team this spring. The local foursome shot a seven-under par 65 to win the tournament.

50 years ago (1971)

Luverne's school is ranked with the lowest cost per pupil in a study recently completed by the Redwood Falls Gazette.

A comparison of school costs, per pupil, was made between all 16 schools in the Southwest and Little Ten Conferences. The Gazette tabulation revealed Luverne to have the lowest cost per pupil at \$709 while Glencoe was placed at the highest with \$992. Windom, where a new high school was recently completed, was second on the list in per pupil cost, while Tracy was listed as having the highest bonded debt at \$1,941.

Three schools have a lower bonded debt per pupil than Luverne, Springfield, Slayton and Fairmont. Luverne's bonded debt was listed at \$554. Springfield was the lowest in that department with \$248.

According to Luverne Superintendent Harvey Eitrem, the school's low maintenance costs, the least among the 16, is a contributing factor in the overall low cost per pupil.

75 years ago (1946)

Parking place for an estimated 150 cars is now available at the city's new parking lot, a half block south of the Manitou hotel. There is no charge for the use of the lot, and the space provides a convenient parking place only a short distance from the main business district.

Strict enforcement of the double parking law will be continued, it was announced. Over 40 more persons received tickets for violations during the past week. However, the number of violations dropped sharply the beginning of this week.

100 years ago (1921)

In accordance with an application filed by him on June 7th, Martin H. Sundem, of Beaver Creek township, appeared before Judge L. S. Nelson at a special term of court held here Monday morning and pleaded guilty to the charge of illegally manufacturing intoxicating liquors. He was fined \$250 and costs, which he paid.

This action disposed of the last of the actions against the five Rock county men accused by Federal Enforcement agent Lane Maloney of manufacturing moonshine whiskey.

The other four cases involved Edward and Frank Kelling, of Beaver Creek township, Wm. Moore, of Magnolia, and Richard Wiese, of Luverne township. There was no formal complaint made against Wiese, owing to the lack of evidence, and the other three men were given a hearing before Judge Page Morris, in federal court, at St. Paul, on June 6th.

It is reported that all three pleaded guilty to the charge, and that Ed. Kelling was fined \$500, and Frank Kelling and Moore each \$200. Moore's car, which had been confiscated by the federal officer, was returned to the owner by the court.

OBITUARIES

Lambert Van Olst

Lambert Van Olst, 89, Rock Rapids, Iowa, died Thursday, June 10, 2021, at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center in Long Beach, California.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 28, with family present from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids.

Lambert Van Olst was born Dec. 1, 1931, in Hierden, the Netherlands, to John and Maria (Timmer) Van Olst. He was the oldest of eight children. He attended "primary" school for eight years and four years at baking school. He served the Netherlands in the Dutch army.

On Feb 5, 1954, Lambert came to America at the age of 22. He ended up in Hull, Iowa, because his dad's second cousin, John Hymans, sponsored him. His first job was at Sandy's Bakery (Phil Hess) in Rock Rapids.

He married Kathleen Tilstra on Nov. 10, 1954, at the First Reformed Church. They moved to Sheldon where he worked at Brouwer's bakery. He then worked for Prahl's Firestone Tires.

They moved to Orange City to work for the bakery there and attend Northwest

Dewey Dooyema

Dewey Dooyema, 91, Luverne, died Sunday, June 20, 2021, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, with a time for sharing and a prayer service at 7 p.m. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, at the church. Burial will be in the Leota Cemetery.

Dewey Dooyema was born to Clarence and Mina (Berghorst) Dooyema on April 9, 1930, near Leota on the family farm. He attended country school in Leota and graduated from Edgerton High School.

Dewey married Doris Sundem on Aug. 9, 1953, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills.

Following their marriage, they moved to Fort Lewis, Washington, while Dewey served in the United States Army. Following his service,

ern College for elementary education. After graduating they moved to Rock Rapids and taught school for two years in Hills and then two years in Little Rock, Iowa. They took night courses and summer school and earned their BA degrees.

Lambert and his wife operated several businesses over the years including the Golden Crust Bakery in Rock Rapids, Sibley Bakery and Luverne Bakery; Rapids Marine and Trailer Sales in Rock Rapids and finally LVO Manufacturing in Rock Rapids. Lambert retired in 2005.

Lambert's wife, Kathleen, died Nov. 30, 2008, at age 77. Lambert attended the First Reformed Church of Rock Rapids, was a member of the Jaycees, Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce, and was an EMT.

Lambert married Katherine (Hop) Appel on May 28, 2012, at Okoboji, Iowa. They enjoyed traveling and shared homes in Florida, California, and Iowa.

Lambert is survived by his wife, Katherine Van Olst of Artesia, California; two daughters, Marilyn (Bill)



they moved to the family farm near Leota where they lived their home for 60 years.

Dewey was actively involved with the Kenneth Lutheran Church in Kenneth until its closing. He served on the Edgerton Public High School Board, the Luverne/Kenneth Elevator Board, and the Production Credit Association Board. He also sold Dekalb seed corn in the area for years.

Dewey is survived by three children and their spouses, Diane (Dan) Staefler of Rapid City, South Dakota, Doug (Pam) Dooyema of Luverne and Denise (Ben) Padilla of Houston, Texas; 14 grandchildren, Dustin (Brooke) Staefler,

Mammenga and Laura (LeRoy) Stuerman, all of Rock Rapids; six grandchildren, Maranda Sprock of Rock Rapids, Nicholas (Tiffany) Van De Berg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Melissa (Gerod) Olivier of Brandon, South Dakota, Alexandra (Kris) Krull of Rock Rapids, Scott (Kayla) Stuerman of Rock Rapids, and Eric (Erica) Stuerman of Rock Rapids; 10 great-grandchildren; two stepchildren, Doug (Karyn) Appel and Patricia Keen, both of Artesia; three stepgrandchildren, Ryan and Melanie Appel, both of Artesia, and Scott (Krystal) Keen of Sioux Falls; two stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, John (Karmen) Van Olst of Lake Park, Iowa; four sisters, Eileen De Jong of St. Joseph, Missouri, Gertrude (Dennis) Overweg of Sioux Falls, and Gerri Reinke and Lucy Ymker, both of Rock Valley, Iowa; brother-in-law Fred (Sharon) Tilstra of Rock Rapids; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Lambert was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Kathleen Van Olst; infant sister Wypmje Gertrida; sister Marie Addink; and a great-granddaughter, Jessa Olivier.

Arrangements are provided by Jurens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, jurensfuneralhome.com. (0624 F)

Danielle (Zach) Gimpel, Andrew Dooyema, Katie (Jordan) Kopp, Amanda (Brad) Bullerman, Kelsey (Jake) Hendricks, Sam (Jackie) Dooyema, Elijah, Naomi, Jeremiah, and Jedidiah Dooyema, Shantel VanSanten, Jessye (Zac) Kellogg, and Benjamin J-H Padilla; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Angeline Ruitter of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Carol (Jim) Null of Farmington.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; his parents; a son, David Dooyema; his brother John Dooyema; and great-granddaughters Beatrice Padilla and Hannah Dooyema.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to Team Double D of the American Lung Association.

Arrangements are provided by the Edgerton Burial Association, edgertonburial-association.com. (0624 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Roger Russell

Roger C. Russell, 63, Hills, died Monday, June 21, 2021, at the Sanford Luverne Hospital in Luverne.

A celebration of Roger's life will be at a

later date.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, hartquistfuneral.com. (0624 DN)

James Sommers

James Milton "Jim" Sommers, 78, Pipestone, formerly of Trosky, died peacefully under hospice care on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, June 21, at

the First Lutheran Church in Pipestone. Interment was in the Trosky Cemetery in Trosky.

Arrangements were provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home - Pipestone Chapel, hartquistfuneral.com. (0624 DN)

John VandenHoek

John Albert VandenHoek, 69, Luverne, died Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at his residence in Luverne.

A private family service will take place at a later date.

(0624 DN)

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Rock County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. For additional questions, contact library personnel at 507-449-5040 or rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com.

Monthly trivia nights with locally written ques-

tions are the first Thursdays of the month at Take 16 on East Main Street in Luverne for teams of one or more individuals. No pre-registration is necessary. Library personnel conduct the event.

Story Time at the Park will feature songs and stories with children's library

Bronwyn Wenzel each Tuesday through June and July at a different park in Luverne. The events begin at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket. The schedule will be:

- June 29, Hawkinson Park, East Adams Avenue.
- July 6, Evergreen Park,



Submitted photo

Lions Club donates blankets

Lions Club members from District 5M3 recently donated 350 tie blankets to the Sanford Children's Hospital. Pictured are (from left) Shawni Jones of Sanford, Lions 5M3 Vice District Governor Gordon Mulder, Carrie Vindopp of Sanford, 5M3 District Governor Dave Janssen, Chantel Yearling of Sanford, 5M3 Past District Governor Don Kuehl of Sanford, 5M3 Childhood Cancer Project Chairwoman Dianna Kuehl, Sheri Fischer of Sanford and Pat Glaubitz of Sanford.

