

## Team SRCTC HOSA/Future Health Professionals are State Champions!



Bethany Harris, Paige Bakke, Oakes



Greg Fuher, Ellendale



Brianna Schmitz, Lexi Harris, Oakes



Gabriel Stelton-Keenan, Fairmount



Lily Thorpe, Ellecia Cline, Oakes



Hope Vanhorn, Oakes



Breann Young, Hope Vanhorn, Oakes



Olivia Frolek, Lidgerwood



Kenedi Finley, Oakes

On March 24-26, 14 of the SRCTC HOSA Future Health Professional Team members were all set to compete at the 12th Annual ND HOSA State Leadership Conference, which was to be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Bismarck. However due to inclement weather forecasted, sadly the conference was canceled and held virtually. Over 400 members competed in more than 60 different competitive event categories. SRCTC HOSA team members competing included: Elizabeth Peters, Bethany Harris, Paige Bakke, Ellecia Cline, Lily Thorpe, Rachael Scheffert, Brianna Schmitz, Olivia Frolek, Gabriel Stelton-Keenan, Greg Fuher, Breann Young, Hope Vanhorn, Leah Nelson, and Kenedi Finley.

Even though the cancellation was disappointing to all, the students did not disappoint in all their amazing awards that they achieved.

Congratulations to these outstanding students and their accomplishments.

The following students have qualified to attend the International HOSA Leadership Conference.

Brianna Schmitz and Lexi

Harris: Community Awareness: won Gold Medal, First Place State Champion.

Hope Vanhorn winning Gold Medal, First Place State Champion Physical Therapy.

Bethany Harris and Paige Bakke winning Gold First Place State Champions: EMT.

Greg Fuher and Gabriel Stelton-Keenan, Silver Medal, Second Place in EMT.

Lily Thorpe and Ellecia Cline achieving Bronze Medal, Third place, in EMT.

Olivia Frolek: Gold medalist: First Place State Champion in Respiratory Therapy.

Breann Young and Hope Vanhorn: First Place Gold Medal State Champions: Forensic Science.

Elizabeth Peters, Hope Vanhorn, Breann Young, Rachael Scheffert: Gold medal: First Place State Champions: HOSA Bowl Team.

Kenedi Finley: Second Place Silver Medal: Medical Law and Ethics.

It was such an exciting virtual awards ceremony for all. All 14 competitors qualified for ILC, which is a record, first time ever for SRCTC HOSA Team. Brianna and Lexi shared their efforts of increasing scoliosis awareness and screenings for middle school aged students within the community, county and the entire state.

Elizabeth Peters also competed in Prepared Speaking, preparing a five minute speech regarding the topic phrase "Dare to Create".

Ellecia Cline and Lexi Harris also competed in the Sports medicine event.

Brianna Schmitz, Lexi Harris and Olivia Frolek will be advanc-

ing to compete at the International HOSA Leadership Conference, which will be held this year, at the George Brown Conference Center, Houston, Texas, June 26-29. This outstanding group of SRCTC HOSA students are excited and looking forward to this awesome opportunity.

SRCTC Team HOSA will be organizing a fundraising campaign to help with some of their expenses. HOSA members thank you in advance for your support and look forward to the honor of representing SRCTC HOSA and our great state of North Dakota as they compete at International Leadership Conference. These wonderful students deserve a huge round of applause for their tremendous achievements. It is truly a blessing to see their hard work and dedication recognized.

HOSA is a global student-led organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services and several federal and state agencies. HOSA's mission is to empower HOSA-Future Health Professionals to become leaders in the global health community, through education, collaboration, and experience. HOSA actively promotes career opportunities in the health industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health science instructors and students to affiliate and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, post-secondary, middle school, adult, and collegiate students enrolled

in health science education and biomedical science programs or have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. HOSA is 100% health care! Since its inception in 1976, HOSA has grown steadily reaching over 260,000 members through 54 chartered HOSA Associations, American Samoa, Canada, China, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. HOSA is not a club to which a few students in school join. Rather, HOSA is a powerful instructional tool that works best when it is integrated into the HSE and health science related curriculum and classroom. HSE instructors are committed to the development of the total person. Those who join the HSE-HOSA Partnership recognize the importance of providing students with training far beyond the basic technical skills needed for entry into the health care field. The rapidly changing health care system needs dedicated workers who, in addition to their technical skills, are people-oriented and capable of playing a leadership role as a member of a health care team. HOSA's mission is especially critical when considering the acute shortage of qualified workers for the health care industry. HOSA is a viable solution to health industry shortages. HOSA Advisors globally are promoting the health professions and ensuring that future health professionals are prepared for college and their health profession of choice! For more information: Contact Cary Wertz, HOSA STATE Advisor/Health Science/EMT Instructor at South East Region Career & Tech Center.

