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Annual 'Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby' set for Saturday in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Saturday is stacking up to be a great day for families and children with two big events — the Fishing Derby and Winter Carnival — planned in Luverne.

The Third Annual Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at The Lake in Luverne.

The event has been gaining popularity, with last year's derby attracting

Winter Carnival starts after the fishing derby in LHS gym

Fishing contestants can warm up in the Luverne High School Gym with pizza, cotton candy and cake when the 38th Annual Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival begins at 5 p.m. The fundraising event for school music programs includes carnival-style games, Bingo, face-painting, balloon animals, a cake walk and more. See page 8B for details.

more than 200 registered anglers, and half of them were children.

Registration is from 11:30 to 1 p.m. If weather doesn't cooperate, it will be moved to Feb. 17.

People can drill their holes and

get set up early, but no fishing will be allowed until the horn sounds at 1 p.m.

The grand prize (any age) of \$500 will be awarded for the largest fish. Last year's winner of the largest fish

was Will Stegenga who registered a 3.32-pound walleye to take home \$500 cash.

The tournament features \$4,500 of prizes for both adults and children. The first 75 youth to register

(under 16 years of age) will receive a rod and reel, courtesy of Luverne Ace Hardware.

The Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club will weigh fish and judge the tournament. Local Boy Scouts will provide concessions starting at 11 a.m.

Dozens of local sponsors have provided prizes and support for the event. For more information check the website www.luvernechamber.com or call 507-283-4061.

Twin homes coming to Roundwind near city pool

By Lori Sorenson

Cleveringa Construction and the city of Luverne have reached a development agreement to build twin homes on Roundwind Road.

Merlin Cleveringa has purchased the property east of the pool and fitness center for \$108,000 with the intent to build four single-story, two and three-bedroom twin homes — eight units total — in the next three years.

The upscale market-rate housing will be built to buyer and builders' specifications, similar to the ones Cleveringa recently completed on East Bark Street and in the Manfred Heights Addition.

The city will first complete storm sewer upgrades to address water drainage issues in the neighborhood, and twin home construction would break ground this spring.

The price of the units will be determined by the amenities included, and the project is generally expected to add \$2 million in new construction.

Cleveringa is completing his eighth and final twin home on Blue Ridge Circle off North Blue Mound Avenue.

And the triplexes and duplexes on East Bark Avenue were completed in 2016 and 2017, and all are sold.

Luverne's twin home market appears to be strong, with many of the Bark Street units spoken for before they were built, and Cleveringa said he expects the same will happen on Roundwind Road.

Meeting demand

The additional eight units near the pool are part of a broader city effort to meet local housing demand.

The 2016 Maxfield Housing Research Study showed that Luverne will need 136 general occupancy units in addition to its current lot supply.

This equates to demand for 80 rental units, 24 multi-family twin homes and 31 single-family units.

Also, more than 100 units of senior housing are needed, including

Luverne housing needs/see 8A

Poverty discussions continue Feb. 13 with #Luv1LuvAll citizens group

By Mavis Fodness

Five poverty-related issues will take the forefront when the #Luv1LuvAll citizens group ending poverty convenes another community meeting Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. The event kicks off with a light supper at 6 p.m. and is slated to end at 8 p.m.

#Luv1LuvAll is working with the Blandin Foundation's Leaders Partnering to End Poverty. Tuesday's meeting is a continuation of public dialogue started last fall.

Through a series of community conversations, the group has identified five poverty-related issues on which to focus locally. The issues

include:

- dental care for the under- and uninsured.
- affordable housing.
- one-stop access to resources.
- meal access for seniors.
- mental health stigma.

The issues were the result of the group's last community meeting in which local actors and actresses helped demonstrate the effect of poverty issues and perceptions on community members.

A number of focus areas were discussed at the community meeting and later by #Luv1LuvAll members, according to representative Wanda Jarchow.

She said through a recent exercise, Blandin trainers helped the group formulate the five focus areas. Then they assigned committee members an information-gathering task prior to Tuesday's meeting. The directions were very clear.

"We don't want you to look for solutions but just gather information," Jarchow said.

Tuesday's event is open to all Rock County residents. Day care is available along with transportation and lost wage assistance.

Registration for the free light supper is requested by Friday.

Phone ATLAS at 507-449-5777 to register.

Doing the right thing



Lori Sorenson photo/0208 bakken bqa video

Peter (left) and Jay Bakken answer questions on camera in October about their Blac-X Farms feedlot operation in western Rock County. The video, produced for the Beef Quality Assurance program, was shown at the National Cattleman's Beef Association convention Friday morning in Phoenix when the Bakkens accepted the organization's national award for quality beef production.

Local cattlemen earn national beef award

By Lori Sorenson

Rural Beaver Creek cattle producers with Blac-X Farms received national recognition from their peers last week for quality beef production methods on their Bakken family farm.

Jay and Suzie Bakken and Peter and Carrie Bakken traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, to accept the National Feed Yard Beef Quality Assurance award at the 2018 National Cattleman's Beef Association Convention.

The award recognizes "outstanding" producers who demonstrate "animal care and handling principles as a part of their day-to-day operations."

'At the end of the day, it's about doing the right thing'

Jay Bakken told the Star Herald Monday that he and his brother, Peter, are honored to receive the award, but he said the award is a broader reflection of the beef industry's efforts to ensure quality.

"It's about our consumers and making sure we have a standard set of animal handling practices to assure quality and safe beef for the consumer," Jay said.

"Consumers today — especially millennials — want to know where their food comes from, which is why farmers markets and 'grow local' are so popular. This gives us an opportunity to show that we're real people doing real work to produce real food to go on their plates."

He said the national recognition is a privilege and responsibility.



Steve Molitor (far left), head of cattle procurement for Cargill, present the National Feedyard BQA award to Blac-X Farms cattle producers Jay and Suzie Bakken (left) and Peter and Carrie Bakken at the Best of Beef Breakfast Friday morning at the 2018 National Cattleman's Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

"It's up to us to tell the story about what beef producers in Rock County and everywhere are doing," Jay said. "At the end of the day it's about doing the right thing."

'Developed by cattlemen for cattlemen'

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a nation-

Bakkens win national beef award/see page 3A

Tobacco sellers pass sting in county

By Mavis Fodness

Seven businesses licensed to sell tobacco in Rock County received passing marks from a recent compliance check by public health officials.

Luverne businesses Teal's Market, Teal's Food and Gas Center, Casey's General Store, Expressway, The Gas Stop, and Herb n' Legend LLC and Beaver Creek business Rauk's Hill-top Stop passed the mid-December checks.

Southwest Health and Human Services in Marshall conducted the compliance checks in Rock County.

"Our goal is not to catch them doing something wrong but to make sure they follow the rules of the law," said Ann Orrin, SWHHS community public health supervisor.

Minnesota law prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from purchasing tobacco products.

Orrin said businesses exercise various protocols to check a buyer's identification prior to each sale. Protocols range from checking every buyer's ID to only those of a certain age.

No matter the protocol, each business successfully refused to sell tobacco to the under-18 youth working with SWHHS personnel.

Orrin said they selected a youth who looks under age 18. The youth won't lie about his or her age if asked and doesn't present a fake ID when asking to purchase a tobacco product.

Businesses licensed to sell tobacco in Minnesota are required to verify a buyer's age before completing the sale.

The licensing statute is in place to prevent minors from accessing cigarettes or other tobacco products until age 18 or older. Health researchers indicate no amount of tobacco use is healthy and that the majority of smokers start before age 18.

Luverne Country Club also has a license to sell tobacco in Rock County. The business, however, was not open in December and was not subject to the compliance check.

Star Herald wins state awards at MNA convention

Staff writers at the Rock County Star Herald received three state awards in the Better Newspaper Contest of the 151st annual convention of the Minnesota Newspaper Association Jan. 24-26 in the Twin Cities.

Reporter Mavis Fodness and Editor Lori Sorenson were honored with first-place awards during the Thursday night, Jan. 25, banquet of the convention at the Double Tree in Bloomington.

Fodness received a first-place column writing award, which recognizes excellence in literary style, ability or cleverness of the writer, depth of material and local interest

and relevance to the community.

Entries are judged on several submitted columns, but the judges were most impressed by Fodness's column, "Family dog's role changes as house becomes empty," and her column about the late Mercie Domagala, "Thoughtful Thursdays."

In their remarks, the judges wrote, "She had me at the chocolate lab, but the (column about the) death of her friend was especially well crafted. ... Engaging style that kept the momentum to the end of the column."

Sorenson was awarded first

Newspaper awards/see page 2A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet for lunch at Howling Dog at 11:30 Friday, Feb. 9. For reservations, call 507-283-8470 by Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at the township hall.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, (rescheduled from Feb. 6 due to precinct caucuses) at the home of the Clerk/Treas., Teresa Kramer.

Rock County VFW #2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the Military Museum. Call 449-0632.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the home of Mark Vander Pol. Call 507-220-0679 with questions.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at St. John Church in Luverne. 507-530-3307.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 507-283-2069 or 507-283-2964 with questions.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays, Feb. 14 and 28, in Hilger Commons from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. Call 507-353-0041 or kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Rectory, Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

Calling all Korean War veterans

The Rock County Star Herald is helping to fulfill a request by Korean War veterans to assemble eligible individuals for a group picture. Anyone who served in the armed forces or the National Guard during the Korean War (1950-1953) and is from Rock County is being asked to call the newspaper at 507-283-2333. Leave your name, address, phone number and years of service. Once enough interest and names have been assembled, the group picture will be assembled.

Korean War veterans can also email information to editor@star-herald.com.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Monday, Feb. 12. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available. The service is free for any private individual with a simple tax format. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.

Autism Network Group meets Feb. 12

The Regional Autism Network Group will meet in the Worthington High School Media Center from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12. The group invites parents, caregivers, and professionals for a time of education about autism and a time of networking. Call Allison Eitrem at 507-290-6334.

