

Highlighting The Rothsay Senior Class Of 2023...



JUSTIN KUGLER
Nicknames – Daddy Gus
Birth Date – 12/17/2004
Favorites:
Food – Venison
Drink – Mountain Dew
Movie – John Wick
TV Shows – Ozarks
Band/Artist – Johnny Cash
Sport – Racing
Athlete – Jason Berg
Class – Welding
Quote – “You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain’t about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward.” Rocky Balboa
Teacher – Mrs. Olson
Book – Hatchet
Color – Army Green
Season – Winter
Hobbies – Fishing, hunting, gaming, TV and going to the races
Most Embarrassing Moment – I came to class one day and my jeans ripped open and I didn’t know till the end of the day..
Advice to the underclassmen – Treat every year like your last.
Future – Pipeline welding.



PEYTON CHRISTENSEN
Nicknames – Big P
Birth Date – 11/04/2004
Favorites:
Food – Toaster Scramble
Drink – Mountain Dew: Frostbite
Movie – Semi-Pro
TV Shows – Family guy
Band/Artist – Post Malone
Sport – Baseball
Athlete – Vladimir Guerrero Jr.
Class – Fitness/Team sports
Quote – “I want to meet someone who makes me feel the way music does.” Post Malone
Teacher – Mr. Nordick and Mrs. Sletten
Book – Unstopping: by Tim Green
Color – Pink/Purple
Season – Fall
Hobbies – Golfing, hot tubbing, basketball, baseball and eating
Most Embarrassing Moment – Ice bucket challenge with a twist.
Advice to the underclassmen – Have as much fun as possible. Be a menace.
Future – Plumber



KARTER JENSEN
Nicknames – Kart, Larry
Birth Date – 3/16/2005
Favorites:
Food – Tater Tot Hotdish
Drink – Mountain Dew
Movie – Airplane!
TV Shows – 911
Band/Artist – George Strait
Sport – Football
Athlete – Adam Thielen
Class – Welding
Quote – “Great men are always dying and I’m not feeling too good myself.” - Anonymous
Teacher – Mrs. Olson
Book – Hatchet
Color – Green
Season – Winter
Hobbies – Hunting, fishing, and working
Most Embarrassing Moment – When Chris crushed me in the beatbox battle.
Advice to the underclassmen – Enjoy school while you’re in it.
Future – Go to NDSCS for electrical.

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LRH Recognized As A Top 100 Rural Hospital

Lake Region Healthcare (LRH) announced it has been recognized as a 2023 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation’s rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™. This marks the sixth time since 2016 LRH has earned a Top 100 spot.

“This recognition again in 2023 reflects the excellence of our team and their commitment to our mission of partnering to enrich life through health,” said Kent Mattson, CEO. “People who choose to fulfill their calling to work in healthcare here at LRH truly care about keeping high-quality care close to home for their friends and neighbors and that kind of personal care is what earns designations like this.”

“Across the nation, top 100 rural providers continue to serve as a source of inspiration for hospital leadership teams and staff working diligently every day to improve



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the delivery of care within their local communities,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “The list of award winners in each category is as geographically diverse as we’ve seen in some time, which is wonderful to see. We’re thrilled to be able to honor the outstanding efforts of these top performing rural hospitals.”

Now in its 13th year, the INDEX has established itself as the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly available data, the INDEX is trusted by rural hospitals, health systems with rural affiliates, hospital associations and state offices of rural health across the country to measure and monitor performance across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

Submitted by The Chartis Center for Rural Health

NDSCS To Offer Two New Agriculture Degrees



North Dakota State College of Science will offer Associate in Applied Science degrees in Precision Agronomy and Precision Agriculture Technician starting in the fall of 2023. Approved by the State Board of Higher Education, the new degree programs are aimed at meeting industry needs and the growing demand among students looking to pursue emerging career opportunities in agriculture.

The Precision Agronomy degree is a two-year, 69-credit program that will prepare students to use precision technology to guide agriculture production decisions. “Graduates will have the ability to use technology like mapping to make the best agronomic choices on their farms or when working with a producer through an agronomy center,” said Craig Zimprich, chair of the Agriculture Department. NDSCS developed the program in response to industry demand for employees with expertise in agronomy and precision agriculture.

Currently, the NDSCS Agriculture Department offers emphasis options in agronomy and precision agriculture. This new program will merge the options and expand into a standalone associate degree. The curriculum will include courses in plant and soil sciences, agriculture sales, field crop scouting, software, data management and business management. Zimprich believes the expanded curriculum and standalone degree will attract and graduate more students needed to meet the high workforce demand.

The Precision Agriculture Technician degree is a two-year, 69-credit program focused on agriculture equipment. Students will be trained in selling, installing,

degree program. “I’ve always wanted to be on the technology side of farming, working on equipment,” Albert said. “It’s where the future is in farming.” Sponsored by Titan Machinery, Albert plans to complete the degree requirements next spring.