1877: St. Paul orders new text books

The following appeared in *The Rock County Herald* on Aug. 17, 1877.

At a meeting of the St. Paul board of education held recently, a contract was entered into with Wilson, Hinkle, & Co., of Cincinnati, by which text books are to be furnished the city schools at one-half the rates formerly paid for the same books. The Superintendent was duly authorized, and directed to furnish an estimate to parties handling them of the probable number of each kind that will be needed during the first term in the ensuing year.

The following is a schedule of the books, with the prices at which they will be furnished by agents appointed to handle them. It is proper to add that all but two of the series of books named in the contract are at present in use in the city schools, so that no extra expense will be incurred by pupils.

Schedule:
Harvey's first reader - 14c,
Harvey's second reader - 27c,
Harvey's third reader - 55c,
Harvey's fourth reader - 44c,
Harvey's fifth reader - 66c,



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

Harvey's primary speller - 14c, Harvey's language lessons - 20c, Harvey's elementary grammar - 30c, Harvey's English grammar - 57c, Eclectic geography, No. 1 - 48c, Eclectic geography, No. 2 - 95c, Eclectic primary copy book - 7c, Eclectic copy book - 10c, White's primary arithmetic - 20c, White's intermediate arithmetic - 31c, White's complete arithmetic - 57c, Brown's physiology - 85c, Norton's philosophy - 95c.
From the foregoing it will

be seen that prices have been reduced to something like reasonable figures, bringing necessary text books within the reach of many people in very moderate circumstances and breaking up, so far as the city schools are concerned, one of the worst monopolies with which the parents of this country have to contend. It is altogether probable that other publishing houses will have to reduce the former exorbitant prices, in which even our public school officials should take the necessary steps to secure the benefit of such reduction. In this way, whether the law enacted last winter is carried out or remains a dead letter, parents of school children will be relieved in a great measure of a most unconscionable tax, and one for which there can be offered no reasonable excuse.

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 manmade@iw.net.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and extremely effective: Addressing common myths

Half of all adults in the United States have received at least their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, paving the way towards regaining a new sense of "normal."

At Sanford Health, safety remains a top priority as the health care organization administers thousands of COVID-19 vaccines each day. While there is a great deal of misinformation circulating about COVID-19 vaccines, it's important to understand the facts.

Sanford has established a quick process to help patients get in and out of their vaccine appointments as quickly as possible.

"While the first dose of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine provide an initial immune response to COVID-19, it's extremely important that people follow-up a few weeks later to receive the second dose of vaccine," said Dr. Jennifer Thone, a family medicine provider at Sanford Health in Luverne. "For those receiving the Pfizer vaccine, a second dose is required 21 days after the initial dose. For those receiving the Moderna vaccine, a second dose is required 28 days after the initial dose."

Myth: Women shouldn't receive the vaccine if they're pregnant or breastfeeding

Sanford Health is aligned with many other health care organizations across the country and agree that pregnant and breastfeeding women should not be excluded from COVID-19 vaccination. However, for women who are either pregnant or breastfeeding, it's important for them to have a conversation with their doctor about the vaccine.

"We know that pregnant women face a higher risk of birth complications, hospitalization and death from a COVID-19 infection," said Thone. "We also know that the COVID-19 vaccine prevents 9.5 out of 10 COVID-19 infections. Pregnant women have not seen any additional concerning side effects."

Myth: This vaccine could make women infertile

For couples who are planning to start a family, Sanford wants to remind them that there is no indication that any of the available COVID-19 vaccines would affect female fertility, or that it would have any other long-term effects.

Myth: COVID-19 vaccines change a person's DNA

All current COVID-19 vaccines are extremely safe and effective at building immunity against COVID-19. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use messenger RNA to trigger an immune response. This does nothing to alter a person's DNA.

Sanford Health is currently vaccinating all residents age 12 and older. Walk-ins are welcome at Sanford Luverne Clinic during regular clinic hours, or you can schedule an appointment by calling (507) 283-4476.

Star Herald CHURCH

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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Monsignor Gerald Kosse, Pastor

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Mass. Public Mass will be celebrated at FULL capacity in the church. Masses: 9 a.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Friday at the nursing homes – check the bulletin. All Sunday masses will be live streamed on at on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/stcluverne/videos/>. Visit www.stscl.org for more information.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luverneccr.com – office@luverneccr.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sundays 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Evening worship service. 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

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne

Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net – www.fbcluverne.org

Walt Moser, Pastor

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

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500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.gracecluverne.org – gracecluverne@iw.net

Ann Zastrow, Pastor

Dave Christenson, Interim Pastor

Thursday, June 24: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Saturday, June 26: 5:30 p.m. Worship service. Sunday, June 27: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee and treats. Tuesday, June 29: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle. 8:30 a.m. Grace Notes assembly. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 5 p.m. Exec meeting. Wednesday, June 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. 7:30 a.m. Mom's Bible study at Wildflowers. Thursday, July 1: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Online, TV and Radio Worship options are still available. Online Sundays 9 a.m. on the church website www.gracecluverne.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.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4571 or 605-215-9834

pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

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

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org

Mike Altena, Pastor

Friday, June 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible study. Power Connection. Saturday, June 26: 9:30 a.m. Bridal shower for Emilee Johnson. Power Connection. Sunday, June 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Power Connection. Tuesday, June 29: Noon Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Services are also broadcast on Vast Channel 3 on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. DVD's available upon request. To stay up to date on announcements, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @arcluverne.

Rock River Community Church (formerly First Assembly of God)

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

Ph. 612-800-1255; email info@rockrivercommunity.church

Bob Junak, Pastor; Annette Junak, Assistant Pastor

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United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, June 24: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf curbside. New location 208 W. Maple Street. Saturday, June 26: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, June 27: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis to Revelation Bible study. Monday, June 28: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, June 29: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, June 30: 8 p.m. AA meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net – www.fpcluverne.com

Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, June 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 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.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net

www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Rev. Dr. Phil Booe, Pastor

Saturday, June 26: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, June 27: 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.

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500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

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101 W. Maple, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelabration@gmail.com

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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net

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Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, June 27: 10 a.m. Joint worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. 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 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 – firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Mark Eliason, Pastor

Sunday, June 27: 10 a.m. Joint worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Masks are no longer required if fully vaccinated. Worship will be streamed live on Facebook. Video worship via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHDQwVxFcU4>

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. 507-935-5025

email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor

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

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

Nita Parker, Pastor

Sunday, June 27: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 9:30 a.m. Youth time. 10 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem with Holy Communion. Worship will be streamed live to Facebook at Bethlehem of Hills. You can find more info on our website blchills.org. Tuesday, June 29: 2 p.m. Tuff Home Bible study. 3:15 p.m. Tuff Village Bible study. Wednesday, June 30: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsure@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Are you floating with the current?

As you read this, my wife, Beryl, and I will be in kayaks, floating down the White River in Arkansas. We will start at the tail waters of Beaver Dam and mosey downstream, enjoying the beauty along the way.

All the descriptions I have read say you can sit back and enjoy the beauty as the current pushes you downstream. The only paddling needed is for course corrections. I am looking forward to what I believe will be a very peaceful day.

I find that sometimes our spiritual life is much like floating down the river. We want to enjoy the goodness of God and the joy of God's hand of protection, but we expect it to just come to us without any work or effort on our part. Like floating on a "spiritual kayak."

The supreme object of the life of every man and woman should be to know Christ more and to make Him known. That doesn't happen by just floating though the Bible, only paying attention to the beautiful accounts and skipping the parts that are hard work or sound like hard work.

Christian life often feels like you are paddling upstream, fighting the current all the way. In a way, that is true because Christ-like living goes against the flow of culture. The current of today's culture will push you downstream into rapids of sin, knocking you against every rock, log and/or sand bar. The current is so strong you fail to see the beauty around you because you are just trying to survive.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser
First Baptist Church, Luverne

In paddling the "kayak of spiritual life," there are five things that will let you see the beauty of the Christ as you go against the flow of culture.

First, you must believe the Bible is true, without error. Jesus has the words of eternal life. (John 6:68.)

Second, study is required to know the complete truths of God and not just the parts that are exciting. Apollos, in Acts, said that we need to be "mighty in the Scriptures." Study is the only way to be mighty.

Third, honor what God says. Proverbs says true beauty has come down out of heaven from God – His precious Word, which is more valuable than gold or jewels.

Fourth, love it. "O how I love your law! It is my meditation all day," wrote the Psalmist. We spend time with what we love. We find time to cherish what we love. How much time are you spending in the Bible?

Fifth, obey what the Bible says. It is one thing to know what it says, but even greater to obey what it says.

Paddle your "spiritual kayak" upstream for the glory of God and you will be amazed at the beauty you see. Float in the culture current and the scenery will soon turn dingy and cold.

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H-BC School Board meets May 24

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
May 24, 2021

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the H-BC Secondary School Board room.