Hospice Dinner kick-off meeting Feb. 15

There will be a kick-off meeting at noon Thursday, Feb. 15, at The Bluestem for anyone interested in volunteering to help with this year's Hospice Dinner and Auction fundraiser. If interested in volunteering, call 507-283-1805 or email helen at helen.saum@sanfordhealth.com.

Free food Feb. 15

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food — fresh produce, bread and meat — from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags or boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions.

Growing soybeans workshop Feb. 22

The University of Minnesota Extension Service will host "Strategic Planning: Growing Soybeans that Out-Compete Weeds" workshop at 10 locations in January and February.

The nearest workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton.

Lunch is included. To register or for a list of other locations go to <https://z.umn.edu/strategic-farming>.

Experts offer ag tips at seminar Feb. 21 in Luverne

Exchange State Bank and Professional Ag Marketing will cosponsor their fourth annual Ag Seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

This educational and informative seminar, "Focused on the Future ... Helping You Build a Better Strategy," will explore crop marketing, as well as risk management strategies and tools for local producers. The event is free and open to the public.

Keynote speaker will be Steve Johnson, Ph.D., farm and ag business management specialist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Dr. Johnson specializes in topics including government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop management strategies.

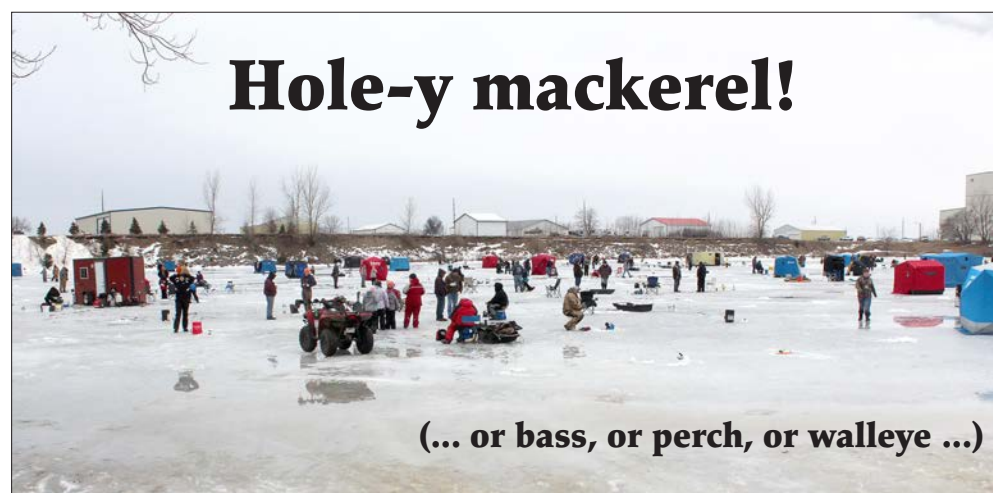
"Our Ag Seminar is gaining popularity every year and is a one-of-a-kind event in the area," says Tim Plimpton, Exchange State Bank president.

"The farming industry is truly unique because it can dramatically change from year to year. The purpose of our event is to share with our customers, friends and family valuable and current information and provide them with the tools necessary to succeed in this challenging industry."

Doors open and registration begins at 10:15 a.m. with featured presentations beginning at 10:45. Lunch is by Blue Stem Catering. Dr. Johnson will present for 90 minutes with an opportunity for questions immediately following.

"We are so proud to bring one of the Midwest's leading ag educators and experts to our panel," said Pat VonTersch of Professional Ag Marketing. "Having the best information, and partners who are committed to you — and your communities' success — is key to maximizing an operation's productivity and profits."

There is no cost for this event, but preregistration is required by contacting Exchange State Bank at 507-449-6000 or ryan@exchangeagbankmn.com or by contacting Professional Ag Marketing at 507-449-2030 or kima@professionalagmarketing.com.



Hole-y mackerel!

(... or bass, or perch, or walleye ...)

More than 200 anglers hit the ice for second annual fishing derby

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson
Luverne's second annual Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby attracted more than 200 registered anglers, and half of them were children. "That is a great thing," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere. "There were lots of parents and grandparents with their children and grandchildren."
After a couple of days of thawing temperatures the lake surface was slushy but the ice was still nearly a foot thick. Heavy clouds threatened to rain out the event, but light sprinkles prevailed until after dark.
Fishing competition was from 1 to 4 p.m. and the awards ceremony followed.
The winner in the adult competition was Jake Gormerom who caught 5,760 pounds of fish to win an Ion Electric Auger.
Winner in the youth division was Brody Landrock who caught 1.80 pounds of fish to win an Eskimo three-person hulk tent and ice auger, a prize supplied by TCI.
Winner of the largest fish was Will Strenge who registered a 3.32-pound walleye to take home \$500 cash.
"It was a great day," Lanphere said.
She recognized the major tournament volunteer team of Jeremy Wallenberg, Josh and Bybee, Mike and Traci Davis and the Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club.
"They did a great job," Lanphere said. "We had a wonderful group of sponsors who made the event a success. They deserve so much credit."



Courtney Gormerom (left) and her fishing mates Alena and Vaughn Sandbute stay warm.

Above left, it was hard to stay dry after thawing temperatures turned the surface of The Lake into a slushy mess. Pictured are (from left) Sara Fongemie, Leif Ingebreten and Grace Ingebreten.

Pictured above right, Matt Van Groenou keeps his root beer cold while he waits for a bite.

Pictured at right center, a carp is abandoned on the wrong side of the ice on The Lake.

These excited anglers didn't let the gray skies get them down Saturday afternoon. They are (from left) Ingrid Mostad, Charlie Mostad, Kylie Kindt and Caitlin Kindt.



Mason Wenzel and Carson Ehde volunteered with the local Boy Scouts to help scoop out holes and clean up after the fishing derby.



Kloe Brockberg and her brother, Owen, keep an eye on their bobbers. They were among more than 100 registered youth.



Cole Vos, Pipestone, snags a nice perch timed just right for a Star Herald photograph of the action late in the day.



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Bree, the family dog, is not adjusting well to being an empty nester.

Family dog's role changes as house becomes empty

Since becoming an empty nester, the family dog's role has changed. Bree, the family dog, is not adjusting well to being an empty nester.

... now that our at-home members have dwindled from six to two, Bree has become what I describe as a "little needy."

Generally that means twice a day when I do morning and evening chores. Bree can expect to get the head and a scratch behind the ears, but only when I rest the house.

My cats, have stopped over, been spotted at the backdoor, between my legs, and behind the door in 10 minutes to get the morning or evening scratch.

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place for her photo coverage of the 2017 Fishing Derby at The Lake in Luverne.

In this category, photojournalism entries are judged on the quality of the images and how well they tell the story of the day.

"Great job," the judges wrote. "Loved the action shots of the fisherman pulling up his catch."

The Star Herald staff as a whole received a third-place award in the category of

Special Section for its "Glory Days" feature on the Historic Manitow Hotel renovation.

"Great layout with a ton of impressive photos," the judges wrote about the Manitow piece. "What a beautiful historical work of art.... Great advertising support. Great job!"

This year's MNA contest entries were judged by the Illinois Press Association and included more than 4,000 entries from daily and weekly newspapers statewide.

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Reviving the Manitow

Luverne's Bill and Nancy Frakes are enjoying their recently completed four-level renovation of the former Manitow Hotel. The Star Herald featured their work in 2006 when the first two levels

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Bakken national beef quality assurance award/from 1A

ally coordinated, state implemented program that provides guidelines and certification for raising cattle under optimum management and environmental conditions.

"It's a protocol developed by cattlemen for cattlemen," Peter said. "It's a common-sense approach to proper daily animal care."

Cattlemen fund the program through their Beef Checkoff dollars as a way to promote a positive public image and instill consumer confidence in the beef industry.

"It's 100-percent consumer driven," Peter Bakken said about BQA and about the award.

"The goal is to have a quality product for the consumer."

When producers implement the best management practices of a BQA program — and acquire the certification — they assure their cattle are the best they can be.

The BQA stamp of approval will soon be required by beef harvest companies like Tyson, Cargill and JBS, Jay said.

"It won't be long before all beef suppliers will be required to be BQA," he said, adding that cattle transporters also have their own Trucking Quality Assurance standards for animal handling.

The Bakken learned last fall that they had been selected to receive the national BQA award, and they were interviewed in October for a video about their Rock County operation.

"BQA is about taking care of the animal," Peter said on camera for the video.

Jay adds, "We've all figured out that the better you take care of the animals, the better they'll perform for you."

That video played on a jumbo screen Friday for roughly 6,000 people in the Phoenix banquet hall while the Bakken accepted their award on stage.

To be considered for the award, producers must have "a strong desire to continually improve Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) on their operations while encouraging others to implement the comprehensive cattle management program."

Jay said business im-

"We've all figured out that the better you take care of the animals, the better they'll perform for you."

— Jay Bakken,
Blac-X Farms,
Beaver Creek

provements just make sense.

"That's the beauty of having your own operation; there's always something better you can do," he said.

"That's the reason you have good people on your team and you have the Beef Quality Assurance program."

'Gold standard' for local beef production

Dr. Erin deKoning of Rock Veterinary Clinic, Luverne, is interviewed on the video for her role with Bakken livestock care.

"Jay and Peter are my gold standard for how things are done in my practice," she said.

"They're willing to talk to some of my other clients ... about how they handle situations. ... I can use them to influence how some of my other producers are going to do things."

The video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bL0-cp315k&app=desktop>, or link to it through this story on www.star-herald.com.

"I'm a believer in the Beef Quality Assurance Program because it gives you some accountability and it's about the last word, 'assurance,'" Peter said at the end of the video.

"Why are we out here doing this? To provide a quality beef product to the consumer."

The Bakken brothers (sons of Richard and Linda Bakken) are fourth generation farmers and second-generation cattle feeders. Blac-X is an acronym for Bakken land and cattle.

