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"I hope you are blessed with a heart like a wildflower ..."

Coffee shop opens in historic bank building

Business partners open WildFlowers Coffee Boutique on Main and Cedar streets in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

WildFlowers Coffee Boutique enjoyed an enthusiastic crowd of customers Tuesday morning for its official opening day.

Business partners Manda Steensma and Vicki Altena answered a few questions while filling orders behind the counter.

For example, why would these already professionally engaged women tackle such an ambitious endeavor at this point in their careers?

"This fills my creative side," said Steensma, who left her job in the Rock County Court Administrator's Office.

Altena, who left her post at the helm of Atlas for Life and Redeemed Remnants, said it's similar to her previous work.

"I call this community ministry," she said, referring to friendly smiles or even hugs, if needed.

Both women look forward to filling a need among their customers.

"We wanted to be a blessing to the community," Altena said. "We wanted a place for people to sit and relax and just take a deep breath."

When customers started lining up at the counter, they stopped answering questions and went to work.

But they pointed to their business motto printed in oversized letters on the wall behind them.

"I hope you are blessed with a heart like a wildflower," it says, quoting poet Nikita Gill.

"Strong enough to rise again after being trampled upon, tough enough to weather the worst of the summer storms and be able to grow and flourish in the most broken places."

The boutique's interior design lends itself to comfort and solace with its high ceilings, abundant natural light, muted colors and natural materials.

Altena and Steensma had some

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— Vicki Altena, co-owner, WildFlowers Coffee Boutique



Lori Sorenson photos/0111 wildflowers coffee
Working behind the counter are (from front to back) owners Vicki Altena, Manda Steensma and Kathy Versteeg.

Pictured at right, Adell Johnson (left) and Marge Baker chat over a cup of coffee Tuesday morning.



In the inset on the sign.



Connecting with education

Computer app opens classroom and student work to parents

By Mavis Fodness

Written notes home from teachers and lost student homework are rarely an issue anymore, thanks to a computer application at Luverne Elementary School.

Seesaw Learning of Indianapolis, Indiana, developed a computer application similar to Facebook that is used exclusively in schools.

The application allows students to post learning accomplishments with preselected family members allowed to respond.

"It lets my mom and dad see what I am doing," said fourth-grader Emma Saarloos.

An instant notification alerts parents and grandparents when posts are uploaded to the Seesaw site via learning journals.

Journals represent individual classrooms, where teachers monitor what's posted and who has access to the class posts.

In Luverne fourth-grade classrooms share their learning accomplishments on a daily basis through their individual online journals.

Teacher Jennifer Engesser said some students don't have one-on-one daily access to a computer, so individual posts are limited.

But she does post daily assignments, upcoming homework and tests as reminders to parents and students.

She said the fourth-grade classrooms recently performed plays that were recorded for parents who wouldn't normally be able to see them.

Parents, too, are drawn to the daily communication.

"You feel more connected with the classroom," said parent Erica Kracht.

"I get direct communication with the teacher."

She said the app was especially helpful during last fall's busy harvest time when Kracht could see what assignments her daughter Morgan needed for the next day while she was working in the field.

"I was able to plan the afternoon even before the children arrived

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City Council approves 2018 pay raises

By Lori Sorenson

As part of approving the 2018 budget, the council in December authorized a 2.5-percent increase for union and non-union staff, including administrative and department heads.

A three-year labor agreement signed in 2016 called for a 3-percent increase in 2017, 2.5-percent increase in 2018 and 2 percent in 2019.

The increases include step and lane changes and account for additional duties where applicable.

City Administrator John Call's salary increases from \$120,570 to \$123,576;

City Clerk Jessica Mead from \$63,252 to \$66,830;

Finance Director Barb Berghorst from \$101,130 to \$104,686;

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Backyard rink gives local players home ice advantage



Mavis Fodness photo/0111 Backyard Rink

A portion of Mike and Erika Ramstorf's backyard is devoted to a hockey rink for their children and their friends to practice and play on the ice. From left are Leo Ramstorf, Henry Ramstorf, Patrick Kroski and Emma Ramstorf.

By Mavis Fodness

The backyard of Mike and Erika Ramstorf on North Freeman Street has taken on a bit of a northern Minnesota flair when Mike constructed a 16-by-45-foot hockey rink in the couple's backyard.

Their three children, Henry, Emma and Leo, were born in Thief River Falls, where Mike said there are ice rinks located in every neighborhood.

They had a similar rink in Sioux Falls before making Luverne their home.

The mini rink in Luverne is defined by lumber boards and lined with clear plastic to keep the ice in place.

Mike set up the mini rink just before Christmas when temperatures were finally cold enough not to melt the ice.

A nearby fire pit is used as a warming house and an area in the nearby garage is used as a locker

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Southwest Regional Development Commission
Full Commission will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Murray County Fairgrounds in the 4-H building at 3048 Broadway Avenue in Slayton.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Luverne Senior Dining. Event is lunch at Senior Dining, Red Hat rummage sale and games. To make reservations call Connie Wieneke at 283-8470 by Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 507-530-3307 with questions.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Southwest Health and Human Services building in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964 with questions.

Battle Plain Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the home of Aaron Sandbulte.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, in Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com

Park hosts candlelight hike Jan. 13

The Blue Mounds State Park staff invites the public to participate in a candlelight hike from 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13. The hike is a self-guided, self-paced 2-mile trail. Meet at the warming shelter for warm beverages and a fire. Weather conditions are variable, so bring warm winter clothes and sturdy boots.

Free food Jan. 18

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food — fresh produce, bread and meat — **from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags or boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions. (*Note the new time.*)

Blood drive at Grace Lutheran Jan. 22.

The Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood and platelet donors. A blood drive has been scheduled for 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Grace Lutheran Church, 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne.

Donors can schedule an appointment by using Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-733-2767.

Pork Producers banquet Jan. 22

The Rock County Pork Producers will host their annual banquet Monday, Jan. 22, at the Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and entertainment to follow. This year's entertainer is Tim Harmston, a stand-up comedian. Tickets are \$15 at the door. The public is welcome.

Public invited to Jan. 25 workshop on social media dangers

Nationally known author Alison Feigh of the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center will present "Forensic Aspects of Online and Social Media Usage" at Grand Prairie Events from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25.

Goal of the training session is to help participants understand why youth are susceptible to online and social media dangers and how to reduce their risk. Cost of the workshop is \$50 and includes lunch. Continuing education credits are available.

The event is partially funded with a grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

Fifth-sixth grade basketball tourney

Luverne Community Education is hosting a basketball tournament at the Luverne Elementary Cardinal Gym on Saturday, Jan. 27, for fifth- and sixth-grade boys' and girls' basketball teams. All teams are guaranteed to play at least two games. To register, visit the school website www.isd2184.edu under "Community Education" or call 507-283-4724. Entry fee is \$125 per team payable with registration.

Driver Education class begins Feb. 5

Students in the Luverne School District in grade 8 or above may sign up for a student driver education class to begin on Feb. 5.

The fee of \$325 is due at the time of registration. Contact Community Education at 507-283-4724.



Lori Sorenson photo/0115 rock county eye clinic ribbon cutting

Eye clinic celebrates new, improved spaces

Rock County Eye Clinic celebrated its new, expanded office and clinic space Friday morning with a ribbon-cutting and open house event. Pictured are (from left) Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, Chamber Board member Faye Bremer, optician Crystal Ailts, clinic office manager Hailey Nath, administrative assistant Brenda Tecken, Dr. Sandra Carman, optometric technician Emily Cowell (back) Carman's husband and general manager Tom Wiertzema, their 6-year-old daughter Shelby (in front), Wiertzema's father Marvin Wiertzema (in back), Chamber Board members Nancy Scheidt, Betty Mann and Ryan Wynia (back), EDA Director Holly Sammons and Chamber Board member Tyler Bush.

Chamber announces Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt winners

The Luverne Area Chamber office has released the names of the Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt winners.

The game took place between mid-November and Dec. 31. Players visited more than 100 participating businesses, homes and organizations where nutcrackers were displayed with identifying names.

Those who collected all the names and turned them in to the Chamber Office were eligible to be drawn for \$50 cash prizes.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said there were 149 entries in the Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt this year.

A guest from Ohio at the Brandenburg Gallery on Jan. 2 drew names for the \$50 prizewinners.

They are Mason Hamm, Julia Beyer, Katherine Pizel, and Hazel Sailor and Nick Wassenaar, all of Luverne; Theresa Conklin of Kenneth; Ella Hoogendoorn of Adrian; the Eichmann Family of Valley Springs, South Dakota; and Erica Knips of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Lori Sorenson photo/0111 lsm food shelf donation

Community Christmas cantata supports community food shelf

Janine Papik (left) of Luverne Street Music presents a check to Rock County Food Shelf director Mary Gehrke and Food Shelf board member John Oksness Thursday afternoon at the Food Shelf in the lower level of the United Methodist Church, Luverne. LSM raised more than \$2,000 in donations to the Food Shelf during the community Christmas cantata Dec. 2 in the American Reformed Church during Winterfest weekend. About 70 Carnegie Minstrels (both choir and orchestra), directed by Jennifer Bakken and Richard Owen, joined 30 members of the Children's Choir, directed by Gretchen Jepperson, in performing the Christmas cantata, "Breath of Heaven," at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Participants ranged in age from 5 to 87. Papik said she and the other LSM directors are already selecting music for next year's cantata event, which will be the third one.

U of M offers private pesticide applicator recertification workshops

By Lizabeth Stahl, Extension Educator in Crops

If you need to renew your Private Pesticide Applicator certification, you can do so by attending one of the upcoming recertification workshops sponsored by University of Minnesota Extension. These workshops offer an opportunity to review regulations and safety issues related to pesticide application, as well as provide you with the latest university research on integrated pest management.

You need to renew your private pesticide applicator certification in 2018 if you:

- apply pesticides to land or sites you own, rent or lease for the production of agriculture commodities **and**
- plan to use restricted use pesticides **and**
- reside in the state of Minnesota **and**
- your certification expires in 2018.

Recertification workshops scheduled for Southwest Minnesota include:

- Jan 30 at Pipestone, West Community and Technical College in Room 127 from 12:30-4 p.m.
- Feb 1 at Slayton in the Murray County 4-H Building from 12:30 to 4 p.m.
- Feb 26 in Worthington at the Worthington Regional Extension Office classroom from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For a complete listing of workshops offered throughout the state, check the U of M Pesticide Safety and Environmental Education website <http://z.umn.edu/ppatprogram> or call the Farm Information Line at 1-800-232-9077. In case of inclement weather, check these sources for any weather-related updates.

Workshop topics will include:

- Pesticide Laws and Regulations.
- Personal Protective Equipment.
- Applicator Health Effects.
- Application Equipment and Tank Cleanout.
- Current Crop and Pest Issues and Integrated Pest Management.

Registration for the recertification workshops will be taken at the door and no pre-registration is required. Anyone attending a workshop for recertification must bring a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport. Bringing your Private Pesticide Applicator Certification Card will assist in the registration process as well.

Attending a recertification workshop renews your certification for three years. Please note you must attend the entire workshop to meet recertification requirements.

For those who are unable to attend a workshop or would rather retest for recertification, two other options exist. You may either complete the test as a home study course (books and tests available at most County Extension offices) or you may complete the test online at <http://www.pat.umn.edu>.

The cost to recertify, either by attending a recertification workshop or retesting, is \$75. A farmer who is not currently certified (i.e. becoming certified for the first time or their certification expired in 2017 or earlier) is required to first take the test to become certified.



