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Updating 1977 flood maps to more accurately predict hazard areas

By Lori Sorenson

Federal officials are redrawing the 1970s maps that show which Rock County properties are in flood hazard zones, and a Dec. 13 kickoff meeting in Luverne put the wheels in motion.

According to Land Management GIS specialist Arlyn Gehrke, the new maps are overdue.

"In 1977, they didn't have the technology to see accurate elevations or water flows," Gehrke said.

Geographic Information Sys-

tems (GIS) is mapping technology that allows users to create and interact with a variety of maps and data sources.

Gehrke said Rock County is ahead of the game in terms of digitally mapping its terrain.

In 2010, for example, his office used LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to detect and measure surface features on landscapes.

And since the technology allows for GIS-based topography informa-

tion, Gehrke's office has been able to develop topographic maps with spatial analysis of Rock County's terrain.

While the Land Management Office uses the information to determine erosion risk, the same information can be used for the new flood maps.

"We have a leg up on a lot of other areas being mapped, because we've already gone through the cost and time of reconditioning the LiDAR mapping," Gehrke said.

For example, LiDAR recognized roads as higher elevations, but local technicians added information like culverts to reflect true hydraulic flows.

By Gehrke's standards, the 1970s federal flood maps are not only old, they're likely inaccurate.

"I really think they overshot the existing flood plains," Gehrke said.

Many properties in Rock County will likely fall outside of flood risk, according to the new maps, but Gehrke said the new information doesn't take

into account future risk from climate change.

"Over the past 10 years, our rain events have been more intense and more frequent," he said. "It's a dramatic shift."

Yet the maps look only at the bare earth and hydrology.

A Frontline report in May illustrates the program's shortfalls, including lack of funding to maintain

Updated flood maps/see page 2A

State Park meeting for recreation ideas Jan. 12

Chamber: Stop meeting, start doing; Interpretive Center needs work and park needs programming

By Lori Sorenson

A Blue Mounds State Park Citizens Advisory Group will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Luverne Chamber office to discuss future recreation at the park and in the community.

According to Kathy Dummer, southern region manager for Minnesota Parks and Trails, the meeting will be a conversation about ideas the community may have about where resources should be allocated.

"We're going to really be looking to these folks to guide the topics and guide the process," she said. "We have this advisory group, but anyone is invited to attend."

After the June 2014 flood destroyed the lower dam at the Blue Mounds State Park, state and federal officials decided not to restore the dam and the Lower Lake that it created.

Instead, the Mound Creek marshy waterway through that area of the park will be restored to its original condition to preserve wildlife habitat and protect water quality.

Having lost this water feature at the park, which had provided fishing, swimming and other water

Park recreation ideas/see page 2A



Lessons from the Bad Kids

The realities of challenge and inspiration

Submitted Photo

Vonda Viland, a 1984 graduate of Luverne High School, is principal at Black Rock Continuation High School in Yucca Valley, California. She's pictured outside her school during the documentary filming of "The Bad Kids," which opened in theaters nationwide last month. Plans are in the works to have the award-winning film shown in Luverne, and Viland has written a book, scheduled for release this month, about her experiences.

Luverne native in award-winning documentary

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne native is making an impact in a California school for students in poverty, and her story is told in a documentary film, "The Bad Kids," recently released.

Vonda Viland, LHS Class of 1984, is the principal at Black Rock Continuation High School, which is one of 29 schools in the state recognized for helping at-risk students succeed.

Without Viland and her staff, 82 students wouldn't have received a high school diploma last year.

Her tenacity in saving vulnerable children and the success of her school attracted the at-

attention of documentary film producers Keith Fulton and Lou Pepe.

The one-hour, 41-minute film uses the verite method of filmmaking in which no narrator is used. Instead the camera follows Viland and three Black Rock students, using their interactions and conversations to tell the story.

"The Bad Kids" was released nationwide in movie theaters after spending the past year at various Sundance Film Festival locations. Viland said the film will air on public television stations in March and will later be released on Netflix.

She cautions that the film isn't a "hero's journey" tied neatly to a happy ending.

"As educators we are not always going to see the progress ... we plant the seeds," Viland said recently from Yucca Valley, California.

Success for the three students in the film — Joey, Jennifer and Lee — may still be years away, she said.

"I wasn't interested in doing a documentary," she admitted. "I didn't want to glamorize the kids."

Filmmakers started their project in 2012 and filming continued every day over a 2 1/2-year period.

'Bad Kids' documentary film/see page 2A

Meads buy Luverne Building Center

By Lori Sorenson

Mike Mead and his son, Nick Mead, purchased the Luverne Building Center from Sam Berghorst at the start of the year.

"I am confident they will continue to run an active and successful business operation," Berghorst said in a letter to clients announcing his retirement.

Mike Mead has been with the Building Center for 17 years and has managed the operation for the past 10 years. He said customers will notice very little difference in the business.

"Keep a good thing going is how I look at it," Mike said. "It's been going well for quite awhile, thanks to good customers and good contractors."

Nick Mead, who has been with the business for nine years, echoed those sentiments.

"We'll continue to provide good products and great customer ser-



Lori Sorenson photo/0112 building center

vice," he said, adding that ownership will be a big step.

"We're excited," he said. "It's one of those things you work for and

wonder if it's ever going to happen, so to have that opportunity come

Luverne Building Center/see 3A

Mail theft investigated

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne postal employees received several reports Tuesday of packages stolen from their property and mailboxes.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said his office is aware of the activity and that the information has been turned over to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Meanwhile, residents are encouraged to be on the alert of suspicious activity and to call law enforcement, 283-5000, or the Luverne Post Office, 283-2186.

According to the U.S. Postal Service, residents can take precautions to protect themselves when sending and receiving mailed items.

•Never send cash or coins in the mail; use checks or money orders.

•Promptly remove mail from the mailbox after delivery, especially when expecting checks, credit cards or other negotiable items. If you won't be home when the items are expected, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to

pick up your mail.

•Have your local post office hold your mail while you're on vacation, or absent from your home for a long period of time.

•If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.

•If you change your address, immediately notify your post office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.

•Always deposit your mail in a mail slot at your local post office, in a blue collection box, or hand it to your letter carrier.

•Check credit card statements, bank documents and financial reports every month for unauthorized activity.

If you believe that your mail was stolen, report it immediately to local law enforcement, your local postmaster or contact the Postal Inspection Service at 1-877-876-2455.

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Article 2: Rock County Herald 'best and most liberally quoted country journal in state'

This is the second in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This week comes from Arthur Rose and the archives of the Herald:

Arthur P. Rose writes in his History of Rock County: "In pioneer communities of the west, the establishment of the first paper was always an item of great importance. A new settlement required a champion, and not until the settlement boasted a news journal was its permanency assured."

Luverne celebrates 150 years/continued on page 5A

This week's moment in time is sponsored by:



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, in the township hall.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet for lunch at the Senior Dining Center at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13. Bring Red Hat items for the Red Hat Rummage Sale. For reservations call Senior Dining at 283-9846 by Thursday, Jan. 12.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the home of the clerk, Teresa Kramer.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the home of Aaron Sandbulte.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church. Contact Dianne Karlstad at 507-530-3307 for more information.

Vienna Township meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Kenneth Community Center.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

No food giveaway in January

There will be no food give-away the third Thursday of January at the Senior Citizens Center. The next giveaway will be Thursday, Feb. 16.

Community Education

Basketball tournament Jan. 28

Luverne Community Education is sponsoring an invitational basketball tournament Saturday, Jan. 28, for both boys' and girls' fifth- and sixth-grade basketball teams. Format guarantees each team at least two games. Teams can register at www.isd2184.net under Community Education or call 507-283-4724. Cost is \$125 per team, and payment must accompany registration.

'Getting Ready for the Next Generation' succession planning Jan. 31

The Blandin Foundation and Southwest Regional Development Corporation have combined with other area groups to bring Tom Hubler (known as the "dean" of family businesses) and Steve Coleman (facilitator of business transition forums) to present **Succession Planning: Getting Ready for the Next Generation**. This five-session evening class begins Jan. 31.

The first three sessions will split into two groups — one being the business owner looking at change, and the other being the prospective small business owner down the road.

The last two classes combine both groups to work on business plans, sale packets, financing and other issues with local experts. The fee is \$95.

Register by Jan. 30 for Driver's Ed

Students in eighth grade and older may register for Student Driver Education class by Jan. 30 for the class that begins Feb. 6 or by June 12 for the class that begins June 19. Limited seats available. Fee is \$325 due at the time of registration at the Luverne Community Education office.

Winter Carnival Feb. 4

Luverne Music Boosters annual Winter Carnival will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Luverne High School gym for families and children of all ages. The event, which raises money for music programs in Luverne schools, features carnival-style games, prizes, Bingo, raffle drawing, cake walk, cotton candy, root beer floats, pizza and more.

Luverne native in documentary, 'Bad Kids'/continued from 1A

Viland said the constant presence of the camera crew was awkward at first and she couldn't act like herself. The students, however, helped her adjust back to her old self quickly.

"The kids are so needy that they (filmmakers) just blended into the background," she said. "I wasn't acting, I just went to work."

According to the film's website, thebadkids.com, Black Rock Continuation High School offers a rare look at how poverty can be tackled within public education.

The film points out that the lack of success at some continuation/alternative schools has led to punitive environments or repositories for so-called "bad kids."

Black Rock is not one of these repository schools; instead it strives to help at-risk students develop resources to lead productive lives as adults.

While the film's title is "The Bad Kids," Viland said it's about kids in bad situations.

Since its completion, the film has been shown to Black Rock's current student body, about 120 juniors and seniors, as a way to bolster their self-images and underline the importance of a high school diploma.

As a result of the film, Viland and a co-worker wrote a book called "Lessons from The Bad Kids: The Realities of Challenge and Inspiration."

An accompanying activity book is planned for the future.

The 100-page book, published this month by Rowman & Littlefield, outlines what Viland has learned from the secondary students she has encountered during her 30 years of working in



Luverne native and current school principal Vonda Viland (left) works with student Cailey Currie at Black Rock Continuation High School in Yucca Valley, California, recently. Viland and three students were subjects in an award-winning documentary called "The Bad Kids."

the Morengo Unified School District. Co-worker Deborah Turner adds lessons from the elementary level.

"I am not unique," Viland stresses. "There are thousands of people out there today who care about kids."

"I like the interaction with students. I find them thought-provoking and they inspire me."

Their inspiration led to the various lessons outlined as chapters in Viland's book. It also tells their struggles with living in poverty, with drug addiction, abuse, teen parenting, mental health issues and the lack of basic needs of food, water and shelter.

Filmmaker Fulton wrote the book's preface.



While filming the documentary, "The Bad Kids," filmmakers encouraged Vonda Viland to write a book about the students at her California alternative school. It's scheduled for release this month.

"If these kids do not get their needs met, they become adults who search for ways to get those needs met. Black Rock is their last chance," he wrote.

Viland's book is written for educators, mental health providers and the general public. "It reminds us we are here for the kids," she said.

Since the film's release, Viland has testified at a Senate subcommittee as well as answered numerous emails from educators and parents as well as a few high school students.

"They were feeling like they were 'bad kids,'" Viland said.

Plans are underway to show the "The Bad Kids" documentary in Luverne.

Park meeting/continued from 1A

recreation, state officials are considering other avenues for local recreation.

Dummer said the conversation doesn't have to focus on the park; it can include ideas for area land and water trails near the park and the community.

Chamber Director Jane Lanphere, who serves on the advisory group, said she's glad there's a meeting, but she said it's time to stop meeting and start acting.

"We should start by funding the Interpretive Center and get programming out there," she said.

"People are interested in the park and they're interested in nature, but the Interpretive Center is closed, and that's a travesty."

She added that Park Manager Chris Engebretsen and local park employees are doing what they can with the resources they have.

"We have great committed staff at the park and they need to be given the tools — in time and resources — to be able to

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— Jane Lanphere, Luverne Chamber

operate the park," Lanphere said.

She said last summer the Chamber arranged for programming at the park to keep public interest in Luverne and the Blue Mounds.

"We had 400 people come through last summer for those programs," Lanphere said.

"But it should not be the Luverne Chamber responsible for programming at the state park. ... It is a jewel we have in this part of the state and this county, and the state is doing nothing for it."

Flood maps/continued from 1A

maps and lack of incentive to draw them.

"The maps are intended to show which areas are likely to flood so that local governments can better plan for disasters," the report states.

"They also determine who must buy flood insurance, and at what rates."