The local cattle operation and the goals of BQA will be featured in the Star Herald's Spring Ag Mag, which will be published with the March 1 edition of the Star Herald.



Mavis Fodness photo/0208 QP Ribbon Cutting

Quality Printing celebrates ribbon-cutting and open house

Participating in the ribbon-cutting were the Opitz family, Quality Printing employees and Luverne Area Chamber members. Pictured are Tyler Bush (front, left), Tony Opitz, Audrey Opitz, Annie Opitz, Mark Opitz, Ashley Opitz Benson, Tony Schomacker, (middle) Holly Sammons, Janell Hasselman, Betty Mann, Nancy Scheidt, Patti Olson, Judy Fenske, (back) Jon May, Amanda McDonald, Kyle Lessman and Dave Deragisch.

The public was able to get a look into the newly renovated Quality Printing facility Friday at a ribbon-cutting and open house at their new location at 401 West Hatting Street. Mark and Annie Opitz purchased the former Blue Mound Banquet and Meeting Center last fall.

The 78,000-square-foot facility was completely remodeled to accommodate the printing business. Areas now include a showroom/office/reception area, separate offices and graphic art department, the large work floor for printing, vinyl cutting and thermography projects, storage and a garage area for applications.

Quality Printing was established in 1999 and currently has five employees: Jon May, Amanda McDonald, Janell Hasselman and Kyle Lessman.



Crisis Center seeks nominations for Faces of Hope

The Southwest Crisis Center is seeking nominations for for the upcoming Faces of Hope banquet.

Faces of Hope is an awareness and fundraising event that honors individuals who have made a difference in the lives of victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual as-

sault, and sex trafficking in southwest Minnesota.

Community members are invited to nominate individuals to be honored at the Faces of Hope Banquet on April 21, 2018 at the Hiawatha Lodge in Pipestone.

Up to five nominees from southwest Minnesota will be

chosen, one from each of our service counties: Cottonwood, Jackson, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock.

Nomination information is available at mnsbcc.org. Nominations are due March 2. Contact Sara Wahl at 507-376-4311 or sara@mnsbcc.org.

Grant funding available for projects to improve food access in underserved communities

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting grant applications for projects designed to improve access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables, for underserved communities in low- and moderate-income areas.

Grant applications are due by March 14.

The funding is available through the Good Food Access Program (GFAP). These grants will assist organizations providing needs-based technical assistance to new or existing for-profits, non-profits, public agencies and cooperative self-service retail

food establishments.

"We're looking for applications pursuing a range of projects that provide expertise to food retailers," said MDA Local Food and Nutrition Program Coordinator Ashley Bress.

"Projects that provide trainings, workshops, printed materials, mentorship opportunities, sustainability-focused individual guidance, and business planning would all fit into that category."

The MDA will award up to \$135,000 in this round of GFAP Technical Assistance Grants. Applications may

request between \$5,000 and \$75,000 and must contribute 25 percent of project costs.

For more information, including a list of eligibility requirements, visit www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/gfaptechassistance.

An additional \$135,000 will be available in the spring of 2018 for grocers and small food retailers for the purchase of equipment or to make physical improvements to increase the sales of affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate foods. Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/gfapequipmentgrant.

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10:30 am – 2:00 pm

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Enjoy informative and valuable presentations, lunch and our guest speaker, Steve D. Johnson, Ph.D.

Dr. Johnson has served as the Farm and Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

Please bring a friend to this free and informative event!

Registration required.

RSVP to (507) 449-6000, (507) 449-2030 or ryan@exchangestatebankmn.com or kima@professionalagmarketing.com.




Open House

90th Birthday Fabian Deutsch

Sunday, February 11
2 - 4 p.m.

Colter Deutsch truck shed
(four miles west on County Road 270 to Hills, 314 90th Ave. N)



Three. Stinking. Pounds.

Month of dieting results in less-than-impressive weight loss

I lost three pounds. Three. Stinking. Pounds.

What hurts the most about my weight loss results is that encouraging readers of this column to follow the Whole30 elimination diet for the month of January was my idea. Forming a Facebook group was my idea. Posting daily encouragement, recipes and quotes was my idea.

For most others "my idea" caused amazing results. For example, a 30-something new mom lost 7 pounds and is back to her pre-baby weight. A 70-something man lost 16 pounds and brought his blood pressure numbers back into the normal range. (Just by changing his diet!)

A 30-something man lost 15 pounds and reduced his reliance on antacids. A 60-something woman lost 15 pounds (in one month!) and can't wait to begin her next round of the Whole30.

Several participants lost weight, but more importantly they got rid of back pain, knee pain, hip pain and jaw pain. They slept better, had better moods and lost inches of fat.

So what's wrong with me? Well, the Whole30 is basically an elimination diet.

For 30 days, participants consume no dairy, grains, alcohol, sweeteners (real or



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By Brenda Winter, Columnist

artificial), legumes or processed foods.

In some people, one or more of these foods causes inflammation. After 30 days each food group is carefully reintroduced and people evaluate the impact (if any) that a given food group has on their body.

Even though I did not experience much weight loss, I went down one pant size. I am sleeping better. I was in a great mood for all of January — in spite of it being January and the Vikings not being in the Super Bowl. And I have more energy than before I began the Whole30.

So I guess what I learned from the Whole30 is that my diet is already pretty good. I didn't have to "eliminate sugar, dairy, grains and processed foods" because I don't eat them anyway.

I knew it, but I was reminded that what we eat affects every function of our bodies — from mood to fat content, to blood pressure to joint pain.

And I learned that three stinking pounds is three more pounds than "none at all."

So I'm renaming the outcome of my 30-day adventure "three impressive pounds" and I'm expecting the same outcome from the next 30 days.

February is Teen Dating Awareness Month Adults have a vital role assisting teens to define healthy relationships

GUEST OPINION

By Miranda Roskamp
Youth Advocate with the Southwest Crisis Center

Advocates are available to talk about what is a 'healthy' relationship. Contact the SWCC at 800-376-4311 or text 218-666-TEEN

January usually starts with new resolutions and goals to be healthy and fit physically.

February is a great time to evaluate relationships to ensure they're healthy as well. It is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

According to loveisrespect.org, the theme this year is: "Hands Unite: Do Your Part."

We can help young adults feel empowered to explore their relationships and do their part to build healthy relationships.

What does it mean to have a "healthy" relationship, especially when it comes to young people in dating relationships?

One in three teens experience some form of violence from a dating partner but only 33 percent ever tell someone. These stats from loveisrespect.org show that many young adults experience violence but suffer in silence.

There are many different reasons someone experiencing violence wouldn't say something. Let's journey through some of these reasons together.

- Maybe you really love this person and think they'll change.

- Maybe you've been told incorrectly that it's your fault.

- Maybe you don't know that you're being abused.

- Maybe you know it's abuse but don't know who to talk to.

- Maybe you've tried talking to someone before but they didn't listen or believe you.

- Maybe you don't want to feel bullied by people at school if you were to say something.

- Maybe you don't want your partner to get into trouble.

Everyone deserves loving, caring and valued relationships in their lives, where boundaries are clearly communicated and ultimately respected.

I would challenge you to make

a list of all of the things that are important to you in a relationship, things like support, encouragement and respect. Then think about how you want to treat your partner in return. This will help you develop healthy boundaries, which are key in any relationship.

You can think about different boundaries as they apply to gender roles as well. Society places many expectations on relationships based on gender, which can significantly impact a dating relationship.

When does a relationship cross over into "unhealthy" territory?

If there is an established pattern of abusive behavior from one partner to the other, or red flags, or "gut feelings," it is a good idea to re-evaluate the relationship.

Unhealthy relationships may include physical, sexual, emotional, digital, and/or financial harm. Some examples include:

- acting jealous or possessive.
- constantly calling, texting, or checking in.
- preventing time spent with friends/family.
- name-calling or threats.
- having a short temper and/or acting violently.
- physical violence (hit, slap, punch, kick, bite).
- pressure to go farther sexually

than wanted.

- suicidal threats in response to a breakup.

- Sharing private images around school, social media, etc.

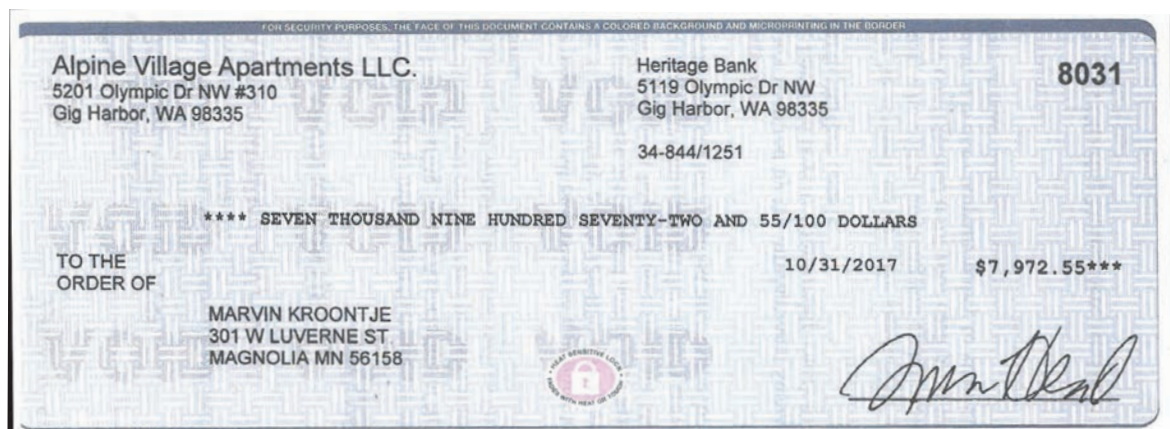
If you are questioning aspects of your relationship, any relationship, we at the Southwest Crisis Center are here for you. Sometimes talking with someone outside the situation can help you evaluate the health of the relationship.