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logo design help from the Luverne Economic Development Authority, but the building remodel and interior décor are their own doing.

They're proud of the history behind their new space. "It unfolded as we worked," Altena said.

The corner building at the intersection of Main and Cedar streets once served as the Rock County Bank, and their back room — with exposed bricks and tin ceiling — was once the Mort Skewes law office and more recently Walt Tofteland's law office.

The books that line the back wall are remnants from that past. "All books up there date back to the 1800s," Steensma said. "It's kind of a coming home for them."

The coffee shop is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m and serves lunch — soups, salads and sandwiches — from 11 to 1:30.

Information can be found on Facebook at Wild-Flowers Coffee Boutique.



Lori Sorenson photos/0111 wildflowers coffee
Manda Steensma (left) and Vicki Altena are business partners in WildFlowers Coffee Boutique, which opened officially Tuesday morning at the corner of Main and Cedar streets in Luverne. The photograph at left was taken from the rear of the restaurant facing south toward the front of the coffee shop.



Above, Arlene DeBeer (left) and Aloyse Heikes read their menu in WildFlowers Coffee. The quiet back room is pictured in the photo at left. At the table at left are Nancy (left) and Macey Skattum. At right are Chris Koehne (left) and Dave Uppman, and at the window is Jared Schneekloth.



‘Poverty: What’s Your Baggage?’ play to shine spotlight on poverty

By Mavis Fodness

Poverty exists in Rock County and a group of concerned citizens, #Luv1LuvAll, is putting a face on poverty through a dinner theater performance next week.

“Poverty: What’s YOUR baggage” will be presented from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Grand Prairie Events on South Estey Street in Luverne.

The free performance about ending poverty in Rock County is a collaboration among #Luv1LuvAll, the Green Earth Players community theatre group and the Blandin Foundation’s Leaders Partnering to End Poverty.

Between dinner courses prepared by The Bluestem restaurant, audience members explore how poverty impacts local residents and how a community can remove assumptions to help move people out of poverty.

In Rock County 9.4 percent of the population of 9,564 (2016 census estimate) lives below the poverty line, according to the website Minnesota Compass.

Fifteen percent of Minnesota’s 5.51 million residents live in poverty.

The #Luv1LuvAll group



Mavis Fodness photo/0111 Poverty Play
Amy Hunter (standing) from Richmond talks with a group of volunteers Saturday from the Green Earth Players and #Luv1LuvAll, a group fighting poverty in Rock County. On Jan. 15 the group will present a free dinner theater called “Poverty: What’s YOUR Baggage?” at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Hunter explained what it meant to carry around “User” baggage.

wants to put faces to the nearly 900 Rock County citizens living in poverty through the play production.

“We were looking for

something that might bring people in who are not already involved in the Blandin Foundation’s conversation of poverty in our community,”

said #Luv1LuvAll member Nicole Henrichs.

Group members along with actors and actresses with the Green Earth Players began

rehearsals Saturday in preparation for the Jan. 15 event.

Amy Hunter of Richmond assisted with the play’s organization.

Five years ago, while living in Staples, she helped guide residents through the play’s development.

“I like to use theater with social issues,” she said. “We want people in the community to know what’s the story behind poverty.”

Most common faces of poverty in Rock County are children, with 11.4 percent under the poverty line, according to Minnesota Compass research.

However, poverty isn’t just material deprivation.

“There are lots of layers of poverty,” said #Luv1LuvAll member Wanda Jarchow.

The play shows a spectrum of poverty instead of the simple division between the financial haves and have-nots.

The poverty spectrum opens the dinner theater with GEP actors and actresses portraying community members affected by poverty.

Each character carries a bag in which a label is attached. The label signifies an unfair and hurtful stereotype associated with poverty.

Through the different meal courses, diners talk about the labels they saw and stories they heard.

Discussions center around how a person’s baggage can be made lighter.

“We want to get people talking and open their eyes with issues of poverty,” Henrichs said.

The event is open to all Rock County residents.

Families with children in grades 5 and older are especially encouraged to attend and join in the discussions. Day care is available.

Registration for the free dinner theater is requested to plan for meal servings. Deadline is noon Friday.

Phone ATLAS at 507-449-5777 to register and to request child care and/or transportation assistance.

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How hardy are we in sub-zero temperatures?

It depends on our car batteries

How do you explain sub-zero temperatures to tropical climate dwellers?



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

In Miami 32 degrees — the point at which water solidifies — is an apocalyptic weather event.

It means courtyard fountains freeze mid-spray.

Oranges turn black on the stem. Grapes shrivel on the vine.

And Lord knows what happens to the beach on a cold day in otherwise sunny Florida.

The boys and I found ourselves in Miami on Christmas during a typically warm day on South Beach.

It was 78 degrees with ocean breezes and gentle salt-water waves cascading over my toes in the sand.

The locals were happy to welcome their less fortunate visitors from the icebox of Minnesota.

“You’re lucky you weren’t here last week,” said a Miami mama celebrating Christmas with her children on the beach. “It was 57 degrees and we had to wear coats and stocking caps.”

Oh the horrors.

I told her we’re typically in gym shorts and flip-flops when it’s 57 in Minnesota.

On this particular day, Minnesota’s temperatures were heading south, so to speak, in terms of mercury.

I texted a beach image of the boys to my mom who replied that the forecast back home called for single digit temperatures.

I felt bad for them, but lucky for us.

In fact our week in the tropics was truly charmed.

A Minnesotan’s dream.

Tanned and Vitamin D-charged, we waited in the Miami airport on New Year’s Day for our return flight to Minnesota.

The gate itinerary announced the flight from Miami to Minneapolis where the temperature was posted at minus 18 degrees.

We entertained ourselves watching the reactions of passersby who noticed the Minneapolis temperatures.

Some smiled and shook their heads. Others stopped and contemplated the message board, “Minus 18 degrees,” questioning aloud, “Is this minus the freezing temperature?”

Some Minnesota travelers attempted to explain that the negative sign indicated “below 0,” not “below 32 degrees.”

But to accurately define negative temperature requires some knowledge of physics and thermodynamics.

It was easier to explain in layman’s terms.

“It’s when it hurts to breathe.”

“It’s when contact lenses freeze to eyeballs.”

“It’s when frostbite eats your skin after only moments of exposure.”

Bewildered inquirers appeared in awe (possibly in awe that anyone would willingly live in a climate of negative temperatures).

By some sense of twisted pride, we enjoyed the conversation. ... Negative zero was just another day for us.

Negative 30, however, presented inconveniences, even for Minnesotans.

When the airport shuttle dropped us off at our waiting vehicle, we added one more definition to our list of subzero descriptions.

“When the key in the ignition won’t start an engine that’s been resting outdoors.”

Poverty leaves us with ‘baggage’

Poverty is a vicious cycle of lifelong barriers to opportunity that are passed from one generation to the next.

Those struggling with poverty are often embarrassed, forgotten and unjustly labeled.

Deadbeat dad.

Drug addict.

Crazy neighbor.

Single parent.

Loser.

A group of concerned citizens in Luverne is working to nudge the community past the stigma and assumptions.

#Luv1LuvAll is attempting to engage conversations among all the economic classes in Rock County.

Blandin Foundation’s Leaders Partnering to End Poverty is providing the community training.

In October the group brought in guest speaker Jodi Pfarr who ex-

plained that in order to end poverty, a community first needs to understand poverty and its roots.

Poverty is rooted in the three socio-economic class labels of lower, middle and wealthy. Depending on which class individuals think they are in or labeled as, their motivation for the future is defined and doesn’t often change.

To address poverty, all three classes need to sit at the table and talk.

The group is hosting a dinner theater Jan. 15 for the purposes of understanding and brainstorming.

Fostering empathy among hu-

man beings is a step in the right direction.

The dinner theater, “Poverty: What’s YOUR Baggage?” shows which labels exist in our communities and encourages solutions to ease the burdens attached to the baggage.

We hope people put aside their pride to attend the event and listen.

Ideas on how to help may not come Monday night, but without the planting of an idea, a solution won’t grow.

Let’s join the #Luv1LuvAll effort to gain understanding of poverty with the goal of ending it in our community.



Davern: Let Minnesotans choose rep

To the Editor:

Recently I was watching Senator Elizabeth Warren, for whom I have the highest respect and admiration, speaking on the Stephen Colbert Show. She indicated that the Democratic National Committee was understanding that they couldn’t “put a thumb on the scales” of elections anymore and were understanding that they needed to listen to the voters.

I assumed at that moment that she didn’t know that the DNC, reportedly, had moved a man named Dan Feehan from DC to Mankato to run for Congress in the District 1 seat despite the fact we have some excellent candidates right here in Minnesota. This man has few ties to Minnesota and it seems his family still lives in DC.

However, it is my understanding that the outside East Coast donors and the PACs have funneled a great deal of money to him to insure their “thumb on the scale.” This carpetbagging move is offensive to me. While he is likely a very nice man and I have nothing against him personally, I am tired of the parties telling us what to think, who to vote

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for and what our stand should be on issues. He knows nothing about this area and so it is likely that the thought is he will go back to DC and be just a party person with no real investment in this area.

We don’t need more politicians who are just party people there to represent the parties, we need people who can think independently and work for the people that put them there. Well then you have to have some real understanding of the area you represent.

I think the DNC should take their thumb off of our scale and call Feehan back to DC and allow Minnesota to elect whomever we see fit. This is clearly NOT giving us a voice.

Sharon Davern
Mantorville

Jennings finds holiday lights ‘stunning’

To the Editor:

A few nights ago I took some photographs of one of the most beautiful spots in Luverne for Christmas and winter — Cozy Rest Motel.

The outdoor lighting is absolutely magnificent. R.G. and Judy Hensley and their grandson Deven put up all the lights along with Santa and his helpers.

They add to and enrich the lighting display every year. It is stunning!

Thank you to the Hensleys for all the beauty. I will be making cards with the photos for anyone who wants them.

Father Tom Jennings
Luverne

Frakes reflects on attacks involving president

To the Editor:

It seems to me that if we don’t get into a big depression pretty quick, or don’t get into a big shooting war soon, or have a big ecological disaster, etc., etc., there will be a lot of Americans disappointed in our commander in chief.

Of course there could be some real rebels out there who think that if you are rooting against my president, you are also rooting against my country.

Bill Frakes
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Seniors encouraged to sign up for class that improves strength, balance and flexibility

By Lori Sorenson

Local seniors interested in improving their health and balance can sign up for Tai Ji Quan at the Luverne Senior Center.

The “Swing and Sway” therapeutic exercises are based on the ancient martial arts approach to better posture, daily function and improved flexibility.

The ultimate goal, according to therapists who have used the movements with their patients, is to improve personal strength and reduce the risk of falls.

Norma Brands at ACE Southwest Minnesota attended a two-day training in Mankato to lead the classes in Luverne. She said it didn’t take long to see personal benefits.

“Just the breathing techniques are so worthwhile,” she said. “To get that deep breath in, to get oxygen in your blood to your extremities, is so good for you.”

The classes are at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 12 weeks, Feb. 6



Tai Ji Quan classes are at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 12 weeks, Feb. 6 through April 26. They’re about an hour long and class size is limited to eight to 10 people. Anyone who is able to walk can do the movements, even those who use canes or walkers. The Community Ed phone number is 283-4724 and ACE Southwest Minnesota can be reached at 283-5064.

through April 26.

