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## DNR seeks ideas for Blue Mounds Park future

*Clean tap water hinges on \$650,000 Rural Water project; another \$500,000 needed to repair aging water lines*

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mounds State Park is popular for its unique features — the bison herd, native prairie and rock climbing on the Sioux quartzite cliffs. But it's just one of nearly 70 state parks in Minnesota that require funding, and sometimes those dollars are allocated based on which needs are best demonstrated and articulated. That was the premise for a community meeting with the Blue Mounds State Park Advisory Committee Thursday night, Jan. 12. "It's part of the agenda-building process; we want to hear from people," said Kathy Dummer, southern region manager of DNR Parks and Trails Division.

She explained that Minnesota's State Park system was developed around the goal of providing sustainable recreation while preserving natural resources.

The entire park system revolves around how to fund each park to best maintain those goals.

"But it's all based on the fact that funds are limited," Dummer said, explaining that funding is focused on promoting each park's core purpose.

The Advisory Group task is to identify and address priorities for Blue Mounds State Park improvements, including ideas for community engagement and possible programming.

But it was hard to get past the obvious priority of clean water — both from the tap and in the ground.

### Park well water still contaminated with E.coli

The most urgent issue at the park is finding a clean water source for park staff, campers and visitors.

Well water at the park is tainted with E.coli bacteria, so park campers and visitors can't drink the water or use the showers.

According to park data, roughly 64,000 people visited the Blue Mounds in 2016, compared with more than 91,000 in 2013 — the year before the lake drained and E.coli showed up.

After spending considerable resources to locate the source of contamination, a new \$73,000 330-foot-deep well was drilled in an effort to reach clean water.

That water, too, tested positive for E.coli so attention turned to pip-

**Park advisory meeting**/see page 8A



Mavis Fodness Photo/0119 LSD Apples

Luverne Elementary School third-grader Emma Saarloos eats an apple Friday, Jan. 13, from the Dayton Avenue Orchard south of Adrian. Careful preparation allows the local apples to be stored in coolers for use in school cafeterias.

## How 'bout them apples?

Luverne district buys fresh fruit from Adrian orchard

By Mavis Fodness

Students at Luverne Public Schools have a local source of apples, fulfilling the old adage, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

High in fiber and Vitamin C and low in calories and sodium, fresh apples are a healthy alternative to processed foods, and the homegrown produce is better for the environment, say Luverne Elementary students.

"They are good," said third-grader Damien Ahrendt.

"Inside they are really sweet," said classmate Emma Saarloos.

"They are renewable," added fifth-grader Anthony Pasch.

For the past eight years, Randy Wolf has continually grown apples on his orchard south of Adrian.

This is the first year he's supplied Luverne schools with the needed six bushels of fresh apples on a weekly basis.

"Lots of TLC" is how Wolf explains how he can supply the summertime



Mavis Fodness Photo/0119 LSD Apples

Fresh apples arrive Tuesday morning to the Luverne Elementary School.

fruit from a northern orchard in the middle of winter.

From April through October Wolf said he walks the rows of 600 trees growing at his Dayton Avenue Orchard located south of Adrian. He will plant another 300 this spring.

**Local apples in school**/see page 3A

## Woman arrested for designer clothes theft

By Lori Sorenson

A 32-year-old Luverne woman is facing burglary charges after law enforcement recovered stolen items in her apartment Thursday, Jan. 12.

According to information from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Shauna LaForce is accused of stealing more than \$3,000 worth of LuLaRoe designer clothing.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge said the case was wrapped up in just a few days, thanks to social media and "good old-fashioned police work."

According to the arrest report, Luverne's Dan Nath called the Sheriff's Office around 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, to report a burglary at the home of his son and daughter-in-law.



Shauna LaForce

Matt and Tracie Nath were out of town and Dan had stopped to let their dogs out when he noticed the lights on in the garage and an unfamiliar woman in the breezeway.

He said he chased her through the backyard, but he didn't catch her before she jumped a fence.

He told officers she was about 5 feet, 3 inches tall with a dark, long, puffy coat and thick-rimmed glasses. He said she drove off in a small dark SUV that had a luggage rack and a Wheel City Auto placard.

He showed Deputy Shelley Douty the garage with some clothing items and showed her a pink bag with items in it that belonged to the thief — some clothing and three knives. There was a Pall Mall cigarette on the floor next to the bag, and Dan said Matt and Tracie don't smoke.

There was also a pile of hangers on the floor that he presumed were from clothes that had been taken.

When the couple returned home, Tracie told Deputy Douty she was missing approximately 70 items of clothing from LuLaRoe, which she is a consultant for. She said the missing items had a retail value of \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Tracie told the Star Herald Friday, Jan. 13, that LaForce — using the last name of Dwyer — had messaged her through Facebook last week.

"She said she had just moved to town and wanted to shop and was interested in becoming a consultant," Tracie said.

"I told her, no, because I would be out of town; I was too trusting. So I guess she figured she'd come and shop."

Tracie said LaForce likely made several trips with her car to have stolen that much merchandise.

"She would have gotten away with more than \$4,500 worth of clothing if my father-in-law hadn't stopped her," Tracie said.

Dan Nath said he's glad he stopped at the house when he did. "It was lucky that I walked in on her," he said.

Tracie said some of her clients informed her earlier this week that LaForce (Dwyer) was selling the stolen clothing on Facebook, and Douty contacted LaForce on Facebook to arrange a staged sale on Jan. 13.

Meanwhile, on Jan. 11, Douty

**Clothing theft**/see page 5A

## Local airman among security forces at Presidential Inauguration

By Mavis Fodness

A Luverne native will provide security detail during the 58<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration Friday, Jan. 20, in Washington, D.C.

Senior Airman Riley Verbrugge, 21, is a member of the South Dakota Air National Guard.

He is one of 150 guardsmen from the 114<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing who will

assist hundreds of other guardsmen from across the country in security, crowd control and traffic management throughout the U.S. Capital region.

Verbrugge, who is a law enforcement student at Alexandria Technical and Community College,



Riley Verbrugge

left the airbase in Sioux Falls for Washington, D.C. Wednesday.

He said he volunteered in August for service at the inauguration event.

It will be his first time in the nation's capital.

"I don't think it's going to hit me until I am out

there," Verbrugge said Tuesday.

"I don't know what it's going to be like to have a million people in one spot."

Verbrugge, a 2014 graduate of Luverne High School will return home Saturday, Jan. 21, and will resume classes in Alexandria.

He is the son of Evan and Missy Verbrugge, Luverne.

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Article 3: Luverne experience rapid growth in 1880s and 1890s

This is the third 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:

The 1880s were a period of rapid growth and unprecedented prosperity for Luverne. From 1882 to 1886, Luverne more than doubled its population and ranked as one of the best towns of southwestern Minnesota as well as one of the largest. The rich lands of Rock County, abundant harvests, and the

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

**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's 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.

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the conference room of the Mary Jane Brown Home. Anyone dealing with caregiving or with questions about caregiving and resources available is encouraged to attend.

**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.

History Center open for visitors

The History Center on East Main Street in Luverne (in the former Ford dealership) is open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and by appointment on Saturdays. Call 220-1070 for information or to schedule a Saturday visit.

No food giveaway in January

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

Sign up for 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](http://www.isd2184.net) under Community Education or call 507-283-4724. Cost is \$125 per team, and payment must accompany registration.

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.

Bank Nite movie 'Secret Life of Pets' showing at the Palace Feb. 2

The free Bank Nite movie, "Secret Life of Pets," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Music Boosters Winter Carnival set for Saturday, 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.



Mayor Pat Baustian administers the oath of office for new city council members Lori Hallstrom (in left photo) and Dan Nath.

Mayor, new council members sworn in

By Lori Sorenson

Prior to starting the first Luverne City Council meeting of the new year, city leaders were sworn into office.

Mayor Pat Baustian was re-elected to another two-year term, and newcomers

Dan Nath and Lori Hallstrom were sworn in for four-year terms, replacing outgoing council members Esther Frakes and Eugene Marshall, who opted not to seek re-election.

Marshall and Frakes each received a

plaque recognizing their contributions to leadership in the city of Luverne.

"I can't say enough for those who step up for service," Baustian said after awarding them their plaques. "It's a time commitment, so thank you both."

Third Annual Ag Seminar features Trent Loos

Exchange State Bank, Professional Ag Marketing and the Rock County Corn and Soybean Growers Association will host the third annual Ag Seminar from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

The event, which is also sponsored by the Rock County Pork Producers and Rock County Farm Bureau, will address

challenges facing today's farming families and how local ag experts can assist them in maximizing their operation's productivity and profits.

Keynote speaker is Trent Loos, a sixth-generation farmer and award-winning radio host whose program is broadcast in nearly 100 markets to around 3 million listeners worldwide.

He travels the world of ag

producers to learn from the people involved in many different aspects of production agriculture.

Loos was recently selected to serve on President-elect Trump's sixty-member Agricultural Advisory Committee, where he will help communicate the issues facing rural Americans to the White House.

There will be a short question-and-answer session

following his presentation.

The Feb. 1 event is free, with lunch provided; however, preregistration is required. RSVP to (507) 449-6000, (507) 449-2030, [ESBLuverne@exchangestatebankmn.com](mailto:ESBLuverne@exchangestatebankmn.com) or [kima@professionalagmarketing.com](mailto:kima@professionalagmarketing.com).

For information on the Ag Seminar, see [exchangestatebankmn.com](http://exchangestatebankmn.com). To learn about Trent Loos, see [loostales.com](http://loostales.com).

'Getting Ready for the Next Generation' forum offered 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 Luverne.

The business planning experts will 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.

New ECFE session begins

A new session of Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes in Luverne is beginning and continues into spring. Classes for parents along with their infants, toddlers and preschoolers provide an opportunity to learn and grow together.

Parents also receive encouragement and support and connect with other parents. Sessions are free or at very low cost. Call Community Education at 283-4724 to enroll.



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Royalty candidates selected for LHS Snow Week festivities

Luverne High School will celebrate Snow Week Jan. 23-27 as a fun winter activity. This year's Snow Week Winter Court, selected by the teaching staff, are (front row, left) Tommy Norman, Knute Oldre, Christopher Jelken, Dylan Thorson, (back) Madison Schandelman, Bergin Flom, Samantha Ykema and Emma Mumme. The week's activities include dress-up day themes of college day, summer day, ugly sweater day, color day and flannel day. On Wednesday, Jan. 25, students may ride snowmobiles to school. The event, in its second year, is coordinated by the high school student council. The Snow Week king and queen will be crowned at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the school auditorium.



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construction of a new rail line contributed significantly toward its growth.

The building of a serviceable schoolhouse became a big issue in 1880. The “ordinary district” had voted in 1878 to become an “independent district.” With 200 enrolled students in a school house with capacity for 90, reality set in as to the community’s responsibility.

Action was finally taken on February 21, 1892, when by a vote of 45 to 19, it was decided to issue bonds in the sum of \$10,000 to carry out the plans for a new school. A few weeks later an additional appropriation of \$1,100 was made for the purchase of the site.

In 1892, contractor Frank Thayer constructed the south wing of the Central building. Three years later it became imperative to again increase the school facilities. An addition, corresponding in style to the original was annexed to the Central building, at a cost of \$7,000, including a new heating system.

1882 saw significant major construction projects. A new creamery and business block (60 x 75 feet) at the corner of Main and Cedar streets jump-started other construction projects. Within the business block were a new bank, a post office and a drugstore.

The June 9, 1882, Rock County Herald said: “Luverne is enjoying a boom of a pattern the numberless towns of northern Minnesota and Dakota that are forcing themselves so conspicuously upon public attention would do well to consider and emulate. There is greater activity in building operations this year than at any previous time in the history of Luverne.”

In 1873 Luverne had four general merchandise stores, one hotel, Rock County Herald, one drug/grocery store, feed store, blacksmith shop, shoe repair shop, one notary/surveyor, one doctor and two attorneys.

One decade later (1883), the numbers and varieties of businesses had dramatically increased:

Banks – Bank of Luverne (est. 1876), Rock County Bank (est. 1882)

General Merchandise – Landin & Nelson, Wold, Glass, Walters, Battelle, Helm & Co, Erickson & Son, Stoughton

Groceries – Schuyler, Stone, Hollis, Ells, Kelley

Hardware – Gerber & Ross, Peteler Bros.

Drugs – Crawford, Mead & Millhouse

Books & Stationery – Harroun & Hawes, Mead & Millhouse

Hotels – Merchants Hotel, M McCarthy, Luverne House, Joles & Johnson, Freeman Avenue House, J. Redfield

Furniture – Saxton Brothers, C. C. Drew

Millinery – H. W. Helm & Co, Mrs. N. A. Crowell

Clothing – P. R. Schuyler and the general dealers

Jewelers – Harroun, Hawes & Swedberg, R. M. Click

Lumber Dealers – Herren & Wadleigh, J. L. Spencer

Wood and Coal – Patterson & Walters, Hyke, Peavey Brothers, Pedrick, Battelle, Gibson Bros.

Farm Machinery – Gibson Bros., Stone & Wold, Ezra Rice, Battlle

Grain Dealers – Ezra Rice, Stone & Wold, Hyke, Patterson & Walters

Harness Makers – Scheble, Hyke

Shoemakers – Millhouse, Erickson

Meat Markets – Putney & Goethel, Brennan, Andre

Livery Stables – Gibson Bros., Wellman

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Physicians – Spalding, Crawford, Kilgore

Attorneys – Hadley, Reynolds, Webber, Mead, Canfield, Cornish, Davidson

Dentist – Palmer

Carpenters and Builders – Jones & Soutar, Minard & Dixon, Lyttle, Adron, Moreaux

Masons and Contractors – Gillham, Bullett

Barbers – Hurd & Lewis, McDermott

Dray and Express Lines – Green, Oliver

Restaurants – Click, Kimball

Flour Mills – Luverne Mills (W. H. Wilson), Estey Mills (A. R. Hildebrandt)

Flour and Feed – Wildon, Patterson & Walters, Hollis, Hyke

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Real Estate Agencies – Bank of Luverne, Rock County Bank, Kniss & Gray

Farm Loan Office – Edward P. Brooks

Creamery – Rock County Creamery (Raymond & Welker)

Blacksmiths – Henton, Hofelmann Bros., Wellman, Oleson

Wagon Makers – Kendall, Hofelmann Bros.