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

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve the agenda. Proposed Addition to the agenda: 6.8 and 6.9

Visitor to the meeting was Mavis Fodness of the Star Herald via phone. PATRIOT PRIDE:

- Successful Band and Choir Concerts 5/10 and 5/21
- Elementary Puppy Relays 5/21
- Elementary Entrepreneurship Fair 5/24
- Varsity Track Conference Meet 5/20--Boys Red Rock Conference Champions

BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS:

- Community Education 5/19; Personnel/Finance 5/19;
- Chair Gehrke assign Committee replacements
- Motion by Harnack, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Consent Agenda:
- Minutes—05/10/2021
- Bills and Imprest
- Cooperative Purchasing Connection Master Food Service Agreement for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024
- Prairie Farms (Land O Lakes Milk) Milk Contract for 2021-2022
- Steve Wiertzema's resignation as teacher/athletic director/coach effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year
- Nora Wysong's resignation as teacher effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year
- Drew Carver's resignation as paraprofessional effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year
- Ron Rauk's resignation as bus driver effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year
- Steve Olson's resignation as 5-12 band instructor effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Hiring Danielle Kneip as Elementary Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year

- Hiring Lydia Hildebrandt as Elementary Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year
- Assigning Samantha McGaffee as Summer 2021 Extended School Year Special Education Teacher
- Assigning Angie Hageman as Summer 2021 Extended School Year Speech/Language Teacher
- Setting miscellaneous kitchen equipment as excess district property and direct the business manager to sell or dispose
- Setting secondary advisory period coordinator position at \$1200 for the year
- Assigning Samantha McGaffee as office assistant for Summer of 2021

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Legislative Update

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Senior Commencement 7 p.m., Friday, May 28
- Regular Board Meeting, June 14
- Regular Board Meeting, June 28
- Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p. m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(06-24)

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We extend our deepest thanks to so many for all of the kindness offered during our greatest sadness. The loss of Bryanna was unexpected and has left us broken-hearted. After a long and difficult year for our family, we will forever remember the support of so many, and appreciate it more than words can express. To Jeff and George at Hartquist Funeral Home, your compassion during such a difficult time will never be forgotten. Again, thank you all for your support and prayers.
Daniel, Daemon and Chase Meinerts

The family of Gladys Siebenahler would like to thank everyone for their kind words, expressions of sympathy and food brought when our mom passed away.
Sue and Don Sandbulte
Kath Siebenahler and families
(6.19-6.24)

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Ellsworth Public School is accepting applications for a Preschool Teacher/Title I Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. To apply email letter of application, resume & credentials to: darcey.groen@ellsworth.mntm.org Or you can mail these documents to: Ellsworth Public School, P.O. Box 8, Ellsworth, MN 56129 (6.10-6.26)

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Help Wanted: The Rock County Fair is looking for janitorial help during the fair, July 28-31. Hours will be from 1-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you are interested, please contact Adam Kinsinger, 507-220-3278. (6.19-7.8)

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Early Deadlines **Rock County STAR HERALD**

Deadlines for legals, classifieds and display ads for the July 8th issue of the Star Herald will be **Thursday, July 1 at 10 am.**

The Star Herald offices will be closed Monday, July 5.

New Armory bid opening coming in July

By Mavis Fodness

A longer-than-anticipated design process has delayed construction of the Minnesota National Guard Luverne Readiness Center.

Under the original design schedule, project manager Paul Kempema with the Minnesota National Guard predicted construction on the local armory would be underway by now.

Instead, he is waiting for next month's bid opening, which was originally scheduled for April.

"It's been a long design process going through the MNG (Minnesota National Guard)," he said last week.

Groundbreaking was supposed to be in May, but Kempema is nervously waiting for the six-week bid process to finish.

His concern: The rising costs of construction materials will cause bids to be high for the \$16.5 million project. "I am always concerned," he said.

However, officials with the design and engineering firm TKDA in St. Paul are

cautiously optimistic.

"We will see what the bids come in at," Kempema said.

The armory will house Luverne and Pipestone guard units, and construction funding will be a unique blend of state, federal and private funding sources.

While the facility features recruiting offices, classrooms, and a hall for monthly guard assemblies, the public can use the two full-sized basketball courts when not in use by guard members.

The K.A.H.R. Foundation, a philanthropic organization of Jeannine Rivet and Warren Herreid II, is providing more than \$6 million toward the 49,902-square-foot building project.

After the July bid opening, a five-week negotiation and mobilization period takes place before the actual construction begins.

Construction is expected to take 18 months, putting the opening of the new armory into 2022.



Lori Sorenson photo/0624 rock the edge

Rock the Edge on the move for food shelf

Teen volunteers with Rock The Edge Youth use grocery carts to move items from the Rock County Food Shelf's previous location in the United Methodist Church to the new building on Maple Street. They are (standing from left) Abby Boltjes, Anja Jarchow, Kristin Rud, (seated) Cheyenne Schutz and Kayetlin Huiskes. The food shelf move was among dozens of local projects the teens volunteered with over the past week in Luverne and Rock County.

Pattons selected to serve as parade marshals for Hardwick Jubilee Days/continued from page 1A

top of the list.

"They are just good people — nice community-minded people," said Tammy Johnson.

While the Pattons' history in Hardwick begins when they married in 1985, each had connections in the community of 180 residents long before they met.

Nancy, a graduate of Luverne High School, began working for the U.S. Postal Service in 1964 and later served as the Hardwick postmaster for 33 years.

She retired in 2002, and the couple still lives in the apartment above the post office on Main Street.

"We've liked this town," she said. "It's always been a good town to live in."

As a youth Don frequently spent time in Hardwick visiting his grandparents from his hometown of Rock Rapids, Iowa. His grandpa, Ben Lewis, was also the city policeman and city maintenance worker.

Don served on the

Hardwick City Council for 10 years. During that time, he filled in for the maintenance worker for 18 months while the man recovered from an illness.

At times he is still asked questions about the town's infrastructure. Don, an Air Force veteran, was owner of "One Man Construction" when he met Nancy at the Rainbow Bar in Sioux Falls.

He estimated he retired about 2005 but still tinkers in his workshop — the former meat market across

the street from their home.

The couple is known as the cat rescuers of Hardwick.

"If they (cats) come here, they know they will be fed," Nancy said.

"And fixed," added Don. Whenever possible, the neutered cats (who are friendly) are placed with other families. Otherwise they have a home in Don's former workshop located in the back of the couple's home.

The Jubilee Days parade begins at 7 p.m. Saturday. No pre-registration is required.

Participants are asked to line up on the west end of Main Street. Events begin at 2 p.m. with the Cruise-In on Main Street along with the bean bag tournament and community barbecue meal. The cruise-in and tournament end at 4 p.m. but the community meal continues until 10 p.m.

At 5 p.m. the Music on Main event begins featuring Ron and Jane Cote of Luverne, and free inflatables are available for the kids. After the parade, the

pedal pull for children ages 4 to 11 begins along with the guys and gals bale toss.

Live music closes out the Saturday events with music provided by "Almost Iowa" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday's outdoor community worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church parking lot.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, the service will take place inside the church.

KQAD-K101 celebrate 50th anniversary of being on the air in Luverne/continued from page 1A

with Luverne businessmen D.M. Lippi, Alan C. McIntosh, R.H. Swanson, Mort B. Skewes and Warren E. Schoon, who were also stockholders.

Harold Norman was the first general manager of

the station. He was joined by six other employees at the start, including his son, Lee.

The studios and offices of the station on the hill one mile east of Luverne were built at that time to

also include living quarters for the station manager and his family.

Also built at the same time were the twin radio towers still there today.

One tower broadcasts KQAD's signal 150 miles in

all directions.

The other tower blocks the signal to the northeast in order to avoid interference with WCCO's powerful signal at 830, just 30 kilocycles above KQAD's 800 signal.

"KQAD's signal still points toward the south and west and doesn't go as far to the northeast," Vis said.

K101 FM's signal, on the other hand, is 100,000 watts and reaches into four states.

The four-state coverage area was the inspiration for KQAD's call letters.

The Feb. 11, 1971, issue of the Star Herald reported that "all the letter combinations which might allude to Luverne, like KLUV or KLVE, had been taken. The QAD was picked because the station will serve the quad-state areas of Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska."

In July 1971, the station hosted a grand opening with over 2,500 people in attendance.

In those early years, the radio station hosted major community events, such as a KQAD Winter Sports Show and a spring KQAD Farm Home and Sports Show, both at the armory

KQAD/K101 today

Today the stations employ nine people and continue to serve the tri-state area, with a special focus on Luverne and Rock County, along with Rock Rapids and Lyon County across the border in Iowa.

"Our signal points real nice in that direction so it's really a natural for us," Vis, who lives in Rock Rapids, said.

The stations are currently owned by Alpha Media, which is the fourth largest radio company in the country with 250 stations in 22 states.

"There are benefits to being part of such a large corporation," Vis said.

"The assets they can give us are fantastic, but they trust us to make the right decisions for what works in Luverne. They are locally driven, which is great."

Vis has worked at the stations since 2006, starting in sales and advancing to general manager when Steve Graphentien retired.

"Steve and I actually switched jobs the last year, which made the transition much easier," Vis said. "I learned a lot about how to manage a radio station from Steve."

There have also been a number of on-air talent changes in recent years.