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“For me — as someone with a chronic back injury — I worried about being able to lead the class,” Brands said.

“But the movements are so adaptable for anyone who needs to sit or be supported.”

She said a trial class before Christmas included individuals with chronic illnesses, such as MS and Parkinson’s Disease, who experienced noticeable benefits from the strength and balance movements of Tai Ji Quan.

The cost is \$75 and the deadline to sign up is Jan. 30 through Luverne Community Education.

The Community Ed phone number is 283-4724 and ACE Southwest Minnesota can be reached at 283-5064.

Man accused of criminal sex with minor children

Luverne man is facing felony charges for reportedly having sex with minor children under 13.

Chad Lee Wilkins, 43, was taken into custody last month after one of the children told a teacher in Luverne Elementary School about being touched by Wilkins in “private” areas.

The complaint filed Dec. 18 in Rock County District Court was heavily redacted before public release in order to protect the identity of the victims.

The report documents separate conversations of a forensic interviewer with the children who described being touched on their “naughty”

parts beneath their clothing.

They said Wilkins puts his “naughty thing” in their “naughty parts” and in their mouths.

Sometimes tearful during the recorded interviews, the children, when asked, said they didn’t like Wilkins and didn’t like what he was doing and that it hurt.

When asked how often this happens, the children reportedly told the interviewer it goes on “all the time.”

The children said they had told others in the house-



hold about what Wilkins was doing, and the response reportedly was, “Stop doing all that stuff.”

But the children told interviewers it doesn’t stop.

When law enforcement interviewed Wilkins on Dec. 15, he reportedly denied ever being alone with the children and denied inappropriately touching them.

Wilkins is charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, for penetration/contact with persons under 13. The children’s

ages were redacted on the publicly released documents to protect their identities.

Each count carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, a \$40,000 fine or both.

Wilkins has two felony criminal sexual conduct convictions on his record, both of them in Martin County within a year of each other.

One was in November 1992 and the other in March 1993.

He was charged in February 2000 for failing to notify authorities of a change of address, a gross misdemeanor.

His next appearance in Rock County District Court is set for Jan. 29.



Westerbur receives sheriff’s scholarship

The Minnesota Sheriff’s Association announced the recipients of its 2017 scholarship program.

Dylan Westerbur, Luverne, is one of 13 individuals studying to become a peace officer. He currently attends the Alexandria Technical College for law enforcement.

Westerbur is the son of Mike and Beth Westerbur, Luverne.

Support Luverne’s local heroes and blood supply Jan. 15

Rock County Sheriff’s Office, Luverne EMS and Fire Department will be competing to see who can recruit the most blood donors for the community’s blood supply in the annual “Heroes Behind the Badges” blood drive.

The “friendly competition” between the departments will be held at Sanford Luverne on Monday, Jan. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

The public is encouraged to come in to donate and designate their donation to the department of their choice.

All donors have the satisfaction of knowing you helped save a life this winter.

The department credited with the most blood donations will receive a trophy and bragging rights for a year.

“January is National Blood Donor Month, providing heightened awareness of the need for blood in the winter months,” said Ken Versteeg, Executive

Director, Community Blood Bank.

“With the cold and flu season in full swing, we have seen a drastic reduction in blood donations so far this winter. We encourage first-time donors as well as those that have donated multiple times to donating blood to support the local supply and support your local heroes.”

Donors must be 17 years of age or older (16 years old with a signed parent consent form found at www.cbblifeblood.org), weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health the day of the blood drive. Bring an ID.

It is recommended to eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating blood.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call 507-283-2321. Walk-ins are welcome. Community Blood Bank is not affiliated with any other blood bank entity and is the sole blood provider to Sanford Luverne.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Dec. 28
•Complainant reported multiple commercial burglary alarms on Main Street. Called back to cancel.

•Complainant reported that subject will not allow him to see his child.

•Follow up on burglaries in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported a theft of property and money in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported a domestic. Her husband won’t let her take her son. She is in the garage, he is in the house.

Dec. 29

•Complainant reported three juvenile boys out after curfew.

•Complainant reported he is moving out. He left and came back and the rest of his stuff is gone.

•Complainant reported a car parked in the driveway next to his is playing obnoxious music.

Dec. 30

•Deputy reported door open at home on 241st Street. Made contact.

•Complainant reported a fire alarm. General Fire Alarm Zone 1. They did some work on the building Friday and it may have been some dust.

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject. Caller was intoxicated and had suicidal thoughts.

•Complainant called, possibly intoxicated.

Dec. 31

•Complainant requested welfare check/random PBT.

•Employee on Kniss Ave. reported a maroon Buick Century trying to run someone over in the parking lot.

•Complainant reported loud music on Luverne Street.

•Back door kitchen motion. Keyholder advised no police response needed.

Jan. 1

•Complainant reported female without coat walking in the middle of the road. Requested welfare check.

•Complainant reported no water on Carol Street.

•Complainant called Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with a deputy regarding landlord-tenant issue.

•Complainant reported trespassing on Elm Street.

Jan. 2

•Complainant requested extra patrol on Davidson Street due to recent call activity there.

•Complainant reported door open at China Inn.

•Complainant reported broken pipe on McKenzie St. Contacted on call water.

Jan. 3

•Complainant reported someone pushed snow onto his lawn and it hit his tree.

•Complainant reported a kid got kicked off the bus and his brothers got off with him and took off running. Two of the kids don’t have coats.

•Picked subject up on a warrant.

•Complainant reported their alarm isn’t working and would like extra patrol after 11 p.m. They should have it working tomorrow.

Jan. 4

•Complainant reported that his vehicle may have been broken into, but nothing was taken.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about his cousin who drove to Luverne and he thinks he is trying to take an overdose.

•Complainant reported someone on a 72-hour hold just walked out.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on her husband. She hasn’t heard from him for a couple of days and needs help with the kids.

Jan. 5

•Complainant reported a suspicious person on Lincoln Street.

•Complainant reported a burglary alarm at Sterling’s.

•Complainant reported boy came home and states he does not know where he lives.

•Complainant reported ex-girlfriend stole items.

•Complainant reported suspicious vehicle.

In addition, officers also responded to 2 driver’s license checks, 1 hit and run, 1 paper service, 1 family and child, 1 OFP violation, 1 deer accident, 2 vehicles in the ditch, 1 transport, 8 escorts, 25 ambulance runs, 9 parking violations, 7 animal complaints, 29 burn permits, 1 paper service, 2 POR registrations, 4 stalled vehicles, 12 alarm/logsheets, 7 drug court tests, 7 permits to purchase/carry, 1 fire call, 5 child maltreatment complaints, 11 property accidents, 2 fingerprint requests, 9 traffic stops, 5 assists, 6 road and drive laws, 3 debris on roadway complaints, 3 civil issues, 2 transients, 2 abandon 911 calls, and 1 welfare check.

Papik picks of the week...

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\$14,990

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\$7,990

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156K • Stock #557914U
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Luverne team ready for 2018 mock trial season

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School's 2018 mock trial students have been practicing early before school for the past three months.

On Friday the 16-member team will know if these preparations paid off as the competitive season gets underway.

Four experienced seniors lead this year's team and share tips for success in the mock courtroom.

"We read every single detail," said senior Hans Bakken, who serves as a lawyer on the team.

Details have been important to the LHS team, which has qualified for the state tournament for the past three years.

Each school team forms a prosecution and a defense consisting of three lawyers and three witnesses on each side.

The Minnesota State Bar Association selects the mock trial cases from actual Minnesota incidents with the dates, names and places changed.

They released the 93 pages of case materials and competition rules in mid-October.

This year's case involves a traffic accident fatality and is labeled the State of Minnesota v. Cameron Skeeter Farris.

LHS senior Michael Rahm portrays defendant Farris in the mock trial.

"You really have to know your affidavit," he said. "Know your character."

Witnesses cannot mislead lawyers in the competition but answer the lawyers' questions based on what was written and said during the time of the incident.

However, the manner in which the questions are answered is up to the witness.

"The best part is being on the stand and you talk loud and assertive," said senior Megan Rogers.

Her actions don't often fit what the other team's lawyers expect from her diminutive stature. The unexpected contradiction is meant to fluster the other team.

"You can tell when the lawyers don't like you," she said.

Senior Emma Verbrugge has a more subtle witness portrayal.

"The best part for me is that you know your character so well you can



Mavis Fodness photo/0111 Mock Trial 2018

Luverne's 2018 mock trial members are (front row, from left) Kaityln Anderson, Lauren VerSteeg, Elise Jarchow, Solveig Tofteland, Seno Chanthalangsy, (second row) Alexa Chesley, Emma Verbrugge, Michael Rahm, Hans Bakken, Megan Rogers, Sophie Lanoue, (back) Gunnar Oldre, Grace Sweeney, Jadyn Anderson, Jessica Anderson and Jordan Winter.

correct the other lawyers," she said.

Last year Verbrugge earned All-State Witness honors at the state tournament for her ability to score points against the opposing team.

Luverne is striving to make it a fourth-in-a-row state appearance.

This year the task will be up to first-year coach Jason Berghorst.

"This is a unique activity that not a lot of schools have," he said. "I think it's been a positive and a challenge to go back to one team."

Last year Luverne had 30 students involved in mock trial to form the "A" and "B" teams.

On the positive side Luverne fields an experienced team.

Joining senior Bakken as a lawyer are junior Jessica Anderson and sophomores Alexa Chesley, Jordan Winter, Gunnar Oldre and Sophie Lanoue.

Alternate lawyers are freshmen Elise Jarchow and Lauren VerSteeg.

Joining senior witnesses Rahm, Rogers and Verbrugge are juniors Jadyn Anderson and Grace Sweeney, and freshman Solveig Tofteland.

Alternate witnesses are freshmen Kaitlyn Anderson and Seno Chanthalangsy.

The challenge is to introduce the mock trial format to the younger students.

"It has a lot of skills that have to be taught," Berghorst said.

Luverne attorney Jeff Haubrich assists in instructing students on the American legal system.

In addition to the early morning practices, the lawyers work on questions and the legal process two afternoons a week.

New format for this year's meets

A new format will be implemented in Region 4 which includes Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Minneota, Springfield, and two teams from Lakeview High School.

Instead of three competitions, teams will compete in four events before the top two teams face off for a berth in the state competition March 1-2 in Minneapolis.

Region 4 schedule includes:

- Lakeview White versus Luverne on defense on Jan. 12.
- Luverne versus Hills-Beaver Creek (defense) on Jan. 17.
- Springfield versus Luverne (defense) on Jan. 26.
- Luverne versus Lakeview (defense) on Feb. 7.

Round five to which team advances to state takes place Feb. 16.



Brett and Shelby Rozenboom

Klarenbeek, Rozenboom marry in Sioux Falls

Shelby Klarenbeek, Luverne, and Brett Rozenboom, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were married Saturday, June 3, 2017, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls.

Shelby is the daughter of Brad and Janna Klarenbeek of Luverne, and Brett is the son of Dave and Tammy Rozenboom of Sioux Falls.

The Rev. Cal Hoogendoorn and the Rev. Roger Sparks officiated at the ceremony. Special music was provided by pianist Carla Hoogendoorn, organist Darla Timmer, and vocalists Jasmyn Van't Hul and Nathan Sparks.

The bride's maid of honor was Emily Klarenbeek. Bridesmaids were Tianna Top, Katie Soodsma, Heidi Vogel and Jennifer Schmidt. Her personal attendants were Carrissa Tinklenberg, Amber Top and Morgan VanHulzen. Josie Soodsma was the flower girl.