During the construction seasons of 1882 and 1883, records indicated that approximately \$85,000 in new buildings and improvements were completed. But this was only the beginning. During 1884 carpenters, builders and masons were in steady demand and had far more work than they could handle, and structures to the value of \$50,000 were put up.

The Burlington railroad was built to the village in later summer and added to the general activity. Gas lights were installed on Main Street in 1883. The City purchased the land for the City Park for \$1,600 in 1884 as well as dug six wells on Main Street to serve for fire protection.

The census of 1885 showed that the population of Luverne had a gain of nearly 100 percent in five years. That year the population was 1,346. In the winter of 1885-1886, the community was handicapped by a diphtheria epidemic. Several deaths from the disease resulted. Construction projects and population growth

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Mavis Fodness Photo/0119 LSD Apples

Pictured above, Blake Swenson (left) and Brady Palaschak save their apples from Friday's lunch at Luverne Elementary School to eat later that day, such as on the bus ride home.



Randy Wolf operates Dayton Avenue Orchard south of Adrian with his wife, Kay. The couple supplies fresh apples to three local school districts including Luverne on a weekly basis.



Locally grown apples served in Luverne Public School District/ continued from page 1A

“It takes about five years (before the apples) amount to anything,” he said.

During his daily visits Wolf watches for disease and feeds the growing fruit with a calcium-based spray.

A healthy apple stays fresh in a cooler up to six months, depending on the variety. This allows Wolf to provide fruit to Luverne schools in January.

He's supplied apples to Adrian and Worthington schools for the past three years.

Wolf grows about eight different apple varieties, including Sweet Sixteen, Honeycrisp, Haralson, Regent, Fireside, McIntosh, Cortland and Wealthy.

He is also trying new varieties from the University of Minnesota, whose research has developed trees that can withstand Minnesota's cold winters.

The U of M is also a partner in a nationwide effort to help local schools expand their use of locally produced food in their cafeterias.

Stephanie Heim is a U of M Extension health and nutrition program director in Rochester. She currently coordinates the state's Farm 2 School Leadership Team.

She said it is up to individual schools to decide which foods local growers can supply. “Schools are used to getting food in a certain way,” she said.

That way has primarily been through orders from commercial food service companies who have the quantity and easily prepared foodstuffs to meet USDA nutrition standards.

Luverne Food Service needs produce to feed as many as 1,200 students on a daily basis.

While the district does receive lettuce year-round from a Pipestone County producer and some fresh items from a local gardener in the fall, most fresh local produce is available in the summer, when school is not in session.

Heim said some schools have frozen local produce for later use. But again, storage space needs to be available.

Farm 2 School has developed a “Minnesota Toolkit for School Food Service” of various foods and how they can be prepared and used in schools.

Hein said school food service workers are highly trained in safe food preparation and are choosy in the produce they will accept.

For Wolf's apples, he said he specifically prepares the fruits for safe use in schools. He also sizes the fruits before storing them in large coolers for the weekly deliveries.

Luverne's Food Service Director Ann Rigney said students do notice the difference in apple varieties. Traditionally, food service companies only carry the Red Delicious apples.

“He has better varieties that kids like,” Rigney said.

In order for apples to be healthy for students, they have to be consumed.

Many students who don't eat their apples during lunch will keep them to eat later in the day.

“I will eat it on the bus,” Damien Ahrendt said.

Pictured at left, Luverne Elementary School food service worker Bonnie Busse-Reu holds second-grader Kylee Owen's apple while she empties her lunch tray Friday. Owen placed the apple grown south of Adrian in her locker for eating at a later time.

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## Fire deaths drop to second-lowest level

*Fire marshal urges Minnesotans to keep taking fire prevention seriously*

One person died the morning of Jan. 12 in an apartment fire in Mound, the first fire fatality of 2017 in Minnesota. The death comes on the heels of a near record-setting year for fire deaths in the state.

The number of fire deaths in 2016 was the second-lowest since the Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division (SFMD) began compiling those statistics in 1970, according to preliminary information released today.

Thirty-six people died in fires in 2016, a 37-percent decrease over the 57 fatalities in 2015. The lowest number of fire fatalities on record was 35 in 2009; the highest was 134 in 1976.

The leading cause of fatal fires last year in Minnesota was careless smoking (seven deaths) followed by combustibles too close (four) and suicide or arson (four), according to preliminary data. There were 13 fire deaths in which the fire's cause was undetermined.

Numbers become final once Minnesota hospital officials report their information to the Minnesota Department of Public Health in the spring.

State Fire Marshal Bruce West said he is pleased fire deaths plummeted to a near-record low but that even one fire death is too many.

"Nobody should ever have to suffer the pain of losing someone in a fire," West said. "Everyone must take fire prevention seriously so the number

of deaths keeps falling."

West said it is difficult to pinpoint a reason for the drop in fire deaths. He is hopeful Minnesotans are realizing the danger and power of fire and taking fire prevention in their homes more seriously.

Fire deaths the past decade:  
2016 – 36 (preliminary), 2015 – 57, 2014 – 44, 2013 – 44, 2012 – 50, 2011 – 56, 2010 – 39, 2009 – 35, 2008 – 52

### Fire prevention tips

Minnesotans can keep themselves and their families safe by following these prevention tips:

Cooking:  
• Never leave a hot stovetop or oven unattended; stay and look while you cook.

• Keep anything flammable (oven mitts, aprons, paper towels) three feet from heat sources in the kitchen.

Smoking:  
• If you smoke, smoke outside.  
• Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.  
• Do not discard cigarettes in potted plants, leaves, mulch or other vegetation.

• Completely extinguish cigarettes. Use a metal container filled

with water or sand.

Heating:  
• Keep space heaters three feet from anything combustible.

• Do not leave space heaters unattended and turn them off while you're sleeping.

• Plug space heaters directly into the wall, not an extension cord or power strip.

Open flames:  
• Leave three feet between a candle and anything that can burn; use flameless candles.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms:

• Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms save lives — but only if they work. Test yours monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

• Fire doubles in size every 60 seconds; a smoke alarm can give you the valuable time you need to escape.

• Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

• Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.



Bryan Fodness Photo/Mavis Column Road Trip Part 2

I checked an item off my bucket list when I visited the Magnolia Market's metal silos in Waco, Texas.

## Sixty minutes in downtown Waco leaves lasting impression

I became the unsuspecting envy of friends when I recently made a stop in Waco, Texas.

It was more than a year ago that I wrote about my fascination with a PBS food show and my wish to visit and eat at the restaurant where the show is filmed. In that column I expanded my road trip fantasy to include visiting Magnolia Market in Waco.

Last October I was able to visit the tourist attraction in a brief stop before reaching our final destination in southern Texas.

Magnolia Market was made famous by the home improvement show, "Fixer Upper," where a Texas couple works to renovate houses into desirable homes for budget-conscious families.

The show follows the husband and wife team of Chip and Joanna Gaines through the selection and renovation process.

Often the HGTV show films side trips to other projects such as the Gaineses' plans to redevelop a cottonseed oil elevator in downtown Waco. They turned the abandoned business into the new location of their store called Magnolia Market.

You could call the Magnolia visit checking an item off my bucket list.

I only saw the visit as a way to make a memory in the hour I was allotted to roam the former elevator property.

Husband Bryan imposed the time limit.

He wasn't interested in stopping at a tourist trap, but my continual begging during the 993-mile trip to Texas garnered the one-hour time limit as a compromise.

What the Gaineses have developed, however, adds a new meaning to shopping. It's more of an experience and in my opinion a worthwhile endeavor.

Here is a list of notable memories from stopping at the Market.

• Downtown Waco still uses one-way streets, in case you're wondering why all the cars are coming toward you on what you think is a two-lane street.

• Because parking in the downtown area is limited it's well worth the \$10 donation to park in the church lot next door.

• The silos that tower over the Market are relatively small and cannot be seen from a

distance. I found nearby Baylor University's sports stadium more visible from a distance than the metal silos.

• Grass at the Market is fake. Trying to get real grass to grow under the feet of thousands of daily visitors would be impossible.

• My first stop in the Market was the restroom, along with a few dozen other people.

• Items found on the show are for sale at the Market. I came in with a set list of picking up the Gaineses' biography, their new magazine and one other fun item. Without a limit I could break the bank.

• Buying the husband an item keeps the timekeeper happy.

• The Market is a family experience with a large picnic area, food trucks and games to be played on the large turf area. (Unless your timekeeper says no.)

Armed with reading material and a commemorative shirt after 60 short minutes, I left Waco happy with thoughts of more bucket list items lurking in the back of my mind.

Instead of a list, what has developed is a lasting impression of what the Gaineses have created. It's an understanding garnered by reading their autobiography.

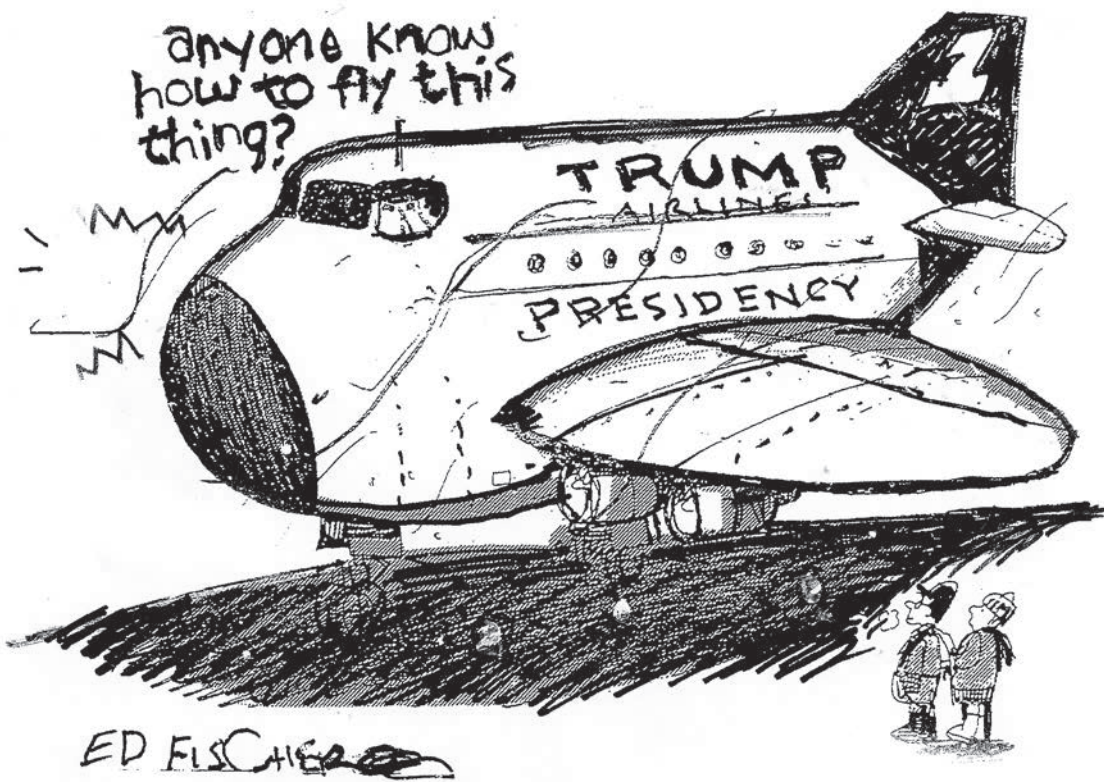
In their story they recount meeting for the first time, stretching themselves thin financially expanding their home renovation business and how the television show almost didn't get started.

Joanna wrote that without those struggles the couple wouldn't have developed the philosophy that they live by today. It's an ideal we ourselves can take into the New Year.

"It was such a blessing to find myself thriving in the middle of the pain. Unless you find a way to do that, there's always going to be this fake illusion that once you get there — whatever 'there' is for you — you'll be happy. But that's just not life. If you can't find happiness in the ugliness, you're not going to find it in the beauty, either."

## RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter



## Faxes, desk calendars top 'things are changing' list

By now we have been in the New Year long enough that writing 2017 on the check should be second nature, but for me, not so much. I am not sure what the grace period is for scratching 2016 out and writing in 2017, but I am guessing it's about over.

Under the heading of "things are changing," I don't write a lot of checks anymore, so writing in the year isn't something I do every day.

Also under the "things are changing" heading is when I fill out a form and it's asking for my address, I start filling in my email address. When sharing my phone number, I have to pause for a second or two and think about it before I write it down.

The fax machine at the office is darn near a thing of the past.

Not far behind the fax machine in the "things of the past" category is the landline telephone and voice mail.

We still get a voice mail now and then at the office. To retrieve the voice mail, I have to enter my extension and then my passcode. Again I find myself pausing for a bit trying to remember what my extension and passcode are.

With the New Year comes a new



## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
Tollefson Publishing

desk calendar. Call me "old school," but I still use the desk calendar. Apparently I didn't realize I need a stronger prescription for my contacts so I could read the darn thing.

My new desk calendar and I aren't getting along all that well. Besides the fact that I can't read it when it's more than the width of my desk away from me, it's also a total waste of paper.

We all know there are 12 months in a year. Each month takes up two pages as the calendar lies flat on my desk, and that makes perfect sense.

So one would think 24 pages should cover the 12 months. In addition to the 12 months, I think a good

desk calendar should also include December from the previous year and January for the next year.