When longtime morning broadcasters Bruce Thalhuber and Ron Cote retired at about the same time in 2019, it was both a challenge and an opportunity for KQAD and K101.

"We lost some great guys then, and you can't replace that kind of history and connections to the community easily," Vis said.

"But we've also been really lucky to have the right guys fall into place at the right time."

Those replacements include Rick Freitag and Jay Kelly, who are now hosting the K101 and KQAD morning shows respectively.

Freitag joined K101 in 2019 and has a passion for music and radio, according

to Vis.

"He started in radio, went to another career, and then chose to come back to radio because he just loves it, and listeners can tell that," Vis said.

Kelly has done radio work in Worthington and Luverne for years but just recently joined KQAD full time.

"Jay's got a great voice for radio and is just a natural," Vis said. "He also does a lot of play-by-play for us; we're lucky to have him."

Freitag is also known for hosting K101's popular "Country Wax Museum" show on Saturday mornings from 6 a.m. to noon.

"Rick creates that whole show and gets up to 40 listener request calls a week," Vis said.

"He's a record collector and just a music guy; it's the perfect show for him."

Sunday morning's country gospel program, hosted by Jim Ouverson, is another K101 mainstay.

"Jim knows so many gospel groups and plays some local music from his own collections on the gospel show," Vis said.

"Overall, these guys just have so much fun doing what they do, it's refreshing."

He points out that local radio is much more than playing music.

"We aren't just about entertainment like big city radio," he said. "We are an information resource."

"Even though they aren't our biggest revenue makers, our local news, sports, school calendars, and community calendars are some of the most important things we do," Vis said.

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Road to state, a recap of trek to success

Luverne girls' 4-by-800 claims state title, 2021 Rock County track season recap

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Cardinals had five relay teams and eight individuals compete in the Class A State Tournament on Friday, June 18, at St. Michael-Albertville High School.

The Hills-Beaver Creek track team had two relay teams and two individuals compete at the state meet.

For the girls, Luverne finished fifth overall with 34 points. Rockford placed first overall with 46 points.

The Luverne boys tied for 20th overall with Nova Classical Academy with 15 total points.

The H-BC boys tied for 58th overall with East Central, Sauk Centre, Pillager, Caledonia/Spring Grove and Proctor with four points apiece.

The team of Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta took home first place overall with 42 total points.

The highlight of the day was the Luverne girls' 4-by-800 relay team of Regan Feit, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates and Tenley Nelson taking home first place with a time of 9 minutes, 34 seconds and 65 milliseconds.

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The Luverne girls' 4-by-800 relay team took home first place at the Class A State Meet on Friday, June 18. The members of the relay team are (from left) Regan Feit, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates and Tenley Nelson. The relay team finished with a time of 9:34.65.

By **Brennen Rupp**

Rock County was well represented at the 2021 Class A State Track and Field Meet in Albertville on Friday, June 18.

A total of 10 individuals and seven relay teams from Rock County competed at the state meet that was held at the St. Michael-Albertville High School.

Luverne

Luverne's Ashton Sandbulte competed in the 100-meter dash and finished third overall in the event with a time of 11 seconds and 2 milliseconds.

Sandbulte's time set a new program record in the event, breaking the previous record of 11.09 set by Jon Ehde in 2013.

Sandbulte finished the season with 10 first-place finishes in the 100.

Luverne's Gracie Zewiske placed seventh at the state meet in the 400 with a time of 59.38. Zewiske finished the season with five first place finishes in the event.

At the section meet, Zewiske set the program record in the 400 with a time of 58.73.

Luverne's Tenley Nelson placed fifth in the 3,200 at

the state meet with a time of 11:08.71. Nelson ran the event four other times in the season and had two first place finishes.

Jenna DeBates finished sixth at the state meet in the 3,200 with a time of 11:11.78. DeBates finished the season with five first place finishes in the event.

Camden Janiszkeski set a personal best at the state meet in the 1,600 with a time of 4:31.47. Janiszkeski finished 10th overall in the event.

Janiszkeski finished the season with seven first place finishes in the event.

Luverne's Eli Radtke finished 12th in the pole vault at the state meet with a mark of 12-0. Radtke finished the season with 11 first place finishes in the event.

Regan Feit placed 10th in the 300-meter hurdles at the state meet with a time of 47.86. Feit finished the season with 10 first place finishes in the event.

Jocelyn Hart finished fifth in the shot put at the state meet with a throw of 38-06.75.

The 4-by-800 relay team of Feit, Lais, Nelson and De-

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Redbirds sweep Adrian A's

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne Redbirds improved to 11-3 on the season by going 3-0 this past week.

Luverne opened the week by defeating the Brandon Valley River Rats 6-5 on Wednesday, June 16.

The Redbirds then swept a doubleheader against Adrian on Sunday, June 20. Luverne won game one of the doubleheader 11-3 and then took game two 5-0.

Luverne 6, Brandon Valley 5

With the game tied at 5-5 in the bottom of the seventh, Skyler Wenninger hit an RBI single to walk it off for the Redbirds on Wednesday, June 16.

Ben Serie pitched all seven innings and picked up the win on the mound

for the Redbirds.

Luverne 11, Adrian 3

The Redbirds took game one of their doubleheader against Adrian on Sunday, June 20, 11-3.

The Redbirds scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning to jump on the A's early.

Adrian scored two runs in the top of the third to trim Luverne's lead to 4-2.

In the bottom of the fifth inning the Redbirds blew the game wide open by scoring seven runs to make the final it an 11-2 ballgame.

The A's scored one run in the top of the sixth inning to make the final score 11-3.

Derek Lundgren pitched all seven innings for the Redbirds and

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Luverne trap team competes at state qualifier



Submitted photo/0624 trap

The Luverne trap shooting team sent 10 individuals to the state qualifier meet in Alexandria on Friday, June 18. They are (front row from left) Grant Wieneke, Jacob Henning, Holden Overgaard, Hunter Ahrendt (back row) Scott Loosbrock, Austin Henning, Chase Overgaard, Morgan Ahrendt, Camron Kopp, Peter Baustian, Justin Dohlman and Joe Loosbrock.

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne trap shooting team sent 10 individuals to the state qualifying event in Alexandria on Friday, June 18.

The 10 individuals that represented Luverne at the event were Peter Baustian, Grant Wieneke, Holden Overgaard, Morgan Ahrendt, Jacob Henning, Hunter Ahrendt, Chase Overgaard, Justin Dohlman, Cameron Kopp and Austin Henning.

In his first round of shooting, Holden Overgaard shot a 23 and a 25. During his second round he shot a 22 and a 24.

Hunter Ahrendt shot a 23 and 25 during his first round. He finished the day by shooting a 21 and 24 in his second round.

Austin Henning shot a 21 and 25 during his first

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After 25 years Luverne's Mike Wenninger steps away from coaching baseball

By **John Rittenhouse**

A longtime Luverne High School teacher and coach is experiencing a major lifestyle change.

After 25-years, Mike Wenninger is stepping down as head coach of the LHS baseball program.

Wenninger came to Luverne as a wide-eyed 22-year-old prior to the 1996-97 school year, and his quarter century run as the face of LHS baseball came to an end with a June 8 loss to Paynesville that wrapped up a successful 20-5 season.

Now, for the first time in a long time, Wenninger, 48, finds himself not playing or coaching baseball during the summer months.

"I've been involved in baseball as a player or a coach my whole life," Wenninger stated.

"It all started with me playing catch with my grandfather and my uncles, and I remember watching one of my uncles with amateur teams in the New Ulm area when I was really young. My dad (Randy) was the coach of a couple of the youth teams I played with, which I think was a special time for both of us."

Mike Wenninger/page 2B



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Mike Wenninger poses for a photo at Redbird field in Luverne. The long-time Luverne high school baseball coach is stepping down after 25 years.

Big South announces all-conference teams

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Big South Conference announced its All-Conference teams for boys' tennis, boys' and girls' golf, softball and baseball.

Baseball

The Luverne Cardinals finished the 2021 season with a 20-5 overall record. They finished first overall in the Big South All-Conference small school standings.

The Cardinals' season came to an end in the section semifinals when they lost to Paynesville 14-5.

The Cardinals had five players earn first-team All-Conference honors and one named to All-Conference honorable mention.

Casey Sehr, Bailey Cowell, Cade Wenninger, Connor Connell and Ethan Beyer were all named All-Conference, while Braydon Ripka earned honorable mention.

"It's about the team," Luverne coach Mike Wenninger said.

"That team game gets you the accolades at the end of the season. We're not going to get all those all-conference honors if we're 500. Us putting it together as a group gave us the opportunity to have that many all-conference players. Deservedly so, you don't get 20 wins without having

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Based on the way things have worked out, Randy Wenninger (and his wife, Monica) played important roles in creating their son's love of the sport.

Randy was serving in the Air Force in Topeka, Kansas, when Monica gave birth to Mike, and they moved to Alexandria shortly after that before settling down in New Ulm, where Mike made his way through the town's school system.

He became a three-sport standout (baseball, basketball and football) during his high school days as an Eagle, but baseball became his calling card.