The groom's best man was Mike Rozenboom. Groomsmen were Jon Van't Hul, Geno Maule, Paul Klarenbeek and Micah Christensen. Ring bearers were Levi Soodsma and Jayce Cowell. Elliot Blankespoor and Justin Burns were ushers.

A reception followed the ceremony at The Country Club of Sioux Falls.

Shelby is a 2013 graduate of Southwest Minnesota Christian High School in Edgerton and a 2017 graduate of Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. She is currently a student at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

Brett graduated from Sioux Falls Christian High School in 2012 and from Dordt College in 2016. He is employed at Eide Bailly LLP in Sioux Falls.

The couple is living in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

1952: Cedric Adams makes news broadcast from Luverne armory

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on Feb. 14, 1952.

Cedric Adams Coming For Co-op Oil Co. Meeting

The 25th anniversary of the Rock Cooperative Oil Company will be commemorated here next Tuesday at the Luverne armory.

Headlining the day's program will be Cedric Adams, Minneapolis newscaster and columnist, whose regular 12:30 news broadcast will originate at the Luverne armory. He will also "emcee" an hour and a half's program of entertainment, featuring five stage acts.

The public is invited to attend the program. Early arrival at the armory has been requested, so that all can be seated by 12:15 p.m. At least 15 minutes are needed to have everything in readiness for the broadcast.

This will be the first appearance of Adams in his group outside the Twin Cities since they were involved in an auto accident earlier this winter near Annandale.

Free lunch will be served after the program.



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Other Attractions

There are also a number of other attractions which will make the company's silver anniversary "birthday party" outstanding. There will be free gifts for everyone who attends, and a number of prizes, including an 8 cu. ft. home freezer, will be awarded.

After the program, the annual business meeting will be held. Two directors will be elected, as the terms of Otto H. Beelmann and George Hofel-

mann expire. Hofelmann was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Lauren Ladd. A financial report, and a report of the year's business will be given.

Present officers are Nels Sandager, Hills, president; Phil Ordnung, Luverne, vice president; Albert Christensen, Luverne, secretary; Otto H. Beelmann, Luverne, treasurer; H. O. Wiese, Kanaranzi, Tom Dahlen, Luverne, and George Hofelmann, Luverne, are on the board of directors.

With Company 25 Years

Organized in April, 1927, the first president of the Rock County Cooperative Oil Company was the late Chris Fitzner. The late Andrew Jensen was the first secretary, and J. H. Mc Robert was the first treasurer. Directors were Henry Hanson, J. F. Matthiesen, Jr., Nels Sandager and Theodore Olson.

Two men who were associated with the company at the time of its founding are still with the firm. They are Nels Sandager, member of the board, and G. W. Ahrendt, manager. These two men have also been presented with dia-

mond shields by the Phillips Petroleum Company for their 25 years of service.

At the present time, the local company is one of the largest accounts of the Phillips company served by the Minneapolis area office.

The firm now employs six men as bulk truck operators to serve its patrons. They are Floyd Norton, Luverne, Ed Elbers, Steen, Virgil Noll, Luverne, Pay Koobs, Ellsworth, John Steffen, Hardwick, and Gerald Larson, Jasper.

Two service stations are operated by the company in Luverne, one on U.S. 75 and one on U.S. 16 (Main street). In addition, the firm supplies independent service stations at Hills, Beaver Creek, Kenneth, Jasper, Hardwick, Kanaranzi, Luverne and Ellsworth, with petroleum products and other auto and tractor needs.

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@iww.net.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Benjamin Allen, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and 21 inches long, was born Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, to **Mark and Brittany Remme** of Golden Valley. Grandparents are Dave and Lynn Remme, Luverne, Mary Huls, Worthington, and Scott Rall, Worthington.

A boy, Kolten Lee, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and 20 inches long, was born Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Matt and Kristine Wiersma**, Valley Springs, South Dakota. He joins a brother, Chet. Grandparents are Bob and Gail Wiersma, Brandon, South Dakota, and Paul and Brenda Scott, Valley Springs, South Dakota.

Open Houses

An open house bridal shower for **Courtney Isakson**, bride-to-be of **Joel Van Batavia**, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Steen Reformed Church Fellowship Hall.

A baby shower for **Jessica Martens** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 20, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Guests are asked to give a children's book instead of a card.

Card showers

Terry and Diane Gonnerman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 6. Greetings may be sent to them at 1124 150th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

SCHOOL NEWS

Maxwell graduates cum laude

Austin Maxwell graduated cum laude from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, on Dec. 15 with a bachelor's degree in education.

He is a 2013 Luverne High School graduate and the son of Sandy Maxwell and the late Curt Maxwell Jr.

He will be a long-term substitute physical education teacher in Bennington, Nebraska, from February through May.

He and his wife, Anna (Tofteland), will move back to Luverne in June.

U of M Duluth announces dean's list

Several area students were named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at the University of Minnesota Duluth. To be named, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Luverne: Hanna Honerman, freshman, integrated elementary and special education; Madison Stearns, senior, criminology; Kayla Thone, junior, unified Early Childhood studies; Brandon Winter, freshman, civil engineering.

Jasper: Samantha Ykema, freshman, biology.

Minnesota West announces dean's list

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has released the Fall 2017 dean's list. To be eligible, students must be enrolled in at least 12 graded credits and earn a 3.5 GPA.

The following area students were named to the list: from Luverne, Jason Aanenson, Christin Dohlmann, Lindsey Johnson, Fady Naser, Carly Paulson, Alexandra Stanley, Chris Syphokham; from Beaver Creek, Avery Van Roekel; from Reading, Rebecca Sjogren and Morgan LeBrun; and from Jasper, John Haack.

2018 LHS Winter Court announced



Ten Luverne High School seniors were named to the 2018 Snow Week Winter Court with the announcement of a king and queen scheduled for Tuesday. The court is comprised of (front row from left) Emma Verbrugge, Megan Rogers, Emilie Bartels, Alexis Ferrell, Madelyn Aleman, (back) Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson, Aric Meinerts, Cade VerSteeg and Hans Bakken.

LHS students plan fun activities for third-annual Snow Week

By Mavis Fodness

For the third consecutive year, Luverne High School students will celebrate Snow Week next week.

The LHS Student Council has spent weeks organizing the four-day event similar to Homecoming. It features dress-up days, student royalty and a dance.

Unlike Homecoming candidates nominated by students, teachers nominate the Snow Week royalty based on academic

success, leadership and involvement in the school and community.

“Over 20 teachers/administrators nominated up to five students,” said student council adviser Mark Lundgren. “Forty-five different seniors were nominated with 36 of them receiving multiple nominations.”

The 10-member Snow Week Winter Court was announced Friday.

Nominees for queen are Madelyn Aleman, Emilie Bartels, Alexis Ferrell, Megan Rogers and Emma

Verbrugge.

King nominees are Hans Bakken, Aric Meinerts, Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson and Cade VerSteeg.

Coronation will be Tuesday, Jan. 16, Day 1 of the Snow Week activities. (There is no school on Martin Luther King Day Jan. 15.)

Tuesday also marks the start of dress-up days; students are encouraged to wear a shirt with a college insignia to school that day.

Other dress-up day

themes for Snow Week include:

•Wednesday, Jan. 17, ugly sweater/winter wear day and drive-a-snowmobile-to-school day.

•Thursday, Jan. 18, class color day. Seniors wear black, juniors red, sophomores white and freshmen blue.

•Friday, Jan. 19, is flannel day.

The Snow Week dance will be Friday night after the boys/girls basketball double-header game with Jackson.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•Jerry Reisch of Luverne Livestock Auction was tired at the end of the day after he and his crew handled a record high 2,400 animals at their annual feeder calf sale Monday afternoon.

The event filled most of the fairgrounds with makeshift holding pens for the calves for sale by 68 livestock producers, mostly from a 20-mile radius of Luverne and a few from the Lake Benton area.

The sale attracted more than 50 bidders from Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska, and Reisch said buyers and sellers alike reported satisfaction with the prices.

Reisch said that 2,400 calves is the biggest number the local auction barn has ever seen, and speculated it's because many producers are getting out of the livestock business. “With the high price of corn, I think people are choosing to sell their corn instead of feeding it to cattle.”

25 years ago (1993)

•The Luverne Community Pool's reopening has been postponed because the climate control system, which heats both the water and the air as well as control the humidity in the building, has not arrived.

The grand opening was originally scheduled for Jan. 18, with an open house set for Sunday Jan. 17. No firm date for the postponed opening has been set, but Darrell Huiskes is hoping the new equipment will arrive in time for a Jan. 27 opening.

50 years ago (1968)

•Deposits in Rock county's seven banks hit a new record high on December 31, 1967, year-end reports of condition disclosed this week. Called reports for the banks are published elsewhere in this issue of the Star Herald.

A tabulation of the deposits listed by the First National Bank of Luverne, the Rock County banks of Luverne, Beaver Creek State Bank, Exchange State Bank of Hills, Farmers State Bank of Kanaranzi, Hardwick State Bank and the State Bank of Kenneth

showed a gain of \$2,975,152 over last year's record high for all seven banks of \$22,106,013, record on December 31, 1966.

It was the biggest gain in one year in the history of Rock County banking. Last year, a gain of \$2,002,642 was shown.

75 years ago (1943)

•Everyone who has gasoline and fuel coupons is requested by gasoline and fuel oil dealers here this week to “endorse all of them now, if you have not already done so.”

Failure in the past of their customers to heed these rulings has resulted in considerably more work and unnecessary delay on the part of dealers. A spokesman for the local distributors states it this way:

“Uncle Sam tells us we have the responsibility of following instruction as outlined by rationing officials. We are diligently making every effort and are determined to do as we are told and we in turn expect every one of our customers to do like wise.”

“We are at war, and if this war is lost, we will experience something far worse than rationing, That is why we are asking your help now.”

100 years ago (1918)

•As a direct result of the liberality of the people of Luverne in purchasing Red Cross Christmas seals, the pupils of the local schools are to have the benefits of five weeks' service of a visiting nurse without further financial outlay by the taxpayers of the city.

Christmas seals to the number of 34,600 were sold in Luverne during the holidays, according to a compilation made this week by Supt. H. C. Bell, who served as local manager of the campaign. While all the receipts are to be used for health purposes, each community has the option of retaining one-half of the funds for local work, or all of the funds can be turned over to the Minnesota Public Health association, and the services of a visiting nurse will be furnished free of charge to the public schools for a period of one week for each 7,000 seals sold, and the last mentioned proposition has been accepted.



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Do you have a family member with memory loss who lives in a care facility?

The University of Minnesota is examining the effects of an educational program to support family members with a loved one in a care facility. It will be led by a trained coach. Learn more about participating in this free study by contacting Professor Joe Gaugler at 612.626.2485 or gaug0015@umn.edu.

Visit <http://z.umn.edu/transitionmodule> to learn more

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Helgeson

Phyllis Helgeson, 93, Shoreview, formerly of Hills, Minnesota, and Scottsdale and Mesa, Arizona, was called home to be with the Lord on Jan. 1, 2018.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 112 S. Main Ave., Hills. Interment will be in Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Phyllis Wendt was born Feb. 20, 1924, to William and Bertha (Wallace) Wendt in Luverne. She grew up in Luverne with her parents, three brothers, and a sister. She had an adventurous spirit, and after graduating from Luverne High School and Hamline University in St. Paul, Phyllis worked as a Pan Am flight attendant for four years where she was able to travel the world including flying to New York City, Mexico, Brazil, Guatemala, and Japan. She returned home to shoot photography for the Luverne newspaper.