That said, with the two extra months and two pages for each month, 28 pages should cover it. In addition to the 28 pages you need the cover, which is four more pages, so 32 is the number we're shooting for.

My 2016 — I mean my new 2017 desk calendar — comes in 100 pages. I know. I didn't believe it either, so I counted them twice and came up with 100 pages both times.

By the way, my new desk calendar doesn't include the extra December or January so I am back to only using 28 of the 100 pages. What a waste.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

**Jan. 6**  
•Complainant requested a deputy check on a gelled up semi at location.  
•Received warrant for information entry.  
•Received report from SWHHS concerning possible educational neglect.  
•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.  
•Complainant dropped off a driver's license that was found by the library.  
•Complainant reported vehicle swerving all over the road at varied speeds.  
•Complainant reported that a white female, approximately 5'3" tall, wearing a black puffy coat and a red knit hat, was in location trying to steal complainant's daughter-in-law's designer clothing. Complainant chased suspect to a fence in the yard, and suspect left in a dark Jeep Grand Cherokee with Wheel City Automotive plates. Last known direction of travel is north on North Cedar.  
**Jan. 7**  
•Complainant reported that a woman in a black Impala followed him from location to the BP gas station and took pictures of his license plate and vehicle. Complainant also reported that the woman shoved him. Complainant reported that the woman yelled at him for driving alongside her trying to race on the interstate. The woman is described as a white female, early 30s, with glasses and wearing a blue sweatshirt.  
•Complainant reported sewer gas leak from a week ago is still making her ill.  
•A possible hit on an amber alert vehicle I-90 west-bound from the Rushmore exit. The vehicle was found in Luverne. It is not the amber alert vehicle. It had a Minnesota plate.  
•Complainant in Hills area reported they had a fire going in a shed and needed the fire department.  
•Complainant reported a vehicle driving erratically and tailgating. Call was given to State Patrol.  
•Complainant reported possible drunk driver.  
•Complainant received a 911 hang-up from location. Several unanswered calls were made by dispatch to the hang-up number. After the fifth call back, subject answered and

sounded heavily intoxicated. Deputies reported two intoxicated adults were in the home with the juvenile child. Child was removed from the home due to the condition of the adults responsible for the child's care.  
**Jan. 8**  
•Complainant reported a suspicious light-colored possibly silver car pulling into people's driveways and checking doors. Last known direction of travel south on Cedar from Barck.  
•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.  
•Complainant reported a house on his route had two open doors.  
•Complainant requested deputy accompany her on a welfare check on subject who made some suicidal statements, and now nobody can get in touch with her.  
**Jan. 9**  
•Complainant reported the kids to the house just south of hers were out around 10 p.m. last night. They were throwing snowballs at her house. They use foul language and don't seem to have adult supervision. They have been out before late. She was told to call when it is happening.  
•Complainant reported someone siphoned the gas out of his car last night.  
•Complainant reported credit card fraud.  
•Complainant submitted application for explosives permit.  
•Complainant reported theft in shop.  
•Deputy conducted traffic stop at location. Vehicle has significant damage and is missing a tire.  
**Jan. 10**  
•Deputy out on motorist assist.  
•Postmaster reported theft of mail.  
•Complainant reported a burglary alarm at location.  
•Complainant reported when he parked his pickup yesterday, he had it locked, and this morning the driver side window is down, and it is locked.  
•Complainant inquired about making contact with subject and children.  
•Complainant reported his son went to get a soda from a machine. A black pickup with blacked out windows was driving around the corner and almost hit his son. He is going

to look for it and will call back with further information.  
•Complainant reported subject is driving her vehicle without a driver's license.  
•Complainant requested residence check at location. Subject was kicked out of residence, and complainant is worried he will come back.  
**Jan. 11**  
•Complainant reported he was assaulted by subject.  
•Complainant reported she felt suicidal.  
•Complainant reported that the crosswalk lights were flashing and would not shut off.  
•Complainant reported items stolen from a box she received in the mail.  
•Complainant brought in two cards that were in his mailbox with no envelope belonging to subject.  
•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.  
•Complainant reported person missing. Subject was located.  
State Patrol took subject into custody on warrant.  
**Jan. 12**  
•Complainant reported his minor son moved out of the house. Complainant asked for assistance on handling the issue.  
•Complainant requested deputy to take assault statement at Southwestern Youth Services.  
•Complainant reported that there was a red Ford Taurus all over I-90 at mile marker 15. Car turned onto County Road 3. Unable to locate.  
•Complainant reported two vehicles racing around in the area for quite some time. He was unable to get plates. One vehicle was red or maroon, and one was silver.  
•Complainant reported he is being harassed about a dog that was shot.  
•Complainant reported that he is receiving harassing phone calls.  
•Received 911. Unable to make clear contact. Pipestone County did welfare check.  
  
In addition, officers responded to 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 transport, 1 funeral escort, 13 traffic stops, 20 ambulance runs, 8 paper services, 6 animal complaints, 3 unfounded 911 calls, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 2 money escorts, and issued 11 purchase/carry permits and 28 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/0119 heroes blood drive

‘Heroes Behind the Badges’ donations boost blood supply

Luverne Fireman James Rahm is one of 23 people who donated blood Monday for the ninth annual “Heroes Behind the Badges” blood drive for the Community Blood Bank. He’s pictured with Megan Hagedorn, Sioux Falls, of the Community Blood Bank in the mobile unit parked at the fire hall. The Rock County Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Management Services compete with the Luverne Fire Department to see who could recruit the most blood donors for the community’s blood supply. At the end of the day, the fire department and EMS crews had tallied the most donations (18) with law enforcement recording five. “We are grateful for the community coming out to donate,” 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. “With 23 donations, this will help save up to 69 patients.”

Designer clothing theft/continued from 1A

overheard radio talk about a traffic stop involving a black Kia Sportage with no plates. She was able to identify the owner of that vehicle as LaForce, who had used a Michigan license under the name Shauna LaForce instead of Dwyer. The photo appeared to be the same person. A Twitter account for Shauna LaForce was located, and the picture matched that of Dwyer. Dispatch located a South Dakota Driver’s license under the name of Shauna LaForce with the same address as a Shaun Dwyer. Law enforcement spotted the Kia on the 100 block of E. Lincoln and the VIN number came back to LaForce with an address of 127 E. Lincoln St. Apt. No. 2. The owner of the apartment building verified that she lived at that address. The next day Sgt. Jeff Wieneke and Deputy Mike Westerbur knocked on the door, and LaForce reportedly didn’t answer the door at first. She later let them in and agreed to be questioned at the Law Enforcement Center. Wieneke read her the Miranda Warning and she signed a waiver agreeing to speak to him without counsel present. LaForce said she has lived in Luverne since November 2016 with her fiancé Shaun Dwyer and she recently lost her job as a nanny.

“I’m just really grateful for everyone helping me out.”

— Tracie Nath, Luverne theft victim

She said entering the home was a “terrible lapse in judgment,” but she at first denied taking anything. When Wieneke asked if he’d find anything at her house if he looked, LaForce reportedly admitted she did in fact take numerous items. She also admitted that the pink bag with knives found in the garage was hers. When LaForce consented to a search of the apartment and her car, 27 items of stolen clothing were recovered in the apartment. She’s scheduled to make her first court appearance on Tuesday. Tracie told the Star Herald the incident has shaken her trust, but she also learned she had friends in her corner. “I have a really great customer base; they were really willing to help; It was awesome,” she said Friday. “I’m just really grateful for everyone helping me out.”

LAND FOR SALE

LEGAL: Two tracts of productive Rock County land for sale as follows:

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Tract B: Approximately 88.47 acres located in the NW1/4 of 13-104-45, Rock County, Minnesota.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., January 27, 2017, at the Eisma Law Office, 130 East Main, Luverne, MN or 821 Main Street, Edgerton, MN. All bidders will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Tracts will be sold individually. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing on or by March 1, 2017.

Sale is subject to approval by the heirs of Randall Kooi. For further details contact Douglas Eisma, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 283-4828/(507) 227-2829.

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Maddie Lenan-Hooyman of Youth Frontiers discusses matters of kindness with Luverne fourth-graders Wednesday, Jan. 11, during a retreat in the American Reformed Church, Luverne.

## Fourth-graders learn about kindness in daylong event

Story and photos by Lori Sorenson

Luverne fourth-graders spent the day focusing on kindness Wednesday, Jan. 11, during a Youth Frontiers retreat at the American Reformed Church.

The Twin Cities non-profit organization works with school districts to build character of young people through positive peer interactions.

The fourth-grade Kindness Retreat centered on bullying and how students can prevent it or intervene when they see it happening.

Seventh-graders will participate in retreats on Feb. 1 and 2 for courage and respect,

which will focus on how student behavior affects themselves and others and about ways to create a respectful environment for everyone.

This is the sixth year Youth Frontiers has hosted retreats for Luverne students. They are funded by grants and local sponsors.

This year's retreats are supported by the Luverne Area Community Foundation, Luverne School Foundation, PPIE, Frakco, Pizza Ranch, Sioux Valley Energy and the American Reformed Church.



Luverne High School students helped with small group sessions during Wednesday's all-day retreat. At left, Cole Claussen (bottom, right) leads a circle of fourth-graders (clockwise from Claussen) Jackson Ganun, Adam Ask, Keaton Ahrendt, Ella Reisdorfer, Adisyn Donth and Kaitlin Conger.



Students stretch their legs and blow off some steam during a music and dance break between sessions.

## Legion helps local Boy Scouts fund upcoming canoe outing

By Lori Sorenson

Boy Scouts in the Adrian and Luverne pack have funds for their upcoming canoe trip, thanks to a generous donation by the Adrian American Legion Argon Post No. 32.

The Legion presented the Scouts with a check for \$1,625 on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the Post Home in Adrian.

The money will be used for a Northern Tier High Adventure Camping/Canoe Trip this summer in the Boundary Waters of

Northern Minnesota and Canada.

The July 10-18 trip will take scouts through primitive wilderness areas where they'll portage their canoes and travel with their necessities.

Funds were awarded through the American Legion from the Worthington Area Foundation, which awarded a grant to be facilitated through a non-profit organization. The American Legion in Luverne became that organization.



Luverne and Adrian Boy Scouts accepted a donation from the American Legion in Adrian Wednesday, Jan. 4, for their upcoming canoe trip. From left are Brody Loosbrock (Patrol Leader), Miki Loosbrock (Scout Master), Herman Boltjes (Argonne Post #32 Commander), Rob Wenzel (Assistant Scout Master), Mason Wieneke (Patrol Leader), Tyler de Cesare (Chaplain), and Blake Madison (Chaplain, Member of Order of the Arrow). Not pictured are Beau Loosbrock (Senior Patrol Leader) and Mason Wenzel (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader).

Submitted photo

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card Showers

**Kurt and Dorothy Petersen** will both celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays during January. Greetings may be sent to them at 603 Phyleon Drive, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Barb Connell** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Greetings may be sent to her at 409 N. Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156.

## SENIOR MENU

**Monday, Jan. 23:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, pineapple.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle

**Tuesday, Jan. 24:** Lemon fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, pie.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by MinnWest Bank.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25:** Lasagna, California blend vegetables, peaches, garlic bread, cookie.

**Thursday, Jan. 26:** Pork loin, mashed potatoes, buttered cabbage, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Program: Winter Wonderland Bingo

**Friday, Jan. 27:** Honey mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### NDSU releases Fall 2016 dean's list

Savanna Thielbar, Sydney Thielbar and Paul Witte, all of Luverne, were named to the Fall 2016 dean's list at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Savanna is majoring in women and gender studies, Sydney is majoring in accounting, and Paul's major is strategic communications.

To be named to the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

### SMSU announces dean's list

Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, has released the Fall 2016 dean's list. Receiving high honors with a 4.0 is Alex Weis, Luverne. Receiving honors with a 3.5 GPA or higher are Kelli Esselink, Hills, Emilie Baartman, Brandon, South Dakota, Brooke Thompson, Luverne, Tanner Paulsen, Steen, and Megan Westrum, Steen.

### Ridgewater releases dean's list

Nicholas Overgaard and Spencer Stroeh, both of Luverne, were named to the Fall 2016 dean's list at Ridgewater College in Willmar. To be named, students must attain a 3.5 GPA or higher.

### U of M Crookston names dean's list

The University of Minnesota Crookston has named Logan Stratton, Luverne, to the Fall 2016 dean's list. Students must earn a 3.66 GPA to be named.

## 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 January 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.

Learn more about academic admissions and the financial strategies, plus tips about the FAFSA when you attend **College Planning class on Jan. 30**. Fee is \$5.



## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2007)

•Minnesota National Guard soldiers in Iraq received official word this week that they will be extended up to 125 days.

The extension order states the “Red Bulls” will be extended for up to 125 days past their original return date. The soldiers can now expect to return to their families around August.

### 25 years ago (1992)

•With mortgage interest rates the lowest they’ve been in 17 years, many local homeowners are taking advantage by refinancing.

A year ago mortgage interest rates were from 10 to 10.5 percent. Today, the rates are in the 8-percent range.

According to Jerry McGuire, assistant vice president at Minnwest Bank, this means a family with a \$45,000 home paying a 15-year, 10-percent loan could decrease its monthly payment by about \$53 after financing at 8 percent.

### 50 years ago (1967)

•The A.R. Wood Mfg. Co. of Luverne, producer of farm and poultry equipment, will receive President Johnson’s Export “E” award for successful foreign sales promotion at a ceremony in Minneapolis on January 27, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced on Wednesday.

President D. M. Lippi of the company and Don Crust, in charge of advertising and promotion, will attend the presentation ceremonies. ...

The Luverne firm has pushed its exports through a well-balanced program in which particular attention is paid to obtaining foreign distribution for its line of chick brooders. The company has been a successful exhibitor in U. S. trade shows abroad.