The report points out that flood maps can be political — because homeowners don't want higher premiums — and even the most current maps don't take into account the anticipated effects of climate change, which will dramatically impact the potential for flooding.

Gehrke said at the very least, the newer maps in Rock County will reflect some of the local measures that have been implemented to prevent flooding.

For example, a large earthen berm northwest of Luverne was constructed in the mid-1990s to capture and slow the rushing water through Poplar Creek in town. The berm was built in re-

sponse to the 1993 "hundred-year flood" that put several hundred homes under water and washed out most major roads in Rock County.

To a large degree, the earthen berm has worked to lessen subsequent flood damage, but in the eyes of federal flood officials, according to their 1970s maps, the berm doesn't exist.

And properties downstream are still required to carry federal flood insurance.

Gehrke cautions that people shouldn't plan to cancel their flood insurance policies any time soon.

A planning meeting on Dec. 13 in Luverne was the first step in what looks to be a long process toward completing the maps, possibly several years.

Gehrke said affected property owners will be allowed to review the new maps before they're published.

"When the opportunity comes to look at your map, take a look at it to make sure it makes sense," he said.



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State legislators meet with locals as session opens

By Mavis Fodness
Sen. Bill Weber and Rep. Joe Schomacker, Republican legislators from Luverne, attended the Dec. 27 County Board meeting to update commissioners on their work in St. Paul.

Schomacker tempered hopes that this year's session would be more productive than last year's, which passed 210 out of 8,011 bills that were introduced (and no bonding bill).

"I suggest we limit our expectations for what comes out this session," he said.

They pointed to the contentious atmosphere between the Republican-led House and Senate with a Democratic governor as a reason to limit expectations as well as the unknown forecast of the state's finances.

Weber anticipates if a bonding bill is passed this year, it will be late in the session, which ends in May.

The state has a surplus of nearly \$900 million, and Schomacker said about half of the surplus carried over from last year.

A goal is to have state reserves close to \$2.1 billion. Currently reserves are at \$1.8 billion.

"So we are getting close," he said.

Legislators will receive additional figures next month. Both legislators were unsure what the budget forecast would reveal.

Schomacker said forecasters did not anticipate Republican Donald Trump winning the presidency but had based funding requirements on Democrat challenger Hillary Clinton's proposed policies.

"They did not make any adjustments for Trump because they don't know just what his policies are going to do or what those policies are going to be," Schomacker said.

Increase in county program aid advocated

No agreement was made last year to increase county program aid to provide relief to all counties experiencing dramatic reductions in tax-base equalization aid.

Rock County at one time received more than \$900,000 in county program aid, but last year that amount was just over \$167,000.

Commissioners asked Weber and Schomacker to support the formula that provides every county a base amount to protect against sudden shifts in demographics.

Under a proposal introduced last year, Rock County would have received a base amount of \$500,000.

"That is real property tax relief," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. "That's 7 percent of our levy."

More local control sought for buffer legislation

Weber said he anticipates more work will be done in 2017 on the state's buffer strip legislation.

The law establishes new perennial vegetation buffers up to 50 feet along public waters to help filter out phosphorous, nitrogen and sediment.

"We want to amend and modify that bill to make sure it works and also to make sure local units of government are assuming as much authority as they have available to them," Weber said. "We need to make it practical as best as we can."

Landowners have until late 2017 to be in compliance with the buffer legislation involving buffers along public lakes, rivers and streams.

Additional dollars needed to finish ag land fixes

Commissioners asked for legislative support to finish funding a three-year cost share program to repair agricultural land damaged in the 2014 flooding events.

Rock County has received \$1.7 million in cost share monies but is \$1.1 million short after Year 3 funding was cut.

Rock County has identified 160 sites in need of repair.

Since the flooding event, local landowners have also been able to access federal funds (\$83,000) to help stretch state dollars to more landowners.

About a third of the 160 identified fixes have been completed, another third are currently being completed this coming year with a third waiting for assessment, according to Land Management Office Director Eric Hartman. "A third of them will sit here going 'I have to pay for it myself or not do it,'" added Commissioner Stan Williamson. "That's a problem we are going to run into in another year."

County presses for MPCA landfill permit
Hartman said Rock County is beginning its eighth year without a state-issued permit for its demolition landfill located east of Luverne.

The LMO office submitted paperwork in 2009, in time for the renewal period.

Six years later, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency personnel asked for more information before issuing the permit. They cited software upgrades and other delays in not re-issuing the renewal.

State officials have assured local officials that the county's expired permit still allows the demolition landfill to operate legally.

Since 2015 the county has complied with MPCA's

Legislators/continued on 8A



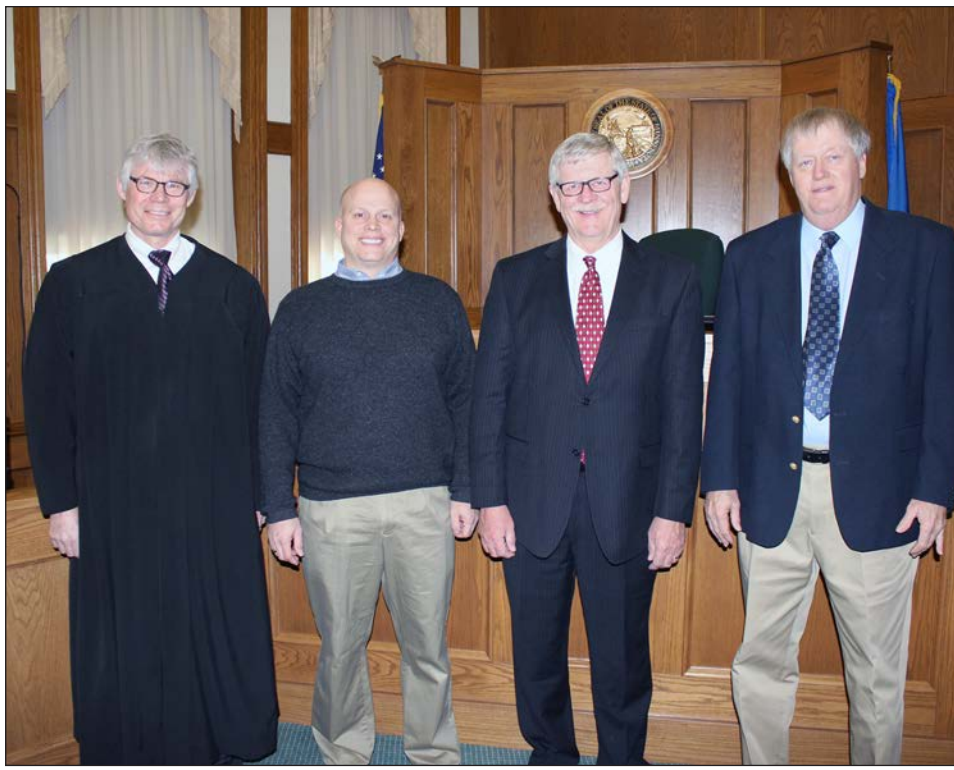
Sen. Bill Weber



Rep. Joe Schomacker

"Either they have an issue with it or don't. This playing the middle of the road and not issuing a permit and dragging their feet ... is ridiculous."

— Kyle Oldre
Rock County administrator



Mavis Fodness Photo/0112 Commissioners Swearing in

Fifth Judicial Judge Terry Vajgrt (left) officially swore in newly elected and re-elected county commissioners Tuesday morning, Jan. 3, at the Rock County Courthouse. Standing with Vajgrt (from left) are Jody Reisch, Greg Burger and Gary Overgaard.

County commissioners sworn into office

In their first meeting of the New Year on Jan. 3, Rock County commissioners elected a new chairman and vice chairman.

By unanimous ballot Stan Williamson will serve as chairman for 2017 with Sherri Thompson selected as vice-chair.

Williamson is the senior member of the five-member group, beginning his seventh year as a commissioner. It's Thompson's second year on the board.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0112 SWCD Swearing in

SWCD representatives sworn into office

Roger Hoff (left) and Gene Cragoe will take office as supervisors with the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District after the Jan. 3 swearing-in ceremony by Fifth Judicial Judge Terry Vajgrt (right). Hoff was newly elected to the board representing the townships of Clinton, Kanaranzi and Magnolia in November. Cragoe was re-elected to represent Luverne and Mound townships. Also re-elected was Dave Esselink (not pictured) who represents Beaver Creek and Martin townships.

'Heroes Behind Badges' Jan. 16 at fire hall

The Rock County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management Services will compete with the Luverne Fire Department to see who can recruit the most blood donors for the community's blood supply next week.

The Ninth Annual "Heroes Behind the Badges" blood drive will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the Luverne Fire Hall, which is a change of location from last year's Heroes event.

The public is encouraged to designate their blood donation in honor of the department of their choice.

The department with the most donations will receive the traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year.

"This event has impacted hundreds of patients' lives at Sanford Luverne throughout the years during the time of year when the blood supply is at its lowest point," said Ken Versteeg, executive director of the Community Blood Bank,

which is the sole provider of blood to Sanford Luverne and 31 other local hospitals.

"In the last few weeks, we have seen a marked increase in blood usage by 20 percent, placing a strain on the blood supply."

He encourages the public to participate. "This challenge between the departments provides the public a chance to say 'thank you' to the law enforcement, emergency management and fire personnel and make a significant impact in

many lives in the community."

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with a signed parent consent form), weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good general health.

It is recommended that a person eat and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating blood and bring an ID at the time of donation.

For more information about the Heroes Behind the Badges event, log onto www.cbblifeblood.org or call 283-2321.

Frakes to expand with new warehouse, office

By Lori Sorenson

Bob "Skeeter" and Dawn Frakes have purchased a lot in Luverne's industrial park to expand their Frakco water conditioning operations.

At their Monday morning, Jan. 9, meeting, members of the Luverne Economic Development Authority approved the sale of a lot in the Walnut Second Industrial Subdivision for \$12,500.

Doing business as B & D Leasing LLC, the couple

plans to construct a building for warehouse storage and office space for their existing business, Frakco Inc.

The warehouse will be 50 by 80 feet with an attached 16-by-28-foot office, and construction will begin this spring with a fall completion date. Construction costs are estimated to be \$140,000.

The 15,230 square-foot lot has utilities — water, sewer, electric — to the property, and Frakco will be responsible for

costs of connections.

Their current business, located just off North Blue Mound Avenue on East Dodge Street, has been in operation for over 40 years and has nine full-time employees.

"We are excited for this opportunity and look forward to many more years of business in Luverne," they wrote in a Nov. 28 proposal to the LEDA to buy the lot.

Mayor Pat Baustian congratulated Skeeter, who at-

tended Monday's meeting.

"It's a good idea to throw that office space in there with the warehouse," Baustian said. "Good luck, Skeeter. It will be exciting to see that lot developed."

In the past five years, nine commercial lots and 15 residential lots were sold through the Luverne EDA. That's not counting those sold by the city.

There are 54 lots remaining for sale, 41 residential and 13 commercial.

Meads buy Luverne Building Center/continued from 1A

up ... It's not often you have a chance to own the business you work for."

Berghorst said he's been with the business for 23 years after purchasing Rock County Lumber from Darwin Klabunde.

"I got a lot of support," he

said. "We have good contractors — they're loyal. We compete against big box stores, but we sell service."

Berghorst owned the business with silent partner Larry Voss, who owns Voss Lumber in Adrian. Voss will continue to support

the Meads as a silent partner in the Building Center.

Berghorst said he may not have been ready to retire for a few more years, but he said the Meads were interested and he acted on the opportunity.

"It's not too often you come across buyers like this; I'm real

happy for Mike and Nick," he said. "I look forward to this new phase in my life."

He said he'll continue to do carpentry work and expects to keep busy working with his daughter-in-law Sarah Berghorst in Sioux Falls with her interior design business.

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Beaver Creek Township
Filing Notice

Filing for township supervisor for a three-year term. Filing will open on January 1, 2017 and closes January 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

File with the Beaver Creek Township Clerk.

Kathy King, Clerk
Beaver Creek Township

ROCK COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION
FILING NOTICE

Filing for township supervisor for a three-year term:
Beaver Creek, Clinton, Kanaranzi, Luverne, Magnolia, Mound, Springwater

Filing for township treasurer for a two-year term:
Clinton, Kanaranzi, Luverne, Magnolia

Filing is open until January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Each filing must file with the Clerk, within their township.

Pete Bakken, Secretary-Treasurer
Rock County Township Association

Seasons need to keep within certain temperature parameters

I like living in a state with four distinct seasons.