Our G.R.A.C.E. program focuses on helping young adults (12-24 years old) recognize healthy relationships while providing supportive services and violence prevention education.

Part of prevention includes meeting with youth where they are. To reach them, our G.R.A.C.E. program advocates meet with youth groups, sports teams, school classrooms, and more.

Other advocates are available for adults to speak with as well. All of our services are free and confidential. Our advocates can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling 800-376-4311. You can reach our YOUTH TEXT LINE at 218-666-(TEEN) 8336. The text number reaches me and our other local youth advocates directly.

With a new year start fresh goals, so consider letting us help you meet your goal of healthier relationships.



Kroontje: Watch out for Publishers Clearing House scam

To the Editor:

I'm writing about a scam letter and check from a scam Publishers Clearing House in order to alert others.

I received a scam letter and sent it to the real Publishers Clearing House in New York. The rule of thumb, according to them, is, "You don't pay money to win money."

The way it works is they (the scammers) have you cash the check and wire them, say, \$2,000 of the check. Then you find out the check is no good and you owe the bank

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the \$2,000 you sent, and likely sent it out of the USA to Canada, where it's harder to prosecute the scammers or get your money back.

The scammers may call on the phone saying you've won a lot of money and have to wire a certain amount of money to get it released.

They keep what you sent and you receive nothing.

Anyway, the better we are educated on scams, the less chance we will lose money to them.

Information is prevention.

Marvin Kroontje
Magnolia



Bakken: What does Beef Quality Assurance mean to the person buying beef at the meat counter?

To the Editor:

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) — just another ag story — what does it have to do with me, the person buying beef at the meat counter?

The beef industry is continually making improvements toward transparency and accountability. Today's consumers are more in-

terested than ever before on where and how the food they purchase is raised. An increased focus has been placed directly on daily production on our farms and ranches that influence the safety, wholesomeness and quality of beef. Low stress cattle handling, pharmaceutical product use, accurate record keeping and

feed management are the four main areas of focus.

BQA is a good complement to the existing safeguards that are currently in place and have been used for many years by USDA for meat inspections. In fact, harvest facilities have indicated that they will only purchase cattle from a BQA-certified farm in

the near future. BQA certification is proof to our consumers that we have accountability and follow a protocol that assures the highest quality beef and beef products in Rock County and the world, as no other country has such a system.

I hope I have helped you understand why I feel that BQA provides

a significant level of confidence when you go to the meat counter to purchase your beef. This happens locally, thanks to the Rock County Beef Farmer and the support of their veterinarian, nutritionist, banker and the community that we live in.

Peter Bakken
Beaver Creek

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 26
 •Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.
 •Reserved for juvenile runaway CFS data.
 •Complainant requested welfare check, case reserved for deputy report.
 •Automobile hit bicycle, one male reported back pain, ambulance paged.
 •Complainant reported problems with her parents.
 •Driving complaint out of county, passed on to Lyon County.

Jan. 27
 •Reserved for assault case.
 •Complainant reported multiple loud voices/yelling/screaming from Kniss Ave.

•Complainant reported she is taking her husband to the Emergency Room. Wanted dispatch to contact ER.

•Complainant reported she gave a guy money to refinish her bedroom set and can't get in touch with him now.

•Complainant reported her mom wouldn't bring her kid home when she asked. She told her to call the cops.

•Papers served to subject DANCO.

•Complainant reported a domestic; no weapons reported.

Jan. 28
 •Complainant had questions about getting her property.

•Child custody exchange, requested deputy.

Jan. 29
 •Complainant reported vehicle ran pedestrian cross walk signal.

•Deputy fingerprinted subject.

•Deputy attempted paper service.

•Complainant reported suspicious vehicle across the street from Spring Street.

•Unattended vehicle reported in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported a suicide attempt.

Jan. 30
 •Complainant reported registration sticker theft.

•Complainant reported background information for housing.

•Complainant came to Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak to a deputy regarding theft.

•Complainant reported

vehicle stolen. Vehicle was repossessed.

•Complainant reported man walking with a pipe and driving a car with out of state license plates.

•Sheriff to assist with vehicle release.

•Complainant reported suspicious vehicle in Garretson.

•Subject requested to be fingerprinted. Did not have payment. Left and stated she would return with cash.

•Complainant reported an erratic driver on Main Street.

•Complainant reported out of control juvenile male in Hills; requested a deputy.

•Complainant reported a tractor running on Kniss Ave. Owner contacted.

Jan. 31
 •Complainant reported a vehicle in an accident. No known injuries.

•Ran subject on intoxicant. Subject was intoxicated and violated probation.

•Complainant reported harassing phone calls on 160th Ave.

•Complainant reported alleged child maltreatment.

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Feb. 1
 •Signs for the curve were hit in Steen.

•Complainant requested fingerprints for employment.

•Subject burning without a permit on 150th Ave.

•Complainant lost stockade panels on roadway.

•Complainant reported someone took his dog off the chain at his house this morning.

•Complainant reported two males following her and her kids around Shopko.

•Deputy out with an abandoned vehicle.

•Abandoned vehicle reported in Hardwick.

Feb. 2
 •Found possible drugs at the east entrance of Luverne High School.

In addition, officers also responded to 5 vehicles in ditch, 3 transports, 6 escorts, 17 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 12 burn permits, 2 drug court tests, 15 permits to purchase/carry, 1 abandon 911 call, 1 welfare check, 10 traffic stops, 3 tests and 1 alarm.



Lori Sorenson photos/0208 respect retreat

Respecting ourselves and others

Luverne High School 10th-graders participate in a Respect Retreat at the American Reformed Church Thursday, Feb. 1, facilitated by Youth Frontiers of Minneapolis. School Social Worker Stacy Schepel organized the event with school staff. "Our school believes that to do well in school, students need to be comfortable with who they are and feel physically and emotionally safe," Schepel wrote in a letter to parents.

In Thursday's retreat, the Youth Frontiers leaders engage students in a variety of activities that help them build empathy and learn safe ways to help prevent bullying. Luverne seventh-graders participated in a courage retreat Wednesday, and Luverne fourth-graders participated in a retreat about kindness Friday. Both events were also at the American Reformed Church. Youth Frontiers, the nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis, has been delivering programs since 1987 to build positive school communities that help young people respect themselves and others. The costs for the retreats were covered by Parents Partners in Education (PPIE), the Luverne School, Pizza Ranch, Frakco, Sioux Valley Energy, Main Street Financial, Professional Ag Marketing, and Exchange State Bank.

Welcome to Luverne, pheasant hunters

Luverne will host the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener on Oct. 13, and a local committee has been working on preparing the community for the thousands of visitors and dozens of activities and events related to the annual hunting weekend.

Among the details to consider are marketing and promotion, and this billboard appeared just east of Luverne last weekend near the westbound Luverne exit off Interstate 90.

Rick Peterson photo/0208 pheasant opener billboard



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CELEBRATIONS

Fabian Deutsch will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Colter Deutsch Truck Shed four miles west on County Road 270 to Hills, 314 90th Avenue N.

MENU

Monday, Feb. 12: Chicken breast with country gravy, rice pilaf, broccoli, tropical fruit, bread, ice cream.

Program: Pinochle; All About Lincoln.

Tuesday, Feb. 13: Tator tot hotdish, green beans, pineapple, bread, lemon chiffon dessert.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Luverne Flowers.

Wednesday, Feb. 14: Lemon pepper fish, au gratin potatoes, country blend vegetables, bread, bread pudding.

Program: Sweetheart Day. Bring a friend!

Thursday, Feb. 15: Pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, cake.

Friday, Feb. 16: Creamy tomato soup, cheese sandwich, pea and cheese salad, crackers, dessert.

Program: Birthday Party with Kitchen Band.

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

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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

Twice the challenge, twice the reward

Ver Steeg, Chanthalangsy double up events on Luverne speech team

By Mavis Fodness

For the first time in Gavin Folkestad's eight-year tenure as Luverne High School's speech coach, two students are competing in two categories at the same time.

"I usually discourage it unless the student is a well-established veteran that places well and has demonstrated that they have the commitment and responsibility to handle the double-entering," he said.

Freshman Seno Chanthalangsy and junior Sage Ver Steeg debuted their double entries during Saturday's first speech meet of the year in Worthington.

The students handled the double commitment by placing in the top five in both their categories.

"They definitely have the commitment and responsibility to pull it off," Folkestad said.

Ver Steeg said her addition of poetry to her serious prose participation was not a personal test.

"Last year I started placing well in prose and almost right after the season ended I fell in love with a poem," she said. "(This year) it wasn't as much of wanting to challenge myself as me not being able to choose between the two categories."

The poem, "She Doesn't Need to See a Menu," was written by 17-year-old Blythe Baird, who turned to poetry as an outlet for processing her eating disorder.

"She talks about feeling the need to fit — and to fit the model of a perfect person, which I relate to because I always find myself putting a lot of pressure on myself to be perfect," Ver Steeg said.

Her prose selection

Speech/continued on 8A



Eleven Luverne High School speech students received recognition Saturday at the Worthington Speech Invitational. The students who received honors from the first meet of the year included (front row, from left) Shane Berning, Julia Ferguson, (second row) Adriana Gonzalez, Cameron Wessels, (third) Sage Ver Steeg, Melanie Rittenhouse, Chance Tunnissen, (back) Xavier Carbonneau, Gunnar Oldre, Seno Chanthalangsy and Solveig Tofteland.

Team kicks off season with fourth-place finish

The Luverne speech team opened its 2018 season with a fourth-place team finish in Worthington on Saturday.

Twenty-eight Luverne members competed with approximately 260 other students from 18 different schools in the three rounds of competition.

Eleven Cardinal speakers received individual honors at the season's first event.

Trophies were given for first- through fifth-place finishes along with blue (one place from reaching the final round) and red (two places) ribbons.