### 75 years ago (1942)

•In spite of the rigid restrictions which have been placed on the sales of automobiles (due to World War II), Luverne dealers will get a chance to sell at least one car in the near future, as the result of a call for bids which was expected to be issued this week by City Recorder Roy Fitzer for a police car. The bids will be opened and acted upon at the city council meeting Feb. 3, and they will be limited to Luverne dealers.

Purchase of the police car was requested by members of the Civilian Defense council, on the grounds that the vehicle is necessary for complete protection from a defense standpoint, as well as being vital to adequate ordinary police patrol work here. Heretofore, policemen on the night shift in Luverne have used their own cars and have received a cash allowance for the purpose from the city.

### 100 years ago (1917)

•The municipal ice skating rink is by far the best health investment the city has ever made, furnishing as it does clean and wholesome outdoor exercise, and the council is to be congratulated for the support it is giving the rink.

... On New Year’s day the rink was not only packed with skaters, but was surrounded by an immense crowd of spectators. Carver’s Military band turned out in the afternoon and furnished music at the rink.



Rock County Historical Society President Betty Mann shared a newspaper clipping from the Jan. 30, 1946, Rock County Star Herald for her weekly “Bits by Betty” column about how residents celebrated the on-time arrival of the morning train to Luverne by firing the town’s Civil War cannon.

## OBITUARIES

### Ralph Sunde

Ralph Elwood Sunde, 91, Luverne, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.



A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m., all at Zion Lutheran Church in Adrian. Burial with full military honors will follow at Kenneth Cemetery, rural Kenneth.

Ralph Sunde was born to Ingolf and Alma (Halverson) Sunde on Jan. 11, 1926, in Vienna Township, Rock County. He attended Kenneth Grade School and Luverne High School, graduating with the class of 1943. He farmed with his father for five years and then enrolled in Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa, graduating in 1950 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration.

On Sept. 28, 1950, Ralph was inducted into the United States Army and served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea. He received his honorable discharge on June 28, 1952, having attained the rank of Corporal. He was awarded the honors of CIB, Purple

Heart Medal, Korean Service Medal, two Bronze Service Stars and Dist. Unit Citation. He then returned to Kenneth and farmed with his father and brother-in-law.

In January 1961 Ralph moved to Harris, Iowa, where he was employed by Gramstad Lumber Company. In January 1966 he began working at Berkley Fishing Tackle in Spirit Lake, Iowa. He retired on April 29, 1992, and returned to Luverne. During retirement he enjoyed working as a school crossing guard for 15 years.

Ralph was a 25-year member of the Emergency Brigade of Berkley and served on the Harris Volunteer Fire Department and Harris Industrial Development Corporation. He was a lifetime member of Kenneth Lutheran Church and served in various positions.

He enjoyed bowling, listening to country music, traveling and visiting over a cup of coffee with friends.

He belonged to Sons of Norway – Gjoa Lodge #65 of Sioux Falls and served as Inner Guard for several years. He also held membership in Agder Lag, Nordfjord Lag, Sunnfjord Lag and Valdres Sambrand. He traveled to Norway several times to visit relatives and learn about his Norwegian heritage. He also took his nieces and nephews along with him on his many

trips within the United States.

During his earlier years, Ralph was a member of the Lake Park American Legion Post #371 and later, transferred his membership to the Dell Hogan (Luverne) American Legion Post #123. He was a member of the Korean War Veterans Association and received the South Korean Veterans Ambassador for Peace Medal as an expression of appreciation from the Korean government in January 2016. He was very grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Freedom Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on May 2, 2015, from the La Crosse, Wisconsin, district.

Ralph is survived by his brother, David Sunde, Preston; 13 nieces and nephews; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five siblings, Burnell Sunde, Eileen (Walter) Kopp, Merlin Sunde, Ruth (Harry) James, and Avis (James) Schroder; and a sister-in-law, Kay Sunde.

Memorials may be directed to the Kenneth Cemetery Association.

Arrangements are by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

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### Dick Blom

Dick Alan Blom, 92, Luverne, formerly of Leota, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.



Visitation will be from 1-1:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. A funeral will follow at 2 p.m. with burial in the Leota Community Cemetery.

Dick Blom was born to Chris and Josie (Westenberg) Blom on June 24, 1924, on a farm 2 1/2 miles southeast of Leota. He received Christian infant baptism on Sept. 14, 1924, and graduated from eighth grade at Country School District 99. He confessed Jesus as his Savior on Oct. 6, 1944, at Bethel Reformed Church in Leota, where he served as

elder for 29 years as well as many years as Sunday School superintendent and teacher.

In March of 1945 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and received his basic training at Camp Maxey, Texas, where soldiers were being trained for invasion of Japan. When he was home on furlough in August, the war in the Pacific ended. In September he was sent to Okinawa with the Occupation Army. In October 1946 he was discharged from the Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

On Feb. 18, 1947, Dick married Pauline Bruxvoort. On March 1 they moved to a farm four miles east of Leota that Dick’s parents had purchased while he was in the service. They farmed there for 45 years.

Dick was an auctioneer for 47 years and a real estate broker for over 20 years. He served on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Board, the Inspiration

Hills Board, and the Chandler School Board. Dick and Pauline retired from farming in 1991 and moved to Leota where Dick enjoyed riding his bike.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; four children, Joan (Tom) Strauss, Elkader, Iowa, Diann (Dave) Claassen, Brandon, Florida, Dean (Sue Rehder) Blom, New Hope, and Sherlyn (Jim) De Hoog, San Antonio, Texas; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren by birth and 15 by guardianship; three brothers, Alvin (Gladys) Blom, Luverne, Glenn (Geraldine) Blom, Leota, Earl (Marsha) Blom, Luverne, and a sister, Caroline (Frank) Vander Woude, Chandler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Donald, one nephew, one niece, and one great-grandson.

Arrangements are through Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.dingmannandsons.com](http://www.dingmannandsons.com)

### Douglas McClure

Douglas C. McClure, 87, Luverne, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.



A funeral service was at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors followed at the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Douglas McClure was born Aug. 30, 1929, to John and Anna (Amunson) McClure in Luverne. He was baptized on July 6, 1930, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Luverne. Doug attended country school near Luverne. He entered the

United States Army on Sept. 28, 1951, and served his country during the Korean Conflict before being separated from the service on June 27, 1953.

Doug married Darlene Woolsey on Nov. 8, 1957, in Luverne. The couple lived in Luverne. Doug worked at Hatting Gravel in Luverne before working at the Luverne Farm Store for many years. In 1989 Doug retired to care for his daughter, Darla, after her accident.

He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. He enjoyed fishing and watching the Minnesota Twins.

Doug is survived by his wife, Darlene McClure, Luverne; three children, Diane (Gary) Blattner, Plymouth; Debi (Cliff) Scholten, Luverne; and Douglas (Carol) McClure, Luverne; eleven

grandchildren, Eric (Jessica) Blattner, Nick Blattner, Danielle Blattner, Trista Scholten, Seth Scholten, Bailey Scholten, Stephanie (Tony) Oakley, Meghan (Troy) Lenz, April McClure, Dustin Johnson and Derek Johnson; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, LaVonne (Tom) Willems, Garretson, South Dakota; a brother, Steve (Cheryl) McClure, Mitchell, South Dakota; and four sisters-in-law, Alyce, Ruth, Sunny and Pat.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Darla Johnson, an infant grandson, Joshua, and five brothers, John Jr. “Buster”, Melford, Arlyn, Gary and Roger McClure.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.dingmannandsons.com](http://www.dingmannandsons.com).

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Death notices will continue to run at no charge.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Darrell DePauw

Darrell “Butch” DePauw, 72, Luverne, formerly of Huron, South Dakota, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are pending through Welter Funeral Home in Huron, [www.welterfuneralhome.com](http://www.welterfuneralhome.com).

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### Judy Thies

Judy K. Thies, 77, Luverne, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Luverne United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery near Pipestone. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Arrangements are by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

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### Shirley Thoreson

Shirley A. Thoreson, 82, Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Arrangements are pending with Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

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## Blue Mounds State Park Advisory Group meeting/continued from page 1A

ing Rock County Rural Water into the park.

A feasibility study has been completed, and the estimated \$650,000 project is included in the governor's bonding bill.

"The best thing you can do, frankly, is contact your legislators and urge them to support it," Dummer said.

Dummer cautioned the Rural Water connection would be only part of the solution.

The Blue Mounds park infrastructure as a whole needs improvements, and improving underground water mains could cost as much as the Rural Water project.

The House and Senate districts 22 and 22A in southwest Minnesota are represented by Luverne lawmakers Bill Weber and Joe Schomacker,

"We'll try to make sure that's included in the bonding bill," Weber said. "If they want to have good utilization of that park, there has to be a safe and dependable water supply."

He also alluded to additional needs to fund the Blue Mounds water line infrastructure, much like parks all over the state.

"Unfortunately right now I think the DNR probably has more facilities than they can take care of," Weber said.

### There will be no lake and no water recreation

The other water issue at the park is the now-drained Lower Dam that once provided a sandy beach and recreational activities like fishing, swimming, kayaking and canoeing.

After fierce flooding in June 2014 destroyed the dam and drained the lake, state and federal officials decided not to rebuild the dam and restore the lake.

Preserving wildlife habi-



This Star Herald file photo shows a gathering of community members and park visitors at the Blue Mounds State Park Interpretive Center for a Writer's Series author event.

tat and restoring Mound Creek water quality is already underway.

While some park users may still wish for a beach and water recreation at the Blue Mounds, that decision has already been made and the creek restoration work has already begun.

Having addressed that issue, discussion at Thursday's meeting shifted to alternative park recreation.

### What about the bison buggy?

Luverne Chamber Director Jane Lanphere and her husband, Larry Lanphere, are both on the advisory committee, and they expressed frus-

tration with park bureaucracy.

In recent years, they have worked with the park to establish a "bison buggy" to increase park use and improve Luverne's economic benefit from the park.

The Lanpheres said the state indicated it would support the idea if it were staffed by volunteers, but after lining up 40 willing workers, they were told the buggy driver would have to be certified for the job—which would require a salary.

Dummer empathized with their frustration, but assured them the idea is still a possibility; she just wasn't able to elaborate on details at

that meeting. "That project is still very much alive," she said.

### Park naturalist programs

Others at the meeting wondered why there were so few park naturalist programs offered at the Blue Mounds in recent years.

Jane Lanphere expressed frustration on this point, too.

"We had 400 people come through the park last year, but it was all due to programming that we arranged through the Chamber and CVB," she said. "Why isn't the state funding some of these things?"

Discussion of naturalist programming turned attention to the fact that the Inter-

pretive Center hasn't been manned for the past 10 to 15 years, and the building itself is now locked up due to structural safety concerns.

In addition to chronic moisture issues, a major support beam is rotten and the former Fred Manfred residence is in need of plumbing and electrical updates.

"How about we put funding toward what we already have at the park," Lanphere said. "Let's fix the Interpretive Center so we can offer programming up there."

She suggested the next meeting focus on practical park needs with input from Blue Mounds State Park staff

and from Dummer.

At Thursday's meeting, Ingebretsen and other park staff mentioned campground electrical improvements as an important need.

"People want 50-amp service," said Ingebretsen, who is already working on this with the DNR. He added that drive-through campsites are another frequent request.

### Other priorities that surfaced during the Jan. 12 meeting include:

- reviving a Friends of the Park group to actively recruit volunteers and to keep programming a priority.

- improving signage to the park, especially on the south and east sides of the Blue Mounds along County Road 8. (Park visitors often drive to the Interpretive Center, thinking it's the campground office).

- improving the former beach area and waterfront of what used to be the Lower Lake. "Maybe we could get new playground equipment — something to spruce it up," said Advisory Group member Jeanne Prekker. "Right now it's just a blank space."

- continuing collaboration between the Blue Mound Trail and Luverne Loop, to bolster park visits and to encourage park visitors to come to town.

- developing off-trail biking opportunities in the rocky areas of the park.

Thursday's meeting was the first in a series of four advisory group meetings designed to set priorities at the Blue Mounds. The next meetings will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 9, March 9 and April 27, in the lower level of the Chamber Office in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Questions can be directed to Rachel Hopper, DNR Planner, 651-259-5638.

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were hampered as a result.

Later in 1886 residential construction projects began to grow. \$40,000 in home construction kept the builders busy. In 1887 building projects included the Rock County Courthouse, a city hall, railroad buildings and a couple of residences. About 2 a.m. on Decem-

ber 3, 1888, a fire started downtown that destroyed 4 buildings for a total loss of \$15,000. The buildings that burned down included Kilgore's drug store, a cigar store, Graaf's clothing store and Mead & Company hardware store.)

The preliminary steps toward the construction of a city hall were taken

in early 1887, when a bill was introduced in the Legislature by Senator W. B. Brown, authorizing the village to issue \$20,000 in bonds for that purpose.

The contract for the construction of the city hall was let on August 13, 1888, to P. N. Gillham on a bid of \$4,835, and the building was completed before the close of the

year. The building was constructed out of Sioux Quartzite from the same Quarry that supplied the stone for the Court House.

On June 9, 1888, the City Council authorized the organization of a fire department and appointed four citizens to proceed with enlistment. Edwin Gillham was the first chief. There were 90

charter members of the department divided into four companies. The fire engine company had 33 members and J. H. Graaf as captain. The chemical engine company had 11 members and J. W. Gerber as captain. The hook and ladder company had 23 men with E. S. Warner as foreman. The host company was 17 strong and led by A. J. Webber.

In the fall of 1889, an official of the Burlington railroad states, "Luverne did more business than any town on the line of the road between Cedar Rapids and Watertown."

The census of 1890 only showed a small gain in population – to 1,466.

By 1891 construction activities in Luverne were at a feverish pace. One of the biggest projects was a system of water works at the cost of about \$25,000.