To prepare for successful careers in the rapidly evolving agriculture industry, students in both new programs will receive hands-on training at the NDSCS Kosel Family Agriculture Land Lab, a 90-acre demonstration farm operated by the Agriculture Department, students, and industry partners. Students will also gain professional experience during a 400-hour paid internship between their first and second years of instruction.

In addition to the two new degrees, NDSCS will continue to offer an A.A.S. degree in Agriculture with emphasis options in farm management, ranch management, animal science, and ag business, along with a certificate in meat processing. More information about the degrees can be found online at NDSCS.edu/Ag.

Otter Tail Cty. Shares New Child Care Locator App

Families with young children seeking child care in Otter Tail County can use the new Child Care Locator web app. The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Human Services departments of Otter Tail County released the web app to help families find information about child care providers in their area.

Families can use the interactive Child Care Locator web app to view a map of family child care providers and search for providers within a distance from home or work. The list of results includes contact and licensing information for the providers. Families can use this contact information to do their own outreach when looking for a child care spot. The web app does not include licensed child care centers, school-based preschools, or community-based preschools in Otter Tail County.

Lisa Spangler, Otter Tail County Family Child Care Licensor, explained why the app was created. “As the licensor for Otter Tail County, I know and work closely with all the family child care providers in the County. With the new web app, I’ll be able to share that tool with families and hopefully make it easier to find child care for their children.”

Otter Tail County understands that access to quality and affordable

child care is needed for people to live and work in our region. The Child Care Locator web app is one project that is part of the County’s broader child care strategy. The strategy identifies three action areas for the County to play a key role:

- Promote the availability of licensing and financial resources for new and existing child care providers in the county
- Help recruit, retain, and develop child care providers and workers to support the growth of child care capacity
- Create partnerships between providers, employers, agency partners, and communities to improve access and availability to quality child care

Additional efforts that are part of the County’s child care strategy include the Child Care Capacity Grant for new and existing providers and upcoming mentorship and technical assistance support for providers.

The Child Care Locator web app can be found at www.ottertailcountymn.us/childcare. The web app is not currently available in a downloadable form, so users will need to visit the webpage to access the application. More information about the support available to Otter Tail County families and child care providers can also be found at ottertailcountymn.us/childcare.

Well Sampling In OTC For Groundwater Atlas

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will collect water samples from about 180 wells in Otter Tail County for use in developing the county’s Groundwater Atlas.

Selected well owners will be contacted by mail or phone to request permission to sample their wells. The process involves collecting a water sample from an outside spigot or hydrant for laboratory analysis. Dozens of different water components are analyzed to determine the natural chemistry of aquifers. Participation is voluntary and owners will receive a report of the laboratory results.

Wells are selected based on geology, location, well depth and well construction. Well owners’ participation will help hydrologists create county maps and descriptions of groundwater distribution, movement, and conditions, and the pollution sensitivity of aquifers. The final atlas products will be available as printed maps, reports, and geographic information system files available online. Sample well locations are shown on the maps, but no contact or ownership information is included in the data.

The groundwater atlases are



used to identify viable sources of drinking water, manage aquifers sustainably, guide decisions for well and septic system construction, inform well-head protection efforts for public water supply, understand regional recharge and groundwater movement, and assess pollution sensitivity and possible contaminant migration.

The Groundwater Atlas of Otter Tail County will include two parts. Part A, the geology of Otter Tail County, will be completed by the Minnesota Geological Survey later in 2023. Part B, which the DNR expects to complete in 2025, will cover groundwater in the county, including the results of this well sampling effort.

The County Atlas Program is funded in part by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

A full description of this DNR program and completed atlas products are available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/groundwatermapping).

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2023 FINAL BUDGET SUMMARY FOR THE CITY OF ROTHSAY

DISBURSEMENTS:

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
Mayor & City Council	\$ 11,045
General Administration	\$ 286,981
Municipal Building	\$ 28,000
Police	\$ 10,500
Streets	\$ 97,148
Fire	\$ 157,206
Water-Wastewater	\$ 135,550
Parks and Recreation	\$ 12,126
Animal Control	\$ 200
Rothsay CC/REC	\$ 27,632
Garbage	\$ 57,500
Insurance	\$ 40,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 864,388

REVENUES:

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
General Taxes (Levy)	\$ 171,283
Bonded Levy	\$ 189,122
IGR	\$ 142,000
Licenses & Permits	\$ 8,100
Fire Protection/Donations	\$ 104,200
Highways & Streets	\$ 500
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 500
Parks and Rec Donations	\$ 1,000
Water Collections	\$ 90,500
Sewer Collections	\$ 128,750
Garbage Collections	\$ 45,500
Garbage & Water Tax	\$ 4,000
Rothsay Event Center	\$ 10,000
City Services	\$ 4,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 19,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 918,955

THE 2023 BUDGET MAY BE REVIEWED IN ITS ENTIRETY UPON REQUEST AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.