I believe we can appreciate and enjoy each season more because it is only here for part of the year.

If the weather was always the same, would we even notice and enjoy it? And what would we have to talk about?

Of course the weather in Minnesota is unpredictable and the seasons aren't always as distinct as some of us would like.

I, for one, much prefer when summer has summer weather and winter has winter weather.

If I had my way, we would have high temperatures between 75 and 85 degrees every day June through August and between 15 and 25 degrees from December through February.

That's not too much to ask, is it?

As you can imagine, a person like me was not thrilled with this year's Christmas Day thunderstorms and rain.

The TV weather people reported that it hasn't rained in Sioux Falls on Christmas Day in about sixty years and there had never been a thunderstorm on Christmas Day since records started being kept in the 1890s.

I'm hoping it doesn't happen again anytime soon.

I have family members who live near Seattle and are in Minnesota only once or twice a year. Part of the fun is sharing our cold winter weather with them when they are in Luverne for Christmas.

Needless to say, a rainy, 40-degree Christmas Day was not very interesting for them.

My niece and nephew, six and three years old, had little use for their snowpants and sleds during their Christmas trip to Luverne this year.

Sure, travel was a little easier with rain, which is good. And with the high wind



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

If the weather was always the same, would we even notice and enjoy it? And what would we have to talk about?

that came Christmas night, we would have been in trouble if all that rain had been snow. But I chose to ignore those facts and let the rain on Christmas bug me.

There was nothing enjoyable about grandparents and presents getting soaked while walking into the house from the driveway.

When loud thunder crashed between bites of prime rib and others at the table laughed, my head just shook in silent disgust.

I just don't like it when the weather doesn't match the time of year.

I look at it this way. Forty degrees on Christmas is pretty much the same thing as 60 degrees on the Fourth of July. I don't know many people who would be happy with that.

Have you noticed how many people seem to celebrate unseasonably warm weather in the winter, but would never appreciate unseasonable weather in the summer?

Oh well. The unseasonably warm temperatures didn't last long. Soon we were back to highs near 0 and wind chill warnings.

Of course, I didn't like that either. Good thing it gave us something to talk about.

Luverne's history saved, now recounted, thanks to the community newspaper

Community newspapers have played a vital role in preserving our area's history, and it has become apparent we couldn't observe Luverne's 150th birthday without the diligence of our journalistic forefathers. (See the front page "Moment in Time.")

With the advent of the Internet that spews out "news" stories within seconds, newspapers' roles seem to have diminished.

The Pew Research Center recently asked, "If your local newspaper no longer existed, would that have a major impact, a minor impact or no impact on your ability to keep up with information and news about your local community?"

Most people (75 percent) indicated they wouldn't be affected in a major way.

Ironically when these same people were asked where they would turn for information for research on specific topics, newspapers were the most common source.

In Rock County dedicated journalists have chronicled the everyday happenings of our area citizens on a weekly basis since 1873.

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Week after week, decade after decade, the political happenings, individual accomplishments, births and deaths were recorded and printed on paper and distributed without fail.

That same information today is shared online and on printed paper. (There is something real about the feeling of paper between your fingers that online news cannot duplicate.)

Paging through the yellowed, weathered pages of our archived newspapers shows there was plenty of news occurring in the area, and the two papers — the Rock County Star and the Herald — rarely featured the same top stories.

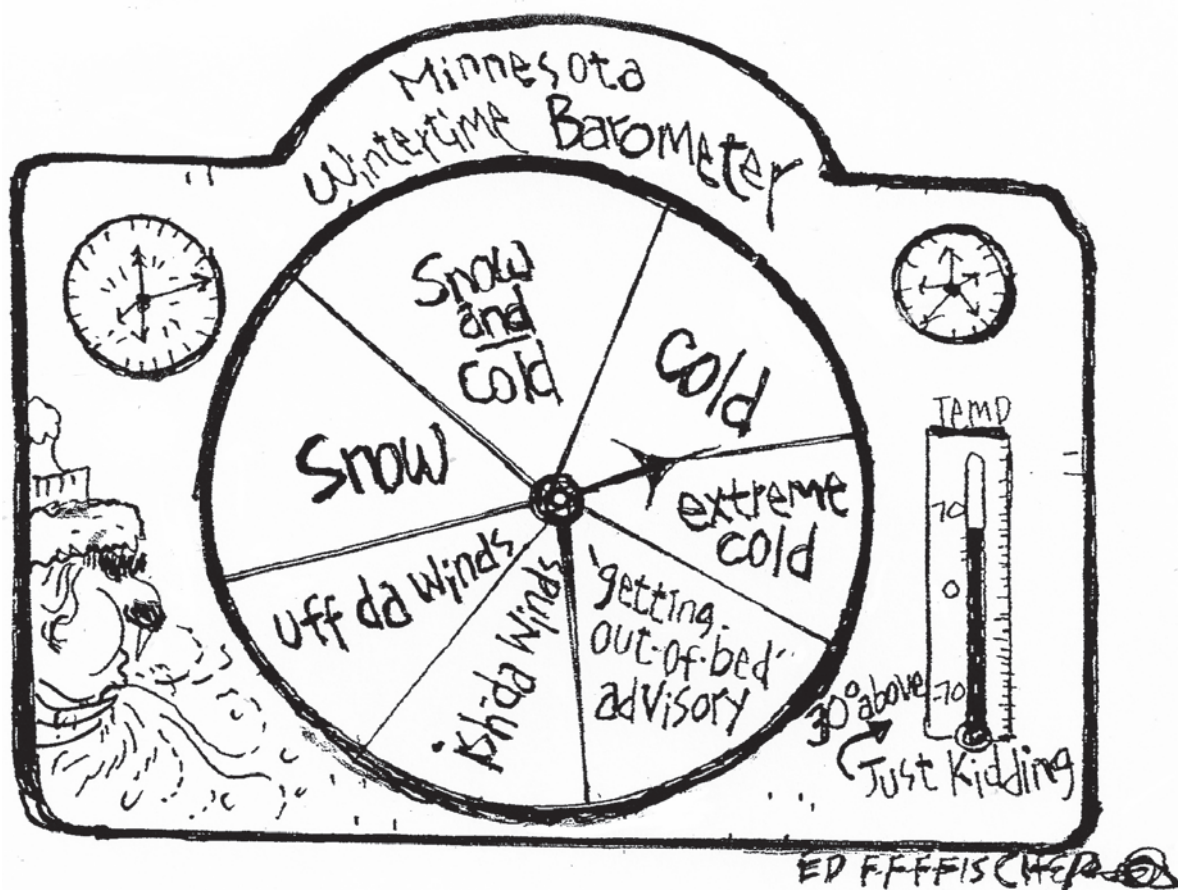
As the community recognizes Luverne's 150 years this year, information about our town's early beginnings will be found in the archives of our local newspaper — not from random Internet sites.

Just ask our Historical Society volunteers how important our newspaper is to the community. Their official research includes endless clippings from newspapers about everything from births and obituaries to front-page headlines about major events of the time.

And, of course, our "Remember When" and Betty Mann's "Bits By Betty" columns in the Star Herald today are gleaned from past pages of the newspaper.

Imagine the year 2167 when Luverne celebrates its 300th birthday. We're guessing those community leaders will also turn to the Star Herald for official information about our community.

Lord willing, this news organization will still be operating, still proudly chronicling Rock County's happenings — even if our official news appears only online.



Stalking is a crime; Southwest Crisis Center here to help

To the Editor:

I recently saw a meme on Facebook that caught my attention. It said, "Stalking is a strong word. I prefer to say intensive research of an individual."

Many of us use the term "stalk" in a variety of jokes. And if we are being honest, who hasn't used online resources to discreetly check up on an ex, a frenemy, an estranged family member or a new acquaintance? Even many employers have been known to check an individual's Facebook profile prior to an interview. The constant photos, selfies and location check-ins posted make cyberstalking extremely easy.

Society even teaches us to believe that stalking is romantic. Think about your favorite romantic comedy. Did the guy (or girl) ever show up in an unexpected place, know way more facts about her than she ever told him, watch longingly outside her house or workplace, have a shrine of photos she never knew he took, or follow her across the country and surprise her? Without all the drama and Hollywood magic, is he really romantic or just a creepy ex standing outside her window in a trench coat holding a boom box?

Just because someone checks out your Facebook profile often doesn't mean that

you are in danger. But to many people, stalking very seriously affects their lives and can be a warning sign of future danger. According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, one in six women and one in 14 men will be stalked in their lifetime. It can have very real emotional and physical effects on a victim's health. The fear and anxiety that comes with never knowing when someone is watching, waiting and planning surprise contact can be devastating and dangerous.

Abusers often use stalking as a way to intimidate and control their victims. Statistics show that 81 percent of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner were also physically assaulted by that partner and 31 percent were sexually assaulted. Stalking is a not harmless and is a crime in all 50 states.

January is Stalking Awareness Month. The definition of stalking is a persistent pattern of unwanted behavior committed by another person that makes you feel

uncomfortable, threatened, or afraid for your safety.

If you feel that you are being stalked, trust your instincts. Don't rationalize or downplay the danger of the situation. If it is someone you know and you have already communicated that you don't want contact, don't respond to any future contact. Keep a log of the date, time and place of any incidents and keep records of unwanted calls and texts.

Call the Southwest Crisis Center. We can help you develop a safety plan, file a harassment restraining order, provide information about stalking laws, make referrals for other services and provide advocacy with law enforcement and the judicial system if necessary. Our 24/7 safe-line number is 1-800-376-4311.

Jen Lindsey
Rock County Advocate
Southwest Crisis Center
Luverne

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Ohme: Community pulls together for The Salvation Army's second-highest giving total

To the Editor:

Congratulations, Rock County. The Salvation Army had its second-highest giving total this Christmas season at nearly \$7,700. This could not have been accomplished without our dedicated volunteer bell ringers.

This year, in addition to the many individuals who volunteered their time, three local businesses and two other organizations allowed their employees and members to participate in ringing the bell at Glen's Food Center. Those include Main Street Financial, Continental Western Group and Minnwest Bank. St. Catherine's church and Rock County Opportunities director Beth Bartels arranged for their members to help with this year's campaign.

We appreciate Glen's Food Center, Glen's Food and Gas (both now known as Teals), Shopko, and the Holiday station for making room for the red kettle.

The public's generous response allows the Salvation Army to provide emergency financial support for programs in Rock County that would otherwise go unfunded. We're grateful for the many folks who put their coins and dollars in the kettle this year; it will work for our citizens all year long.

Suanne Ohme, Coordinator
Rock County Kettle

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Dec. 30

•Complainant reported a male is driving drunk in a white Silverado with habitat plates. He always has a beer and probably something else with him.

•Deputy arrested female for DWI and took her to jail.

•Complainant reported possible child abuse.

•Complainant reported that there was some road rage going on between him and another vehicle. He admitted that when the other driver was driving the way he was, he flipped him off, which only made him angrier. The other driver also called and reported the first caller. Dispatch contacted patrol and gave them all info on both drivers.

•Complainant reported that she had a snowman and a gingerbread man Christmas ornament statue tied together outside up by the house on a platform. They are approximately 3-4 tall and 3-D. They could not have blown away. She is sure someone took them.

•Subject reported he had a flat at location.

Dec. 31

•Complainant reported vandalism to friend's car and cash missing from inside.

•Deputy reported subject and some others are doing some scrap work on behalf of Dave Halverson at location. Have permission to be there.

Jan. 1

•Complainant reported vehicle in the ditch across from residence. Driver was arrested for DWI.

•Complainant reported her car was egged.

•Complainant requested to speak to officer about their safety.

•Complainant reported the last two nights someone has banged on his window and ran off. Followed footsteps, and they go into the neighbor to the north side second house in backyard. Tracks lead to 815 North McKenzie Street.

•Complainant reported wallet stolen with social security card in it.

•Complainant reported her husband is receiving harassing phone calls.

•Complainant reported stuck in the snow.

Jan. 2

•State Patrol requested tow for a vehicle in the ditch.

•Complainant reported sexual abuse.

Jan. 3

•Complainant reported their vehicle stalled in front of Dingmann Funeral Home. Hazards are on, and they are off to the shoulder of the road. Someone is coming to get them.

•Complainant reported that a semi lost its trailer at location, and the northbound lane is blocked.

•Complainant reported that someone used her card without her knowledge.

•Complainant requested welfare check on resident.