The greatest advance in Luverne's early history happened in 1892. In that year, 80 new buildings were erected including three handsome business blocks. The total expenditures amounted to \$185,000. Luverne took on a metropolitan appearance. It now boasted a City Hall, a waterworks system and was lighted by electricity.

The Rock County Herald printed in the last issue of 1892: "No inland town in the state can equal the improvement record made by Luverne during the present year. It has taken undisputed rank as the leading town of southwestern Minnesota and as the best, most enterprising and most prosperous county seat town in the state under a population of 5,000. No town in the state of the class named can boast of finer business blocks, better public buildings, handsomer private residences (including the construction of the Hinkly House built in 1892),

better streets, more public improvements, more shade trees or a more beautiful location; none is more substantial financially or more prosperous, none does a larger business or has brighter prospects."

1893 began with continued growth and optimism. The first telephone line was installed from the Hinkly House to the Hinkly bank so R. B. could keep on top of what was happening. It wasn't too many days later than, without warning, the prosperous times were brought to a close in the summer of 1893.

In 1893, F. A. and E. L. Leicher, under the name of Leicher Brothers, established a wagon-making business.

Then, in the mid-nineties a panic hit the county. Luverne's age of advancement ceased. Business was paralyzed; the town was without life. The crop failure of 1894 and the ruinously low prices of 1895 added to other features of the times. Despite the dire circumstances, the population increased to 1,890. Most of the communities on the prairie were dealing with the same tribulations.

It wasn't until 1898 that things really started to turn around in Luverne. Things had turned around on the farms and money was again in circulation. Buildings were again erected in town, the value of the improvements that year amounted to about \$36,000.

Improvements continued during the next two years. The county jail was erected, the wooden sidewalks on Main Street were replaced by cement pavements and in 1900 the sewage system was put in.

By the turn of the century, Luverne boasted a population of 2,223.

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# Little Free Library comes to Donaldson Street

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Calla Jarvie's longtime dream for her own Little Free Library came true this Christmas when one appeared in front of her North Donaldson Street home in Luverne.

"It was a long time coming," Calla said with a large smile. "They are the best idea."

Her smile was directed to her husband, James, who took almost four years to complete Calla's dream.

James, a band and choir director in Ellsworth schools, readily admits carpentry is not at the top of the skills, but that didn't stop him from tackling the project.

"I didn't use any plans but just figured it out," he said about what's become known as "Jarvie's Little Free Library."

Repurposing some old shelves and using a knob from an old desk, James added some innovation to getting the library's hinged glass door to stay tightly closed.

"I just bent some wire into a hook," he said.

Christmas Day's rain tested James' construction shortly after he put the wooden library into place.

Between downpours the couple checked their library throughout the day. All the books stayed dry.

Little Free Library is a worldwide free book exchange. Locations can be registered on the [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) website.

The Jarvies' library is No. 49,117.

Registration was easy, James said, and within a few days he received an official sign and a welcome letter stating, "You're on the map."



James and Calla Jarvie pose outside their North Donaldson Street home with their Little Free Library established last month in Luverne. The couple had seen similar book exchanges in New Orleans and Minneapolis. It was Calla's dream to establish a library at her own home. **At left:** More than three dozen books are available in the Jarvies' Little Free Library, which is located at 219 N. Donaldson Street where anyone can borrow, keep a book, or leave a book at any time day or night.

The organization's map shows all the registered locations. In Rock County another library is registered at Blue Mounds State Park.

Magnolia has a library located outside city hall, a location not listed on the Little Free Library's website map.

Anyone may take a book or leave a book to share inside the library boxes. Books don't have to be returned, James said.

The Jarvies' library currently has about three dozen books available for all ages. "We get excited when we see one missing," Calla said.

Restocking for their library is easy for the couple, who are both avid readers.

Calla works for Siouxland Libraries in Sioux Falls, and

*"We get excited when we see one missing."*  
— Calla Jarvie

the couple exchanges books with the little library located in Ellsworth.

Little Free Library started in Wisconsin in 2009 with a goal to establish 2,509 locations. The goal represents the number of free public libraries built by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie in the late 1890s and early 1900s.

Luverne received one of Carnegie's public libraries.

There are now more than 50,000 free little libraries worldwide, according to the organization's website.

"To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations," is the organization's goal.

In the weeks that the Jarvies have maintained their little library, they have seen the organization's goal fulfilled and their love of reading shared on a regular basis.

"We've noticed the book supply dwindle, then restock itself," James said.

## Conservation opportunities available through FSA; elections take place for County Committee

### Important dates:

•Jan. 31: 2016 wool loan and LDP request deadline.

•Feb. 1: 2017 NAP Maple sap sales deadline.

•Feb. 20: FSA Office closed for Presidents Day.

•March 15: 2017 NAP pasture and spring-seeded annual crops sales deadline; 2017 crop insurance corn, soybeans, oats and spring wheats sales deadline.

•March 31: 2016 small grains loan and LDP request deadline; 2016 LIP application deadline.

•April 1: 2017 maple sap acreage certification deadline.

•Ongoing: continuous CRP sign-up.

### New conservation opportunities to improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is offering farmers more opportunities

to participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). This includes new CRP practices to protect water quality and adds an additional 1.1 million acres targeted to benefit wildlife, pollinators and wetlands.

The new conservation initiative known as Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) will add new tools to CRP that can help to improve water quality. CLEAR will assist landowners with the cost of building bioreactors and saturated buffers that filter nitrates and other nutrients from tile-drained cropland. Early estimates indicate that CLEAR could help to reduce nitrate runoff by as much as 40 percent over traditional conservation methods. CLEAR may cover up to 90 percent of the cost to install these new practices through incentives and cost-share. These new methods are especially important in areas where traditional buffers have not been enough to prevent nutri-

ents from reaching bodies of water.

FSA will also add an additional 1.1 million acres to a number of key CRP practices that are critically important to wildlife and conservation. These include 700,000 acres for State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) efforts, which restore high-priority wildlife habitat tailored to a specific state's needs. In addition to SAFE, 300,000 acres will be added to target wetlands restoration that are nature's water filters and 100,000 acres for pollinator habitat that support 30 percent of agricultural production.

The continued strong demand for CRP combined with the limited acreage available for enrollment and lower land rental rates, allows FSA to modify certain program components without affecting the integrity of the program. Signing incentives are being reduced by \$25 per acre on certain practices for fiscal year 2018 enrollments (incentives are currently between \$100

and \$150 per acre) and a cap on the maximum soil rental rate is being instituted for Continuous CRP at \$300 per acre. The savings from these changes are being reinvested back in CRP, including the additional acres for SAFE, pollinator habitat and wetlands restoration.

For more information on FSA programs, please visit the Rock County FSA Office, go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation), or give us a call at 507-283-2369.

### FSA County Committee election results

Congratulations to Chad Hoff on winning re-election to a third and final three-year term on the Rock FSA County Committee. Chad will begin his new term on Jan. 1, 2017, and will continue to represent farmers from the townships of Beaver Creek, Martin, Mound and Springwater.

Allen Fick, Ken Bos and Mike

Gehrke all received a write-in vote and will serve as the first, second and third alternate, respectively. An alternate is only called upon to attend meetings when the County Committee member is unable to attend a meeting or complete their term. As always, these results are subject to Minnesota FSA State Committee approval.

The County Committee organizational meeting was Jan. 18.

Members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA, applying their judgment and knowledge to help in the delivery of farm programs at the county level. The committee system for administering federal farm programs was established by Congress in the 1930s and provides farmers with a direct link to FSA. This grassroots system makes FSA unique among government agencies, because it gives producers a say in what happens locally.





Luverne sophomore Ben Serie wins a draw in Fairmont's zone during a Jan. 10 game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Serie netted a pair of goals and recorded one assist during a 15-0 trouncing of Fairmont.

# Boys rout Fairmont, Willmar

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team ended a stretch of not winning a game in four outings by posting a pair of convincing victories last week.

LHS skated to a 15-goal home win over Fairmont Jan. 10 before prevailing by six goals in Willmar Saturday.

The 11-5-1 Cardinals play in Redwood Falls Thursday.

**LHS 8, Willmar 2**  
The Cardinals experienced

little trouble in posting their 11<sup>th</sup> win of the season when they traveled to Willmar Saturday.

Luverne scored four goals in the first period and added four more goals in the final two stanzas to register a six-goal victory.

LHS, which received goals from seven different players, assumed control of the game by scoring three times in the first 9:42 of the game.

Ben Serie, Coy Gonnerman

and Gaige Nath netted one goal each to give the Cards a 3-0 cushion with 7:18 remaining in the first period.

Willmar's Eli Slaghter ended Luverne's run with a power-play tally that came with 1:54 remaining in the stanza, but an unassisted goal from Nick Harder with 26 seconds left gave the Cards a 4-1 lead heading into the second period.

Kasyn Kruse, who led the Cards with two goals, and Declan Beers upped the lead

to 6-1 in the first 8:48 of the second period.

Avery Smith countered for Willmar with 15 seconds left in the period to make it a 6-2 game.

Kruse recorded an unassisted goal with 6:02 remaining in the third period and Mark Sterrett capped the scoring with a power-play tally that came in the game's final minute.

Gonnerman and Jim Erick

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Senior Madison Crabtree netted Luverne's lone goal during a 1-1 home draw with Fairmont Jan. 10.

# Luverne girls tie, fall against conference foes

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team went winless during a pair of Big South Conference outings.

The Cardinals skated to a home draw with Fairmont Jan. 10 before falling by two goals to St. Peter-Le Sueur-Henderson-Tri-City United Monday in Le Sueur.

Luverne, 8-7-2 overall, skates in Waseca Saturday.

**SP-L-H-TCU 3, LHS 1**  
The Cardinals wrapped up their season series with the Bulldogs by taking a two-goal setback in Le Sueur Monday.

The score was tied at one after two periods of play, but L-H-SP-TCU scored twice in the final 7:22 of the game to secure the victory.

Kallie Steuck gave the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead 9:38 into the game, but Luverne's Madison Crabtree tied the game with an unassisted goal during a short-handed situation with

5:34 remaining in the opening stanza.

The score remained the same until the third period, when the Bulldogs settled the issue.

Anna Amos put SP-L-H-TCU in front 2-1 with a power-play goal that came with 6:40 remaining in the game.

Maddie Ringer capped the scoring by taking advantage of an empty net to record a short-handed goal with 30 seconds left to play.

The Bulldogs outshot the Cardinals 32-22 in the game.

Emilie Bartels made 29 saves in 31 attempts for LHS.

**LHS 1, Fairmont 1**  
The Cardinals skated to their second draw of the season when they entertained Fairmont at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Jan. 10.

Fairmont drew first blood in the contest with a second-

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# RRC snaps H-BC's streak

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team went 2-1 during a stretch of playing three games in as many days last week.

The Patriots topped Heron Lake-Okabena by 43 points in Hills Thursday before losing a 23-point home game to Red Rock Central Friday.

H-BC downed Oldham-Ramona-Rutland by 28 points during the Border Battle in Garretson Saturday.

The 8-3 Patriots play in Mountain Lake Friday.

**H-BC 69, O-R-R 41**  
The Patriots wrapped up their hectic stretch by posting a 28-point win over O-R-R Saturday in Garretson.

H-BC dominated play from beginning to end in the game.

H-BC led 32-18 at the intermission and sported a 37-23 scoring cushion in the second half to prevail by 28 points.

Sidney Fick (22 points) and Grace Bundesen (17 points, 14 rebounds and four assists) led the Patriots offensively.

Jasmine Lingen added seven rebounds and three steals to the winning cause.



Hills-Beaver Creek junior guard Paige Tilstra looks for an opening to deliver a pass during Friday's home game against RRC. The Falcons snapped H-BC's six-game winning streak.

**Box score**  
Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 1 0 3-3 5, Spath 3 1 0-0 9, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 0 1 0-0 3, Fick 6 2 4-6 22, Bundesen 7 0 3-3 17, Swan 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 4 0 1-4 9, Rozeboom 1 0 2-2 4.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 22 of 66 field goals (33 percent), 13 of 18 free throws (72 percent), 32 rebounds, nine turnovers.

**RRC 66, H-BC 43**  
H-BC's run of six consecutive runs came to an end when it lost a 23-point home game to the Falcons Friday.

The Patriots were in a position to pick up a win when they trailed by three points at halftime, but the Falcons didn't allow H-BC to stage a

rally in the second half.

RRC outscored the Patriots 35-15 in the final stanza to win handily.

Alayup from Fick gave H-BC a 3-0 lead 40 seconds into the game before RRC went on a 12-2 run to open a six-point lead (12-6) at the 11:55 mark of the first half.

The Patriots countered with a 9-2 run ending with Kourtney Rozeboom turning an offensive rebound into a field goal that gave H-BC a 15-14 edge with less than nine minutes remaining in the stanza.

RRC answered with a 9-0 run

to gain a 23-15 advantage that H-BC was able to trim to three points (31-28) before the half was complete.

The second half belonged to RRC.

The Falcons scored the first four points of the stanza as a part of a 19-5 run that left them sporting a 50-33 lead with 10:30 left to play.

RRC proceeded to extend its lead to 25 points (66-41) with 1:57 remaining before prevailing by 23 points at game's end.

Lingen turned in a 10-point,

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# Cardinals record consecutive wins over weekend

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team went 2-1 during a stretch of playing three games in five days.

After dropping a 17-point home decision to Worthington Jan. 10 in Luverne, the Cardinals secured a seven-point victory in Okabena Friday before posting a 20-point win Saturday in Garretson, South Dakota.

The 6-8 Cards play in Jackson Thursday.

**LHS 41, Garretson 21**  
The Cardinals posted consecutive wins for the first time this season when they rolled to a 20-point victory against the host school at the Border Battle in Garretson Saturday.

The Cards coasted to a 31-10 lead in the first half to assume control of the contest.

Garretson sported an 11-10 scoring edge in the second half, but the outcome of the game was never in doubt.