After receiving limited varsity playing time as a sophomore, Wenninger became a full-time starter as a junior, when he played multiple positions.

As a senior, he emerged as an outstanding pitcher for a program that recorded consecutive third-place finishes at the Minnesota State Class AA Baseball Tournament in 1990 and 1991.

"The guys I grew up with in New Ulm really liked baseball and we were pretty good at it," Wenninger recalled.

"We had some really good coaches, too. ... I learned a lot from them."

Between his junior and



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 Mike W

A candid shot of Mike Wenninger during Luverne's section tournament game in Marshall.

senior seasons, Wenninger gained seven to eight miles per hour on his fastball, which opened the door to a college career for the hard-throwing right-handed pitcher.

Wenninger spent one year at Dakota Wesleyan College (Mitchell, South Dakota) before transferring to South Dakota State University (Brookings) for the next three seasons.

He played college ball with LHS graduates Terry Van Engelenhoven, Mark Schoeneman and Micky Sehr at SDSU, and they helped influence Wenninger to take physical education position/head baseball coach positions that were available in Luverne in the summer of 1996.

Wenninger toured LHS with then Cardinal baseball coach Mark Lundgren and liked what he saw.

When then high school principal Gary Fisher offered Mike the positions, he accepted the jobs without hesitating.

There's little doubt that Wenninger was the perfect fit for both positions.

Being a physical education instructor kept him from being boxed into one classroom during the typical school day, which was something he fancied.

His track record as a baseball coach speaks for itself.

Wenninger's 25-year reign includes just one season with a Cardinal team having a below .500 record.

His 2001 team won the Section 3A title and went on to place second at the Class A State Tournament.

LHS won another Section 3A title in 2003, and the Cardinals captured Section 3AA titles in the 2009

and 2013 seasons.

The 2009 team finished as the consolation runner-up at the state tournament, while the 2013 team won the consolation title at state.

It was Wenninger's devotion to the development of players that made his tenure a successful one.

In some ways, his job was just beginning when the high school season was complete.

Wenninger coached Luverne's VFW and Junior Legion teams every summer since 1997, and he worked with the seventh- and eighth-graders playing summer ball for the past 20 years.

Those commitments did take up a lot of time, but he said it was time well spent.

"Having the opportunity to watch kids develop from the time when they were in seventh grade through their senior seasons was rewarding," he said.

"In some cases, watching the progress they made truly was amazing. If you don't invest a lot of time into coaching and developing players, you won't get much back in return"

Now that his coaching career is complete, Wenninger has more free time to spend with his children, Skyler, Mckenzi and Cade (who just graduated from

LHS).

Mike plans to travel to Cade's baseball games at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa, next spring instead of coaching LHS baseball.

"I'll miss competing, which goes along with being a coach," he said.

"I won't miss the long bus rides and the long hours it takes to be a coach."

He said he's grateful for the experiences and for the support of his family.

"It was a big part of my life and I made a lot of friends by playing and coaching baseball over the years. For that, I have to give thanks to my wife (Lauri Wenninger)," he said.

"She had to sacrifice a lot so I could coach and play a kids' game for a long time. Our athletic family was blessed to have her by our sides through all of it. I've always believed that behind every good coach is a better wife, and that's definitely true for me."

John Rittenhouse, Star Herald sports writer for more than 30 years, came out of retirement to write this feature on the coach he'd worked with for 25 years.

Luverne Legion goes 2-1

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Legion team went 2-1 this past week, including a 1-1 performance in a Marshall tournament.

Luverne started the week with a 7-5 loss against Marshall and then bounced back to defeat Albany 6-5.

Luverne wrapped up the week by defeating Russell-Tyler-Ruthon 3-2 on Monday, June 21.

Marshall 7, Luverne 5

Marshall jumped on Luverne early by scoring five runs in the first two innings to take a 5-0 lead.

Luverne got on the board by scoring three runs in the top of the fourth to trim Marshall's lead to 5-3.

Marshall got one run back in the bottom of the fourth to push their lead back to 6-3.

Luverne inched closer by scoring two runs in the top of the fifth to trim Marshall's lead to 6-5.

Marshall added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth to make it a 7-5 game. Unfortunately, Luverne

was unable to mount a seventh inning rally and fell to Marshall 7-5.

Luverne 0 0 0 3 2 0 0
Marshall 2 3 0 1 0 1 x

Hitting: Beyer 1-3; Wenninger 2-4; Crabtree 2-4; Overgaard 1-4; Ripka 2-4; Halverson 1-3;

Luverne 6, Albany 5

With the game deadlocked at 0-0, Luverne struck first by scoring one run in the bottom of the third to take a 1-0 lead.

Albany scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning to take a 3-1 lead.

Luverne tied the game by scoring two runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Albany broke the tie by scoring two runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Luverne tied the game back up at 5-5 when they scored a pair of runs in the bottom half of the inning.

After holding Albany off the board in the top of the seventh inning, Luverne walked it off by scoring a run in the final inning to win 6-5.

Albany 0 0 0 0 3 2 0

Luverne 0 0 1 0 2 3 1

Hitting: Beyer 2-4; Wenninger 2-4; Crabtree 1-3; Overgaard 2-4; Halverson 1-3

Luverne 3, RTR 2

Luverne scored one run in each of the first three innings to claim an early 3-0 lead after three innings.

RTR scored two runs in the top of the fourth inning to trim Luverne's lead to 3-2.

That would be the final movement on the scoreboard as the two teams failed to push across any runs in the final three innings.

With the win Luverne now owns a 2-2 record on the young season.

They'll be back in action on Thursday, June 24, when they hit the road to take on the Minnesota legion team.

RTR 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0

Luverne 1 1 1 0 0 0 x
Hitting: Cowell 2-3; Wenninger 2-3; Anderson 2-3

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struck out nine batters.

Adrian 0 0 2 0 0 1 0
Luverne 4 0 0 0 7 x

Batting: Nath 1-2; Johnson 2-3; Zeutenhorst 1-4; Haugen 2-4; Lundgren 1-2; Reisdorfer 1-4; Meyer 1-4
HR: Johnson, Zeutenhorst
RBI: Johnson 4; Zeutenhorst 3; Lundgren; Reisdorfer; Meyer

Luverne 5, Adrian 0

The Redbirds completed the two-game sweep of the A's by blanking them in game two 5-0.

The Redbirds pushed across two runs in the top of the first to take an early 2-0 lead.

In the top of the third Luverne scored one more run to push their lead to 3-0.

The Redbirds scored the final two runs of the game in the top of the fourth to make the final score 5-0.

Luverne 2 0 1 2 0 0 0
Adrian 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Batting: Nath 1-2; Paquette 1-4; Johnson 2-4; Zeutenhorst 3-4; Haugen 1-4; Lundgren 1-4; Reisdorfer 2-4; Crabtree 2-4; Meyer 1-3
RBI: Paquette 2; Johnson; Zeutenhorst; Haugen

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good baseball players. You can't just have one good kid to get you there, you have to have a good team."

Tennis

The Luverne tennis team reached the Class A State Tournament for an 11th straight season in 2021.

Cunningham, Blake Frahm, Ben Jarchow and Griffen Jarchow all received All-Conference honors for the Cardinals.

Softball

The Cardinals' softball team had four members of

the team receive all-conference recognition.

Roz Oye and Billie Connell earned all-conference honors, while Ainslie Robinson and Carly Olson both received honorable mention honors.

Golf

For the girls' team, Morgan Gonnerman and Lauren Hansen both received all-conference recognition.

On the boys' side of things, Henry Hartquist earned all-conference honors.

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round. He shot a 20 and 22 in his second round.

Baustian shot a 20 and 21 in his first round and 21 and a 22 in his second round.

In his first round, Wieneke shot a 22 and a 20. In his second time through he shot an 18 and 19.

Morgan Ahrendt shot an 18 and 20 during her first round. In her second round she finished with a

22 and 18.

Jacob Henning shot a 22 and 21 in his first round. He finished the day by shooting a 21 and 18 in his second round.

Dohlman shot a 22 and 22 in his first round. He finished with a 23 and 23.

Kopp shot a 15 and 24 during his first round and then finished by shooting a 17 and 18 in the second round.

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It marked the third straight season that the Cardinals took home first place in the event.

Nelson placed fifth in the 3,200 with a time of 11:08.71.

DeBates finished sixth at the state meet in the 3,200 with a time of 11:11.78.

Luverne's Ashton Sandbulte placed third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.02. Sandbulte's time set a program record in the event that was previously held by Jon Ehde, who had a time of 11.09 in 2013.

"It's a good day for him," Luverne track coach Pete Janiszkeski said. "That's something that he's been working toward all season. It's been one of his main goals to get the program record and to get to the state tournament. To set the program record at the state meet is prettyspecial for him."

Luverne's relay team of Feit, Lais, Nelson and Gracie Zewiske took home fifth place in the 4-by-400 event with a time of 4:07.26.

The Luverne boys' 4-by-200 relay team of Arekel McLaughlin, Eli Radtke, La-



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 Ashton

Luverne's Ashton Sandbulte finished third in the 100-meter dash at the state track meet on Friday, June 18. Sandbulte set a new school record with a time of 11.02.