•Complainant reported they found a

title in their parking lot. They attempted to mail it to the owner, but it was returned.

•Complainant reported someone drove through his fence tonight.

•Complainant called 911 to report his tub is overflowing. Minnesota Veterans Home was contacted for staff to check on him.

Jan. 4

•Complainant found three license plates at location.

•Deputy reported the crossing lights at location were stuck on.

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.

•Complainant would like to check on a strange smell in their house. Fire department was called to check CO detector.

•Complainant reported burglary alarm at location.

Jan. 5

•Complainant reported someone has been trespassing.

•Complainant requested welfare check on family.

•Complainant reported assault at location.

In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 3 vehicles in ditch, 4 funeral escorts, 4 traffic stops, 21 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 2 false alarms, 2 driver's license checks, 2 money escorts, 1 false 911 call, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, and issued 5 purchase/carry permits and 30 burn permits.

Winter Crops and Soils Day in Luverne Jan. 31

The Southwest Research and Outreach Center (SWROC) and University of Minnesota Extension will offer Winter Crops and Soils Day from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, in Luverne's Grand Prairie Events on South Estey Street.

The event highlights University of Minnesota research specific to southwestern Minnesota, and leading experts will share ways to improve agriculture and answer questions.

The experts will present information on:

- marketing during lower commodity prices,
- 2017 IPM strategies for corn and soybean pests,
- managing water and nitrogen costs when adding cover crops,
- phosphorus and residue management for corn production,
- bioreactor research at the SWROC,
- seed treatments for soybean diseases,
- corn and soybean diseases, and

•sulfur and tillage research.

Speakers from the University of Minnesota's Research and Outreach Centers and St. Paul Campus and University of Minnesota Extension include Paulo Pagliari, Axel Garcia y Garcia, Bruce Potter, Andry Ranaivoson, David Bau, Jeff Strock, Jim Kurle and Dean Malvick.

Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the designated start time. The event is open to the public, but pre-registration is encouraged.

The cost is \$35 if registered by Jan. 25 and includes refreshments, handouts and lunch. The cost is \$40 after Jan. 25 and at the door. All programs are cash or check only. Continuing education units for certified crop advisers have been applied for.

Additional crops and soils events will be Jan. 30 in Fairmont, Feb. 1 in Lamberton, and Feb. 2 in Montevideo and Olivia.

For more information, visit <http://swroc.cfans.umn.edu> or call 507-752-7372.

Luverne celebrates 150 years/Star Herald published first issue in 1873/continued from 1A

"... The little settlement at Luverne was no exception to the general rule, and I find that in the spring of 1872, when the town boasted little except a determination to become greater, the people were clamoring for, and offering a bonus for, a newspaper.

"A correspondent signing himself 'Settler,' wrote the following, which appeared in the Jackson Republic May 29, 1872:

"The citizens are very anxious to have a county paper established here and there is no doubt it would receive good support. There is a bonus offered of about \$400. One gentleman offers \$150 cash and will subscribe for fifty copies; many others will take from three to ten; therefore, come along, Mr. Editor, and we will cordially welcome you, one and all."

The following year in May 1873, an old Washington hand press and a few cases of worn out type were hauled in from the south on a lumber wagon drawn by oxen.

According to Rose, the outfit became mired in the mud a few miles from town, and P.K. Kniss and E.D. Hadley assisted in extracting it.

"The press owner, S.J. Jenkins, announced he was looking for a location to launch a paper, and he was heartily welcomed," Rose writes. "He set up shop in one corner of the real estate office, and on May 23, issued the first number of the Rock County Herald."

From the Rock County Herald, May 23, 1873:

"To our friends and fellow citizens of Rock County: We issue today the first number of the Rock County Herald."

The editor was Charles F. Crosby. Publishers were Jenkins and H. A. Gregory.

The writer made it clear that the attempt at newspapering would be elementary, since the editor and publishers had very little education or experience. "... and now when they are about to grasp the editorial quill for the first time, they are conscious of a very perceptible fluttering in the vicinity of the heart at the somewhat important trust imposed on them.

"They are aware that the position of editor of a country paper though honorable is very seldom a remunerative one, and that in order to make the paper pay parties connected with it must economize, hence they are prepared to receive subscriptions in old clothing and other necessities, and in regard to diet they are putting themselves through a thorough course of training; those regulations will not only apply to them but will extend to and include their families.

"They are also aware there are many errors in the general makeup of this issue of the Herald owing to natural causes, one of which is want of good news type.

"... But fellow citizens, though we are hopeful and ambitious, as the above indicates, we feel convinced that you, too, are interested in the general prosperity of the whole county and that you will aid the Herald to the best of your ability.

It shall be our aim to make the Herald a good local paper and its work shall not be confined to any one locality, but shall be in the interest of the whole county.

"It shall know no north, south, east or west, but shall advocate the just claims of every individual or corporation without regard to locality.

"In politics, the Herald will be a Republican paper in the old strict sense of the word. Yet it will not hesitate to attack corruption in that party as quick as any other.

"It will favor genuine reform of every name and nature, no matter in what political party they may originate and advocate them too, so long as good is in them.

"Doubtless there will be mistakes; we expect them, you must, but they will be mistakes of the head, not of the heart.

"Now fellow citizens, we leave the matter with you, we ask nothing more than that you will give the Herald a reasonable

support and we will endeavor to merit it."

In addition to political and national news, that first Herald edition carried a recap of the history of Rock County, and from that point on published every week.

Arthur Rose shares that the first year of the Herald wasn't a resounding success, quoting the paper, "With this number, the Herald completes its first volume.

"One year ago, in answer to a want profoundly felt by the people of this vicinity, we tried the experiment of publishing a newspaper in Rock County.

"Experience in other localities of the far west had taught us enough to prevent our entertaining any idea of suddenly becoming rich at the newspaper business in so new a country among a population of pre-emptors and homesteaders.

"Aided at the outset by the energy of Judge Crosby, who enlisted the businessmen in our

enterprise, and by the pen of Mr. Hadley, we started off with a generous patronage in the line of local advertising and a fair subscription list, and we proceeded to business.

"Since that time we have regularly issued the Herald in spite of storm, oppressive heat and wintry cold, in spite of all opposing elements, never missing a number.

"While it is the custom of many frontier papers to suspend publication through the winter months, the Herald has not failed to visit the fire-side of each subscriber once a week through the long winter.

"Our anticipations have not failed pecuniarily; although we have not become bloated capitalists, we have had our 'meat in due season.'"

According to Rose, the paper changed hands several times over the following few years and the news department fell under several different editors.

In 1879, the Herald

printed this modest announcement:

"In accordance with a long cherished plan, we take pleasure in introducing to our readers as associate editor and proprietor Mr. H. J. Miller, formerly of Stoughton, Wisconsin, recently of the Reinbeck (Iowa) Herald, and a gentleman whose acquirements and experience will redound to the interest of our patrons."

Rose goes on to report "under the direction of Mr. Miller, the Herald began to improve and continued to do so until it developed into the best and most liberally quoted country journals of the state. Mr. Miller wielded a trenchant pen and he made the Herald a powerful influence in the affairs of the city, county and state."

The paper reportedly published semi-weekly from July 8, 1884, to Nov. 26, 1889, and for a few months during the Spanish-American War, the Daily Herald was issued.

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TOMMY RYMAN

Tommy Ryman grew up with a new-age, folksinging mother and a traditional, Lutheran insurance-agent father. This XY equation evidently equals: acclaimed comedian. Ryman has earned the title of Semifinalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing. Roseanne Barr, a professed fan, raves she has "... never seen anything like [Tommy] before in [her] whole life, [he is] one-of-a-kind, fantastic!"

Ryman's act can be described as absurdist and clever, masked behind a very likable and innocent demeanor, often thought of as disturbingly adorable. He is a favorite among audiences at top clubs, colleges, and companies around the nation, and he is regularly featured on Rooftop Comedy, SiriusXM, and iheartradio.

Ryman recently won the title of Best in the Midwest at the prestigious Gilda's Laugh Fest. He was invited to perform at the Great American Comedy Festival at the Johnny Carson Theater, and was featured as one of the "Twin Cities' Funniest People" by Metro Magazine. Ryman has two albums on StandUp! Records. Ryman's unique humorous storytelling and comedy stylings should not be missed.



PUBLIC WELCOME!

Mock Trial kicks off with two Luverne teams

Team looking for 3-peat appearance to state event

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School's Mock Trial teams opened their 2017 season this week with hopes of returning to the state tournament in March.

Luverne has earned back-to-back state appearances in 2015 and 2016 and finished 10th and eighth respectively.

In 2017 the school has doubled its chances for a return trip to the Minnesota High School League Mock Trial state tournament.

Adviser Deb Schandelmeier has 30 members this year, up from 19 last year, and for the first time in her 10 years at the helm, she'll have two LHS teams.

"If their awesome work ethic is any indication, I am expecting great things for both teams," she said. "They have been working very diligently since late October."

Jeff Haubrich returns as the team's attorney coach.

Each team consists of lawyers and witnesses divided into prosecution and defense members. Schandelmeier said she has 22 roles and eight understudies between the two teams.

Members of the "A" Team are lawyers Knute Oldre, Dylan Thorson, Hans Bakken and Alexa Chesley. Witnesses are Madison Schandelmeier, Zayna Hustoft, Emma Verbrugge, Gunnar Oldre, Jady Anderson and Megan Rogers. Grace Sweeney and Sophia Lanoue are the A team's understudies.

The "B" Team lawyers are Jessica Anderson, Shane Berning, Lauren VerSteeg, Aric Meinerts, Nicholas Rogers and Mela Jarchow. Witnesses are Will Mumme, Michael



Prosecution lawyer Jessica Anderson reads the opening statement Thursday, Jan. 5, during a scrimmage at the Rock County Courthouse. Lawyers include (from left) Knute Oldre, Dylan Thorson, Hans Bakken, Shane Berning, Anderson and Lauren VerSteeg.



Prosecution lawyer Shane Berning (standing) cross-examines his witness, Jonah Lowagie. Fifth District Judge Terry Vajgrt sat on the bench and scored the scrimmage.



Fifth District Judicial Judge Terry Vajgrt (center) presides over the Luverne Mock Trial Jan. 5 scrimmage. Prosecution lawyer Lauren VerSteeg (far right) questions her witness, Nicole Aansenon. The Mock Trial season for high schools statewide began this week.

Luverne Mock Trial/
see page 8A

1925: Arterial highway system chosen to cross Rock County

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on August 7, 1925:

LUVERNE GETS TWO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Joint Highway Board, Meeting in Washington, Designates Numbers 6 and 9 Arterial Highways.

WILL ADD TO VALUE OF ESTABLISHED TRAILS

New Arterial Highways to Cross Entire country, Each With Single Number Designation.

Luverne landed in preferred position Wednesday at the Washington conference, when State Commissioner C. M. Babcock put through his plan to make Trunk Highway No. 6 and Trunk Highway No. 9 federal arterial highways. Through this deal Luverne is placed on two transcontinental arterial highways, one paralleling the King of Trails and the other the Buffalo Trail.

Under authorization of congress early this year, a joint board on interstate highways composed of eighteen commissioners was created for the purpose of establishing a system to form a network of highways extending the length and breadth of the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

country, each highway carrying a certain number clear across the United States.

This joint board, of which Minnesota's highway commissioner, C. M. Babcock, was a member, has held a number of meetings in various sections of the country to lay out plans for the system. The final meeting for the designation of the routes to be traversed, and the selection of the national markers, was held at Washington the first of this week.

From the outset Mr. Babcock laid plans to include No. 6 and No. 9 in Minnesota in the proposed new system, and his success was announced in a dispatch from Washington Wednesday night. Much opposition was encountered in the case of No. 9, for strong efforts were made to route the arterial highway for this section through Northern Iowa, but in the final assignment Mr. Babcock won out.

Practically all the east and west highways will extend from points on the Atlantic to points on the Pacific, and the north

and south highways from the gulf to the Canadian border. Of the seventy highways designated, three will cross Minnesota north and south, and six will cross the state east and west. All will connect with like highways in other states, with the majority of the northern routes centering at Chicago and radiating from that point.

While no definite information has been received as to the routes of connecting highways, the Herald's advance information gives practical assurance that the east connecting link on No. 9 will be with No. 29 at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, crossing that state to Milwaukee, thence to Chicago and on east. This dovetails admirably with the new Buffalo Trail. The connecting link west has not been announced.

As stated above, each highway will carry the same number clear across the

country, while the cost of marking and maintaining the highways will be borne jointly by the federal and state governments.