## Obituaries

### James Allen Mattson

October 13, 1948 ~ January 2, 2024

James Allen Mattson, 75 of Corsicana, TX died unexpectedly on January 2, 2024 at his residence.

James was born October 13, 1948 to Harley and Gerry Mattson in Bemidji, MN. He was the eldest of seven children. As the oldest, Jim enjoyed organizing neighborhood softball games and teaching his sisters to swim and ride bikes. As an adult, Jim had a passion for motorcycle trips, fishing and hunting. Jim served in the army during the Vietnam War as a medical orderly. Jim was honorably discharged from the US Army. He returned home and attended school to become an electrician.

Jim had one son Jamie, born on March 1, 1978, from his marriage to Kathy Ernst. Jim's second wife, Sheila (Duke), died from cancer on August 19, 2002.

Survivors include: Jamie Mattson and his wife Jessica, as well as their children Gavin, Grayson, Liam, and Aliyah; his sisters Joyce Ulrich, Jennifer (Dan) Streifel, and Jean Mattson; his brother Joel (Lisa) Mattson.

Preceding Jim in death were his father Harley Mattson; brother John Mattson; sister Jacqui Miller, great-nephew Kross Mattson; and great-niece Regina Fiferlick. Jim's mother Geraldine Mattson died three months after him.

Sympathy cards may be sent to Jamie Mattson, 407 2nd Avenue Northeast, LaMoure, ND 58458.

A memorial service for James and his mother Gerry will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Ellendale, with Pastor Erik Weber officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to services at the church. The service for James will be live streamed at [hovenfuneralchapel.com](http://hovenfuneralchapel.com) on Gerry Mattson's obituary page. A reception will follow at the church. Burial is at Fargo National Cemetery, Fargo, ND. Arrangements by Hoven Funeral Chapel, Ellendale.



### Gerry A. Mattson

August 21, 1930 ~ April 8, 2024

Gerry A. Mattson, 93 of Ellendale, ND died April 8, 2024 at Evergreen Place, Ellendale, ND.

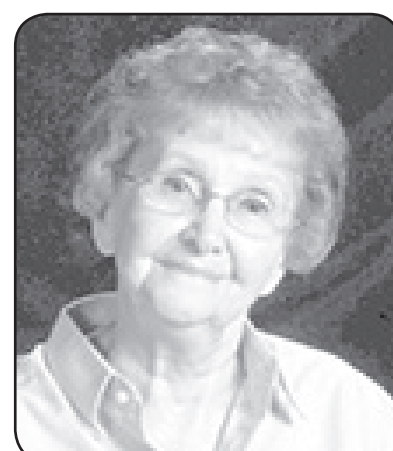
She was born August 21, 1930 to Robert and Ada (Lipe) Marquardt of Bemidji, MN where she spent her childhood. She was the second of five children. Gerry married Harley Mattson on December 13, 1947. They moved from Bemidji to Shelby, MT in 1950 along with their son James. Her husband worked in Shelby as a car dealer, then as a bookkeeper for the Tiber Dam construction. During their years in Shelby, Gerry had three more children, all girls. Gerry and her family moved to Ellendale, ND on January 1, 1957. As Harley worked for Dickey Rural Network, then for the Ellendale Memorial Hospital, Gerry had three more children, making a total of seven. When she wasn't busy raising a family of seven, Gerry taught Sunday school and led a Stonecraft Bible Study Class. Once all of her children were in school, Gerry worked at the Ellendale dry-cleaners until it closed. After that, from 1987 until 1993, Gerry worked at the Ellendale Public Library.

Gerry loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with all her heart and would do anything for them. She enjoyed bowling, drawing, painting, and attending events and the Senior Center. She liked doing crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, and word finds. Gerry was a member of the Christ the King Lutheran Church from 1957 until her death.

Blessed to have shared in Gerry's life are her son: Joel (Lisa) Mattson of Fargo, ND; three daughters: Joyce Ulrich of Watertown SD, Jennifer (Dan) Streifel of Aberdeen, SD, and Jean Mattson of Ellendale, ND, 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and sister: Gloria Milks of Branson, MO.

Gerry was preceded in death by her parents Ada and Robert Marquardt; husband Harley Mattson; sons James Allen Mattson and John Robert Mattson; daughter Jacqueline Ray Mattson; brothers Robert, Jr. and William Marquardt; sister Delores Lemire and great-grandchildren: Kross Mattson and Regina Fiferlick.

A memorial service for Gerry and her son James will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Ellendale with Pastor Erik Weber officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to services at the church. Gerry's service will be live streamed at [hovenfuneralchapel.com](http://hovenfuneralchapel.com) on her obituary page. A reception will follow at the church. Arrangements by Hoven Funeral Chapel, Ellendale.



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