Joci Oye led the Cards to victory with a 13-point, four-assist effort.

**Box score**  
Schmuck 30 3-49, Remme 10 0-0 2, Oye 1 3 2-6 13, Anderson 0 0 1-4 1, Thorson 0 0 0-0 0, Sawtelle 3 0 3-4 9, Bosch 0 0 1-2 1, Oftedahl 2 0 0-0 4, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 1 0 0-2 2, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0, Hadler 0 0 0-0 0, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 14 of 39 field goals (36 percent), 10 of 22 free throws (46 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.  
Garretson: six of 32 field goals (19 percent), six of eight free throws (75 percent).

**Luverne 42, HL-O 35**  
The Cardinals came out on the winning end of a seven-point decision when they played the Wildcats in Okabena Friday.

LHS sported a slim, 19-17 lead at halftime and went on to outscore Heron Lake-Okabena 23-18 in the second half to seal the victory.

Hailey Remme (10 points and 11 rebounds) and Kami Sawtelle (12 points and eight rebounds) played key roles in the win.

Jadyn Anderson (five rebounds and three assists), Sierra Schmuck (three assists and three steals), Zayna Hustoft (six rebounds) and Mackenzie Petersen (four steals) made key contributions to the

winning cause as well.

**Box score**  
Schmuck 0 0 3-8 3, Remme 4 0 2-4 10, Oye 1 0 0-2 2, Anderson 3 0 0-2 6, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2, Sawtelle 6 0 0-2 12, Oftedahl 0 0 1-2 1, Petersen 2 0 0-0 4, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0, Hustoft 1 0 0-0 2.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 18 of 51 field goals (35 percent), six of 22 free throws (27 percent), 42 rebounds, 22 turnovers.  
HL-O: 15 of 45 field goals (33 percent), four of six free throws (67 percent).

**WHS 55, Luverne 38**  
The Cardinals were unable to post consecutive wins when they entertained the Trojans Jan. 10 in Luverne.

Worthington outscored LHS in both halves of the game to secure a 17-point win.

The Trojans opened a 32-19

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# Senior wins BSC title Saturday in Redwood Falls

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestlers tested their skills at a pair of events on the road last week.

Luverne went 1-1 at the Fulda-Murray County Central Triangular in Fulda Jan. 10. The Cards competed at the Big South Conference Tournament in Redwood Falls Saturday.

The 5-4 Cards wrestle at the Sioux Falls Washington Tournament Saturday.



Nielsen

in Fulda Jan. 10.

Tracy-Milroy-Balatoners saddled LHS with a 46-28 setback, but the Cards posted a 16-12 win over the host team in a match that yielded nine double forfeits.

Hunter Baker posted a pair of major decisions to emerge as Luverne's lone 2-0 wrestler at the event.

Baker topped F-MCC's Dawson Blankenship (9-0) and T-M-B-W-WG's Ayden Horner (12-2).

**BSC tourney**

An LHS senior captured an individual title during Saturday's BSC Tournament in Redwood Falls.

Solomon Nielsen won all three of his matches in dominating fashion to take top honors at 170 pounds.

Nielsen pinned Marshall's Eli Sterner in 57 seconds before posting wins by technical fall against St. Peter's Eli Hunt and Pipestone's Garrett Ploeger.

Luverne Jeremiah Dooyema and Jake Haugen placed third at 152 and 160 respectively with 2-1 records, while Hunter Baker went 1-2 to place fourth at 106.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns placed fifth at 126 with a 3-1 mark, while Zach Bradley finished sixth at 113 with a 1-2 mark.

Justyce Ripka (0-2 at 120), Rikey Baker (1-2 at 132), Jed Dooyema (0-2 at 138), Dalton DeSollar (0-2 at 145) and Carter Baumberger (0-2 at 182) competed without placing.

**F-MCC triangular**  
The Cardinals split matches during the F-MCC triangular

**Match wrap-ups**  
T-M-B-W-WG 46, LHS 28  
106 (L) H. Baker 12-2 Horner.  
113 (T) Ellingson 19-6 Bradley.  
120 (T) Ellingson pins Ripka.  
126 (T) Oeltjenbruns pins Van Dam.  
132 (L) R. Baker pins Vandriessche.  
138 (T) Axford pins Jd. Dooyema.  
145 (T) Byrne 6-2 Natte.  
152 (T) Eisfeld 5-3 Jr. Dooyema.  
160 (L) Haugen pins Mayer.  
170 (L) Nielsen pins Paplow.  
182 (T) Timm pins Baumberger.  
195 (T) Radtke by forfeit.  
220 (T) Buchholz by forfeit.  
285 (T) Bauer by forfeit.

**LHS 16, F-MCC 12**  
103 (L) H. Baker 9-0 Blankenship.  
112 (L) Bradley by forfeit.  
120 (F) Blankenship pins Ripka.  
126 (L-F) forfeit.  
132 (L-F) forfeit.  
138 (L-F) forfeit.  
145 (L-F) forfeit.  
152 (F) Gehl pins Hup.  
160 (L-F) forfeit.  
170 (L-F) forfeit.  
182 (L-F) forfeit.  
195 (L-F) forfeit.  
220 (L) Schoneman by forfeit.  
285 (L-F) forfeit.





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Luverne junior Kasyn Kruse scored four goals during a 15-0 victory over Fairmont at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Jan. 10.

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son registered two assists each for LHS, while Tyler Reisdorfer, Kruse, Serie and Chris Jelken added one assist to the winning cause.

Kaden Ericson made 23 saves for an LHS squad that sported a 39-25 advantage in shots on goal.

### LHS 15, Fairmont 0

The Cardinal boys put an end to a run of not posting a win in four games when they dismantled Fairmont Jan. 10 in Luverne.

Luverne sported a modest three-goal lead after 17 minutes of play before exploding for 12 goals in the second and third periods to complete a 15-goal rout of FHS.

Kruse netted four goals and Harder registered a hat trick to pace the Cards during their highest scoring outing of the season.

Serie and Gonnerman chipped in two goals each for an LHS squad that outshot Fairmont 57-17.

Kruse and Harder scored goals 11 seconds apart to give the Cards a 2-0 lead 4:08 into the contest.

Harder added an unassisted tally with 9:18 remaining to cap the scoring in the first

period.

LHS put the game out of reach by scoring six goals in the second and third periods.

Serie, Gonnerman, Nath and Kruse scored one goal each in the first 7:47 of the second stanza to up the lead to 7-0.

Gonnerman added another goal at the 6:06 mark of the stanza before Jesse Reed netted a short-handed tally with 3:49 remaining that gave the Cards a 9-0 cushion they would take into the third period.

Kruse scored twice and Serie and Harder netted one goal each in the first 7:20 of the third period to make it 13-0.

Charlie Reisch registered a power-play goal at 2:25 and Reisdorfer added a goal with 1:28 left to play to cap the scoring. Beers and Reed recorded three assists, while Gonnerman and Harder finished the game with two assists each.

Trey Roberts, Kruse, Nath, Andrew Reisch, Charlie Reisch, Cade VerSteege, Jelken, Serie and Skylar Dingmann added one assist each to the winning cause.

Daniel Tofteland recorded a 17-save shutout in net for the Cards.

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nine-rebound, three-assist effort for H-BC.

Bundesen grabbed eight rebounds, while Fick and Paige Tilstra charted four and three steals respectively.

**Box score**  
Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 2-2 2, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 2 2 0-0 10, Fick 1 2 0-0 8, Bundesen 1 0 2-5 4, Swan 1 0 0-0 2, Elbers 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 3 0 3-3 9, Rozeboom 3 0 2-2 8.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 15 of 53 field goals (28 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 25 rebounds, 20 turnovers.  
RRC: 29 of 71 field goals (41 percent), six of 13 free throws (46 percent).

### H-BC 82, HL-O 39

The Patriots reeled off their sixth consecutive victory when they entertained the Wildcats in Hills Thursday.

The Patriots erupted for 49 first-half points to open a commanding 18-point (49-31 cushion at the intermission.

H-BC limited the Wildcats to eight points in the second half, when the Patriots turned in a 33-8 scoring cushion into a 43-point win.

Bundesen (23 points and eight rebounds), Fick (21 points, six rebounds and three assists) and Avery Van Roekel (16 points, seven rebounds and four steals) lifted the Patriots to victory.

Tilstra added three steals to the winning cause.

**Box score**  
Bos 0 1 0-0 3, Tilstra 1 0 1-2 3, Spath 2 0 1-2 5, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 0 0 0-0 0, Fick 9 1 0-0 21, Bundesen 10 0 3-4 23, Swan 1 1 0-0 5, Van Roekel 5 1 3-7 16, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Rozeboom 3 0 0-0 6, Elbers 0 0 0-0 0.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 35 of 70 field goals (50 percent), eight of 15 free throws (53 percent), 37 rebounds, 13 turnovers.  
HL-O: 13 of 53 field goals (25 percent), 12 of 17 free throws (71 percent), 21 rebounds, 23 turnovers.

# H-BC boys drop consecutive games

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team lost a pair of games over the weekend.

H-BC came up on the short end of a nine-point decision against Red Rock Central Friday in Hills before falling by two points to Oldham-Ramona-Rutland during the Border Battle in Garretson Saturday.

The 6-4 Patriots play Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

### O-R-R 54, H-BC 52

The Patriots let a halftime advantage slip away when they took on O-R-R in Garretson Saturday.

H-BC played well early to open a 34-26 lead at the intermission, but the Patriots struggled offensively in the second half.

H-BC made four of 26 field goals (15 percent) in the second half, which allowed O-R-R to knot the score late in the game before sinking a pair of free throws with five seconds remaining to settle the issue.

Preston Wilhelm (18 points and three assists), Zach Scholten (10 points and six blocked shots) and Trenton Bass (11 points and six rebounds) led H-BC statistically.

Jax Wysong grabbed seven rebounds and Josh Kueter charted three steals for the Patriots.



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Hills-Beaver Creek junior guard Trenton Bass puts up a shot in traffic during Friday's home game against Red Rock Central. RRC snapped a six-game winning streak for the Patriots.

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# Gymnasts open league slate with win in Pipestone

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team competed at a pair of events over the weekend.

The Cardinals won their Big South Conference opener in Pipestone Friday before placing third at the Martin County Area Invitational in Welcome Saturday.

Luverne, 8-4 overall, competes in Jackson Friday.

Madison Schandelman turned in Luverne's top-four finish in individual competition as she recorded an 8.5 to place fourth on the bars.

MCA's Bryanna Peterson won the vault (9.35), bars (9.675), beam (9.45) and all-around (37.425) titles.

JCC's Brooklyn Schuett and Abby Schneekloth shared first place on the floor with 9.2s.

**Individual scores**  
Vault: Schandelman, 8.75; Samantha Pierce, 8.55; Bergin Flom, 8.55; Shelby Nath, 8.525; Meghan Witte, 8.45.  
Bars: Schandelman, 8.5; Witte, 8.125; Flom, 7.9; Anna Huisman, 7.35; Nath, 7.35.  
Beam: Nath, 8.55; Schandelman, 8.45; Flom, 7.75; Pierce, 7.5; Witte, 7.1.  
Floor: Pierce, 8.6; Nath, 8.575; Schandelman, 8.375; Witte, 8.25; Flom, 8.175.

LHS 129.125,  
Pipestone 110.475

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lead in the first half and used a 23-19 scoring edge in the second half to seal the victory.

Schmuckled LHS with nine points.

Remme and Sawtelle collected six rebounds each.

**Box score**  
Schmuck 30 3-59, Remme 1 00-32, Oye

1 0 2-2 4, Anderson 2 0 1-4 5, Thorson 0 0 0-0 0, Sawtelle 3 0 2-6 8, Oftedahl 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 0 0 2-2 2, Petersen 1 0 1-2 3, Hustoft 1 0 3-8 5.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne 12 of 31 field goals (39 percent), 12 of 32 free throws (44 percent), 32 rebounds, nine turnovers.  
Worthington: 23 of 56 field goals (41 percent), five of 14 free throws (36 percent).

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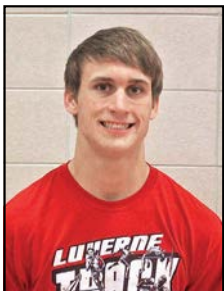
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### Bergin Flom

**Sport:** Gymnastics  
**Parents:** Phoebe and Michael Flom  
**Favorite Subject:** Math  
**Extra Curricular Activities:** Cross Country, Gymnastics, Track, Math League, BPA and band  
**Future Plans:** Go to college and get a job in the medical field



### Jeremiah Dooyema

**Sport:** Wrestling  
**Position:** 152  
**Parents:** Pam and Doug Dooyema  
**Favorite Subject:** Ag Mechanics  
**Extra Curricular Activities:** FFA, Dirtbike, Football, Track, Pole Vault  
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Classic on ice

The Blue Mound Figure Skating Club hosted the Ice Crystal Classic at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday through Sunday. A total of six different clubs and 95 skaters graced the ice during the three-day event. The Hutchinson Figure Skating Association claimed the team championship, while the Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club and the National Sports Center (Blaine) placed second and third respectively. The Buffalo Figure Skating Club and the Yankton Area Ice Association also participated in the event. Representing the BMFSC during the event were (front) Emma Schneckloth, Emma Baker, (second row) Katharine Kelm, Reese Henning, Grace Schneckloth, Brylee Sieve, Marissa Thier, Augusta Papik, Addison Wieneke, Mara Thier, Sophia Eisma, (third row) Alyssa Nattress, Lauren VerSteeg, Zayda Holmgren, Breanna Richters, Moriah Flanagan, Anna Boyd, Bailey Weg, Sydney Maciej, Isabella Donohue, Makayla Huisman, Jayden Zebe, Alysha Wieneke, Hannah Henning, (fourth row) Riley Severtson, Maranda Thier, Ashley Hohn, Morgan Bain, Brooke Top, Kendall Buss, Madison Ruesch, Anisa Vanden Bosch, Madi Jo Frankenhoff, Elizabeth Spiegelhoff, Elisabeth Kelm and Hannah Hofer. The skaters are coached by Cathy Shearer, Katie Kopp, Sabrina Sowles, Sarah Nuffer and Courtney DeBoer.