In 1959 Phyllis married Conley Helgeson and moved to the Helgeson family farm in Hills. While raising their

children, Barry and Andrea,

Phyllis handled the business end of the family farm and enjoyed growing prize-winning tiger lilies in her garden. After farming for many years, Phyllis and Conley retired as snowbirds to Scottsdale, Arizona. After Conley passed in 2000, Phyllis moved to Mesa, Arizona, where she was able to have a dog for companionship. Phyllis dearly loved dogs and had many canine friends on the farm and in retirement.

Fun and laughter were a big part of life with Phyllis. She had a great sense of humor and was always up for a good joke or mischievous prank. Some of Phyllis' many hobbies included real estate, painting, fishing, golfing, and playing cards as well as going to movies and the theater. Her favorite movie was “Gone with the Wind.”

Phyllis is survived by children Barry (Carla) and Andrea; grandchildren, Amy, John, and Peter; and brothers Robert (Jean) and Kenneth (Betty) Wendt.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Conley, and siblings William Wendt and Carol Binford.

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Tillie Bork

Tillie Bork, 98, Luverne, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in Doon, Iowa.

Tillie Termaat was born May 10, 1919, to William and Hendrieka (Wallenburg) Termaat on the family farm near Rock Rapids, Iowa. She was raised and attended country school in Cleveland Township near Rock Rapids. Upon completing her schooling, she remained on the farm to help her family.

On Jan. 25, 1940, Tillie married Herman Bork at her parents' home. Following their marriage the couple resided on a farm south of Holland for three years. They returned to a farm west of Doon for seven years and then moved north to a farm on the state line near Steen. Five years later they moved to a farm on the east edge of Luverne, where they continued to farm until they retired in 1981 and moved into town. Tillie was a homemaker and later worked for the cleaning department at the Luverne Community Hospital for 12 years before her retirement. Herman preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 2007. Tillie continued living in her apartment until moving to the Oaks in May 2010. In July

2015, she became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society – Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Shewas a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. She enjoyed cooking, crafting, crocheting, cleaning and working in her flower garden. She bowled for many years and participated in league. She was even still bowling at almost 90 years old. For much of Tillie's life, the highlight of her week was the tradition of having family together for lunch after church service.

Tillie is survived by four sons, Orville (Barbara) Bork of Luverne, Wallace (Linda Sue) Bork of Rapid City, South Dakota, Harley (Linda Kay) Bork of Jasper, and Don (Marcia) Bork of Beaver Creek; a sister-in-law, Florence Termaat of Rock Valley, Iowa; a sister, Evelyn Huisman of Holland, Michigan; 12 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and other family.

Shewas preceded in death by her husband, Herman; two grandchildren, Susan Bork and Brian Bork; her parents; two brothers, Jack Termaat and William Termaat Jr.; and five sisters, Winnie Visser, Gert Van Engen, Christine Van Tol, Cobra Mulder and Henrietta Oostra.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0111 glass negatives

Dave Smith demonstrates how he scans an 8-by-10 glass negative at the History Center in Luverne.

Shedding new light on old topics

History Center scans antique glass negative collection; offers prints for sale

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County History Center is bringing to light its priceless collection of 8-by-10-inch glass negatives.

Photographic glass plates preceded film negatives early in the 20th century. They were used in the large wooden cameras that required photographers to take cover under a hood in order to capture a still image with a 15-minute exposure.

Myhre Studio years ago donated its plate camera to the History Center, along with nearly 300 negatives in the collection.

Some in the collection, however, are historic gems, according to Dave Smith at the History Center.

They capture community celebrations and business openings and extreme weather events, for example.

With available space in the Historical Society's new location and with access to improved technology, Smith and his volunteers have been busy perusing and organizing the plates.

A scanner/copier records the

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You can see such detail, right down to the buttons on their vests."

—Dave Smith,
Rock County
History Center
volunteer

glass negative as a digital file, which is then opened on a desktop computer in a photo editing program.

Smith demonstrates with an image of a congregation posed in front of a country church.

"Because of the size of the negative, the definition is so nice,"

Smith said. "You can see such detail, right down to the buttons on their vests."

He converts the negative to a positive black and white image and makes some minor adjustments to correct light and shadows.

The whole process takes about five minutes.

Smith said the glass negatives have been in the Historical Society's possession for decades, but until recently, there hasn't been a convenient way to make prints from them or to share reprints with the public.

The images will all soon be recorded for history's sake and for public purchase.

As images are scanned and saved, Smith prints 8-by-10-inch photographs on copy paper and files them in three-ring binders for public perusal.

Images are available for \$10 apiece, or for whatever donation amount is offered.

"Gratuities are graciously accepted," Smith says with a smile and raised brow.

Like most historic preservation the glass negatives project is an exercise in patience and perseverance, but Smith said he hopes people take time to explore the prints.

Many of the negatives are family portraits, class photos and church confirmation groups.

"We have a ton of confirmation photos," Smith said. "The Kenneth church had photos of each confirmation class, from its first one to when it closed."

The church closed its doors in 2015 and donated its altar, pulpit and other furnishings of the former sanctuary.

The History Center hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It can be reached at 507-283-2122 or rcmuseum@gmail.com.



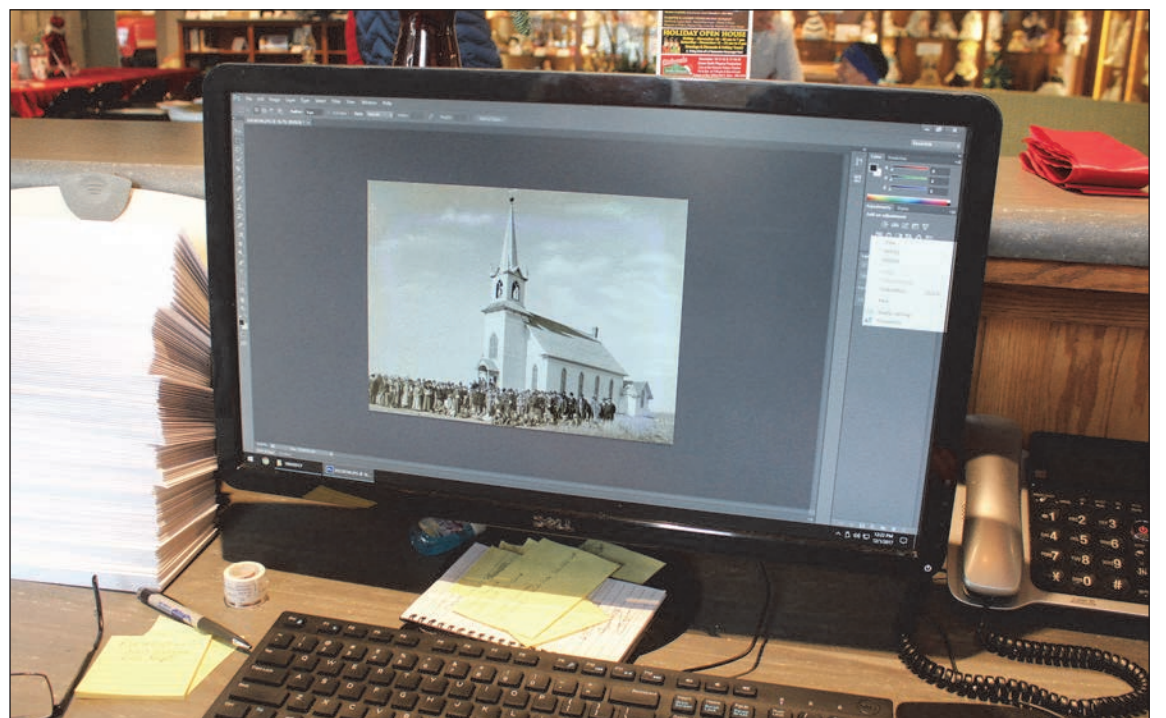
Images like this one of a former gas station in Luverne have become photographic gems in the telling of Luverne's history.



A Tri-State Band Festival Parade in the 1950s is captured in this image that was printed from an 8-by-10 glass negative.



The glass negatives were once used in plate cameras like this one.



A scanner/copier records the glass negative as a digital file, which is then opened on a desktop computer in a photo editing program. Dave Smith (pictured at left) converts the negative to a positive black and white image (at right) and makes some minor adjustments to correct light and shadows. The whole process takes about five minutes.

Girls go 2-1 in first week of 2018

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team opened play in 2018 by playing three games in five days last week.

After falling by 29 points in Marshall Jan. 2, the Cardinals bounced back to beat Windom by 20 points in Luverne Friday before besting Westbrook-Walnut Grove by 35 points Saturday in Westbrook.

Luverne, 6-5 overall, hosts Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

Luverne 63, W-WG 28

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of the Chargers by 35 points Saturday in Westbrook.

LHS set the tone of the game by rolling to a 36-13 halftime advantage.

When the Cardinals outscored W-WG 27-15 in the second half, their convincing victory was complete.

Joci Oye (18 points and seven assists) and Brooklynn Ver Steeg (12 points) led the Cards offensively.

Rachel Oftedahl (six rebounds and four steals), Sierra Schmuck (four assists), Mallory Thorson (four steals and three assists) and Jady Anderson (four steals) also turned in productive efforts.

Box score
Baustian 1 0 0-0 2, Schmuck 2 0 0-0 4, Ver Steeg 4 1 1-4 12, Oye 8 0 2-5 18, Anderson 3 0 0-2 6, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2, Oftedahl 1 0 2-3 4, Sweeney 1 0 0-0 2, Staeffler 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 3 0 0-0 6, Ferrell 2 1 0-0 7, Hadler 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 28 of 64 field goals (44 percent), five of 14 free throws (36 percent), 28 rebounds, four turnovers.
W-WG: eight of 33 field goals (24 percent), 10 of 14 free throws (71 percent), 40 rebounds, 36 turnovers.

LHS 66, Windom 46

The Cardinals notched their second conference win of the season when they rolled to a 20-point home win over the



John Rittenhouse photo/0111 lgb 4

Luverne junior Jady Anderson draws a foul from Windom's Maurissa Isaacs as the Cardinal drives to the basket during Friday's game in Luverne. Anderson netted eight points in the win.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0111 aw jesus 1

Adrian eighth-grader Jesus Anaya emerged as one of four Dragon wrestlers to post 2-0 records during the Adrian Triangular Thursday. The Dragons went 1-1 as a team.

Dragon matmen secure second victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team picked up its second win of the season when the Dragons opened the 2018 portion of their schedule in Adrian Thursday.

Adrian entertained Marshall and Fulda-Murray County Central for a triangular event.

Marshall saddled the Dragons with a 54-19 setback in the first round, but the Dragons evened their nightly record at 1-1 with a 47-12 victory over F-MCC in the finale.

Four Dragons compiled 2-0 records during the triangular.

Jesus Anaya and Logan Sherer both won a pair of matches.

Anaya recorded a 11-1 ma-

jor decision over Marshall's Brett Regnier before posting an 11-4 victory over F-MCC's Dawson Blankenship.

Sherer topped Marshall's Andrew Williams 10-4 before securing a 6-3 win against F-MCC's Christian Kuball.

Adrian's Logan Taylor pinned Marshall's Connor Roth in 46 seconds before drawing a forfeit from F-MCC.