Saturday's results were as follows: Seno Chanthalangsy, first, and Gunnar Oldre, red ribbon, in humorous interpretation; Solveig Tofteland and Seno Chanthalangsy, second, duo interpretation; Shane Berning, fourth, and Chance Tunnissen, sixth, extemporaneous speaking; Sage Ver Steeg, fourth, and Adriana Gonzalez, blue ribbon, poetry; Xavier Carbonneau, fourth, and Julia Ferguson, sixth, storytelling; Sage Ver Steeg, fifth, prose reading; Melanie Rittenhouse, red ribbon, discussion; and Cameron Wessels, red ribbon in creative expression.

The 2018 Cardinal team is comprised of over 40, seventh- through 11th-grade students and is being led by 13 juniors.

Captains for the 2018 season, voted on by their teammates, are Julia Ferguson, Lindsey Roemeling and Shane Berning.

The Cardinals compete next Saturday at the Pipestone Arrow Invitational.

1952: Kindergarten classes move to public library

The following article is from the March 20, 1952, edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

City Library May Be Used For Kindergarten Classes

Solution to the problem of where to put the estimated 90 kindergarten pupils when school resumes here next fall appeared nearer this week.

At present, the Luverne board of education is negotiating with the library board in the hope that library basement rooms may be rented by the school for kindergarten department.

According to Mrs. R.A. Sherman, library board secretary, the library board has consented to provide one basement room if it is satisfactory with the school board, and there is a possibility that a second room can be remodeled so that it would be suitable.

The grounds and building committee of the library board will meet soon with the maintenance committee of



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

the school board to determine what will be required to make the rooms suitable.

Large Increase Anticipated

This year, there are approximately 65 kindergarten pupils. This will mean three first grade sections again next year, and also three second grade sections. The only room into which the group can expand is into the kindergarten room at the grade school. This would mean that the kindergarten would either have to be abandoned, or other suitable quarters obtained. As the board has no intention of

discontinuing the department, steps were taken to determine if the library rooms could be made available.

With an anticipated enrollment of 90 in the department next year, it will mean the hiring of an additional teacher, according to Supt. H.G. Eitrem. Plans now under consideration are to hire one teacher on a half time basis, with one class being conducted in the forenoon and two in the afternoon, or vice versa.

Next Year, Then What?

While the board is quite

certain it has this year's problem solved, the members are already worrying about what steps they will have to take a year from next fall when they will encounter the same situation, and will perhaps have more difficulty in finding additional classroom space, outside the two school properties.

Although the board has met with architects in recent weeks, there is so much involved in setting up a building program such as will be required in Luverne that definite steps cannot be taken until such time as rural schools in the area have decided definitely what they intend to do about consolidation.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge has an opportunity to better lead the department. Rock County Commissioners approved the request Tuesday at their regular meeting.

Commissioner Ron Boyenga voted against the \$10,000 training cost, saying he thought Verbrugge and County Administrator Kyle Oldre, who handles human resources for the county, could handle department leaderships.

"I only went to school for law enforcement, obviously, so I need to learn the management aspect," Verbrugge said.

Boyenga said he believed something needed to be changed in the department, citing the fact that he has gotten more complaints about the department recently than in all his 24 years as commissioner.

25 years ago (1993)

•Whether the Rock County Law Enforcement Center is remodeled or rebuilt, the decision won't be popular, and it won't be cheap.

The building needs to be extensively remodeled, or a new building has to be built to meet handicap accessibility laws.

Commissioner Jane Wildung had spearheaded the discussion of the building. At the Board's Nov. 10 meeting, she presented preliminary drawings and cost estimates from Baldrige Architects and Engineers Inc., Sioux Falls. The cost of remodeling would be around \$500,000. Construction of a new building would be about \$600,000.

50 years ago (1968)

•Thieves got \$26 from Don's Grocery Store in Hills early Wednesday morning in a break-in and were disturbed while in the act of cracking the safe at the Hills Post Office.

Rock County Sheriff Ole Hommen said Mrs. Evelyn Urban, who lives in an apartment at the rear of the grocery store, heard a noise at 3 a.m. Wednesday and surprised a man who was in the back of the store when she opened the door adjoining a back room of the building. When she shouted, he ran and alerted his accomplice or accomplices who were in the post office.

75 years ago (1943)

•A class in wood working will begin at the local high school on Monday night, Feb. 8, according to L.H. Kohl, director. Another class in auto mechanics will begin at the Blinkman-Herman garage that same evening providing a few more students can be obtained, Mr. Kohl said.

100 years ago (1918)

•The seizure of intoxicating beverages on a wholesale scale was inaugurated during the past week in Rock County under orders issued by Sheriff J.E. Black, in accordance with the ruling of the Minnesota Commission of Public Safety, making all "dry" communities bone-dry.

The intoxicants secured in these raids are to be retained for thirty days. At the end of this period, all beer is to be destroyed, and this whiskey is to be forwarded to the army hospitals for medicinal purposes, or sold.

SCHOOL NEWS

LATI announces president's list

Kennedy Gonnerman, Luverne, has been named to the president's list at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, South Dakota, for the Fall 2017 semester. To be honored, full-time students must earn at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Kunkel earns degree at U of M Crookston

Connor Kunkel, Kenneth, graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston following the Fall 2017 semester with a Bachelor of Science in sport and recreation management.

USD Vermillion names honor students

Several area students have been named to the dean's list and the academics honors list at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, for the Fall 2017 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, students must be full time and earn at least a 3.5 GPA. For part-time students, those with fewer than 12 credit hours, the recognition is called academic honors.

Dean's List: From Adrian, Aaron Marsh and Shannon Klooster; from Beaver Creek, Andrew Crawford; from Ellsworth, Emily Chapa; from Hills, Ashley Esselink and Noah Holthaus;

from Luverne, Bailey Jacobsma, Joe Baustian, Mike Van Wyhe, Morgan Haugen and Tayler Hoogveen; from Magnolia, Hannah Mulder; from Steen, Jessica Sandbulte and Thea Richards.

Academic Honors: From Luverne, Kelsey Theesfeld, Maddie Stegenga and Paige Paquette.

Thorson named to St. Thomas dean's list

Dylan Thorson, Luverne, has been named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at St. Thomas University in St. Paul. To qualify, students must earn at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Thorson is the son of Curt and Caroline Thorson of Luverne.

Katherine Juhl earns degree at Northeast

Katherine Juhl completed her Associate of Arts degree at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska, at the end of the Fall 2017 semester and is eligible to participate in commencement exercises in May 2018.

Iowa Lakes announces fall dean's list

Katie Reisdorfer, Adrian, has been named to the fall honors list at Iowa Lakes Community College. To be eligible, students must earn at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

OBITUARIES

Kent Ringkob

Kent Arthur Ringkob, the son of Thomas and Esther (Hansen) Ringkob, was born on August 10, 1942 in Jackson, Minnesota. Kent was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Jackson. He attended Country School District 93 and Jackson High School,



where he served as Senior Class Vice-President and graduated in 1960. Kent attended Iowa State University in Ames, IA, and graduated Phi Kappa Phi with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science in 1964. He was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) fraternity.

In 1965, Kent was selected to be a young delegate for the International Farm Youth Exchange Program and lived in Finland for a year, learning about Finnish culture and life while being hosted by nine different families.

Kent then became a county agent through the University of Minnesota Extension Education Service and served in two Minnesota counties, Lyon County (1965-1968) and Rock County (1968-1976). He worked closely with 4-H youth programs, agricultural programs, and horticultural programs. He always said that being a county agent was his favorite job in life.

He was united in marriage to Debra (Debi) Boelman on September 4, 1971, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, MN. Kent and Debi were blessed with two children, John Eric Ringkob and Mark David Ringkob.

In the spring of 1976, Kent and Debi Ringkob moved to the Ringkob family farm northeast of Jackson, Minnesota. Kent managed the farm from 1976 to 2015, a responsibility he took seriously. Kent was a conscientious steward of the farmland, and he endeavored to protect his family's farm legacy in Jackson County.

Kent taught evening Adult Agricultural Classes at Minnesota West in Jackson, Minnesota, in 1976-77. He also served as an Entreprenuers 4-H Club leader and

a Peewee Softball coach, which provided many memorable days in Kent's life.

He served on the following boards throughout his lifetime, working with many talented people and having as a goal the common good of the Jackson community:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church: Pastoral Call Committee, Dedication Committee, Church Council, Youth Programs, Worship and Life Committee member, Sunday School teacher, Church Council Vice-President, and Council President.

Jackson County Farm Bureau Board member: As County President in 1981-85, Kent wrote the LDP resolution, which he presented at the Minnesota State Farm Bureau Convention. The resolution was adopted and subsequently presented at the National Farm Bureau Convention. Kent's work contributed to a significant change in American agriculture: from a government loan price to a free market system.

Jackson High School Board: JCC School Board member in 1990-1994; Negotiation Committee; Chairman of the School Board three times between 2006-2012.

AgStar Board of Directors from 2006-2012; Jackson County Corn and Soybean Growers Board member, serving in different levels of leadership; member of the I-90 Wind Power, LLC. Kent was proud of the four large wind towers on the Ringkob farm, providing energy to America.

Kent enjoyed traveling with his wife to interesting and far-flung international destinations: Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Finland, Russia, England, France, Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Iceland, Mexico and Canada. He also visited every state in the United States except West Virginia.

Kent fought over a seven-year battle with MDS (my-

elodysplastic syndrome) and received treatments through both the Mayo Clinic of Rochester and Fairmont and the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. In 2017 he became a part of a clinical trial at MD Anderson in Houston to help with the continuing research and development of a cure for the victims of MDS (bone marrow cancer). After Christmas 2017 the fight for a cure became too difficult for his body to handle and he entered hospice care at the Lakeview Methodist Care Center in Fairmont, Minnesota, on January 9, 2018. Kent passed away at the Lakeview Methodist Care Center on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the age of 75 years, 5 months, and 24 days.