Shad Smith and Sandbulte placed fifth overall with a time of 1:31.87.

Luverne's Jocelyn Hart placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 38-06-75.

H-BC's relay team of Dewell Rauk, Cole Baker, Gavin Wysong and Tyson Bork placed sixth overall with a time of 44.48.

Zewiske finished seventh in the 400-meter with a time of 58.73.

The Luverne 4-by-400

relay team of McLaughlin, Camden Janiszkeski, Smith and Sandbulte placed eighth overall with a time of 3:34.97.

Feit finished 10th overall in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.51.

Luverne's Camden Janiszkeski finished 10th in the 1,600 with a time of 4:33-33.

Luverne's relay team of Sarah Stegenga, Isabella Oye, Christina Wagner and Zewiske placed 10th overall with a time of 1:49.14.

Radtke placed 12th overall in the pole vault for the Cardinals with a mark of 12-00.00.

H-BC's Taryn Rauk placed 14th overall in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.25.

The H-BC 4-by-100 relay team of Abigail Harris, Ashlee Kelderman, Layla Deelstra and Rauk finished 12th overall with a time of 52.05.

Bork placed 14th overall in the 200 with a time of 23.36 for the Patriots.

See related coverage throughout this week's sports section.



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 Rauk

Hills-Beaver Creek's Taryn Rauk runs her leg of the 4-by-100 relay at the state track meet on Friday, June 18. The Patriots placed 12th overall with a time of 52.05.

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Bates placed first with a time of 9:34.65.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Sarah Stegenga, Isabella Oye, Christina Wagner and Zewiske placed 10th at the state meet with a time of 1:49.14.

The 4-by-400 relay team of Feit, Lais, Nelson and Zewiske placed fifth with a time of 4:07.26.

The 4-by-200 relay team of Arekel McLaughlin, Radtke, LaShad Smith and Sandbulte placed fifth at the state meet with a time of 1:31.87.

The 4-by-400 relay team of McLaughlin, Janiszkeski, Smith and Sandbulte placed eighth with a time of 3:34.97.

Hills-Beaver Creek

The Patriots' 4-by-100 relay team of Dewell Rauk, Cole Baker, Gavin Wysong and Tyson Bork placed sixth at the state meet with a time of 44.48.

The group of H-BC sprinters had sixth first place finishes in the relay event during the regular season and set the program record three times during the regular season.

The quartet first set the program record on April 29, in Luverne when they had a time of 44.66.

The team did it again at the Sub-Section meet on June 3, with a time of 44.59.



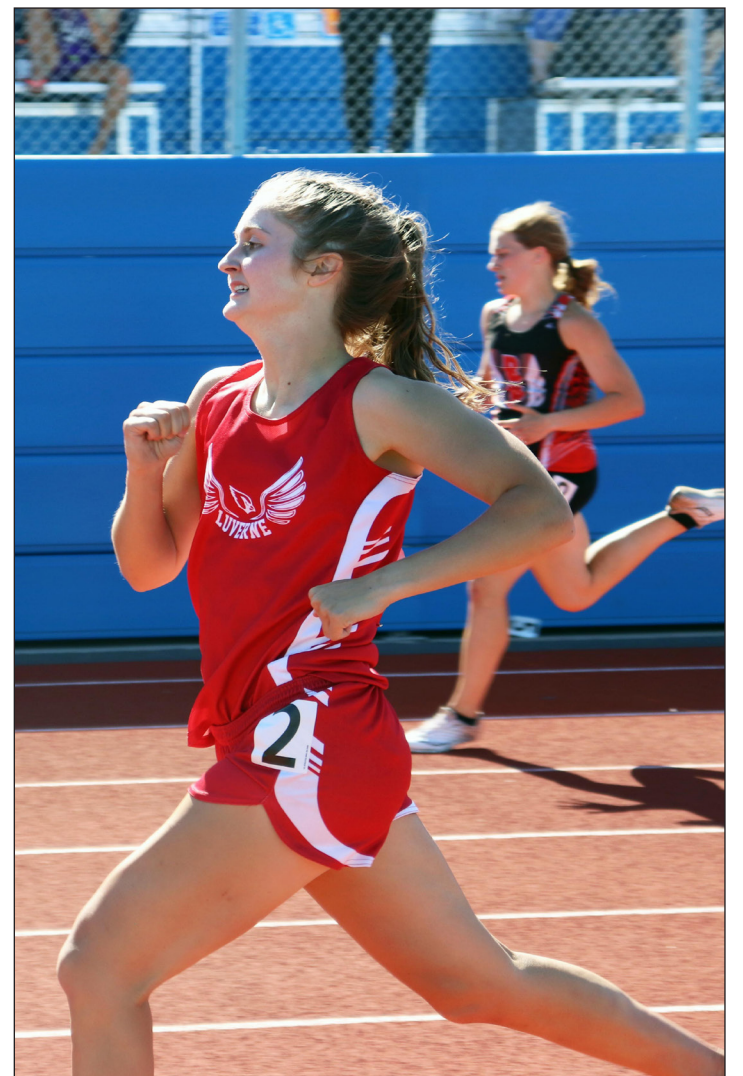
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The Hills-Beaver Creek 4-by-100 relay team of (from left) Tyson Bork, Gavin Wysong, Cole Baker and Dewell Rauk placed sixth at the state meet on Friday, June 18.

The group of sprinters set the program record again at the 3A Section Meet on June 10, when they finished with a time of 44.21.

Bork finished 14th at the state tournament in the 200 with a time of 23.36. Bork finished the season with four first place finishes in

the event. Taryn Rauk placed 14th in the 200 with a time of 27.67. Rauk ran the event three other times during the



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 400

Luverne's Gracie Zewiske runs in the 400-meter dash during the state meet on Friday, June 18. Zewiske placed seventh at the state meet with a time of 59.38.

season and had two first place finishes.

The 4-by-100 relay team of Abigail Harris, Ashlee Kelderman, Layla Deelstra and

Rauk placed 12th at the state meet with a time of 52.05.

That group finished the season with four first place finishes.

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Three-peat: Luverne girls' 4-by-800 relay team wins third straight state title

By Brennen Rupp

For a third straight season, the Luverne Cardinal girls' 4-by-800 relay team raced their way to a state championship in the event.

On Friday, June 18, at St. Michael-Albertville High School, the quartet of Regan Feit, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates and Tenley Nelson took home first place with a time of 9:34.65.

"It's special," Luverne track coach Pete Janiszkeski said. "Anytime you can win a state title, it's a special feeling. To do it three years in a row is something else."

Feit, Lais, DeBates and Nelson saved their best for last. The 9:34.65 time was the best mark that the team posted all season.

"We raced really well," Janiszkeski said.

"For us to get the best time of the year out there was important. There were other teams in the mix of things.

He said the runners stepped up and had great races.

"Tiana had a great race with her personal best (PR) split," the coach said. "Jenna had a great PR split. Tenley had a great time and Regan was close to a PR split."

The 2021 season marked the first year that Lais and DeBates were members of the state championship relay team. Nelson and Feit have been members of each relay



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 800

The Luverne girls' 4-by-800 relay team placed first at the state meet on Friday, June 18. They are (from left) Regan Feit, Tiana Lais, Jenna DeBates and Tenley Nelson. The quartet of runners finished the event with a time of 9:34.65. It marked the third straight season that the 4-by-800 relay team won the event at the state.

team that took home the state championship.

"Those two have been a part of each one of them," Janiszkeski said. "It's extra special for them. It's a testament to them. They take a lot of pride in it. We've established that tradition in that event."

The only thing that could slow down Luverne's 4-by-800 relay team was the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the outbreak last season, there was no spring sports season in the state of Minnesota in 2020.

That pause in action didn't allow the Cardinals to

go for the three-peat in the event. Janiszkeski believes that if there had been a season last year, that the Cardinals would be celebrating their fourth straight title.

"I think we could have done it four years in a row if we had a season," Janiszkeski said. "They take a lot of pride

in that event. They want to be a part of that tradition. I thought this was probably the most balance we've had in the event."

The 4-by-800 relay team will lose Feit to graduation, but will return Nelson, Lais and DeBates. Along with those three, the Cardinals

will get Brooklynn Ver Steeg back from a torn ACL injury that forced her to miss the 2021 track season.

With a strong group returning in 2022, the Cardinals will have a good chance of winning their fourth straight state championship in the 4-by-800 relay.

Luverne tennis reaches state tournament for 11th straight season

By Brennen Rupp

A dynasty is defined as a line of hereditary rulers of a country.

The Luverne boys' tennis team is not the Ming Dynasty, but the Cardinals have ruled over the Big South Conference and Section 3A for the past 11 years.

Under the guidance of first-year head coach Lucas Larson, the Cardinals made their 11th straight Class A State Tournament appearance in 2021.

The Cardinals were ousted in the opening round of the state tournament by Mounds Park Academy 5-2.

Pierce Cunningham qualified for the individual state tournament for the Cardinals after winning the individual Section 3A Tournament.