Scot Edwards stuck Marshall's Cole Felcyn in 1:28 and drew a forfeit from F-MCC.

Adrian competes at the Wabasso Tournament Saturday.

Match wrap-ups
Marshall 54, Adrian 19
106 (A) Anaya 11-1 Regnier.
113 (A) Taylor pins Roth.

120 (M) Kee Lar pins B.Combs.
126 (M) La Eh pins Bullerman.
132 (M) Hodges 9-4 Hokeness.
138 (A) Sherer 10-4 Williams.
145 (M) Louwagie 4-0 Nelson.
152 (M) Hughes pins C.Combs.
160 (M) Sterner pins Burcham.
170 (M) Stahl pins Lehmann.
182 (M) Martin by forfeit.
195 (M) Bahr by forfeit.
220 (M) Felcyn by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards pins Felcyn.

Adrian 47, F-MCC 12
106 (A) Anaya 11-4 Blankenship.
113 (A) Taylor by forfeit.
120 (A) B.Combs by forfeit.
126 (F) Blankenship pins Canales.
132 (A) Hokeness by forfeit.
138 (A) Sherer 3-3 Kuball.
145 (A) Nelson pins Henning.
152 (A) C.Combs t.f. Behnke.
160 (F) Behnke pins Burcham.
170 (A) Lehmann pins Wendorff.
182 (A-F) open.
195 (A-F) open.
220 (A-F) open.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

The 6-3 Patriots play in Okabena Friday.

Box score
K.Fick 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 2 0 0-0 4, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 1 2 0-0 8, S.Fick 4 2 2-3 16, Bundesen 4 0 3-3 11, Swan 0 0 0-0 0, Ka.Rozeboom 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 2 0-0-4, Gehrke 0 2 0-0 6, Elbers 1 0 1-2-3, Ko.Rozeboom 3 0 0-2 6.

Team statistics
H-BC: 23 of 59 field goals (39 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 45 rebounds, 21 turnovers.
Edgerton: eight of 45 field goals (18 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 20 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

H-BC hammers Heron Lake-Okabena

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team returned to the court after a two-week layoff by taking on the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Thursday.

H-BC's 2018 debut proved to be a successful one as the Patriots outscored the hosts in both halves of a 58-24 victory.

The Patriots opened a 23-11 lead in the first 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Flying Dutchmen 35-13 in the second half to complete a

34-point rout.

Sidney Fick and Grace Bundesen led the Patriots to their fifth consecutive win by netting 16 and 11 points respectively.

Paige Tilstra (seven rebounds), Abby Knobloch (five rebounds), Taryn Rauk (five rebounds and three assists), Whitney Elbers (nine rebounds and three blocked shots) and Kourtney Rozeboom (seven rebounds) made key contributions to the cause as well.

Cardinal boys skate to hockey split

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team split road games to open its 2018 schedule.

The Cardinals nailed down a three-goal victory in New Ulm Thursday before falling by three goals to Chanhassen in Victoria Saturday.

Luverne, 9-4 overall, hosts Willmar Saturday.

Chanhassen 6, LHS 3

The Cardinals received their fourth loss of the season when they took on the Storm in Victoria Saturday.

LHS sported a pair of one-goal leads in the game's second period, but Chanhassen tied the score before the second stanza was complete and netted three unanswered goals in the third period to double up the Cards.

The score was tied at one in the second period when Ben Serie gave the Cards their first lead (2-1) of the game with an unassisted tally 5:25 into the period.

Noah Gonzalez knotted the score for the Storm when he scored with 2:20 remaining in the second stanza, but Kasyn Kruse scored his second goal of the game for LHS 18 seconds later to give the Cards a 3-2 edge.

Chanhassen received a goal from Matt Bimberg with seven seconds left in the second to tie the game and gave the Storm a 4-3 lead when he scored his second goal of the contest four minutes into the third period.

T.J. Truso gave the hosts a two-goal lead with 4:49 remaining in the game before Justian Kauls iced the win by adding a tally with 1:36 left to play.

Charlie Montang gave the Storm a 1-0 lead 30 seconds into the contest, but Kruse tied the game at one with 59

seconds left in the opening stanza.

LHS, which outshot the Storm 37-35, received a 29-save performance from Daniel Tofteland.

Colby Crabtree registered two assists for the Cards, while Serie chipped in one.

LHS 5, New Ulm 2

The Cardinals ran their Big South Conference record to 8-0 by upending the Eagles by three goals in New Ulm Thursday.

Senior Declan Beers netted a pair of goals for an LHS team that doubled (32-16) New Ulm's output in shots on goal during a game in which the Cardinals never trailed.

The Cards opened a 1-0 lead when Crabtree scored 42 seconds into the first period.

The teams netted a combined five goals in the second period, and three of them came from LHS players.

Beers made it a 2-0 game with a short-handed tally 7:08 into the second stanza, but New Ulm's Kyle Tauer recorded a power-play goal 13 seconds later to open the scoring for the Eagles.

Nick Harder and Beers registered goals 10 seconds apart to give the Cards a 4-1 advantage as the period progressed.

New Ulm's Max Heiderscheidt capped the scoring in the second period with a power-play tally that came with 3:16 remaining in the stanza.

Luverne's Tyler Reisdorfer netted a power-play goal at the 9:02 mark of the third period to complete the scoring.

Jim Erickson, Trey Roberts, Coy Gonnerman, Kruse and Harder charted one assist each.

Tofteland saved 14 of the 16 shots he faced in net,

Grizzlies best Luverne gymnasts

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team returned to action after nearly a one-month layoff Friday in Hendricks.

Luverne, which had not competed since Dec. 9, mixed it up against the Grizzlies in their home surroundings.

The night belonged to the hosts as Hendricks came out on the winning end of a 134.85-

120.45 decision.

Megan Witte had a solid night for LHS by placing third on the floor and fourth on the beam with respective 8.75 and 8.175 efforts.

Witte also placed third all around with 32.45 points.

Greta Johnson claimed the all-around (35.125) and bars (8.975) titles for the Huskies, while Sophie Johnson took

top honors on the vault (8.825), beam (8.625) and floor (9.175).

The 3-4 Cardinals host Pipestone Friday.

Individual results
Vault: Samantha Pierce, 8.0; Melissa Teal, 7.925; Meghan Mollberg, 7.925; Witte, 7.85; Anna Huisman, 7.425.
Bars: Witte, 7.675; Huisman, 7.15; Teal, 6.275; Pierce, 6.25; Madigan Flom, 4.325.
Beam: Witte, 8.175; Flom, 7.775; Huisman, 7.0; Pierce, 6.675; Mollberg, 5.375.
Floor: Witte, 8.75; Pierce, 8.0; Huisman, 7.65; Mollberg, 7.375; Flom, 6.4.

Cards fall to three opponents

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team dropped three consecutive games to open the 2018 portion of its schedule.

The Cardinals took home setbacks from Marshall and Windom Jan. 2 and Friday respectively before falling in Westbrook Saturday.

Luverne, 2-8 overall, plays Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City in Minneapolis Saturday.

W-WG 73, Luverne 45

Westbrook-Walnut Grove took advantage of a tired LHS squad when the teams squared off in Westbrook.

Less than 24 hours after playing a double-overtime game that featured the Cards scoring 95 points, LHS was limited to 45 points and 30 percent shooting from the field during Saturday's 28-point loss to the Chargers.

W-WG assumed control of the game by rolling to a 46-14 lead in the first half.

LHS sported a 31-27 scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to climb back into contention.

Derek Lundgren netted 12 points to lead the Cards, while Mikel Terry collected six rebounds.

Box score
Robinson 1 0 0-0 2, Cowell 0 0 0-0 0,



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Luverne senior Cole Claussen burned the nets for 36 points during Friday's double-overtime loss to Windom in Luverne.

Lundgren 3 1 3-4 12, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 0 0 4-4 4, Claussen 1 1 2-3 7, Terry 100-02, Jacobsma 002-22, Golla 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 1 1 2-2 7, Pradana 1 0 0-0 2, Haugom 3 0 1-2 7.

Team statistics
Luverne: 14 of 46 field goals (30 per-

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Great two-for-one bargain in Luverne

In terms of entertainment, the Luverne Elementary School was the place to be Friday night.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The Luverne-Windom basketball doubleheader attracted the biggest crowd inside the Cardinal gym that I've seen in some time, and it turned into one of the best two-for-one ticket deals I've ever witnessed.

Luverne's girls pretty much had their way with the Eagles during a 66-46 victory in Game 1, but a win is a win and I enjoyed watching the Cards collect their fifth win of the campaign.

The fans remaining in their seats for the boys' game were rewarded in a big way.

In what was the most thrilling contest I've had the pleasure to take in this winter, the second game of the evening will be one nobody will soon forget.

The LHS and Windom boys turned in high-octane offensive performances that featured the teams scoring a combined 196 points.

Not only did the action flow from one end of the court to the other the entire night, the evening also featured some dramatic shots and extended a good game into a double-overtime thriller.

Although the Cardinals have been limited to a pair of wins so far this season, I loved the way they competed Friday.

LHS never trailed and led by as many as 10 points in the first half.

The Cards did surrender the lead a couple of times in the second half, but they clawed their way back into a position to pull out a win by sporting a pair of two-point leads

with less than three minutes remaining in regulation play.

It looked as if the party might be over when the Eagles opened a three-point cushion with 14 seconds left.

LHS senior Mikel Terry, however, didn't blink.

Terry drained a cold-blooded three-point shot with three seconds left to send the game to overtime.

Windom returned the favor in the first four-minute overtime session.

LHS scored the first four points of the extra session and led by three (91-88) when Derek Lundgren buried a pair of free throws with 15 seconds left, but the Eagles canned a three-point shot with five seconds left to send the game to double overtime.

The Cards did score the first two points of the second overtime, but they appeared to run out of gas at that point as Windom outscored LHS 10-2 the rest of the night to secure a 101-95 win.

I felt bad for an LHS team that played hard and well enough to earn a victory, but I didn't feel cheated in any way.

Instead, I was appreciative of the effort our Cardinals put forth.

After all, teams don't lose many high school basketball games after scoring 95 points.

If the Cards continue to play with the same desire and focus, I would deem it a successful season even if they didn't win another game.

E-Gals pull away from Adrian girls Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team opened play in 2018 by hosting Southwest Christian for a Red Rock Conference clash Thursday.

The game was somewhat competitive in the first half, but the visiting E-Gals dominated play in the second stanza to secure a 74-45 victory.

Adrian's Avery Balster recorded a field goal at the 14:02 mark of the first half to give the Dragons a 7-6 edge.

SWC responded to the challenge by going on a 20-4 run to open a 26-11 advantage at the 7:35 mark of the half.

A three-point play from Balster trimmed the difference to 12 points (28-16) 62 seconds later, but the E-Gals countered with an 11-1 run to open a 39-17 cushion with 4:59 remaining.

Adrian battled back to make it a 14-point (39-25) difference when Moriah Bullerman capped the scoring in the first half with a field goal that came with 38 seconds left.

The Dragons, however, were unable to challenge the E-Gals in the second half.

SWC scored the first 14 points of the second stanza as a part of an 18-3 run that gave the E-Gals a 57-28 lead.

The E-Gals led by as many as 31 points as the half progressed before settling with a 29-point victory at game's end.

Moriah Bullerman (11 points) and Lexi Slater (10 points, seven rebounds and four steals) led AHS offensively.