Kent is survived by his wife of more than 46 years, Debi Ringkob, Jackson; two sons, John (Jeani) Ringkob of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and Mark (Jennifer) Ringkob of Edina, Minnesota; five grandchildren, Jacob, Leah, and Peter Ringkob of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, Benjamin and Andrew Ringkob of Edina, Minnesota; siblings, Kathleen Starrs of Littleton, Colorado, and Marita (Gene) Rouse of Huxley, Iowa; mother-in-law Goldie Boelman of Luverne, Minnesota; four sisters-in-law and spouses, Paula Ringkob of Reno, Nevada; Trudy Boelman of San Diego, California; Gail (Rick) Harmelink of Inwood, Iowa; and Jodie (Art) Schott of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; as well as eight nephews and four nieces.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Esther Ringkob; his sister, Mary Ringkob; brother, Thomas Paul Ringkob; father-in-law, Marvin Boelman, and brother-in-law, James Starrs.

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Kent Ringkob at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Jackson during the summer of 2018, with a date yet to be determined.

Arrangements for this service will be handled by Osterberg Funeral Home of Jackson, Minnesota.

Blessed be the memory of Kent Arthur Ringkob. (0208 V)

Bernard Heikes

Bernard John "Bernie" Heikes, 73, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.



A private family committal with military honors will be at a later date at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. A celebration of Bernie's life will also be at a later date in Luverne.

Bernard Heikes was born on May 31, 1944, to John and Nellie (Wiekling) Heikes in Luverne. Bernie was raised in Luverne and graduated from high school in 1962. He then enlisted into the United States Marine Corp until his honorable discharge in 1965.

On March 30, 1968, Bernie married Cheryl Iveland at Grace Lutheran Church in

Luverne. The couple made their home in Luverne and raised their two children. Bernie began working at Land O' Lakes and worked his way up through the company over the next 30 years. He then served as plant manager for Great Plains Processing for 12 years, retiring from work in 2007.

Bernie was a member of the Luverne Eagles Club. Throughout the years he enjoyed bowling, riding motorcycle, golfing, gambling and playing pinocle. His favorite word was "free." Those who knew him well will remember him for wearing his Nike clothing and always talking smart and having fun.

Bernie is survived by his

wife, Cheryl; two daughters, Kari (Jim) Easterly of Arvada, Colorado, and Krista (Michael) Sweeney of St. Paul; three grandchildren, Abby and Kate Easterly, and Kyleigh Sweeney; a sister, Arlinda Akkerman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and brothers and sisters-in-law Bryce and Sue Iveland of Little Falls, Ernie Byerly of Cross Lake, Maxine and Burdette DePauw of McHenry, Illinois, and Dawn and Dan Petersen of Luverne; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Juanita Marking; a nephew, Jon Marking; a sister-in-law, Valere Byerly; and his in-laws, Boyd and Evelyn Iveland.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0208 F)

Marguerite Hoh

Marguerite Anne Hoh, 100, Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, at the Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.



A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 3, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Marguerite Norton was born Sept. 24, 1917, to Floyd and Sara (Thomas) Norton in Magnolia Township. She attended Country School District #6 through seventh grade. She attended Luverne High School and graduated in 1934.

On May 29, 1939, Marguerite married Barney Hoh. They worked on the Lawrence Willers farm in Luverne Township until 1943 when

they purchased their farm in Magnolia Township. Barney died in 1983 and Marguerite moved into Luverne in 1984. In 2007 Marguerite moved into The Oaks in Luverne. In March 2015 she moved to the Mary Jane Brown Nursing Home in Luverne.

Marguerite and Barney raised crops on their farm. Marguerite helped with chores, gardening and canning. After moving to Luverne, she was active with the Hannah Circle at the United Methodist Church and organized the work groups for funerals, weddings and the Band Festival. She enjoyed bus tours throughout the country. Marguerite lived in Rock County her entire life. She was the fourth generation to live on or near farmland originally

homesteaded by her ancestors.

Marguerite is survived by four children, Mary (Larry) Hawes, Beaver Creek, Bill (Patty) Hoh, Excelsior, Dorothy DeGroot, Spencer, Iowa, and Jim (Rachelle) Hoh, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; nine grandchildren, Mark (Maria) Hawes, Sheri (Jon) Finke, Laura (Jay) Fritze, Michael (Stacy) Hoh, Aaron (Amanda) Hoh, Jeremy Hoh, Megan DeGroot, Nicki DeGroot and Jud (Graciela) DeGroot; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Robert; her sister and brother-in-law, May and Everett Wharton, and her parents.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com. (0208 F)

Louise Stegemann

Louise Hulda Stegemann, 99, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial will follow in the Beaver Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Louise Hins was one of a set of triplets born to Emanuel and Hulda (Koenig) Hins on Oct. 6, 1918, on a farm near Parkston, South Dakota, where she was raised and attended school. She was baptized in November 1918 and confirmed in June 1933 at Zion Congregational Church in Parkston. After graduation from Parkston High School, she and her sisters attended Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing. Two weeks before graduation her sister Lois passed away. Louise completed her nurse's training and became employed at Midway Hospital in St. Paul.

On Jan. 31, 1942, she married Fred Stegemann at the Zion Congregational Church. Following their marriage, they lived on a farm near Beaver Creek where they raised their seven children and Louise helped on the farm.

In 1961 she began doing some private duty nursing at both Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls and at the hospital in Luverne. Fred died on May 31, 1992. After Fred's death, Louise continued working as a nurse through home health care. She moved off the farm and into Luverne in April 2010. In March 2017 she became a resident at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Louise was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek where she served as elder, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and was active in the Presbyterian Women and Deborah Circle. She volunteered her time as a 4-H leader when her children were younger. She enjoyed working on jumble puzzles,

playing Scrabble, and reading. Louise loved canning the produce from her vegetable garden, and she was famous for her baby dill pickles and apple pies. She was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Timberwolves.

She is survived by seven children, Duane (Tedde) Stegemann of Marsing, Idaho, Dianne (Butch) Hamann of Luverne, Donna (Rick) Zoellner of Beaver Creek, Linda (Dean) Wenzel of Luverne, William "Bill" (Gayle) Stegemann of Beaver Creek, Ellen (Doug) Olson of Beaver Creek, and Brenda (Randy) VanMaanen of Hills; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Lillian Fuerst and Beverly Weiss, both of Parkston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; a granddaughter, Amy Lynn Hamann; a great-granddaughter, Ashley; her parents; two sisters, Lois Hins and Janus (Clarence) Roth; and two brothers-in-law, Ruben Fuerst and Raymond Weiss.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0208 F)

Martha 'Marte' Vanderberg

Martha Jean "Marte" Vanderberg, 84, Luverne, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, at Sanford Luverne Hospital.



A funeral service was Monday, Feb. 5, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors was at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Martha Canton was born on Feb. 16, 1933, to James and Helen (Connell) Canton in East Liverpool, Ohio. She received her education in the East Liverpool public school system and graduated from high school in 1950. Upon graduation, Marte worked for East Ohio Supply until joining the United States Marine Corps in 1955. Marte went through boot camp in Parris Island, South Carolina, and was transferred to the Marine Corps Supply Depot in San Francisco, California. While there, Marte met Jim Vanderberg, and they were married on June 30, 1956, in Reno, Nevada.

Upon Marte's honorable discharge, the couple

moved to rural Jasper, where they farmed and raised their three children, Joe, Al and Pat. In 1962 the family moved to Luverne where Marte continued to raise their children. Marte operated a day care until she became employed as a teacher's aide

in the Luverne Elementary School. She enjoyed the opportunity of shaping young people's lives for the next 24 years. In 1990 she received the honor of "Friend of Education." On July 13, 2017, Marte became a resident at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Marte was baptized and confirmed at Saint Ann's Catholic Church in East Liverpool. She joined the LCMS and was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Jasper. Marte currently was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was an avid reader and regularly attended the Rock County Library in Luverne. She enjoyed watching Cardinal sports for many years

and even received the "Fan of the Year" award. She was also an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. Marte loved the six winter vacations that she spent in Maui with Jim, a sister and friends. Her health limited her travel later in life, but she enjoyed many years having morning coffee at McDonald's with the "girls."

Marte is survived by her husband, Jim; two sons, Joe (Melinda) Vanderberg of Arlington, Texas, and Al (Carla) Vanderberg of Spencer, Iowa; a son-in-law, Steve Smedsrud of Luverne; a sister, Ruth Keys of East Liverpool; two brothers, Jack (Deborah) Canton of Massillon, Ohio, and Bob Canton of Salem, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Brady Vanderberg, Casey Vanderberg, Zach Vanderberg, Caroline Vanderberg, Tony Smedsrud, Kynzie Smedsrud, and Chaz Smedsrud. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pat Smedsrud in 2016; her parents; a brother, Jim (Emma) Canton; and a brother-in-law, Ronald Keys.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0208 F)

Dick Richters

Dick Edward Richters, 79, Luverne, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



A funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Dick Richters was born on Aug. 17, 1938, to Diedrich "Dick" and Edna (Winter) Richters in Luverne. He was raised on the family farm just south of Luverne and attended country school through the eighth grade. Dick then went to work right away as a farmhand for a neighbor. When he turned 17 and passed his commercial driver's test, he went to work for Farmer's Union Co-op in Luverne.

On Sept. 9, 1961, Dick married Carol Overgaard at Zion Lutheran Church in

Luverne. The couple lived in Luverne until Feb. 1, 1963, when they moved to a farm six miles south of town where they lived for 55 years. Dick's passion was farming; he first began working with his father and later with his sons. Throughout

the years he did custom field work, corn shelling and mixed his own feed. Dick formally retired in 2007 but enjoyed helping out and working as a handyman for his children, grandchildren and good friends on an array of projects. He especially enjoyed working with his good friend, Roger Vogt.

Dick was a former member of Zion Lutheran Church. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in

Luverne. Dick enjoyed bowling in his early years. He also enjoyed square dancing, rarely missing a dance. Dick enjoyed putting together puzzles in his free time.