The markers selected at Washington this week will be in the form of the shield of the United States, with white background, the name of the state, the initials "U. S." and the number in black. A shield of smaller design will be used to indicate turns, with the letters "L" and "R" in place of the numbers.

In the selection of warning signs Mr. Babcock won a second victory, inducing the board to adopt the Minnesota system of signs, including the colors, yellow and black.

The selection of Trunk Highways 6 and 9 places the established "trails" on these routes in enviable position. Tourists naturally will follow the national highways, and with proper advertising of the advantages of the trails, a tremendous volume of traffic can be attracted.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, 312 E. Main, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Luverne agent named top producer

Shirley Top with Kozlowski Insurance Agency and Financial Services Inc. of Luverne has been recognized as a top-producing crop insurance agent for Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company (FMH).

Top is eighth in the state for combined Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) and Crop Hail premium in 2016.

"I love working with clients," said Top, who has been in the crop insurance business for 30 years. "I help them assess their needs, go through options with them, and then let them decide what is best for them."

When helping farmers with marketing, Top said she provides them with their total bushel guarantee by farm so they know the bushels they will have to feed versus the bushels they will have to market.

"If there are claims related to price and/or weather, I love helping them, too," she said.

She said the Farmers Mutual hail-adjusting staff makes her job easy. "Our adjusting staff is amazing," Top said.

"Our adjusters are timely, and they do a great job advis-



Shirley Top

ing the farmer of their findings and calculations."

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Learn the basics of operating a computer and using the internet and email at **Computer Surf Day on Jan. 27**. Class size is limited to 4. Fee is \$5.

Prairie Rehab therapists have some tips for how to deal with injuries from common farm practices at **Aches & Pains of Farming on Jan. 25**. Fee is \$5.

Keep your car insurance discount in effect by attending **Defensive Driving Refresher class on January 26**. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

Strengthen your muscles, increase your flexibility with six weeks of **Yoga**, meeting Wednesdays at 4:30, beginning **Jan. 25**. Fee is \$42. Note: New 6 week groups begin **March 8 & April 19**.

Register by **Jan. 20** for **Men's Basketball** that begins on February 1. Fee is \$30 in advance, \$35 after January 20.

Strengthen your muscles, increase your flexibility with six weeks of **Yoga**, meeting Wednesdays at 4:30, beginning **Jan. 25**. Fee is \$42.

Call Community Ed at 283-4724 for more information.



Lori Sorenson photo/0112 first baby amborn

Announcing ... the first baby of 2017 at Sanford Luverne

The first baby of 2017 at Sanford Luverne, Odette Adelia Hanson Amborn, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, arrived Tuesday, Jan. 3, to Shane Amborn and Hilary Hanson, Luverne. She joins a 2-year-old brother, Calvin Vernal Hanson Amborn, and her grandparents are Earl and Janet Hanson and Dan and Patsy Amborn, all of Luverne.

BUSINESS NEWS

Sanford Luverne receives national recognition for performance leadership

Sanford Luverne Medical Center was recently recognized by iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health for overall excellence in patient satisfaction and quality.

This award reflects top quartile performance among all rural acute care hospitals in the nation.

"We are excited to receive this recognition," said Tammy Loosbrock, senior director at Sanford Luverne.

"Patient satisfaction and quality care are the No. 1 priority of our team, and this award is a testament to our daily commitment to

excellence."

Sanford Luverne ranked within the top 15 percent of all U.S. rural hospitals, with a rating of 85.1 out of 100.

The rankings were determined by the Hospital Strength Index, the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance.

In partnership with the Rural Health Office, iVantage Health Analytics developed a data-driven program designed to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care.

The Hospital Strength

Index captures performance metrics for all rural and Critical Access hospitals.

Leveraging data from public data sources, Index aggregates data from 66 individual metrics into three major categories and nine pillars to derive a single strength overall rating for each facility.

"These top quartile performers should take great pride in this recognition. It showcases their commitment to continuous performance analysis and improvement," said Michael Topchik, national leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

"It's an honor to celebrate their achievement as they continue to serve their communities despite the many market, regulatory and financial pressures they face,"

About Sanford Luverne

Sanford Luverne, a 25-bed critical access hospital and attached clinic in southwest Minnesota, is owned by Sanford Health, a nonprofit integrated health system.

Sanford Luverne has approximately 250 employees, 210 volunteers, eight family medicine physicians, a certified nurse practitioner, general surgeon and several visiting physician specialists.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

In his first week on the job, Sheriff Evan Verbrugge outlined goals for his department for the coming term.

Verbrugge swapped his deputy badge for a sheriff star as he was sworn into office Jan. 2.

He enters office with 16 years of experience and many new ideas.

25 years ago (1992)

With her election as speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives Jan. 6, Rep. Dee Long made history. And if the past is any indication, she won't be afraid of making a few waves as well.

Long, 52, became the first woman in Minnesota history to serve as speaker after her colleagues elected her on a 78-56 partisan vote on the opening day of the 1992 legislative session. It was, however, a vote lacking in drama; Long essentially became speaker in July when her DFL caucus, which holds the majority in the House, nominated her for the post.

50 years ago (1967)

Some quick-fingered crook grabbed the money sack from a drawer beneath the cash register at J & M Distributing Company Friday afternoon, according to John McCallum, store owner.

There was a total of \$450 in cash and checks in the money sack but only \$80 of the total was in cash. The checks had all been endorsed and would be worthless to the thief.

This was the second theft of this type in recent weeks. Creeger's had lost \$121 when the money sack was grabbed there.

75 years ago (1942)

Receipts from the sale of postage stamps only at the Luverne post office reached a total of \$25,996.44 during 1941, a gain of \$3,119.71 over 1940, a new record here, it was announced this week by Postmaster Jacob Ohlsen. Last year's receipts from this source totaled \$22,876.73.

Receipts from the sale of money orders, insurance and registered mail, not included in these totals, showed a similar gain during 1941, though figures on them were not available.

100 years ago (1917)

The attention of the whole country is being drawn to Rock county by reason of the anti-primary convention held in Luverne three weeks ago. The wide-spread interest the convention has created is well illustrated by the numerous comments in the newspapers throughout the country. Even the big metropolitan newspapers in New York find the convention worthy of editorial comment, and, what is equally significant, find also that the action taken is worthy of unqualified endorsement. In its issue of May 7th the New York Times published an editorial on the convention under the caption, "The Revolt of Rock County," and in connection therewith also reproduced in full the resolutions adopted at the convention.

Ruby Viland

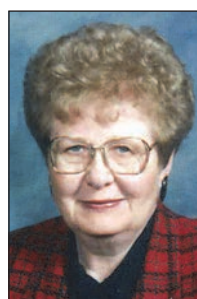
Ruby Edlyn Viland, 97, Rodney and his wife. In October 2009, Ruby and Larry became residents at the Rock Rapids Health Centre in Rock Rapids. Larry died on July 26, 2014.

Ruby was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, where she belonged to Circle. She enjoyed baking and cooking. She especially enjoyed hosting dinner parties and family get-togethers. Her lefse was a favorite during the holiday season. Ruby enjoyed collecting Lennox birds, gardening and playing bridge. Most of all, she loved listening to music and dancing with her favorite partner, Larry.

Ruby is survived by her daughter, Jeanne (Steve) Ellsworth, Rock Rapids; four grandchildren, Peggy (John) Metzger, Jason (Amy) Ellsworth, Vonda Viland (Vic) Machinski, and Jon Viland; six great-grandchildren, Andrew Metzger, Ryan Metzger, Carter Ellsworth, Nathan Viland, David Machinski and Abbey Machinski; a sister, Harriet Bryan, of Billings, Montana; and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, James and Rodney Viland; her parents; six siblings, Clarence Thompson, Virgil Thompson, Helen Forrest, Gladys Helgerson, Mildred Schlumbohm and Gena Thompson; and two infant siblings, Clifford and Evelyn Thompson.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0112 F)



OBITUARIES

Rosa Sandstede

Rosa Marie Sandstede, 90, and Ken moved from their Hills, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral was Friday, Jan. 6, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial followed at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Steen.

Rosa Hovland was born Dec. 27, 1926, to Nels and Mary (Remme) Hovland at Kenneth. She was raised in Luverne, where she graduated from Luverne High School in 1945. After graduation, she worked at Larken Law Firm in Luverne.

Rosa married Kenneth Sandstede on Jan. 2, 1948, at the Sandstede family farm near Steen. After their marriage they lived and farmed until 1978 when they moved to Hills.

Rosa enjoyed flower gardening, baking and making goulash. She and Ken enjoyed camping, were members of the Holiday Rambler Club, and snowbirds for over 30 years. They enjoyed playing cards, and Rosa loved playing board games with her grandchildren.

In April of 2011 Rosa

home to Tuff Memorial Village Assisted Living in Hills. Rosa entered Tuff Memorial Home in May of 2014. Ken died Aug. 8, 2014, after 66 years of marriage.

Rosa is survived by her children, Linda (Dennis) Schlacke of Longmont, Colorado, and Terry (Glenda) Sandstede of Steen; seven grandchildren, Wendy (Matthew) Schwartz of Lafayette, Colorado, Brian (Katie) Westerberg of Littleton, Colorado, Rachel (Jeremy) Hurshman of Fort Collins, Colorado, Larissa (Justin) Birger of Hills, and Deanna (Philip) Smith LaDonna (Nick) Freiborg, and Melinda (Chad) Kissell, all of Sioux Falls; sixteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband; an infant sister, Esther; two brothers, Leo and Elmer Hovland; four sisters, Hilda Jaqua, Gladys Watts, Peryl Berning and Amelia Frakes.

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Mavis Fodness Photo/Mock Trial 2017

During last week's scrimmage between Luverne High School's two Mock Trial teams, the lawyers for the "A" team brought out their new red boxing robes with their individual last names embroidered on their backs. Pictured in the Rock County Courthouse are (from left, and pictured below) Hans Bakken, Dylan Thorson, Knute Oldre and Alexa Chesley.

Luverne Mock Trial/continued from 6A

Rahm, Jonah Louwagie, Nicole Aanenson, Solveig Tofteland and Xavier Carboneau. Understudies are Lindsey Roemeling, Seno Chanthalangsy, Julie Ferguson, Melanie Rittenhouse and John Miller.

The state's Mock Trial program is organized through the Minnesota State Bar Association. Its purpose is to give students a practical understanding of the American legal system while helping to develop critical and creative thinking, effective communication and analytical reasoning.

The Mock Trial committee selects a new case each year based on an actual court case. This year's case

comes from Indiana, "Chris Jackson versus Independent School District 999 and Morrie Powers, principal of John Madison High School."

Jackson, a senior student, brought a lawsuit against the school district for infringing on his right to free speech.

He was president of the student council and in that capacity was attempting to advocate on behalf of the student body for open lunch periods.

Principal Powers refused to change the school policy, so Jackson organized a week of protests, including boycotting school lunches and wearing black armbands.

After the student council-sponsored dance was canceled, Jackson and other students created a home movie as a parody of Principal Powers and posted it on the Internet.

As a result, Jackson received a 10-day out-of-school suspension, was removed as council president, wasn't allowed to attend graduation and was disqualified from applying for a \$5,000 scholarship.

Five rounds make up the local mock trial season with the first three rounds conducted between participants within each of the 12 regions.

The top four teams within each region advance to Round 4 and 5, the semi-finals to qualify for the state tournament.

With the addition of Luverne's B Team, there are seven teams, including Hills-Beaver Creek, Lakeview (three teams) and Springfield, competing locally.

During the competition, each team receives points depending on their attorneys' and witnesses' performances.

The state Mock Trial competition will be March 3-4 in St. Cloud.



Magnolia seeks solution to slow speeds through town

By Mavis Fodness

Drivers of County Road 4 through Magnolia may have a friendly reminder to slow down if a request by the Magnolia City Council is approved.

At their Monday meeting council members unanimously supported bringing a cost share request to the Rock County Commissioners for two dynamic speed display signs.

Rock County has used the signs in the past with mixed results, according to County Engineer Mark Sehr, who attended Monday's meeting with County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Sehr said two of the signs were used on Highway 75 in front of the Luverne Middle-High School. Those signs were programmed to operate during certain hours of the weekday and not on weekends or holidays.

"They have not been the greatest (operators) primarily due to power," he said.

Any electrical surges or stoppage in power required the signs to be reset. Those signs were removed last fall when Hwy. 75 was restriped.

In Magnolia the signs would operate 24/7.