Bailey Lonneman and Paige Bullerman pulled down nine and seven rebounds respectively for 3-7 Adrian, which hosts Edgerton Friday.



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Adrian junior guard Avery Balster heads to the offensive end of the court after coming up with a loose ball in front of a pair of Southwest Christian players during Thursday's game in Adrian.

7, Grimord 0 0 0-0 0, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Lonneman 3 0 0-0 6, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2, Fuerstenberg 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 4 0 2-2 10, P.Bullerman 2 0 3-4 7.

Team statistics
Adrian: 18 of 45 field goals (40 percent), eight of 11 free throws (73 percent), 34 rebounds, 38 turnovers.

SWC: 32 of 76 field goals (42 percent), eight of 11 free throws (73 percent), 32 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

Injury-depleted Ellsworth girls' basketball team takes three losses as skid reaches six games

By John Rittenhouse

An injury-riddled Ellsworth girls' basketball team is mired in a six-game losing streak after dropping three games in seven days.

Playing most of the contests without three key contributors, the Panthers lost a home game to Hendricks Jan. 2 before losing road contests in Tyler Thursday and in Everly, Iowa, Monday.

The 3-8 Panthers play in Slayton Friday.

CC-E 58, Ellsworth 23

The short-handed Panthers were unable to put up much of a challenge when they played Clay Central-Everly Monday in Everly, Iowa.

Taking the court without three regulars, EHS was outscored in both halves of a 35-point setback.

CC-E set the stage for victory

by coasting to a 31-12 lead in the first half.

When the hosts outscored the Panthers 27-9 in the second half, their convincing victory was complete.

Ashlyn Meester led the Panthers with nine points and eight rebounds.

Morgan Dreesen and Lizzie Chapa collected seven and five caroms respectively.

Box score
Meester 0 0 9-16 9, L.Chapa 1 0 2-3 4, M.Dreesen 1 0 2-4 4, Custer 3 0 0-0 6.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: five of 49 field goals (10 percent), 13 of 23 free throws (57 percent), 24 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

R-T-R 51, Ellsworth 35

The Panthers lost a halftime lead when they took on the Knights in Tyler Thursday.

Ellsworth played well early and sported a 24-21 advantage after 18 minutes of play.

The second half belonged to the Knights, who outscored EHS 30-11 to secure a 16-point victory.

Meester (13 points, six rebounds and four steals) and Lizzie Chapa (12 points and six rebounds) led Ellsworth offensively.

Morgan Dreesen (14 rebounds), Devin Dreesen (eight rebounds) and Kallie Chapa (five rebounds and four steals) played well inside the paint for the Panthers.

Box score
Meester 2 0 9-13 13, K.Chapa 1 1 0-0 5, L.Chapa 3 0 6-11 12, M.Dreesen 0 0 1-2 1, D.Dreesen 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: nine of 50 field goals (18 percent), 16 of 26 free throws (62 percent), 39 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Hendricks 36, EHS 30

The Panthers returned to action after the holiday break

by entertaining the Grizzlies for a game in Ellsworth Jan. 2.

Ellsworth was sluggish in the first half and paid the price for it by falling behind 22-11.

EHS outscored Hendricks 19-14 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Panthers from dropping a six-point decision.

Lizzie Chapa led the Panthers with 12 points.

Kallie Chapa (13 rebounds and five steals), Devin Dreesen (seven rebounds and three assists) and Meester (six rebounds) also played productive games.

Box score
Meester 1 1 2-2 7, K.Chapa 1 0 2-4 4, L.Chapa 3 1 3-4 12, M.Dreesen 2 0 0-0 4, D.Dreesen 0 0 1-2 1, Popkes 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Ellsworth 10 of 52 field goals (19 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 34 rebounds, nine turnovers.

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conquest was complete.

Wieneke (17 points, seven rebounds and four steals) and Skylar Polzine (13 points and 12 rebounds) paved the way to victory for AHS.

Lance Luettel collected seven caroms and Noah Reyne charted three assists for the winners.

Box score
Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, Weidert 3 0 0-0 6, John 0 1 0-0 3, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 3 3 2-2 17, Henning 2 0 0-0 4, Veld 1 1 0-0 5, Reyne 0 0 1-1 1, Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 6 0 1-1 13, Luettel 4 0 1-2 9.

Team statistics
Adrian: 24 of 59 field goals (41 percent), five of six free throws (83 percent), 36 rebounds, six turnovers.
Edgerton: 13 of 45 field goals (29 percent), three of seven free throws (43 percent), 22 rebounds, nine turnovers.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League Jan. 4

Games won: Those Guys 4; Rock Stars 3; The Real Guys 2; The Stooges 2; Those Girls 1; The Troublemakers 0.
High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 255; Billy Debates 200.
High Scratch Game Women: Marie Opheim 174; Kathy Matson 171.
High Scratch Series Men: Zach Runia 644; Jeff Runia 552.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 427; Marie Opheim 414.
Team High Scratch Game: The Real Guys 569; The Troublemakers 488.
Team High Scratch Series: The Real Guys 1443; Rock Stars 1385.
Team High Handicap Game: The Real Guys 674; Rock Stars 626.
Team High Handicap Series: Rock Stars 1847; Those Girls 1792.

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Saturday, February 3, 2018

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Legal Description: W½SW¼ less tract Section 29-104-44

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Dragons slay H-BC boys in Adrian

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian boys' basketball teams opened their 2018 slates by playing against each other Jan. 2 in Adrian.

The night turned into a good one for the home-standing Dragons, who overcame a six-point deficit early in the first half to secure a convincing 71-53 victory.

H-BC got off to a good start in the first half as senior Josh Kueter turned an offensive rebound into a field goal 2:13 into the game to give the Patriots an 8-2 advantage.

Adrian answered the challenge by embarking on a 22-7 run ending with a field goal in the paint by senior Ryan Wieneke that gave the Dragons a 24-15 lead at the 7:19 mark of the opening half.

The Patriots scored the next six points to trail 24-21 when Kueter buried a pair of free throws with 4:36 remaining.

Adrian, however, pumped in 10 consecutive points to open a 13-point cushion (34-21) when Wieneke hit a pair of charity shots at 1:27 before settling with a 37-25 lead at the intermission.

H-BC trimmed the difference to 10 points twice in the early stages of the second half, but that proved to be as close as the Patriots would come to catching the Dragons.

Adrian methodically padded its lead and led by 24



Adrian junior guard Christian Weidert releases a one-handed shot as he is being challenged by Hills-Beaver Creek's Josh Kueter (15) during a boys' basketball game played in Adrian Jan. 2.

points (59-35) when Noah Reyne registered a field goal with 8:14 left to play.

H-BC close the margin to 16 points when Wyatt Westrum recorded a field goal with 2:04 left to play before falling by 18 points at game's end.

Wieneke led Adrian with 21 points, 12 rebounds, four steals and three assists in the game.

Christian Weidert and Skylar Polzine netted 11 points each for the Dragons, who upped

their Red Rock Conference mark to 3-1 with the win.

Preston Wilhelmi (13 points and three steals) and Jax Wysong (13 points and eight rebounds) led H-BC statistically.

Kueter, Westrum and Hunter Bork grabbed five rebounds each for the Patriots, who slipped to 1-2 in league play.

Box score
H-BC
Harnack 0 0 0-2 0, Leenderts 1 2 2-4 4, Westrum 4 0 1-2 9, Wilhelmi 2 3 0-0 13,

Bork 20-2-66, Kueter 30-2-28, Hellerud 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 0-2 0, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, Wysong 5 0 3-3 13.

Adrian
Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, Weidert 4 0 3-4 11, John 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 6 1 6-9 21, Ross 0 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Henning 4 0 0-0 8, Veld 2 1 0-0 7, Reyne 2 0 0-0 4, Frodermann 0 0 1-2 1, Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 5 0 1-1 11, Luettel 2 0 4-8 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 20 of 60 field goals (33 percent), 10 of 21 free throws (48 percent), 29 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
Adrian: 27 of 60 field goals (45 percent), 15 of 24 free throws (63 percent), 30 rebounds, six turnovers.

Patriots post season's second win

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split a pair of games bookending the weekend.

The Patriots defeated Heron Lake-Okabena by 24 points Friday in Hills before taking a 35-point setback from Russell-Tyler-Ruthon in Tyler Monday.

H-BC, 2-6 overall, plays Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

0 0 1-2 1, Susie 2 0 0-0 4, Wysong 3 0 0-0 6, K.Kueter 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
H-BC: 18 of 43 field goals (42 percent), five of 12 free throws (42 percent), 31 rebounds, 23 turnovers.
R-T-R: 32 of 74 field goals (43 percent), 12 of 23 free throws (52 percent), 36 rebounds, eight turnovers.

R-T-R 79, H-BC 44
Section 3A power R-T-R dominated play on their home court when they took on the Patriots in Tyler Monday.

Expected to be one of the top challengers for the section title in March, the unbeaten Knights lived up to the billing by rolling to a 79-44 victory over the Patriots.

R-T-R gained control of the game early by opening a 44-18 lead in the first half.

The Knights went on to outscore H-BC 34-26 in the second half to complete a 35-point win.

Preston Wilhelmi turned in a 12-point, five-assist effort for the Patriots.

Hunter Bork and Dawson Leenderts pulled down six and five rebounds respectively, while Easton Harnack chipped in four assists.

H-BC 75, HL-O 51
The Patriots snapped a four-game losing skid when they topped the Wildcats by 24 points Friday in Hills.

The game was tight until the Patriots produced a run in the final eight minutes of the first half to open a 43-18 halftime advantage.

HL-O sported a 33-32 scoring edge in the second half, but H-BC prevailed to secure its second win of the season.

Jax Wysong, Bork (five steals) and Wilhelmi paced H-BC offensively by netting 14, 12 and 11 points respectively.

Harnack (seven rebounds and three assists), Josh Kueter (nine rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots) and Wyatt Westrum (six rebounds) also made key contributions to the winning effort.

Box score
Harnack 2 0 0-0 4, Leenderts 1 2 2-2 10, Westrum 4 0 0-0 8, Wilhelmi 1 2 3-4 11, Bork 6 0 0-2 12, J.Kueter 2 0 3-6 7, LaRock 0 1 0-0 3, Susie 2 0 0-0 4, Wysong 5 1 1-2 14, K.Kueter 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
H-BC: 30 of 60 field goals (50 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 42 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
HL-O: 20 of 53 field goals (38 percent), three of 13 free throws (23 percent), 22 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Box score
Harnack 0 1 1-2 4, Leenderts 2 0 0-1 4, Westrum 3 0 1-3 7, Wilhelmi 2 2 2-4 12, Bork 1 0 0-2 2, J.Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, LaRock



Hills-Beaver Creek junior Preston Wilhelmi scored 12 points and passed for five assists during a road loss in Tyler Monday.

Panther boys stumble into 2018 with road losses

By John Rittenhouse
The Ellsworth boys' basketball team kicked off its 2018 schedule by playing a pair of road games.

The Panthers lost a 28-point game to Murray County Central in Slayton Friday. EHS came up on the short end of an 18-point decision when it played Clay Central-Everly Monday in Everly, Iowa.

Ellsworth, 1-8 overall, plays in Heron Lake Thursday.

Ellsworth's fate when it played CC-E Monday in Everly.

The Panthers were in contention when they were facing a 21-14 deficit heading into the second half.

CC-E settled the issue by outscoring EHS 29-18 in the second half to clinch an 18-point victory.