Cunningham lost in the opening round of the state tournament to Minnehaha Academy's Lincoln Reichenau 2-1.

Cunningham lost the opening set 7-5. The Luverne junior answered

back to win the second set 7-5. In the third set it was Reichenau defeating Cunningham 6-1.

The Luverne doubles team of Ben Jarchow and Blake Frahm qualified for the Doubles State Tournament after winning the Section 3A Doubles Tournament.

In the doubles state tournament, the Luverne duo of Jarchow and Frahm fell in the first round to Hermantown's team of Zam Plante and Aaron Evjen in straight sets.

The Hermantown duo won the first set 6-1 and then knocked the Luverne duo out of the tournament by defeating them in the second set 6-2.

Road to state tourney

The Luverne tennis team opened the season on Friday, April 9, in Luverne with a 6-1 win, setting the stage for a successful season that led to the state



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 Pierce

Luverne's Pierce Cunningham qualified for the individual state tournament after winning the 3A individual section tournament.

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The Luverne tennis team won the section championship on Tuesday, May 25, in Redwood Falls by defeating Yellow Medicine East 6-1. Pictured (from left) are Logan Ommen, Ethan Nath, Jayson Rops, Griffen Jarchow, Pierce Cunningham, head coach Lucas Larson, John Miller, Ben Jarchow, Blake Frahm, Kyle Ferguson, Chance Tunnissen, Spencer Kracht.

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tournament.

LHS 6, Fairmont 1

Luverne's No. 1 singles player Pierce Cunningham kicked off his season in impressive fashion on April 9. Cunningham defeated Ameya Komaragiri 6-0 in the first set and 6-0 in the second set.

Griffen Jarchow won his match in three sets. Jarchow won the first set 6-3, and then dropped the second set 6-3. Jarchow won the third set 10-3 to pick up the victory.

Chance Tunnissen won his match in two sets. Tunnissen won the first set 6-4, and then won the second set 6-1 to pick up the victory for the Cardinals.

Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow, Luverne's top doubles team, won their opening match of the season.

The duo won the first set 6-4 and then took the second set 6-2 to pick up the victory.

Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen won their match 2-0. They won the first set 6-0 and then took the second set 6-1.

Jayson Rops and Kyle Ferguson won their match in straight sets. The duo won the first set 6-1 and the second set 6-0.



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 Blake

Luverne's Blake Frahm serves the ball during a match in Luverne during the 2021 regular season.

LHS 3, St. James 2

Griffen Jarchow and Cunningham defeated their opponents in straight sets April 10. The duo won the first set 6-0 and the second set by the same score. Ben Jarchow and

Frahm won their match 2-0. They won the first set 7-5 and the second set 6-3.

Rops and Miller won a back-and-forth match 2-1. The Cardinals duo dropped the first set of the match

6-4. Rops and Miller bounced back to win the second set 6-2, and it was Rops and Miller coming out on top, winning the pivotal third set 10-7.

LHS 7, Blue Earth 2

Pierce Cunningham won the first set of his match 6-1. He then picked up the win with a 6-1 second set victory.

Griffen Jarchow won the first set of his match 6-2. He then won the second set 6-0.

Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow won the first set of their match 6-3. The duo then won the second set 6-4.

Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen won a back and forth first set 7-5. They then won the second set 6-2.

Jayson Rops and John Miller won their match in straight sets. The duo won the first set 6-0. They then took the second set 6-3 to pick up the 2-0 victory.

LHS 4, YME 3

The Cardinals edged the Sting tennis team 4-3. Griffen Jarchow won his match in straight sets. Jarchow won the first set 6-1 and the second set 6-0 to pick up the victory.

Miller won his match in straight sets. Miller won his first set 6-0 and the second set 6-2.

Frahm and Ben Jarchow won the first set of their match 6-4. The Luverne duo won the second set 6-0 to pick up the victory for the Cardinals.

Nath and Ommen won the first set of their match 6-0. The duo won the second set 6-2 to pick up the victory.

LHS 7, Montevideo 0

The Cardinals didn't lose a match against Montevideo on Saturday.

Cunningham won his match 2-0. Cunningham won the first set 6-1 and the second set 6-0.

Griffen Jarchow won his match in straight sets. Jarchow won the first set 6-0 and the second set 6-1.

Miller won the first set of his match 6-3 and the second set 6-4.

Ferguson won his match in straight sets. Ferguson won the first set 6-1 and the second set 6-0.

Frahm and Ben Jarchow won their doubles match in straight sets. They won the first set 6-2 and the second set 6-2.

Nath and Ommen won their match in straight sets. They won the first set 6-2 and the second set 6-2.

Spencer and Caleb Kracht won the first set of their match 6-4. They then took the second set 6-3.

LHS 5, Worthington 2

Cunningham, Luverne's No. 1 singles player didn't lose a set in his match. He defeated Alec Langerud 6-0, and 6-0.

Griffen Jarchow defeated Benjamin Schrieber 6-1 in the first set. Jarchow won the second set 6-0 to pick up the match victory.

In doubles action Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow defeated David Sternke and Devin Kaddee in straight sets.

The duo of Jayson Rops and John Miller defeated Tyson Henkels and Quinten Burns. Rops and Miller won the first set 7-5 and then won the second set 6-0 to pick up the match victory. Ethan Nath and Logan

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Regan Feit graduates as one of Luverne's most decorated athletes in school history

By Brennen Rupp

Regan Feit has been a mainstay on three Luverne Cardinals' varsity teams since she was a seventh-grader.

"I started running cross country and track when I was a seventh-grader and also started playing varsity hockey when I was in seventh grade," Feit said.

"I've been playing hockey since I was a third-grader though and have run in road races for as long as I can remember."

The Luverne senior has been a member of six cross country teams that made the state tournament.

"We went to state every year as a team since I've been in cross country," Feit said.

"We always came pretty close to being on the podium as a team, but just barely came short of placing third many times. When I was a junior, we placed second as a team at the state meet, which was very exciting."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota State High School League did not hold a Cross Country State Meet this fall. If there had been a state meet, the Cardinals would have been one of the favorites to win the whole thing.

"I think that we had a very good chance of winning the team title at state this year," Feit said.

"Unfortunately, we were unable to have a formal state meet through MSHSL. We did place first as a team at the 'state' meet we had which was put on through the coaches association this year."

On the ice, Feit has been a member of three teams that made the Class A State Hockey Tournament.

In the spring, Feit has qualified for the state tournament every season since she was a seventh-grader.

All those individual accolades and team success makes her one of the most decorated athletes in Luverne school history.

"Regan is just a pure athlete," said Luverne track and cross country coach Pete Janiszski. "She's very explosive and versatile."

At the Class A State Track Meet on Friday, June 18, Feit competed in her final events for the Luverne Cardinals.

Feit placed 10th in the 300-meter hurdles and was a member of the 4-by-800 relay team that won its third straight state championship.

She was a member of all three of those relay teams that won the event at the state



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 Feit

Regan Feit runs her leg of the 4-by-800 relay for the Luverne Cardinals at the state meet on Friday, June 18.

tournament.

"Not many can say that they are track state champions, but to be able to say that I am a three-time state champion in the 4-by-800 is something very special," Feit said.

"It's unfortunate that there was no state track last year due to COVID-19, but it gave us another year to improve ourselves and be as fast as we possibly can. I am so grateful for the girls that I got to run with in my senior year."

As a seventh-grader, Feit qualified for the state meet in the 1,600.

The following year, she was a member of the 4-by-800 relay team.

As a freshman, she reached the state meet in the 1,600 and in the 300-meter hurdles. The following year, she placed seventh overall at the state meet in the 300-me-

ter hurdles.

"She's versatile," Janiszski said. "She can pretty much do a lot of different distances and events. She's pole vaulted for us in the past. She works hard at it. She's very athletic. She's very good at a lot of things. She has great leadership qualities and is willing to sacrifice individual things for relays and team things. She's always been team-oriented."

On the ice, Feit was a member of three hockey teams that reached the state tournament in 2016, 2020 and 2021.

"She's just a very hard worker," Luverne hockey coach Tony Sandbulte said. "She's very strong and athletic."

One of Feit's favorite memories during her time on the Luverne hockey team was when the Cardinals defeated Mankato West in the 2019-

2020 section championship to punch their ticket to the state tournament.

"The game was really close and intense the entire time," Feit said. "We had to work hard to try and win, which made winning the game that much better. Being able to make it to state in hockey three times has really been a blessing and was so much fun every time."

Feit may be done competing for the Luverne Cardinals, but she'll get a chance to become a decorated collegiate athlete at Winona State University.

"At Winona State University I will be running mainly the 400 hurdles and the open 400 as well," Feit said.

"The hurdle race will be a little different at college than it is right now because at the high school level in Minnesota it is a 300-meter race with hurdles, but once you

go to college it changes to a 400-meter race with hurdles. The 400 is brutal without hurdles so adding hurdles is going to be a challenge, but it is a challenge that I am willing to take and put the work into being the best I can be at it."

There are people who are addicted to running, and it's safe to say that Feit may be one of those individuals.