Magnolia Mayor Dennis Madison noticed the speed display signs erected outside of Lismore. A vehicle's speed is displayed on the sign as it approaches. The numbers are displayed in red and will flash if the vehicle is above the speed limit. When the vehicle reaches or is under the speed limit, the numbers are displayed in yellow and the flashing stops.

"People slow down coming into town," Madison said.

The Magnolia City Council wants that same reaction from the 1,450 vehicles that travel through Magnolia on a daily basis.

Nobles County Highway Engineer Stephen Schneider said his department erected several signs last year in his county's small communities including Lismore.

The displays are a visual as well as a psychological reminder for drivers to reduce their vehicles' speeds.

"With the flashing sign, even if they are one mile (per hour) over, they want to slow



Mavis Fodness Photo/Magnolia Speed Signs

Magnolia City Council will bring a cost share proposal to a future meeting of the Rock County Commissioners requesting two dynamic speed display signs to be installed on County Road 4 to slow vehicles through town. The council is requesting signs like those currently used in Lismore and other towns and cities in Nobles County.

down to get the sign to stop flashing," he said. "The average person wants to do the right thing."

Radar technology inside the display picks up a vehicle's speed as it travels within a couple hundred feet from the sign. If drivers are over the speed limit, the display flashes red numbers until the vehicle is under the speed limit. The display stops flashing and the numbers turn yellow in color.

The display signs in Nobles County are solar-powered and cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000.

Schnieder said consideration was made to use a portable digital display that could be moved from town to town, similar to the mobile displays used in Pipestone County. Because the trailer-like displays are parked on the side of the road, they would become safety hazards.

"People are already slowing down (as they come into a community)," he said. "Now they have time to get at the right speed by the time they get to the sign."

It's the reaction Lismore City Clerk Kate McCann finds herself doing as she enters town from her rural residence.

"With the flashing sign, even if they are one mile (per hour) over, they want to slow down to get the sign to stop flashing. The average person wants to do the right thing."

-Steve Schnieder, Nobles County Highway Engineer

The dynamic speed signs were installed last spring to slow traffic entering the Lismore city limits on County Road 16.

"It's a reminder," McCann said. "It's bold and it blinks at you."

Legislators/continued from 3A

request for more information including completing a hydrology report and installed a new testing well.

In September 2016, MPCA officials presented the county's permit renewal for public comment but no renewal permit has been issued.

"Either they have an issue with it or don't," administrator Oldre said. "This playing the middle of the road and not issuing a permit and dragging their feet ... is ridiculous."

Change needed for local RCO funding

Rock County Opportunities, the local adult day training and rehabilitation center, is facing a budget shortfall along with the state's other day activity centers.

The budget shortfall is due to reductions in the disability waiver rate system, the center's primary funding source.

Schomacker, who chairs the Health and Human Services Reform Committee, said both state and federal funding sources would be revisited during the upcoming session.

"The state compliance wasn't as sharp as it could be to better collect funds," he said.

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Adrian matmen win once in Marshall

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team returned to the mat after a two-week layoff by competing at a pair of events late last week.

The Dragons split matches at the Marshall Triangular Thursday before going 0-3 at the Pipestone Tournament Saturday.

Adrian, 3-6 overall, competes at the Wabasso Tournament Saturday.

Pipestone tourney

The Dragons came up empty in their attempt to post a match win during Saturday's tournament in Pipestone.

Wrestling short-handed as a team, Adrian took setbacks from Pipestone (72-9), Tracy-Milroy-Balaton (72-3) and Wabasso-Red Rock Central (75-3).

Logan Taylor and Mitchell Wagner led AHS at the tournament by going 2-1 individually.

Taylor pinned Pipestone's Luke Ploeger (3:41) and nipped T-M-B's Ayden Horner (4-3), while Wagner posted a 7-2 win over Pipestone's Dylan Arndt before edging W-RRC's Isaac Schmiesing 4-3.

Preston Nelson (0-2), Taylor Hix (0-3), Brent Hokeness (0-3), Chandler Combs (0-3),

Brandon Combs (0-2), Beau Bullerman (0-2) and Rebekah Walton (0-3) went winless for AHS.

Match wrap-ups

Pipestone 72, AHS 9
106 (A) Taylor pins Ploeger.
113 (P) Budden pins Nelson.
120 (P) Burnett pins Hix.
126 (P) Lange pins Hokeness.
132 (P) Suda pins C.Combs.
138 (P) Olson by forfeit.
145 (P) Winter by forfeit.
152 (P) Bush by forfeit.
160 (P) Steenstra by forfeit.
170 (P) Ploeger by forfeit.
182 (P) Czech pins Bullerman.
195 (P) Vanderwal pins Walton.
220 (P) Stangeland by forfeit.
285 (A) Wagner 7-2 Arendt.

T-M-B 72, Adrian 3

106 (A) Taylor 4-3 Horner.
113 (T) Ellingson pins B.Combs.
120 (T) Ellingson pins Hix.
126 (T) Van Dam pins Hokeness.
132 (T) Vandendriessche 9-6 C.Combs.
138 (T) Axford by forfeit.
145 (T) Byrre by forfeit.
152 (T) Eisfeld by forfeit.
160 (T) Mayer by forfeit.
170 (T) Paplow default Bullerman.
182 (T) Timm pins Walton.
195 (T) DeWitt by forfeit.
220 (T) Buchholz 9-6 Wagner.
285 (T) Bauer by forfeit.

W-RRC 75, Adrian 3

106 (W) Irlbeck pins B.Combs.
113 (W) Johnson 7-3 Nelson.
120 (W) Hesse pins Hix.
126 (W) Pranger pins Hokeness.
132 (W) Anderson pins C.Combs.
138 (W) Doubler by forfeit.
145 (W) Schroepfer by forfeit.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0112 lw natte 2

Luverne senior Will Natte works to register a near fall against Redwood River Valley's Eric Bommersbach during Thursday's wrestling triangular in Luverne. The Cardinals split matches during their home debut.

Wrestlers make home debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team returned to action after the Christmas break by competing in two events last week.

The Cardinals went 1-1 during a home triangular Thursday before competing at an individual tournament Saturday in Brandon, South Dakota.

Luverne, 4-3 overall, wrestles in the Big South Conference Tournament in Redwood

Falls Saturday.

BV tourney

The Cardinals placed ninth as a team and captured one individual title during the Dan Pansch Jesse James Invitational hosted by Brandon Valley High School Saturday.

Competing in a 19-team field led by Canton (212 points), Luverne compiled 98.5 points to finish ninth.

LHS senior Solomon Nielsen

provided the highlight of the tourney for LHS by winning four consecutive matches to place first at 170 pounds.

Nielsen registered pins over Tea's Soren Brands (58 seconds) and Huron's Travis Kleinsasser (3:53) in the opening rounds before prevailing by technical fall over Vermillion's Brett Culver in the semifinals.

Nielsen squared off against Harrisburg's Cade Bruggeman in the finals and posted a 14-5

major decision win.

Luverne's Will Natte (3-2 at 145), Jeremiah Dooyema (3-2 at 152) and Jake Haugen (1-3 at 160) all placed sixth.

Jon Diaz went 2-2 to place seventh at 195, while Hunter Baker (2-3 at 103), Tucker Oeltjenbruns (2-3 at 126) and Riley Baker (2-3 at 132) placed eighth.

Zach Bradley, Matt Hup

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Hills-Beaver Creek senior Avery Van Roekel netted her 1,000th career point during Friday's 61-29 home win over Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. Van Roekel scored 17 points in the game.

H-BC senior nets 1,000th point Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team unveiled a commanding performance during a home win over Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Friday in Hills.

On a night that featured senior Avery Van Roekel netting her 1,000th career point, the Patriots completely dismantled the Knights during a 61-29 victory.

The game started in a competitive way as the teams matched field goals in the opening minute.

That proved to be the highlight of the night for R-T-R.

With the score knotted at two, H-BC went on an 18-0 run to open a 20-2 lead when Mekayla Kolbrek sank one free throw at the 9:34 mark of the first half.

The Knights snapped H-BC's run by recording one free throw of their own, but the Patriots countered with an 11-3 surge to inflate the lead to 30 points (36-6) when Paige Tilstra recorded a field

goal with 49 seconds left in the stanza.

R-T-R trimmed the difference to 29 points (38-9) before the first half was complete, but the Patriots were not done flexing their muscle.

H-BC scored the first four points of the second half and led by 34 (45-11) when Sidney Fick drained a three-point shot at 15:15.

The Knights scored the next seven points to trail by 27 (45-18), but the Patriots gradually padded their lead to 37 points to put the game into running time in the final seven minutes.

The only drama that remained was to see if Van Roekel would surpass the 1,000-point mark.

She needed 16 points to reach the mark entering the game and scored six points in the first half.

Van Roekel netted nine points in the first 10 minutes of the second half to put herself one point away from reaching the milestone.

The H-BC standout got the

job done with 3:22 remaining, when she received an entry pass in the paint before converting a short field goal that upped her career point total to 2,001.

Fick (18 points, eight rebounds, four steals and four blocked shots), Van Roekel (17 points, eight rebounds and three assists) and Jasmine Lingen (12 points and five rebounds) carried the lead offensively for H-BC.

Grace Bundesen collected five rebounds and Megan Gehrke added three steals to H-BC's cause.

Box score
Bos 1 0 0-0 2, Tilstra 1 0 0-0 2, Spath 0 0 1-2 1, Kolbrek 0 0 1-2 1, Lingen 3 2 0-3 12, Fick 6 2 0-2 18, Bundesen 1 0 4-4 6, Van Roekel 4 0 9-12 17, Gehrke 0 0 2-2 2, Swan 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 0 0 0-0 0, Rozeboom 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 20 of 47 field goals (43 percent), 17 of 27 free throws (73 percent), 11 of 21 free throws (52 percent), 34 rebounds, 24 turnovers.
R-T-R: nine of 48 field goals (19 percent), 11 of 21 free throws (52 percent), 33 rebounds, 25 turnovers.

Cardinals outlast Chargers

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team went 1-2 in the first week of play in 2017.

Luverne lost a 24-point home game to Marshall Jan. 3 and fell by two points in Windom Friday before returning home to best Westbrook-Walnut Grove by eight points Saturday.

The 4-7 Cardinals play in Okabena Friday.

Luverne 55, W-WG 47

The Cardinals came out on the winning end of an eight-point decision during a hard-fought home game with the Chargers Saturday.

LHS never trailed in the contest, but W-WG remained in contention until the Cards went on a late run in the final two minutes to seal the victory.

The score was knotted at four in the first half when Luverne reeled off eight consecutive points to take a 12-4 advantage when Rachel Oftedahl turned an offensive rebound into a field goal at the 9:45 mark of the first half.

W-WG trimmed the difference to three points (12-9) moments later and the Chargers trailed by four (19-15) with 4:22 remaining in the opening stanza.

Luverne closed the first half with a 9-2 surge capped by a field goal from Hailey Remme with 17 seconds remaining that gave the Cards a 28-17 advantage they could take into the second stanza.

The Chargers got off to a good start in the second half by scoring 10 consecutive points in the first 3:59 to make it a 28-27 game.

W-WG trailed by one point at two different occasions with less than nine minutes left to play before knotting the score



John Rittenhouse photo/0112 lgb 3

Luverne senior forward Zayna Hustoft snatches a first-half rebound during Saturday's home win over W-WG.

at 40 with 5:35 remaining.

LHS was clinging to a 46-45 edge with 4:02 remaining before going on a 9-1 run ending with a field goal from Kami Sawtelle with 28 seconds left that gave the Cards a 55-46 cushion.

W-WG scored the final point of the contest before falling by eight.

Sawtelle (15 points and

six rebounds) and Jady Anderson (11 points) led LHS offensively.

Remme and Oftedahl added seven and five rebounds to the winning cause respectively, while Sierra Schmuck chipped in five assists and three steals.

Box score
Schmuck 2 1 2-39, Remme 4 0 0-8, Oye

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Hockey girls split weekend set against Morris-Benson, Prairie Centre

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team split games when they played a weekend set in West Central Minnesota.

The Cardinals posted a six-goal win in Benson Friday before falling by five goals in Sauk Rapids Saturday.

Luverne, 8-6-1 overall, skates in Le Sueur Monday.

PC 6, Luverne 1

The Cardinals dropped their fourth game in their last five outings when they challenged

Prairie Centre in Sauk Rapids Saturday.

The Blue Devils received two goals each from Mikayla Olson and Abby Ecker and outshot the Cards 49-16 in a game in which the hosts never trailed.