Grant Jansma pumped in 16 points for the Panthers, while Brandon Kramer turned in a 10-point, 10-rebound performance.

Carter Boyenga recorded three steals for EHS.

Box score
Kruise 0 1 0-0 3, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-1 0, Jansma 1 4 2-2 16, S.Kramer 0 1 0-0 3, Boyenga 0 0 0-2 0, B.Kramer 4 0 2-5 10.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 11 of 49 field goals (22 percent), four of 10 free throws (40 percent), 18 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

MCC 70, Ellsworth 42
The Panthers opened play in 2018 by taking on the Rebels in Slayton Friday.

MCC played well on its home floor as the Rebels outscored EHS in both halves of a 28-point victory.

The hosts led 35-19 after 18

minutes of play before outscoring the Panthers 35-23 in the second half to win handily.

Kramer registered a double-double by scoring 12 points and collecting 13 rebounds for Ellsworth.

Box score
Kruise 20 1-15, S.Boltjes 20 1-15, Lenz 0 0 2-2 2, Jansma 2 0 2-2 6, S.Kramer 3 0 0-0 6, Boyenga 0 1 0-0 3, B.Kramer 6 0 0-0 12, Buntjer 1 0 1-8 3.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 17 of 46 field goals (37 percent), seven of 14 free throws (50 percent), 25 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

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New Ulm 8-0
Luverne 5-3-1
Marshall 4-3
Minnesota River 4-4
Waseca 3-3
Windom 3-4-1
Worthington 3-5
Fairmont 0-8

New Ulm 4-2
Waseca 4-3
RWV 3-5
Windom 3-5
Fairmont 1-8
Worthington 0-8

BSC West boys' hoops
Marshall 5-0
Windom 4-1
JCC 3-3
Worthington 3-3
Pipestone 2-2
RWV 1-4

Luverne 0-5

BSC West girls' hoops
Marshall 5-0
JCC 4-2
Worthington 3-2
Pipestone 3-3
Luverne 2-3
RWV 2-4
Windom 0-5

BSC West wrestling
Worthington 2-0

Marshall 1-0
JCC 2-1
RWV 2-1
Windom 1-1
Pipestone 0-1
Luverne 0-4

BSC West gymnastics
Worthington 3-0
JCC 2-0
Windom 1-1
Luverne 0-0
RWV 0-1
Marshall 0-2
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Luverne 8-0
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St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Jan. 11: 9 a.m. Head Start. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Mass. Saturday, Jan. 13: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 14: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 6:30 p.m. SC-FC. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. Mass at St. Mary. 7:30 p.m. Planning meeting. Thursday, Jan. 18: 9 a.m. Head Start. Veterans Mass. 7 p.m. SC-PC.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernrcrc.com — office@luvernrcrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. Noon church potluck. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. GEMS and Cadets.

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
Thursday, Jan. 11: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, Jan. 15: 7 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Jan. 18: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Jan. 11: 8:30 a.m. MIA. Friday, Jan. 12: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 14: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee; Sunday School; Adult Study. Monday, Jan. 15: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Meet for Ride and Dine. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Grades 6-9 Confirmation; Chancel Choir rehearsal. 8 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, Jan. 18: 8:30 a.m. MIA.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor
Thursday, Jan. 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Jan. 15: 7 p.m. Annual Voters Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 11: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Jan. 12: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education Hour. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, Jan. 15: 8 a.m. and Noon Commons and Fellowship Hall reserved. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Jan. 18: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church
1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Thursday, Jan. 11: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 12: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 1:30 p.m. Congregational Voters Meeting. Monday, Jan. 15: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at St. John. Thursday, Jan. 18: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
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Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

United Methodist Church
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Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Jan. 11: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. LPEP. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry. Saturday, Jan. 13: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service with Communion; Recognition of leaders. Special Prayer Brunch after service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group — Nerf wars. Monday, Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m. M&M Committee meeting. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 1-3 p.m. Sewing Day. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Jan. 18: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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Thursday, Jan. 11: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Monday, Jan. 15: Church office closed. Tuesday Jan. 16: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle. 1:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:10 p.m. Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. High School Fellowship. 7 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Esther Circle. Thursday, Jan. 18: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church
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Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Jan. 11: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 10 a.m. DCE Meeting in Burnsville. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild Annual Meeting. Friday, Jan. 12: 5 p.m. Circuit Pastors Family Gathering in Slayton. Saturday, Jan. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour; Adult Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Monday-Thursday, Jan. 15-18: Little Lambs conferences; No Little Lambs classes all week. Monday, Jan. 15: Newsletter deadline. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circles. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 18: 11:30 a.m. DCE devotions at Mary Jane Brown Hope. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group.

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New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Tuesday, Jan. 16: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. Confirmation

Palisade Lutheran Church
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Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Worship service. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

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Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesday, Jan. 17: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC. Thursday, Jan. 18: 2:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home.

A resolution you can keep

Each new year provides an opportunity for reflection, renewal and rejuvenation. January seems to mark a season of hopefulness characterized by new beginnings.

As many of us attempt to make a New Year's Resolution, we seem to quickly discover the striking similarities or even the identical nature of our goals, hopes, wishes and longings to years past.

While new beginnings are important, a new year's resolution we can truly keep is one that is not our own. As Christians, God has given us a remarkable gift in baptism.

Baptism is a daily remembering of God's promise that makes us dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus. Baptism is God's promise that we are God's beloved — that we live as children of God. Through God's acting alone, we are marked by the cross of Christ forever.

Perhaps this January, consider a New Year's Resolution you can truly keep — that is, to be mindful of your baptism. Remembering our baptism is easy, as fortunately for us, we receive plentiful reminders.

For example, when we get ready in the morning, the act of turning on the faucet can be a symbol of baptism. A refreshing shower can remind us of God's cleansing power and renewal in baptism. The clothes we put on each day are products of the same water that is cou-

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By Pastor Stephen Hilding, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne

pled with the Word used in baptism. The car you drive was once manufactured using thousands of gallons of water. Remember that water comes in many forms and is used in the making of most materials, whether water exists in the final product or not.

Water makes up much of the composition of our bodies and is our most important food source. The meals we share, the beverages we drink, connect us to God's promise that we are God's beloved.

When the snow falls or the icicles form, each one can point us to the God who sustains and gives life. No matter the season, rain, fog, ice, sleet or snow, God's promise remains the same.

Today as you go on your way, may the waters of creation coupled with God's Word cleanse you; may the waters of repentance lead you to the stream of living water that is Christ Jesus. May you live into the promise that you ... yes you ... are a beloved child of God!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a summary of the operation budget for the 2018 fiscal year for the County of Rock. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.169. The detail for the County Budget is on file in the Office of the County Auditor-Treasurer at the Courthouse and may be reviewed during normal hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

COUNTY SUMMARY BUDGET

	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
REVENUES		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$ 5,469,492	\$ 5,633,174
Other Taxes and Penalties	901,443	673,743
Special Assessments	295,110	299,943
Licenses and Permits	59,000	57,400
Shared Revenues	1,388,262	1,424,703
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	55,000	70,000
Local Grants	228,000	228,000
State Grants	159,100	161,000
Federal Grants	18,500	21,003
County Program Aid	167,650	520,654
Charges for Services	1,697,344	1,748,796
Fines and Forfeitures	1,500	17,000
Investment Earnings	63,000	63,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	215,950	236,190
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$ 10,719,351	\$ 11,154,606
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	\$ 2,041,682	\$ 2,305,817
Public Safety	1,957,248	2,085,420
Highways & Streets	2,590,109	2,492,603
Human Services	1,231,994	1,283,658
Sanitation	684,803	738,514
Health	16,800	16,800
Culture & Recreation	432,428	433,840
Conservation of Natural Resources	495,861	532,907
Economic Development	1,940	1,940
Intergovernmental	195,135	211,166
Debt Service	924,339	910,226
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ 10,572,339	\$ 11,012,891

(1-11)

Public Notice on Industrial Park substation development

PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the City of Luverne for components of a 22.4 MVA Distribution Substation in Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, including distribution, for the purpose of supporting the load of new industrial and commercial development in the City. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, EDA is conducting an environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed project.

The EDA project includes the construction of a new substation, which includes transmission tap, substation yard, control building, and associated control equipment. Also included are distribution egress feeders and associated switching. The project will be located at 800 S. Walnut Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156. The purpose of the project is to provide the City additional electrical facilities to increase the capacity of the electrical system, primarily in the industrial park near the new substation site. Project information is available for review at Luverne City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, Luverne, MN; 507-449-2388.

If you have any information regarding potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

Robin D. Bush, LEED, AP
Coordinator, Environmental & Strategic Analysis
US Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Chicago Region
230 S. Dearborn, Suite 3280
Chicago, IL 60604

A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office. Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm on February 9, 2018 will be considered.

(1-11, 1-18, 1-25)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 22

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 09, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$107,257.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Jason Wicks and Shelley Wicks, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and/or assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: October 11, 2012 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 180397
LOAN MODIFICATION:
Dated: November 20, 2015
Recorded: December 14, 2015
Document Number: 187494
LOAN MODIFICATION:
Dated: November 20, 2015
Recorded: June 27, 2016
Document Number: 188640
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation
Dated: July 31, 2015
Recorded: August 10, 2015 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 186773
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100966251208200245
Lender or Broker: Premier Home Mortgage, Inc.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 404 N Estey St, Luverne, MN 56156-1464
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-1731-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W.90 feet of the S.77 feet of Lot 3 in Block 21 in Warren and Kniss' Second Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$114,407.01
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on August 22, 2018, or the next business day if August 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: December 27, 2017
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 033794F03

(1-04, 1-11, 1-18, 1-25, 2-1, 2-8)

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 15, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.
MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated December 15, 2010
Recorded December 16, 2010, as Document No. 175212.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National

Bank
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 200286000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:
The S. 7 feet of Lot 2 and the N. 65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$78,963.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$70,718.67

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on August 22, 2018, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: December 19, 2017
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
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Our family would like to express our appreciation of all your kindness during Del's long journey to heaven. Your thoughtfulness of food, cards and gifts were greatly appreciated. We cherish the doctors, nurses, church, Hospice staff, and all who came to visit him in Hospice! Del had nothing but good to say about his last months in Hospice and was greatly appreciative of his nurses and staff. We'll always remember his smile and kindness and his willingness to help anyone.

Eileen Domagala and families.
(1.4-1.11)

CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you from Sheena and Ryan Eidhammer to our family, friends and all the many, many supporters. We are completely overwhelmed by the love, support and generosity you have shown to us in this difficult time. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

With all our love and heartfelt thanks,
Ryan, Sheena, Ryker, Raylan and Ruxin Eidhammer.
May God Bless you all.
(1.7-1.11)

The Family of Dorothy M. Williamson would like to extend our heartfelt thank you following her passing. We were consoled by all the cards, memorials, flowers, food, and by those who came to the visitation and funeral. We thank the staff at the Mary Jane Brown Nursing Home and the Luverne Sanford Hospice Cottage for the excellent care given to Mom. Special thanks to Doug Nohava and the Minnehaha Funeral Home for the help and guidance. Also Thanks to the Jasper Trinity Lutheran Church members for setting up and serving the lunch. Thank you to Rev. Robert Moeller Jr. for his support and guidance. We appreciated the kindness given by so many during this difficult time.

Thanks from Eileen and Floyd Swier, Wayne and Jolene Williamson, Stan and Karen Williamson, and Mary and Jerry Blankers and Families.
(1.11-1.14)

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