Dick is survived by his wife, Carol; eight children, Rick (Lynn) Richters of Luverne, Randy (Paulette) Richters of Luverne, Ron Richters of Worthington, Rodney (Laura) Richters of Luverne, Sherry (Steve) Paulsen of Steen, Kari (Jim) Kueter of Hills, Ryan (Connie) Richters of Hudson, South Dakota, and Susan (Tony) Lund of Canton, South Dakota; 25 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Larry (Bette) of Sauk Centre and Roger (Charyl) of Outing; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Luverne housing development/continued from 1A

owner-occupied, rental and affordable housing.

The study looked at the demand over the next five years, but it was completed before tru-Shrimp announced it will open in 2019 with more than 100 jobs, which means there's an immediate housing need for far more than the study suggests.

Local Realtors confirm the housing market is tight and

there are very few vacancies in Luverne's current apartments and rental units.

City leaders are doing what they can to improve options.

"Housing over the next five to 10 years is going to be a challenge," City Administrator John Call said.

The newest round of housing construction may begin as early as this spring along South

Highway 75 on the former Sharkee's lot.

The Towne Square mixed use commercial and residential development calls for 27 rental units, both one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Additional housing is in the works along the west edge of Luverne on 30 city-owned acres between West Main Street and Dodge Street.

Some of that ground will be used for Phase 2 Loop development along Poplar Creek, but the rest will be designated for housing, possibly representing \$8 to \$10 million in new construction.

Construction will be limited to the higher ground, because about a third of the property is in flood plain.

According to Call, it's too early to say what type of housing will go there.

"It could be single family homes, apartments or twin homes," he said. "The types of housing that would meet our housing needs."

Public support for private development

The city often prepares land for future housing development, because private contractors in smaller communities don't have long-term resources to support that investment. "Our main role as the city is to get land and utilities ready for private developers," Call said.

He said investing public resources in land preparation encourages private builders who wouldn't otherwise profit after necessary upfront investments.

This allows contractors to offer housing at more affordable rates that can be supported by the salaries local employees are earning. If the city pays for land, utilities and infrastructure, developers have incentive to build housing that's in demand.

The last time the city got involved in apartment building was 20 years ago when 29 market rate units were built in the Evergreen and Veterans additions.

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doesn't have the same personal meaning.

"Don't Tell Mommy" by Toni Maguire is an autobiographical story about her sexual abuse by her father from age 6 into her mid teens.

"I was getting down to the wire on time and found one that I thought I could portray well enough to do well this year," she said.

Chanthalangsy's choice to do two speech categories was about helping his friend Solveig Tofteland join the speech team.

"She said she would only join speech if we did it together," Chanthalangsy said.

They perform "Marriage Counselor" by Joey Oulette in the duo interpretation category.

The selection fits their personalities.

"She's really sassy and I get annoyed by her a lot," Chanthalangsy said.

The second-year speech participant also performed "Bursting" by Andy Griffiths for his humorous interpretation selection.

Performing in two speech categories means Ver Steeg and Chanthalangsy stand in front of the judges twice as many times as any other participant through six rounds instead of three.

"It's so busy my throat just hurts because I do so much shouting," Chanthalangsy said.

Because of the rigor, some meets do not allow dual entry by participants. By sub-sections both Ver Steeg and Chanthalangsy will have to decide which selection they will perform for possible advancement to the state speech tournament.

The 2018 speech schedule is:

- Saturday, Feb. 10: Pipestone.
- Thursday, Feb. 15: Luverne Junior High meet.
- Saturday, Feb. 17: Redwood Falls.
- Thursday, Feb. 22: Tracy Junior High meet.
- Saturday, Feb. 24: Adrian.
- Saturday, March 3: Luverne.
- Monday, March 5: Adrian Junior High meet.
- Saturday, March 10: Montevideo.
- Thursday, March 15: Big South Conference, New Ulm.
- Saturday, March 24: Marshall.
- Tuesday, April 3: Sub-section, Adrian.
- Saturday, April 14: Sections, Marshall.
- Saturday, April 21: State speech tournament, Apple Valley.

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Patriot boys even score with Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team avenged a loss to Adrian earlier in the season when the teams met in Hills Thursday.

H-BC, which came up on the short end of a 71-53 decision when the teams played in Adrian Jan. 2, came out on the winning end of a 76-66 tally in the rematch.

It was the first time the Patriots won consecutive games this season.

The Patriots received an outstanding individual effort from Preston Wilhelmi during the victory.

Wilhelmi was sensational in the game, scoring 40 points, collecting five rebounds and charting three steals and three assists.

Dawson Leenderts led the Patriots with eight rebounds, while Jax Wysong registered three assists.

Ryan Wieneke turned in a 28-point, eight-rebound, three-assist effort for Adrian.

Brady Henning netted 12 points, Christian Weidert passed for four assists and Lance Luettel grabbed five rebounds for the Dragons.

H-BC sported a 36-35 edge at the intermission before outscoring AHS 40-31 in the second half to win by 10.

Box score

Adrian
Weidert 3 0 1-17, John 1 0 0-02, Wieneke 3 6 4-5 28, Henning 0 4 0-0 12, Reyne 0 0 2-2 2, Stamer 1 1 0-0 5, Polzine 3 0 2-4 8, Luettel 1 0 0-2 2.

H-BC

Harnack 1 0 0-0 2, Leenderts 1 0 0-1 2, Westrum 1 1 1-2 6, Wilhelmi 7 6 8-8 40, Bork 2 0 0-0 4, Kueter 2 1 1-2 8, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Susie 2 0 1-1 5, Wysong 3 0 3-6 9.

Team statistics

Adrian: 23 of 62 field goals (37 percent), nine of 14 free throws (64 percent), 24 rebounds, seven turnovers.

H-BC: 27 of 47 field goals (57 percent), 14 of 20 free throws (70 percent), 24 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0208 hockey 10

Luverne senior defenseman Trey Roberts impedes the path to the net for New Ulm's Jack Strong during Thursday's hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Roberts registered two assists during a 5-0 victory.

Girls split games to cap 15-8-2 regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team wrapped up a 15-8-2 regular season by splitting a pair of Big South Conference games last week.

The Cardinals posted a six-goal win in Worthington Jan. 30 before falling by five goals in New Ulm Friday.

Luverne opens the Section 3A Tournament Thursday.

NU 5, Luverne 0

Luverne finished BSC play with an 8-5-1 record after taking a five-goal setback from the Eagles in New Ulm Friday.

The Eagles dominated the game by outshooting the Cardinals 35-8 to finish league play with a 14-0 mark.

New Ulm assumed control of the contest by scoring three goals in the first period.

Madeline Gag netted an unassisted tally 4:02 into the

game and Ashtyn Wiltscheck made it 2-14:39 later when she recorded a short-handed goal.

Ali Beltz scored the final three goals of the game for the Eagles, including one that came with 1:53 remaining in the first period to up the lead to 3-0.

Beltz registered her second goal 36 seconds into the second period before completing a hat trick with 12:45 remaining in the third period.

Emilie Bartels turned in a 30-save effort for the Cards, while Cassie Reed stopped all eight shots she faced in net for the Eagles.

Luverne 6, WHS 0

The Cardinals collected their eighth conference win of the season when they skated to a six-goal victory in Worthing-

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Luverne locks up BSC crown

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team locked up the Big South Conference championship by winning three league games in seven days.

The Cardinals rolled to an eight-goal win in Worthington Jan. 30 before besting New Ulm by five goals Thursday in Luverne.

LHS completed the stretch by skating to a seven-goal victory in Windom Monday.

The 17-5 Cardinals play in Marshall Friday.

Luverne 9, Windom 2

The Cardinals clinched the conference championship after besting the Eagles by seven goals Monday in Windom.

The game was a tight contest with LHS leading 1-0 after 17 minutes of play, but the Cardinals erupted for seven goals in the final two periods to win handily.

Kasyn Kruse and Declan

Beers sparked an LHS offense that sported a 33-24 advantage in shots on goal in the game by scoring three and two goals respectively.

Beers scored the lone goal of the first period 3:12 into the game.

Kruse made it a 2-0 contest six minutes into the second period, but Windom's Mikal Anderson netted a power-play tally with 9:52 remaining in the stanza to make it a 2-1 difference.

LHS assumed control of the contest by scoring five unanswered goals in the final 9:05 of the second period.

Kruse ignited the rally 7:55 into the stanza before Gaige Nath made it 4-1 with 6:59 remaining in the period.

Kruse capped his hat trick at the 6:14 mark, and Jim Erickson netted a power-play goal and Mark Sterrett added another tally in the final 1:47 of the stanza to up the lead to 7-1.

Beers scored his second goal of the game 42 seconds into the third period, but Eli Becker countered for Windom with 11:44 left to play.

Mason Steensma scored the final goal of the game for LHS with 3:25 remaining.

Trey Roberts turned in a three-assist effort for the Cards, who received two assists from Nath and Nick Harder.

Coy Gonnerman, Sterrett, Kruse, Colby Crabtree and Tyler Roberts added one assist each to the winning cause.

Daniel Tofteland stopped 13 of the 14 shots he faced in net during the first two periods of the game before giving way to Max Skattum, who made nine saves in 10 attempts during the third period.

Luverne 5, NU 0

The Cardinals completed a sweep of their season series with the Eagles when they bested New Ulm by five goals

at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

Luverne erupted for four goals in the game's first period and the Cardinals never lost control of the contest with Tofteland recording a 23-save shutout in goal.

Luverne's first two shots of the game resulted in goals as Harder and Nath both found the net in the first 53 seconds of the game.

Crabtree added a goal with 13:19 remaining and Beers registered an unassisted tally with 6:47 remaining in the stanza to cap Luverne's four-goal period.

Beers' second unassisted tally of the game came 20 seconds into the third period, and it completed the scoring in the contest.