Olson opened the scoring with 3:32 remaining in the first period and gave the Blue Devils a 2-0 cushion when she scored at the 7:20 mark of the second stanza.

Ecker upped the lead to 3-0 with a goal that came with 4:26 remaining in the second

period and made it 4-0 when she scored 1:43 into the third period.

Luverne's Madison Crabtree snapped PC's four-goal run after being set up by Mariah Aukes two minutes into the final stanza.

The Blue Devils, however, received goals from Kylee Hopp and Kenzie Christianson in a span of 1:21 to ice their five-goal win with 7:32 left to play.

Emilie Bartels made 43 saves in net for the Cards.

Luverne 7, M-B 1

The Cardinals snapped a three-game slide when they bested the Storm by six goals in Benson Friday.

Luverne opened a 6-0 lead in the second period and matched goals with M-B in the third stanza to secure its first win since Dec. 22.

Aukes turned in a four-goal performance to highlight the victory.

Luverne struck quickly as Regan Feit and Rozilyn Oye netted unassisted goals 20 sec-

onds apart to give the Cards a 2-0 lead 1:23 into the contest.

Aukes scored during a power-play situation with 5:57 remaining in the stanza and Maddie Dinger gave the Cards a 4-0 lead with a goal that came with 1:46 left in the first period.

Aukes recorded a power-play goal 3:18 into the second period before completing her hat trick with an unassisted tally with 1:55 remaining in the stanza to make it a 6-0 game.

M-B ended Luverne's six-goal run when Hallie Watzke scored with 10:18 left in the third period, but Aukes netted her fourth goal of the game with 1:01 remaining to ice Luverne's six-goal win.

Bartels made 27 saves in goal for an LHS team that was outshot 28-18 in the contest.

Oye, Crabtree, Shelbie Kracht and Carly Serie recorded one assist each for the winners.

Slumping Cardinal boys tie once, fall twice

By John Rittenhouse

A slumping Luverne boys' hockey team went winless in three outings last week.

The Cardinals skated to a home draw against Mankato East Jan. 3 before losing a three-goal home game to New Ulm Thursday.

Luverne lost a six-goal game to state-ranked St. Paul Academy in St. Paul Friday.

The 9-5-1 Cardinals skate in Willmar Saturday.

SPA 6, Luverne 0

The Cardinals received their biggest loss of the season when they took on the Spartans in St. Paul Friday.

St. Paul Academy entered the game as the state's third-ranked Class A team and lived up to the hype by posting a six-goal win over the Cardinals.

The Spartans netted all six of their goals in the first two periods of the contest.

Adam Zakowski gave the Spartans a 1-0 lead 2:52 into the game and Dominic Picciano netted back-to-back goals to make it a 3-0 game with 7:24 remaining in the opening stanza.

Devin McCabe registered a power-play goal with 2:37 left in the first period to give the Spartans a 4-0 lead heading into the second period.

It looked as if the teams might skate to a scoreless draw in the second period until the final minute of the stanza, when SPA's Jack Johnston and Matt Dahlseide scored goals in the final 25 seconds of the period to cap the scoring in the game.

SPA sported a 31-24 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Kaden Ericson stopped 25



John Rittenhouse photo/0112 lhb 6

Luverne defenseman Tyler Reisdorfer tips the puck off the stick of New Ulm's Glavine Schugel during Thursday's hockey game in Luverne. Reisdorfer recorded one assist in a 4-1 loss.

of the 31 shots he faced in goal for Luverne.

New Ulm 4, LHS 1

The Cardinals dropped their second Big South Conference game of the season when they entertained the Eagles at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

Luverne sported a 20-4 advantage in shots on goal in the first period and a 43-20 cushion in the same category for the game, but it wasn't enough to deny New Ulm a win.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first period, the Eagles rallied to score twice in the second and third periods to secure a three-goal victory.

Luverne gained a 1-0 edge when Kasyn Kruse netted a power-play goal after being set up by Tyler Reisdorfer with 7:08 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Cardinals were unable to score the rest of the night, while Glavine Schugel and the Eagles were just getting started.

Schugel, who registered a hat trick, tied the score at one with a short-handed tally 2:23 into the second period before giving NU a 2-1 lead with 4:04 remaining in the stanza.

Nate Miller upped the lead to 3-1 2:48 into the third period before Schugel completed his hat trick with an empty-net tally with 44 seconds left to

play.

Ericson saved 16 of the 19 shots he faced in net for Luverne.

LHS 1, ME 1

The Cardinals opened play in 2017 by skating to a draw at one against the Cougars Jan. 3 in Luverne.

Mankato East took a 1-0 lead when Nick Salzie scored 8:57 into the opening period.

Luverne tied the game when Kruse netted an unassisted tally 1:13 into the second period.

The Cardinals sported a 45-28 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Ericson made 27 saves in goal for the hosts.

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and Zach Luke went 0-3 at the event.

LHS triangular

The Cardinals made their home debut Thursday by hosting a Big South Conference triangular involving Redwood River Valley and Jackson County Central.

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a 39-33 decision to RRV before nipping JCC 30-27 to complete the evening.

Six Cardinals finished the triangular with 2-0 records, including three who settled both of their contests on the mat.

Hunter Baker secured decision wins against RRV's Owen Bertram (3-2) and JCC's Payton Handevitd, while Jeremiah Dooyema topped RRV's Devin Johnson 10-3 before pinning JCC's Logan Preuss in 1:44.

Solomon Nielsen pinned RRV's Adam Bommersbach in 54 seconds and notched a 13-8 win over JCC's Dalton Wagner.

Luverne's Riley Baker drew a forfeit from RRV and nipped



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Luverne's Hunter Baker prepares to take down Redwood River Valley's Owen Bertram during Thursday's home triangular.

JCC's Zach Poelaert 6-4, while Jake Haugen pinned RRV's Tom Amberg in 1:34 before drawing a forfeit from the

Huskies.

Zach Luke pinned RRV's Chad Maddock in 3:12 before receiving a forfeit from JCC.

Zach Bradley and Jed Dooyema went 1-1 for the Cards, while Matt Hup was 0-1.

Justyce Ripka, Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Will Natte and Jon Diaz dropped two matches.

Match wrap-ups
 RRV 39, Luverne 33
 106 (L) H. Baker 3-2 Bertram.
 113 (R) Goblrusch t.f. Bradley.
 120 (R) Zeug pins Ripka.
 126 (R) Arredondo
 9-0 Oeltjenbruns.
 132 (L) R. Baker by forfeit.
 138 (L) Jd. Dooyema 7-4 Groebner.
 145 (R) Bommersbach pins Natte.
 152 (L) Jr. Dooyema 10-3 Johnson.
 160 (L) Haugen pins Amberg.
 170 (R) Ploeger pins Hup.
 182 (L) Nielsen pins Bommersbach.
 195 (R) Haase pins Diaz.
 220 (L) Luke pins Maddock.
 285 (R) Schumacher by forfeit.

Luverne 30, JCC 27
 106 (L) H. Baker 8-6 Handevitd.
 113 (L) Bradley 4-0 Botsch.
 120 (J) Mohing pins Ripka.
 126 (J) Kapplinger 8-6 Oeltjenbruns.
 132 (L) R. Baker 6-4 Poelaert.
 138 (J) Munoz pins Jd. Dooyema.
 145 (J) Tvinnerim pins Natte.
 152 (L) Jr. Dooyema pins Preuss.
 160 (L) Haugen by forfeit.
 170 (L) Nielsen 13-8 Wagner.
 182 (L-J) Double forfeit.
 195 (J) Edlin pins Diaz.
 220 (L) Luke by forfeit.
 285 (L-J) Double forfeit.

Hectic schedule to test H-BC girls starting Thursday

After watching the Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team dismantle Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in Hills Friday, I came to a conclusion.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

I left Hills thinking this band of Patriots is on the verge of going on a run.

In hindsight, I may have been jumping the gun a little bit.

After glancing at H-BC's upcoming schedule, it became clear the Patriots are facing their stiffest challenges of the season over the next couple of days.

H-BC will be asked to play three games in as many days starting Thursday.

For a team that has played eight games since Dec. 2, the Patriots will play nearly half again that many games before the weekend is complete.

The stretch starts with a home game against Red Rock Conference foe Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

I believe the 6-2 Patriots will take care of business when they take on the 2-6 Wildcats in Hills, but I'm not so confident how things will shake out the following night.

The Patriots will be squaring off against league unbeaten (6-0) Red Rock Central in the first game of a girl-boy doubleheader Friday in Hills.

The 9-3 Falcons are one of two teams that are unbeaten in league play

at this point of the season, with Southwest Christian (5-0), a team that defeated H-BC in December, being the other.

Playing an important conference game against RRC less than 24 hours after taking on HL-O creates an intriguing situation for the Patriots.

How the Patriots respond to the challenge on Friday will be interesting, and so will finding out how the Patriots fare at the Border Battle in Garretson, South Dakota, on Saturday.

In what will be the most grueling stretch of games H-BC faces this season, the Patriots will take the court against Oldham-Ramona-Rutland at noon in Garretson.

Other than being 4-4 to date, I don't know much about O-R-R.

What I do know is playing two games in a span of 18 hours creates a taxing situation for any team, especially for a squad that will be playing one of its biggest conference games of the year at 6 p.m. Friday night.

I'm not saying it will happen, but if H-BC can finish the next three days without taking a loss, I would say a potential Patriots' run is well underway.

BOWLING CLIPBOARD

Monday Night Bowling League

Jan. 2

Games won: Luverne Lanes, 2; Rock Vet Clinic, 2.
 High Scratch Game: Pat Weerheim, 185; Zach Runia, 184.
 High Scratch Series: Pat Weerheim, 497; Zach Runia, 461.
 Team High Scratch Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 604.
 Team High Scratch Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 1689.
 Team High Handicap Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 731.
 Team High Handicap Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 2070.

PD's Bar Files 3; Mark's Electric 3; Billy Goats 1; Kruser's Bruisers 1.
 High Scratch Game: Zach Runia, 207; Landon Runia, 206; Dave Nelson, 198.

High Scratch Series: Landon Runia, 581; Dave Nelson, 558; Zach Runia, 554.
 Team High Scratch Game: PD's Bar Files, 678; The Troublemakers, 663; Billy Goats, 635.
 Team High Scratch Series: The Troublemakers, 1947; PD's Bar Files, 1915; Billy Goats, 1865.
 Team High Handicap Game: PD's Bar Files, 865; Mark's Electric, 845; The Troublemakers, 826.
 Team High Handicap Series: PD's Bar Files, 2476; The Troublemakers, 2436; Billy Goats, 2369.

Thursday Night Bowling League

Jan. 5

Games won: The Troublemakers 3;

Patriot boys notch fifth consecutive victory Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys posted their fifth consecutive basketball victory when they opened the 2017 portion of their schedule Thursday in Hills.

H-BC squared off against Fulda in a Red Rock Conference clash to end a two-week layoff.

After playing in a tightly contested first half, H-BC pulled away from the Raiders

in the final 18 minutes of play to secure a 59-45 victory.

H-BC sported a 29-27 edge

at the intermission before out-

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Madison Schandelmeier

Sport: Gymnastics
Parents: Deb Schandelmeier
Favorite Subject: Psychology
Extra Curricular Activities: Mock Trial, Math League, Cross Country, Track, Jazz Band, Concert Band
Future Plans: Biology major at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities



Riley Baker

Sport: Wrestling
Parents: Dean and Terri Baker
Favorite Subject: Ag Mechanics
Extra Curricular Activities: 4-H, FFA, Football, Wrestling
Future Plans: Attend a tech school for welding

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JANUARY 3 SPORTS REPLAY

Dragon girls snap six-game losing skid

The Adrian girls' basketball team put an end to a run of six consecutive losses by defeating Fulda 81-73 in a high-scoring game in Adrian.

The Dragons opened a 48-41 lead in the first half and sported a 33-32 scoring edge in the final 18 minutes of play to win by eight points.

Paige Bullerman (17 points and eight rebounds), Kaitlyn Christians (16 points), Hannah Bullerman (13 points, nine assists, five rebounds and three steals), Mikayla Jeffers (13 points), Moriah Bullerman (12 points and three assists), Miah Kunkel (10 rebounds) and Lexi Slater (seven rebounds) made key contributions to the winning effort.

Patriot girls roll to big win in Ellsworth

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team secured a 70-36 victory in Ellsworth in what was the first game of 2017 for both teams.