It's something that she fell in love with from an early age, and she's thankful that she'll get the opportunity to continue to do something she's passionate about for the next four years.

"I have been running ever since I was little, and I knew that I didn't want to give up my love for running competitively after my high school career was done," Feit said.

"Running in college was a must for me. ... To be able to continue to run in college is so exciting for me and I am

"I have always watched my mom run as I was growing up... My mom has definitely influenced me in becoming a distance runner."

- Regan Feit

very anxious to get started and meet everyone on the track team."

One thing that she said she loves about running is the camaraderie built with teammates and competitors.

"Being able to create more bonds with new people is something I look forward to doing at Winona this fall," Feit said.

"I have found that you make some of the best and closest bonds with your teammates, and being able to continue to make those bonds with the track girls at Winona is something that I'm really looking forward to this fall."

Feit said that it was her mother, Amy Feit, who got her started on the path of long-distance running.

"I have always watched my mom run as I was growing up and would always want to run in the races with her," Feit said.

"My mom has definitely influenced me in becoming a distance runner. She runs a lot of marathons and she would always get up early to train and run before work. I grew up watching her put a lot of work into something she really loves. I think that is what influenced me to join cross country as a little seventh-grader."

Feit said she is looking forward to forging bonds at Winona State but noted that she will miss the relationships that she built during her time as a Cardinal.

"Luverne has so many good people and I've always had such great teammates in all of my sports. We always support each other and try to help each other in any way we can," she said.

"As a Cardinal you always know that someone is there to have your back for you when you need a little help. That is something that I will most definitely miss from the groups of people that I have had the opportunity to be with at Luverne."

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Ommen defeated Alex Mazariegos and Kevin Le in the first set 6-0. The duo then won the second set 7-6.

LHS 7, RV 0

In singles competition, Pierce Cunningham defeated Redwood Valley's Andrew Muetzel in straight sets. Cunningham won the first set of the match 6-1 and then took the second set 6-2.

Griffen Jarchow also won his match in straight sets for the Cardinals.

Jarchow won the first set in convincing fashion, 6-0.

He then won the second set 6-1.

Chance Tunnissen won a competitive match 2-0. Tunnissen defeated Laiten Goodthunder 6-2 in the first set and 7-5 in the second set.

Kyle Ferguson won the first set of his match over Cole Johnson, 6-4.

Ferguson then won the second set 6-2 to pick up the match victory for the Cardinals.

The only doubles match that wasn't a forfeit was between Luverne's Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow and Redwood Valley's Levi Stoneberg and Noah U'Ren. Luverne's duo defeated Redwood's 6-0 and 6-2.

LHS 6, DB 1

It was all Cunningham, all the time in his match against Dawson Boyd's Gavin Stulz on Saturday, May 1.

Luverne's No. 1 singles competitor defeated Stulz 6-0 and 6-0 to pick up the match victory for the Cardinals.

It was the same result in the No. 2 singles matchup. Griffen Jarchow defeated his counterpart, 6-0 and 6-0.

Ferguson also made quick work of Jordon Perkins in singles competition. Ferguson won the first set 6-0 and the second set 6-0.

No. 4 Kyle Ferguson, Ben Jarchow and Blake Frahm were pushed to the brink against Wylie Wiebe and Jackson Buer.

The Cardinals duo dropped the first set 6-4. They bounced back to win the second set 6-4 to force a third and final set.

In the final set it was Ben Jarchow and Frahm coming out on top with a 10-7 set victory.

Jayson Rops and John Miller defeated Dawson-Boyd's team of Matthew Martinson and Wyatt Wiebe 6-0 in the first set and 6-0 in the second set.

Luverne's Ethan Nath

and Logan Ommen defeated Dawson-Boyd's Justin Perkins and Nate Gruwell 6-0 and 6-0.

LHS 4, PAS 3

The Luverne Cardinals' tennis team improved to 9-0 with a 4-3 victory over Pipestone Area on Thursday, May 6, in Pipestone.

Luverne's top singles player, Pierce Cunningham, defeated Tony Wacker in straight sets.

Cunningham won the first set 6-0 and then picked up a 6-1 second-set victory to win the match.

Griffen Jarchow defeated Will Rops in a back and forth first set 6-4.

The second set was all Jarchow, who picked up a 6-0 victory to win the match for the Cardinals.

Luverne's Chance Tunnissen and Lucas Zupp played a competitive three-set match.

Tunnissen won the first set 7-6. Zupp answered back by winning the second set 6-2.

Zupp edged Tunnissen in the third set 11-9.

In doubles action, the duo of Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow defeated Pipestone's Cole Paulson and Issac Stilas 6-4 and 6-1.

Luverne's Jayson Rops and John Miller won their match in straight sets. The Cardinal duo defeated Pipestone's Cody Norberg and Chase Wilson 6-1 and 6-2 to help the Cardinals pick up the 4-3 victory.

LHS 4, St. James 3

The Luverne Cardinals' tennis team continued its dominance on Monday, May 10. The Cardinals defeated St. James 4-3 in Luverne to remain undefeated and improve to 10-0 overall.

Luverne's Pierce Cunningham defeated Marco Hernandez in straight sets. Cunningham won the first set 6-0 and took the second set 6-2 to pick up the match victory.

Griffen Jarchow won his match in straight sets for the Cardinals. Jarchow defeated Payton Brown in the first set 6-0.

Jarchow then took the second set 6-1 to pick up the victory.

Kyle Ferguson lost a hard-fought match to St. James' Preston Wegner.

Wegner won the first set 7-5 and then took the second set 6-0.

Brennan Kern defeated Luverne's Chance Tunnissen in straight sets. Kern won the first set 7-6 and took the second set 6-2.



Brennen Rupp photo/0624 Griffen

Luverne's Griffen Jarchow returns a serve at a home match during the 2021 regular season.

Luverne's Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow defeated the duo of Caleb Rivera and James Gutierrez in a thrilling three-set match.

The Cardinal duo won the first set 6-1. Rivera and Gutierrez bounced back to win the second set 6-3. The Cardinal duo won the third set 6-4 to pick up the 2-1 victory.

Luverne's Jayson Rops and John Miller won a back and forth match over Rudolfo Arreola and Andre Rivera. Rops and Miller won the first set 7-5 and then took the second set 7-6.

New Ulm 4, LHS 3

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 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 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.

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 by the score of 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 set by the score of 6-0.

Section Championship

For the 11th straight season the Cardinals won the right to participate at the state tournament after winning the Class 3A Section Championship on Tuesday, May 25, in Redwood Falls.

LHS 4, Pipestone 3

Luverne's Pierce Cunningham defeated Pipestone's Tony Wacker in straight sets. Cunningham won the first set of the match 6-0. Cunningham then won the second set 6-2 to pick up the match point for the Cardinals.

Griffen Jarchow won his individual match against Pipestone's Will Rops. Jarchow won the first set 6-0 and the second set 6-1.

Chance Tunnissen won a three-set match over Pipestone's Lucas Zupp.

Tunnissen lost the first set of the match 6-2. He then bounced back to win the second set 6-4 and the third set 6-2 to pick up the victory for the Cardinals.

The Luverne duo of Jayson Rops and John Miller defeated Pipestone's team of Cody Norberg and Chase Wilson in straight

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sets. Rops and Miller won both sets of the match by the score of 6-0.

LHS 6, YME 1

The duo of Rops and Miller kept chugging along against Granite Falls Yellow Medicine East (YME). The Luverne tandem defeated YME's Mason Rhode and Gage Corner by the score of 6-0 in both sets.

The team of Logan Ommen and Ethan Nath won a three-set match over YME's Austin Canatsey and Ryan Syring.

Canatsey and Syring won the first set of the match 6-3. Nath and Ommen bounced back to win the second set 6-1.

The Luverne duo won the third set 6-2 to pick up the match point victory for the Cardinals.

Luverne's Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow defeated

YME's Derrick Lien and Isaac Olveson in straight sets.

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

Tunnissen defeated YME's Brandon Beyer in a thrilling three-set match.

Beyer won the first set 6-4. Tunnissen answered back by winning the second set 7-5.

In the third set it was Tunnissen coming out on top with a 10-1 victory.

YME's Jackson Torgerson defeated Kyle Ferguson in a back and forth three-set match.

Torgerson defeated Ferguson in the first set 6-3. Ferguson forced a third set by winning the second set 7-5.

In the third set Torgerson came out on top with a 11-9 victory.

Griffen Jarchow de-

feated YME's Tyler Syring in straight sets. Jarchow won the first set 6-3 and the second set 6-1.

Cunningham won his match against YME's Ean Clark in straight sets.

Cunningham won the first set 6-3 and the second set 6-1.

The Cardinals will lose Rops, Ben Jarchow and John Miller to graduation.

They'll return a strong core of players that will give them a strong chance to qualify for the state tournament for the 12th straight season in Larson's second season as the head coach.

Cunningham will be back for his senior season after qualifying for the individual state tournament.

Griffen Jarchow, the team's No. 2 singles player will also return.



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Luverne's Ben Jarchow hits the ball at home match during the 2021 regular season.

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