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period goal, but Luverne tied the score at one in the third period and neither team could net a goal over the remainder of regulation play and the eight-minute overtime session.

Myah Lytle gave Fairmont a 1-0 lead when she netted a power-play goal after being set up by Cori Elmer at the 13:34 mark of the second period.

The score remained the same until there was 10:04 left to play in the third period, when Crabtree produced the tying goal.

Claire Baustian and Reagan Feit received assists for Crabtree's goal, which proved to be the last tally of the game as the teams played scoreless hockey over the next 18:04.

Fairmont sported a 28-24 edge in shots on goal in the game.



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Luverne's Maddie Dinger challenges Fairmont's Myah Lytle for the puck during a Jan. 10 game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. The Cardinals and Fairmont skated to a 1-1 draw.

AHS wrestles Saturday

**By John Rittenhouse**

A short-handed Adrian wrestling team dropped three matches at the Wabasso-Red Rock Central Tournament Saturday in Wabasso.

Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City (51-12), W-RRC (76-6) and Sibley East (31-12) topped the Dragons, who didn't fill more than six weight classes during the three contests.

Logan Taylor and Mitchell Wagner posted two wins each for AHS.

Wagner pinned A-C-GC's Tanner Berghuis and SE's Romero Rivera.

Taylor pinned SE's Derek Steele and posted a 3-2 win over A-C-GC's Jake Mortensen.

The 3-9 Dragons wrestle in Tracy Saturday.

Match wrap-ups  
A-C-GC 51, Adrian 12  
106 (A) L. Taylor 3-2 Mortensen.  
113 (A-C) open.  
120 (C) Powers by forfeit.  
126 (C) Sudenmann by forfeit.  
132 (C) Lang 3-0 Combs.

138 (A-C) open.  
145 (C) Whitcomb by forfeit.  
152 (C) Lund pins M. Taylor.  
160 (C) Lies by forfeit.  
170 (A) Bullerman 9-7 Lewis.  
182 (C) Toedter by forfeit.  
195 (C) Fester by forfeit.  
220 (A) Wagner pins Berghuis.  
225 (C) Maresch by forfeit.

W-RRC 76, Adrian 6  
106 (W) Irlbeck 7-5 L. Tylor.  
113 (W) Johnson by forfeit.  
120 (W) Hesse by forfeit.  
126 (W) Pranger by forfeit.  
132 (W) Anderson pins Combs.  
138 (W) Doubler by forfeit.  
145 (W) Schroeffer by forfeit.  
152 (W) Dudgeon pins M. Taylor.  
160 (W) Werner by forfeit.  
170 (W) Altermatt pins Bullerman.  
182 (W) Fulton by forfeit.  
195 (W) Lieb by forfeit.  
220 (W) Schmeising 3-0 Wagner.  
225 (A) Edwards pins Jacobson.

SE 31, Adrian 12  
106 (A) L. Taylor pins Steele.  
113 (A-S) open  
120 (A-S) open  
126 (A-S) open  
132 (S) Pasvogel pins Combs.  
138 (S) Wentzlaff by forfeit.  
145 (S) Voight by forfeit.  
152 (S) Felipe 3-0 M. Taylor.  
160 (S-A) open.  
170 (S) Battcher 4-0 Bullerman.  
182 (S-A) open.  
195 (S) Voight by forfeit.  
220 (A) Wagner pins Rivera.  
285 (S-A) open.

**Monday Night Bowling League**  
**Jan. 9**  
Games won: Rock Vet Clinic, 3; Luverne Lanes, 1.  
High Scratch Game: Zach Runia, 209; Jeff Runia, 208; Pat Weerheim, 165.  
High Scratch Series: Zach Runia, 557; Jeff Runia, 552; Pat Weerheim, 444.  
Team High Scratch Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 596.

**Team High Scratch Series:** Rock Vet Clinic, 1728.  
**Team High Handicap Game:** Luverne Lanes, 743.  
**Team High Handicap Series:** Rock Vet Clinic, 2136.

**Thursday Night Bowling League**  
**Jan. 12**  
Games won: Billy Goats, 4; The

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**Box score**  
Scholten 22-0-10, Vis 0-0-0, Burgers 0-0-0-0, Leenderts 0-0-0-0, Wilhelmi 1 4-4-18, Bass 5 0 1-2 11, Kueter 1 0 2-2 4, Forshey 1 0 0-0 2, Wysong 2 1 0-0 7.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 19 of 53 field goals (36 percent), seven of eight free throws (88 percent), 27 rebounds, 15 turnovers.  
O-R-R: 21 of 52 field goals (40 percent), nine of 17 free throws (53 percent), 22 rebounds, six turnovers.

**RRC 64, H-BC 55**

A six-game winning streak came to an end when the Patriots lost a nine-point game to the Falcons Friday in Hills.

It looked like the Patriots might saddle RRC with its first loss of the winter when they

sported an 11-point lead at halftime.

The Falcons, however, settled the issue with a commanding performance in the second half.

RRC outscored the Patriots 45-25 in the final 18 minutes of play to spoil H-BC's upset bid.

H-BC got off to a strong start by scoring the first 10 points of the game.

The Patriots continued to build on their advantage as the half progressed and led by 17 points (28-11) when Dylan Forshey canned a pair of free throws with 2:44 remaining in the stanza.

Bandwagon-jumping opens old wounds

The 2017 playoffs have expanded my horizon as an NFL football enthusiast.



As a disappointed Minnesota fan who watched my team fall apart after opening the season with five wins, I've been relegated to being a bandwagon jumper.

So for the past two weeks, my support has gone to the teams that are playing the Green Bay Packers.

It's as if my sole existence centers around finding some team that can eliminate my hated rivals of NFC North, and much to my dismay, it hasn't happened yet.

Of course, there is a price to pay in order to become a bandwagon jumper.

In my case, I had to reopen some old wounds by throwing my support to the New York Giants and the Dallas Cowboys.

One might think I'm still bitter about the 41-0 beat-down New York delivered to Minnesota in 2001, but that would be a wrong assumption.

The scar I received from the Giants came from a regular season game that I attended at the Metrodome in 1986, which happened to be the season New York captured its first Super Bowl title.

Leading 20-19 late in game, and with the Giants facing something like a fourth-and-17 situation, the Vikings had the future champs on the ropes.

Then Phil Simms completed a desperation pass that gave the Giants a first down, which enabled them to kick a game-winning field goal in the final minute.

The image of that fourth-down conversion still haunts me to this day, but not as much as

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

our playoff loss to Dallas in 1975.

I wasn't at Metropolitan Stadium when Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach completed the infamous Hail Mary Pass to Drew Pearson for a 50-yard touchdown that gave Dallas a 17-14 win.

I was a television viewer that fateful day, and what I witnessed was nothing less than a gut-punch that knocked the wind out of my lungs because I'll go to my grave believing the referees should have flagged Pearson for offensive pass interference.

Now that Green Bay has disposed of both New York and Dallas, I'll have to swallow some more pride when I side with the Atlanta Falcons for Sunday's NFC Championship game.

No Vikings loss was more devastating to me than the 1999 NFC title tilt against the Falcons because I was absolutely sure that the 16-1 Minnesota team would win that game and make it back to the Super Bowl for the first time in two decades.

That, of course, didn't happen.

The heartbreak Atlanta delivered that day still lingers, but I'll need to get over it by Sunday.

After all, my loathing of the rival Packers runs deep through my bloodstream.

And if the Falcons can keep Green Bay from advancing to the Super Bowl during Sunday's 2 p.m. game, don't be surprised to see me doing my rendition of the "Dirty Bird Dance" on my driveway around 5 p.m.

BOWLING CLIPBOARD

Troublemakers, 4; PD's Bar Flies, 3 1/2; Mark's Electric, 1/2; Kruser's Bruisers, 0.  
High Scratch Game: Billy Debates, 258; Dave Nelson, 216; Chris Nelson, 210.  
High Scratch Series: Billy Debates, 566; Dave Nelson, 549; Zach Runia, 525.  
Team High Scratch Game: The Troublemakers, 682; Billy Goats, 645; PD's Bar Flies, 601.  
Team High Scratch Series: The

RRC ended the half with an 8-2 surge that left it facing a 30-19 deficit.

The Falcons scored the first seven points of the second half as a part of a 16-4 run that ended with RRC sporting its first lead (35-34) with 8:34 left to play.

RRC led by nine points (52-43) with 4:16 remaining, but the Patriots trimmed the difference to four (54-50) when Wilhelmi canned a three-point shot at the 2:31 mark.

The Falcons bounced back to extend their lead to 11 points (63-52) before settling with a nine-point win at

game's end.

Scholten (22 points and 12 rebounds) and Wilhelmi (13 points) led H-BC offensively.

Jed Burgers and Isaiah Vis recorded three assists each for the Patriots.

**Box score**  
Scholten 7 1 5-6 22, Vis 1 0 1-2 3, Burgers 0 2 1-2 7, Wilhelmi 4 1 2-3 13, Bass 1 0 0-0 2, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Forshey 0 0 2-2 2, Wysong 2 0 0-2 4.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC 20 of 67 field goals (30 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent), 28 rebounds.  
RRC: 21 of 55 field goals (38 percent), 18 of 25 free throws (72 percent), 33 rebounds.

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JANUARY 10

# SPORTS

REPLAY

### Patriots edge Dragon boys at final buzzer

Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore Preston Wilhelmi canned a 30-foot shot before the final horn sounded to give the Patriots a 67-64 win in Adrian.

H-BC, which led 35-27 at halftime, appeared to be in trouble when Adrian rallied to knot the score at 64 in the final minute. The game appeared to be headed to overtime before Wilhelmi (10 points, five rebounds and four assists) settled the issue with his miraculous three-point shot.

Zach Scholten (27 points and 13 rebounds,) Isaiah Vis (seven rebounds, five steals and three assists), Jax Wysong (seven rebounds) and Jed Burgers (four assists) also played key roles in the win.

Ryan Wieneke (17 points and five rebounds), Jacob Stamer (16 points), Zach Hendel (10 points and five rebounds) and Mitchell Lonneman (eight rebounds) played well for Adrian.

### Southwest Christian rolls over Ellsworth boys

The Southwest Christian Eagles kept Ellsworth winless for the season by saddling the Panthers with an 89-50 loss in Ellsworth.

SWC led 50-26 at halftime and outscored EHS 39-24 in the second half to win by 39.

Brandon Kramer (12 points and nine rebounds) and Zach Buntjer (11 points and nine rebounds) turned in the top efforts for the Panthers.

## Adrian girls top Edgerton

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team secured its third consecutive victory at Edgerton Public School Thursday.

Taking advantage of a 24-7 scoring cushion at the charity stripe in the game, the Dragons came in on the winning end of a 60-43 decision.

Adrian led 28-22 after 18 minutes of play before winning the game handily by outscoring the Flying Dutchmen 32-21 in the second half.

Hannah Bullerman (17

points, seven assists and five rebounds), Kaitlyn Christians (11 points), Paige Bullerman (10 points and 10 rebounds), Miah Kunkel (nine rebounds) and Lexi Slater (five rebounds) led the Dragons to victory.

**Box score**  
Kemper 0 0 0-0, H. Bullerman 2 1 10-12 17, M. Bullerman 1 0 6-7 8, Balster 0 0 2-2 2, Kunkel 1 0 0-0 2, Christians 4 1 0-0 11, Jeffers 0 2 0-0 6, Slater 1 0 2-5 4, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, P. Bullerman 3 0 4-6 10.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 16 of 44 field goals (36 percent), 24 of 32 free throws (75 percent), 39 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

## Cardinals cap three-game stretch with road victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team went 1-2 during a stretch of playing three games in seven days.

Luverne lost a 29-point game in Pipestone Jan. 10 and fell to Garretson, South Dakota, by eight points during the Border Battle in Garretson Saturday.

The Cardinals bounced back from the losses to post a 21-point victory at Edgerton Public School Monday.

Luverne, 3-9 overall, plays in Jackson Saturday.

### LHS 70, Edgerton 49

The Cardinals unleashed one of their top offensive performances of the season when they tangled with the Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Monday.

With five players netting 10 or more points in the game, LHS strolled to a 21-point victory.

Luverne led by 10 points (39-29) after 18 minutes of play before outscoring EHS 31-20 in the second half to win handily.

Cole Claussen led the Cards with 16 and 15 points respectively.

Eli Haugom and Andrew Bierman added 11 points to the cause, while Riley Siebenahler chipped in 10 points.

No team or individual statistics were available from this game.

**Box score**  
Robinson 1 1 0-0 5, Lundgren 1 0 0-0 2, Bierman 4 1 0-0 11, Rahm 0 0 0-0 0, Guy 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 6 1 1-4 16, Curtis 3 2 3-4 15, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Siebenahler 3 0 4-6 10, Golla 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 5 0 1-3 11.

### Garretson 64, LHS 56

A strong second half wasn't enough to lift the Cardinals to victory when they squared off against the host school of the Border Battle Saturday in Garretson.

Luverne slipped into an ear-

ly hole as Garretson opened a 37-23 advantage in the first half.

The Cards rallied to outscore the hosts 33-27 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep Garretson from recording an eight-point victory.

Mark Robinson and Curtis paced the Cardinals offensively by netting 13 and 12 points respectively.

No other team and individual statistics were available from this game.

**Box score**  
Robinson 2 3 0-0 13, Lundgren 1 0 3-3 5, Bierman 0 0 2-2 2, Claussen 3 0 2-2 8, Curtis 1 3 1-2 12, Jacobsma 0 1 0-0 3, Siebenahler 0 1 4-7 7, Haugom 3 0 0-0 6.