H-BC rolled to a 34-14 halftime lead and outscored the Panthers 36-22 in the second half to complete a 34-point victory.

Sidney Fick (22 points, five rebounds and three steals), Avery Van Roekel (14 points and three steals), Grace Bundesen (10 points, six rebounds and three assists), Jasmine Lingen (10 points) and Paige Tilstra (three steals) led the Patriots to victory.

Devin Dreesen (12 points and nine rebounds) and Ashlyn Meester (four assists) played productive games for Ellsworth.

Turnovers haunt EHS in home loss to R-T-R

By John Rittenhouse

A turnover-plagued Ellsworth girls' basketball team led to the squad's eighth consecutive loss Monday in Ellsworth.

EHS entertained Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in a non-conference game with hopes of posting a win for the first time since early December, but it didn't work out that way.

The Panthers turned the ball over 37 times to help the Knights post a 60-39 victory.

R-T-R sported a 25-11 lead after 18 minutes of play before putting the game out of reach in the second half.

The Knights sported a 35-25 scoring cushion in the final 18 minutes to secure a 21-point win.

Devin Dreesen paced EHS offensively with 15 points. Kallie Chapa and Ashlyn Meester collected six and five rebounds respectively for the 1-9 Panthers, who host Murray County Central Thursday.

Box score
Vander Poel 1 0 0-0 2, L.Chapa 0 0 1-2 1, M.Dreesen 2 0 0-0 4, K.Chapa 1 1 1-3 6, Meester 1 0 5-8 7, D.Dreesen 4 1 4-9 15, Smith 1 0 2-4 4.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 12 of 37 field goals (32 percent), 13 of 26 free throws (50 percent), 23 rebounds, 37 turnovers.

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scoring Fulda 30-18 in the final stanza to prevail by 14 points.

Zach Scholten (28 points and six rebounds) and Preston Wilhelmi (16 points and three assists) carried the Patriots offensively.

Trenton Bass (five assists and three steals) and Isaiah Vis (four assists) played key roles in the win as well.

The 5-2 Patriots host Red

Rock Central Friday.

Box score
Scholten 10 15-8 28, Vis 10 0-2 2, Burgers 0 0 0-0 0, Wilhelmi 2 10-10 16, Bass 3 0 0-0 6, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Forshey 0 0 0-0 0, Wysong 2 0 1-2 5.

Team statistics
H-BC: 20 of 43 field goals (47 percent), 16 of 22 free throws (73 percent), 22 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
Fulda: 18 field goals made, four of five free throws (80 percent), 34 rebounds, 11 turnovers.



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Adrian senior Zach Hendel moves around Minneota's Evan Moore to put up a shot in the first half of Monday's boys' basketball game in Adrian. Hendel and the Dragons secured a 70-58 victory over the Vikings.

Adrian opens play in 2017 with wins over HL-O, Vikings

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team opened the 2017 portion of its schedule by nailing down a pair of wins.

The Dragons strolled to a 37-point win over Heron Lake-Okabena in Okabena Thursday before securing a 12-point home victory over Minneota Monday.

Adrian, 7-3 overall, plays in Slayton Friday.

AHS 70, Minneota 58

A strong performance in the first half lifted the Dragons to a 12-point home win over the Vikings Monday.

Adrian exploded for 40 first-half points and led by 19 points at the intermission.

Minneota fought back to outscore AHS 37-30 in the second half, but Adrian thwarted the challenge to secure its seventh victory of the season.

Adrian scored the first 11 points of the contest and led by 14 points (16-2) when Ryan

Wieneke drained a pair of free throws at the 10:37 mark of the first half.

Minneota trimmed the difference to 10 points at two different occasions as the half progressed, but the Dragons didn't lose control of the contest.

A 12-3 run ending with Jacob Stamer canning a three-point shot with 3:51 remaining gave AHS a 33-14 cushion and the Dragons remained in front by 19 points (40-21) at the intermission.

The Vikings showed signs of life in the second half.

Minneota scored the first six points of the stanza and outscored AHS 21-10 in the first 7:31 of the half to make it an eight-point (50-42) difference.

A 5-0 surge capped by a field goal from Wieneke upped Adrian's lead to 13 points (55-42) with 9:23 remaining, but Minneota countered with a 14-8 run to make it a 63-56 game with 2:23 left to play.

The Dragons closed the door on the Vikings by putting together a 7-2 spurt in the final two minutes of play.

Wieneke led the Dragons with 21 points, while Mitchell Lonneman turned in a 14-point, six-rebound effort.

Zach Hendel grabbed six rebounds and charted three assists and three steals for AHS.

Box score
Stamer 0 2 3-4 9, Serrao 2 0 1-1 5, Bierman 0 2 1-2 7, Wieneke 2 3 8-11 21, N.Lonneman 2 0 1-2 5, Hendel 3 0 3-4 9, M.Lonneman 4 0 6-6 14.

Team statistics
Adrian: 20 of 52 field goals (38 percent), 23 of 30 free throws (77 percent), 26 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
Minneota: 18 of 63 field goals (29 percent), 17 of 21 free throws (81 percent), 32 rebounds, eight turnovers.

Adrian 67, HL-O 30

The Dragons snapped a three-game skid when they bested the Wildcats by 37 points in Okabena Thursday.

Adrian played well in its first game of the year by outscoring

the HL-O 41-18 in the first half before using a 26-12 scoring cushion in the second half to lock up a convincing victory.

Stamer (15 points), Mitchell Lonneman (11 points and 10 rebounds), Nate Lonneman (10 points) and Hendel (10 points) carried the load offensively for an AHS team that made 51 percent of its field goals.

Wieneke and Frank Serrao added four and three assists respectively to the winning cause.

Box score
Stamer 3 3 0-0 15, Serrao 1 0 0-0 2, Bierman 2 0 0-0 4, White 2 0 0-2 4, Wieneke 1 1 1-2 6, Ross 0 1 2-3 5, Henning 0 0 0-0 0, N.Lonneman 5 0 0-0 10, Hendel 5 0 0-2 10, Veld 0 0 0-1 0, Werkman 0 0 0-1 0, M.Lonneman 3 0 5-6 11, Swank 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Adrian: 27 of 53 field goals (51 percent), eight of 17 free throws (47 percent), 31 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
HL-O: 11 of 51 field goals (22 percent), eight of 18 free throws (44 percent), 21 rebounds, six turnovers.

Raiders, Chargers turn away Ellsworth boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team opened play in 2017 by dropping a pair of games last week.

The Panthers fell by 48 points in Westbrook Thursday before taking a 35-point setback from Fulda Friday in Ellsworth.

Ellsworth, 0-7 overall, plays in Fulda Friday.

Fulda 75, EHS 40

Ellsworth fell into a hole early and couldn't recover when they took on the Raiders

in Ellsworth Friday.

Fulda raced to a 45-17 lead in the first half and outscored the Panthers 30-23 in the second half to nail down a 35-point victory.

Brandon Kramer turned in a solid performance for the hosts by scoring 16 points and grabbing six rebounds.

Nathan Wallenberg and Carter Boyenga pulled down five rebounds each, while Noah Kruse charted four assists.

Box score
Wallenberg 0 1 1-1 4, Kruse 2 0 0-0

4, Curtis 0 0 0-0 0, Jansma 1 2 0-0 8, Boyenga 0 0 0-2 0, Kramer 8 0 0-2 16, Buntjer 4 0 0-0 8.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 18 of 34 field goals (53 percent), one of five free throws (20 percent), 23 rebounds, 34 turnovers.

W-WG 76, Ellsworth 28

The Panther boys returned to action after a two-week layoff by taking on the Chargers in Westbrook Thursday.

W-WG outplayed EHS decisively in both halves of a 48-point victory.

The Chargers led 47-15 after 18 minutes of play and used a 29-13 scoring cushion in

the second half to complete the win.

Zach Buntjer turned in an 11-point, five-rebound effort for the Panthers.

Kramer and Kruse collected eight and five rebounds respectively.

Box score
Wallenberg 0 0 0-0 0, Wallinga 1 0 0-0 2, Leuthold 1 0 0-0 2, N.Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, T.Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Jansma 2 1 0-0 7, S.Kramer 0 0 0-1 0, Boyenga 1 0 0-0 2, B.Kramer 1 0 2-2 4, Buntjer 4 0 3-3 11.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 11 of 36 field goals (31 percent), five of six free throws (83 percent), 28 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

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Thursday, Jan. 12: 2 p.m. GLCW. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 5:30 p.m. Past Presidents. Friday, Jan. 13: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 14: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 15: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast; Worship. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship. Monday, Jan. 16: Grace Notes Deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faith Weavers. 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Supper. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 6th-8th Confirmation. 7-8 p.m. 9th grade. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir. Thursday, Jan. 19: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

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Friday, Jan. 13: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Monday, Jan. 16: 5-8 p.m. Junior RCYF Pizza Ranch Tip Night Fundraiser. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Prayer Team. 8 p.m. Choir.

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Thursday, Jan. 12: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 13: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Jan. 16: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. 125th Anniversary Committee meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 19: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662

Saturday, Jan. 14: 10:45 a.m. Serve The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School program during worship service. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 7 p.m. Confirmation; choir practice. Sunday, Jan. 22: Change of Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Dinner and Annual Meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Thursday, Jan. 12: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Saturday, Jan. 14: 10:45 a.m. Serve The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran. Sunday, Jan. 22: Change of Schedule: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation in Magnolia.

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehmluth@alliancecom.net

Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School program at Bethlehem Lutheran. 7-8:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Combined Circles meet at Tuff Village. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope. 7-8 p.m. Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 16 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the day we as a nation remember the leader of the Civil Rights movement.

Dr. King was an advocate of nonviolence, who yielded the power of words and nonviolent actions of protest to make progress for equal rights for African-Americans. Dr. King was not only a great civil rights activist, he was also a Baptist minister. I think it's appropriate to take time to remember him in the Pastor's Column this week.

MLK Jr. Day is a day to remember the work of an extraordinary man. It's also a day to look honestly at where we've come from as a racially segregated nation and where we still need to go. As a Christian, I would add that it can also be a day to remember the power of words.

Coming out of the Christmas season in which we remembered the story of "the Word became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14a), I encourage you to take that conviction of the power of the word that Dr. King had and which we heard in the Christmas story and carry it with you into the new year. The Word made flesh in Jesus Christ makes all the difference to a world broken and hurting, hungry for a savior to make things right.

Sometimes the voice of God comes to us in the cries of our neighbors who are in need or hurting. Will we listen?

Dr. King as a preacher listened to the voice of God to guide him. And the voice of God guided the African Americans of the 1960s to demand to

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By Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

be seen as fully human, entitled to the same rights as their white brethren and to do so with nonviolence even in the face of extreme violence against them. God still speaks and leads today through modern-day prophets who demand justice through nonviolence.

Race relations in this country are tense again and hate crimes are on the rise. As Christians, we are called to remember that words have power and hateful words have the power to leave deep wounds and divisions in our society. We are called to not only use our words for good, but to also listen to the words of the voiceless who cry out to be heard, because God calls out with them.

I'll leave you with some words from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and 1 John for your personal reflection and encourage you to observe MLK Day on Monday by learning more about the message carried by this courageous child of God.

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:8

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email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Anniversary History Committee. 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. Saturday, Jan. 14: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek Estates. Monday, Nov. 16-Wednesday, Nov. 18: Not Little Lambs classes — Parent/Teacher Conferences. Monday, Jan. 16: Newsletter Deadline. 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Jan. 17: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.: Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. Wednesday, Jan. 18: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:15 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. High School Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 19: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group.

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Idlenot Farms GP applies for livestock feedlot permit

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This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

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The Backpack Program
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Thank you to everyone for the many acts of kindness or expressions of sympathy that was bestowed on up at the time of Darrel Piepers death. It was greatly appreciated.

**Sharon Martens-Pieper
Loretta Gehrke
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(1.12-1.15)

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family and friends for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at the passing of our mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Virginia Schei. Our deep appreciation for the care given to Mom at the Mary Jane Brown Home. We also want to express appreciation to Pastor Nichols, Jeff Hartquist, and the ladies who served the meal. We all have wonderful memories to cherish.

**Janice Schei & families
Darnelle Mammen
& families
Darla and Paul Aukes
& families**
(1.12-1.15)

Thank you to the community members and businesses that participated in our Angel Tree project. We know it's a very busy season for everyone. It is heart-warming to be remembered at Christmas, and receiving these generous gifts made it very special for us. We wish the best to you and yours in the new year.

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