### PHS 84, Luverne 55

The Cardinals dropped their fifth conference game of the season when the teams squared off in Pipestone Jan. 10.

The home-standing Arrows used a strong second half to win the contest handily.

After sporting a 33-25 lead in the first half, Pipestone put the game away by outscoring the Cards 51-30 in the second half to prevail by 29 points.

Claussen tossed in 16 points to lead the Cards in scoring, while Haugom and Curtis netted 14 and 10 points respectively.

Haugom (five rebounds and three steals), Robinson (four steals and three assists), Brayden Jacobsma (three steals) and Siebenahler (three steals) made key contributions to Luverne's effort.

**Box score**  
Robinson 0 0 0-10, Lundgren 0 0 2-22, Bierman 0 1 1-1 4, Rahm 0 0 0-0 0, Guy 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 6 0 4-7 16, Curtis 2 1 3-6 10, Jacobsma 2 0 2-3 6, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Siebenahler 1 0 1-2 3, Golla 0 0 1-2 1, Haugom 6 0 2-2 14.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 19 of 50 field goals (38 percent), 16 of 26 free throws (62 percent), 18 rebounds, 10 turnovers.  
Pipestone: 33 of 60 field goals (55 percent), 10 of 15 free throws (67 percent).

## Ellsworth's rally comes up short against MCC

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls put up a good fight before dropping their ninth consecutive game Thursday in Ellsworth.

Trailing Murray County Central by as many as 14 points in the first half, the Panthers clawed their way back into contention and trimmed the difference to one point with 7:43 remaining in the game.

The Rebels, however, outscored EHS 20-9 in the final seven minutes to secure a 62-50 win.

MCC scored the first six points of the game and led by eight (10-2) at the 14:49 mark of the first half.

The Panthers closed the gap to three points (10-7) when Kallie Chapa drained a three-point shot 49 seconds later, but MCC countered with a 14-3 run to open a 24-10 advantage with 8:28 remaining in the stanza.

EHS withstood MCC's surge by putting together a 12-7 run ending with a field goal from Morgan Dreesen with 10 seconds remaining to make it a nine-point (31-22) game at the break.

Ellsworth scored the first four points of the second half and trailed by four (38-34) when Ashlyn Meester converted a layup at 13:15.

Sierra Smith narrowed the margin to one point (42-21) when she sank one free throw with 7:43 left to play, but the Rebels answered the challenge with a 14-4 run to open a 56-45 lead with 2:43 remaining.

A field goal from Devin Dreesen at the 1:09 mark trimmed the difference to six



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Ellsworth freshman guard Kallie Chapa latches onto a loose ball during Thursday's home game against Murray County Central. The visiting Rebels handed EHS a 62-50 setback.

points (56-50), but the Rebels netted the next six points to win by 12.

Lizzie Chapa (19 points) and Devin Dreesen (17 points and six rebounds) did their parts to

keep EHS in the game.

Smith grabbed seven rebounds for the 1-10 Panthers, who play Red Rock Central in Lambertson Friday.

**Box score**  
L. Chapa 7 0 5-5 19, M. Dreesen 2 0 0-0 4, K. Chapa 0 1 0-0 3, Meester 2 0 2-4 6, D. Dreesen 7 0 3-6 17, Smith 0 0 1-5 1.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 19 of 51 field goals (37 percent), 11 of 20 free throws (55 percent), 26 rebounds, 26 turnovers.

## Raider boys deny Panthers in Fulda Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys lost their ninth consecutive basketball game when they took on the Fulda Raiders in Fulda Friday.

EHS was set to host Russell-Tyler-Ruth on Monday, but the game was postponed due to icy conditions.

The 0-9 Panthers host Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

**Fulda 73, Ellsworth 54**

A strong first half didn't translate into a victory when the Panthers challenged the Raiders in Fulda Friday.

Ellsworth played well early and sported a 34-31 advantage at the intermission.

Fulda, however, battled back to outscore EHS 42-20

in the second half to register a 19-point victory.

Brandon Kramer (14 points), Zach Buntjer (10 points and seven rebounds) and Nathan Wallenberg (10 points) paced EHS offensively.

Jared Leuthold passed for six assists and collected five rebounds, while Grant Jansma chipped in three assists for the Panthers.

**Box score**  
Wallenberg 2 2 0-0 10, Leuthold 3 0 0-1 6, Curtis 2 0 0-0 4, Jansma 1 2 0-0 8, Boyenga 1 0 0-0 2, Kramer 7 0 0-0 14, Buntjer 4 0 2-5 10, S. Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 24 of 55 field goals (44 percent), two of six free throws (33 percent), 23 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

## Dragons bow to Rebels in conference contest

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team dropped its second consecutive game when it took on Murray County Central in Slayton Friday.

AHS, which was limited to 27 percent shooting from the floor in the game, faced a 36-24 deficit at halftime.

MCC went on to double (28-14) Adrian's scoring output in the second half to clinch a 64-38 victory.

Mitchell Lonneman tossed in 12 points and led the Dragons with eight rebounds.

Zach Hendel collected seven caroms and Jacob Stamer charted three steals for the 7-5 Dragons, who play in Mountain Lake Thursday.

**Box score**  
Stamer 0 2 0-2 6, Serrao 1 1 0-0 5, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, White 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 2 1 0-1 7, N. Lonneman 0 0 0-0 0, Hendel 4 0 0-1 8, Werkman 0 0 0-0 0, M. Lonneman 3 0 6-12 12.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 14 of 52 field goals (27 percent), six of 16 free throws (38 percent), 25 rebounds, 17 turnovers.  
MCC: 26 of 68 field goals (38 percent), eight of 19 free throws (42 percent), 43 rebounds, 10 turnovers.



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Thursday, Jan. 19: 7 p.m. St. Catherine PC. Friday, Jan. 20: 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus fish fry. Saturday, Jan. 21: 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home Bingo. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 22: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. SS & CLW. 6 p.m. LCF. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. St. Catherine Knights of Columbus; Boy Scouts. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 6:30 p.m. RCIA. Thursday, Jan. 26: 4 p.m. Vets Mass.

## Luverne Christian Reformed Church 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luvernecrc.com — luvernecrc@gmail.com Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Mondays: 9 a.m. PERK UP. Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

## First Baptist Church 1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 19: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. 2 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home Birthday Party. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Quarterly business meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Jan. 26: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist.

## Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com

**Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor**  
Thursday, Jan. 19: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Jan. 20: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 21: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 22: 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; Second-grade Milestones. Monday, Jan. 23: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at the Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Mary and Martha Circle at Grace Lutheran. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Confirmation supper. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Confirmation. 7-8 p.m. Grade 9 Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Naomi Circle at the Oaks. 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle. 12:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace Lutheran. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

## Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834 pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 3:45 and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Classes.

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

Friday, Jan. 20: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, Jan. 21: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Consistory Training. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. to noon Bloodmobile at ARC. 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 8 p.m. Choir.

## 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

## First Assembly of God Church 1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4 Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

## United Methodist Church 109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 19: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 21: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 23: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 26: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 6:30 p.m. Canvas painting.

## First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50 Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Jan. 23: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 6 p.m. Confirmation; bells. 7 p.m. Choir.

## St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 19: 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, Jan. 21: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:15 a.m. Youth Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. High School Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions.

## Living Rock Church 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org Billy Skaggs, Pastor

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

## New Life Celebration Church 110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zion-lutheranhardwick.com Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 19: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 20: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice. Monday, Jan. 23: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir Practice. Thursday, Jan. 26: Zion Worship on Channel 3.

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270 e-mail: bethlehemiuth@alliancecom.net Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Annual meeting follows worship. 7-8:30 p.m. Grades 6k-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Jan. 24: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Jan. 25: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

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Notice is hereby given that Greg Kracht has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to modify a feedlot.  
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The existing facility consists of confinement buildings that house 1830 head of finishing cattle. The proposed expansion will expand an existing total confinement barn to house an additional 730 head of finishing cattle. When completed the total confinement barns will house 2560 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the total confinement barns will be stored with pack on lot and an under barn poured concrete storage pit. Total animal units will be 2560.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a summary of the operation budget for the 2017 fiscal year for the County of Rock. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.169. The detail for the County Budget is on file in the Office of the County Auditor-Treasurer at the Courthouse and may be reviewed during normal hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

COUNTY SUMMARY BUDGET

	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$ 5,153,362	\$ 5,469,492
Other Taxes and Penalties	734,140	901,443
Special Assessments	301,811	295,110
Licenses and Permits	49,100	59,000
Shared Revenues	1,287,537	1,388,262
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	55,000	55,000
Local Grants	226,030	228,000
State Grants	392,087	159,100
Federal Grants	17,524	18,500
County Program Aid	164,019	167,650
Charges for Services	1,679,284	1,697,344
Fines and Forfeitures	1,200	1,500
Investment Earnings	62,000	63,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	225,788	215,950
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 10,348,882</b>	<b>\$ 10,719,351</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
General Government	\$ 2,342,343	\$ 2,041,682
Public Safety	1,831,927	1,957,248
Highways & Streets	2,313,608	2,590,109
Human Services	1,191,077	1,231,994
Sanitation	670,022	684,803
Health	16,800	16,800
Culture & Recreation	423,635	432,428
Conservation of Natural Resources	411,617	495,861
Economic Development	1,940	1,940
Intergovernmental	171,983	195,135
Debt Service	902,180	924,339
Other Financing Sources	71,750	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>\$ 10,348,882</b>	<b>\$ 10,572,339</b>

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R&R Feedlots is a progressive cattle operation located by Adrian, MN. We are currently accepting applications for full-time employees. Job includes operation of heavy equipment, computer skills, preferred but can be trained. No CDL required. Position also includes day to day operations such as commodity hauling, cattle feeding, pen maintenance and equipment upkeep. We are team oriented and need focused individuals that can contribute to a growing company dedicated to animal health and management. Please contact us at 507-220-8451. (1.19-2.5)

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Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, MN is hiring for a part-time cook position. Paid holidays, days may vary. Standard shift runs from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Must be 21 years old and have a high school diploma. Send application or resume to PO Box 40 Magnolia, MN 56158 or stop by for an application. For further information contact Don or Jeremy at 507-283-4425. (1.15-2.2)

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Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia, MN is hiring Night Supervisors (11pm - 7am) to work with male juveniles in a residential setting. Part-time and/or full-time, \$11.50 - \$12.00/hr (or based on education) benefits, paid holidays, day/evening shifts. Must be 21 years old and have a high school diploma. Send application or resume to PO Box 40 Magnolia, MN 56158 or stop by for an application. For further information contact Don or Jeremy at 507-283-4425. (1.15-2.2)

Nursing Assistant: Parkview Manor has openings for part-time nursing aides with benefits to include: health insurance, public retirement plan, and holiday pay. New wages \$11.90/ hr. or more with experience. \$2000 scholarships available for students. Will provide training or pay for experience. Contact Darnell Krull, 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call 507-967-2388. (tc)

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CARDS OF THANKS

A big thank you to my children for putting on my 80th birthday party. Thanks also to my grandchildren and great grandchildren for coming. Also thanks to all who braved the cold and those who sent cards and gifts. God bless you all.  
Dale Swenson (01.19)

The family of Jennie Nieuwboer wants to thank everyone who sent floral arrangements, food, monetary donations, called us with a kind word, sent a card, or was just there to help with anything that needed to be done. The loss of Jennie was made easier with love and support we received from our friends and family. Your expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.  
Del, Cora and families  
Bud, Gloria and families (01.19)

The family of Nellie Van Santen extends a sincere thank you to all of the special caregivers at the Luverne Hospice Cottage, Mary Jane Brown Home, Poplar Creek and to Dr. Morgan and his staff. We are grateful to the community for all your prayers, well wishes, hugs, cards, food and visits throughout the last few years. Her smile will be missed but we forever hold her memory in our hearts. (01.19)

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Mavis Herman would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy at the passing of our mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. Thank you, Dr. Kennedy, medical community, and Poplar Creek staff for your special care. We would also like to give thanks to George Bonnema for all that you have done, to Pastor Altena, and Jeff Hartquist for guiding us through this hard time, and to the members of the American Reformed Church who served the meal. We will always remember your kindness.  
Charmaine Baker  
and Family  
Robin and Doug Heeren  
and Family (1.19-1.22)

Wow, what a party. I can't believe all my friends and enemy's that came to help me celebrate my 80th Birthday. Thanks to the kids for helping with my celebration and all the memories and great cards. It was great to see everyone!  
Norm Dejongh (1.15-1.19)

We would like to thank the Hills Rescue Squad and the Luverne Ambulance for their great service and care during my recent illness.  
Robert DeNoble  
and family (1.15-1.19)

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.  
The Residents of the  
Good Samaritan Society -  
Mary Jane Brown Home. (1.12-1.19)

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  
and families (1.12-1.19)

CARDS OF THANKS

A special thank you to The Living Rock Church for packaging the bags in November.  
The Backpack Program (1.12-1.19)

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 (1.12-1.19)

Thank you for all your expressions of sympathy, your thoughts and prayers, your cards, memorials, flowers and food, in the passing of our dear husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Pay Anderson. Thank you to all who visited Ray while at the Tuff Memorial Home, his love of sharing his WWII stories with who ever would listen gave him great joy. Thanks to the nurses, aides, and staff of the Tuff Memorial Home, the care you provided Ray was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Hospice for visits and your help in making Ray comfortable in his final days, and to the Sanford Medical Center Doctors and staff that gave care. Thank you to Pastor Klatt for your visits and prayers which were a comfort to Ray and the funeral committee for serving the noon meal. To Hartquist Funeral Home for all your wonderful help through this difficult time. Thanks to the American Legion and the VFW for putting together the Military Honors at the cemetery and a special thanks to Will Mumme for playing the Taps. Until we meet again; we will miss him dearly  
Jennie Anderson  
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