LHS sported a 35-23 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0208 wrestling 5

Adrian's Logan Sherer prepares to sling Luverne's Jamie McCarthy to the mat during a Jan. 30 wrestling match in Luverne. Sherer recorded a pin to help the Dragons post a 39-27 win.

Late forfeits lift Dragons over Cardinal wrestlers Jan. 30

By John Rittenhouse

A close wrestling match between Adrian and Luverne fell in favor of the Dragons due to a bevy of forfeits late in the contest Jan. 30 in Luverne.

Luverne sported a 27-21 advantage after winning five of the first 10 matches staged on the mat.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they ran out of wrestlers at that point.

William White-McEliece, Beau Bullerman and Scot Edwards drew forfeits for AHS late in the match to lift the Dragons to a 39-27 victory.

Isaac Bullerman (1:18 over Justyce Ripka) and Logan Sherer (3:58 over Jamie McCarthy) registered pins for AHS, which posted its fourth win of the campaign.

Logan Taylor (9-2 over Riley Cowell), Jesus Anaya (9-3 over Braydon Ripka) and Preston Nelson (7-1 over Dalton DeSollar) also won matches for the Dragons.

Luverne received pins from Zach Bradley (3:20 over Brody Loosbrock), Tucker Oeltjenbruns (53 seconds over Brent Hokeness) and Tom Brown (43 seconds over Max Lehmann).

Jed Dooyema won by injury default for the Cards, while Jayden Renken notched a 5-3 victory over Chandler Combs.

Match wrap-up

106 (A) Taylor 9-0 Cowell.
113 (A) Anaya 9-3 B. Ripka.
120 (A) Bullerman pins J. Ripka.
126 (L) Bradley pins Loosbrock.
132 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Hokeness.
138 (A) Sherer pins McCarthy.
145 (A) Nelson 7-1 DeSollar.
152 (L) Dooyema by default.
160 (L) Renken 5-3 Combs.
170 (L) Brown pins Lehmann.
170 (L) White-McEliece by forfeit.
195 (A) Bullerman by forfeit.
220 (A-L) open.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

Cards win three of four games

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team experienced its most successful week of the 2017-18 season by winning three of four games in a seven-day span.

After losing a 19-point decision in Worthington Jan. 30, LHS bounced back to record victories over Heron Lake-Okabena, St. James and Flandreau Indian School.

The 5-15 Cardinals will seek their fourth consecutive victory when they play Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls Friday.

Luverne 66, FIS 62

The Cardinals extended their longest run of wins this season to three consecutive victories with a hard-fought conquest Monday in Flandreau, South Dakota.

LHS and the Flandreau Indian School exchanged blows most of the night.

Fortunately for the Cardinals, they managed to outscore FIS in both halves to secure a four-point victory.

LHS led 32-30 at halftime and sported a 34-32 scoring cushion in the second half.

Eli Haugom (18 points) and Cole Claussen (16 points and eight rebounds) led the Cards offensively.

Derek Lundgren charted three steals for the winners.

Box score

Robinson 1 2 0-0 8, Lundgren 1 0 6-7 8, Claussen 6 0 4-4 16, Terry 0 0 1-2 1, Jacobsma 2 0 3-4 7, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Siebenahler 3 0 2-2 8, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 9 0 0-0 18.

Team statistics

Luverne: 24 of 46 field goals (52 percent), 16 of 19 free throws (84 percent), 27 rebounds, eight turnovers.



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Junior guard Brayden Jacobsma came off the bench to score 14 points during Friday's home win over St. James.

FIS: 23 of 62 field goals (37 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 34 rebounds, six turnovers.

Luverne 73, SJ 62

The Cardinals won consecutive games for the first time this season when they defeated the Saints by 11 points in Luverne Friday.

St. James sported leads in the first half and trailed by a single point with 8:36 left to play, but the Cardinals answered all challenges to secure their fourth victory of the campaign.

LHS scored the first four points of the game only to fall

behind by five points (17-12) when the Saints went on a 17-8 run in the first eight minutes of the contest.

The Cards battled back to knot the score at 19 before going on a 20-8 run capped by a field goal from Lundgren that gave LHS a 39-27 lead it would take into the second stanza.

After the Saints trimmed the difference to nine points (39-30) early in the second half, the Cards responded with a 7-0 spurt that gave them a 46-30 cushion when

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John Rittenhouse photo/0208 wrestling 8

Luverne senior Jayden Renken posted one of his team's five victories during a Jan. 30 home wrestling match against Adrian.

Cardinals fall twice in Lambertton

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team endured a rough experience at the Wabasso-Rock Central Triangular in Lambertton Thursday.

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a combined score of 149-3 during a pair of losses at the event.

Fairmont-Martin County West handed the Cards a 79-0 setback in the first match.

W-RRC topped LHS 70-3 in the finale.

Luverne's lone win game from Tom Brown, who edged W-RRC's Damian Osland 8-7 in the second match.

The 1-12 Cardinals wrap up the regular season at the Morris Area Individual Tournament Saturday.

Match wrap-ups
 F-MCW 79, Luverne 0
 106 (F) Jagodzinske by forfeit.
 113 (J) Jagodzinske pins B.Ripka.
 120 (F) Rohman by forfeit.
 126 (F) Simmonds by forfeit.
 132 (F) Steuber 8-0 Oeltjenbruns.
 138 (F) Joyner by forfeit.
 145 (F) Wolter by forfeit.
 152 (F) Fitzgerald by forfeit.
 160 (F) Anderson 6-3 Renken.
 170 (F) Lange pins Brown.
 182 (F) Stueber by forfeit.
 195 (F) Rahn by forfeit.
 220 (F) Hernandez by forfeit.
 285 (F) Tordsen by forfeit.

W-RRC 70, Luverne 3
 106 (W) Irlbeck by forfeit.
 113 (W) Mathiowetz by forfeit.
 120 (W) Benz pins Baumberger.
 126 (W) Welch pins J.Ripka.
 132 (W) Hesse pins Oeltjenbruns.
 138 (W) Martin pins McCarthy.
 145 (W) Wagner by forfeit.
 152 (W-L) open.
 160 (W) Schroeppfer 14-3 Renken.
 170 (L) Brown 8-7 Osland.
 182 (W) Altermatt by forfeit.
 195 (W) Werner by forfeit.
 220 (W) Schmiesing by forfeit.
 285 (W) Jacobson by forfeit.

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ton Jan. 30.

Regan Bork recorded a hat trick to lead an LHS squad that outshot the Trojans 43-14 in the game, and Bartels produced a 14-save shutout in goal to highlight the victory.

Luverne gained control of the game with a three-goal first period featuring tallies from three different players.

Billi Connell opened the scoring 58 seconds into the game, and Brynn Thier made it 2-0 when she scored with 10:29 remaining in the stanza.

Bork capped the three-goal first period with an unassisted tally that came with 5:34 left.

Kamryn Van Batavia upped the lead to 4-0 with an unassisted goal that came with 2:45 remaining in the second period.

Bork found the net twice in the first 5:23 of the third period to cap the scoring.

Van Batavia, Lexi Henrichs, Shelby Kracht and Claire Baustian contributed one assist each to the winning cause.

Eagles roll over Ellsworth boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys were unable to upset Red Rock Conference basketball power Southwest Christian when the teams squared off in Ellsworth Thursday.

EHS played well early and sported a 17-15 edge in the first half before the Eagles went on a 23-2 run to open a 38-19 cushion at halftime.

SWC went on to outscore the Panthers 35-17 in the second half to complete a 73-36 victory.

Brandon Kramer tossed in 17 points to lead EHS in scoring. Noah Kruse recorded five assists for the Panthers.

Box score
 Kruse 0 0 1-3 1, S.Boltjes 1 0 1-2 3, K.Boltjes 2 0 0-0 4, Jansma 0 1 0-0 3, S.Kramer 0 1 0-0 3, B.Kramer 4 1 6-8 17, Buntjer 2 0 1-1 5.

Gymnasts serve up win to LHS parents

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal gymnasts celebrated Parents Night by posting a victory over the Marshall Tigers Thursday in Luverne.

With a pair of Cardinal athletes winning event titles to highlight the evening, Luverne notched a 130.875-128.65 win to snap a three-meet losing skid.

Meghan Witte and Samantha Pierce played key roles in the victory, which was Luverne's second Big South Conference conquest of the winter.

Along with claiming the beam championship with a score of 8.6, White placed second on the vault (8.8), bars (8.05) and floor (8.9) as well as in the all-around competition (34.35).

Pierce, who captured the vault title with a 9.0 effort, placed second on the beam (8.5) and third on the floor (8.85).

Luverne's Anna Huisman placed fourth on the bars and floor with respective 7.3 and 8.65 tallies.

Saphi McFarquar had a big night for the Tigers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0208 gym 2

Junior Melissa Teal and the Luverne Cardinal gymnastics team scored a season-high 130.875 points during a home win over Marshall Thursday. The victory was Luverne's sixth of the season.

Along with winning the floor (9.15) and bars (8.7) titles, McFarquar emerged as the all-around champion with a 34.9 tally.

Luverne, 6-9 overall and 2-3

in the BSC, caps the regular season with a league meet in Windom Thursday.

Individual scores
 Vault: Pierce, 9.0; Witte, 8.8; Melissa Teal, 8.6; Huisman, 8.6; Meghan Moll-

berg, 8.5.
 Beam: Witte, 8.6; Pierce, 8.5; Madigan Flom, 7.925; Huisman, 7.85; Mollberg, 6.7.
 Bars: Witte, 8.05; Huisman, 7.3; Teal, 6.775; Pierce, 6.7; Flom, 6.225.
 Floor: Witte, 8.9; Pierce, 8.85; Huisman, 8.65; Mollberg, 7.875; Flom, 7.675.

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Claussen buried a field goal at the 15:44 mark.

St. James, however, countered with a 24-9 run to close the gap to one point (55-54) with 8:36 left to play.

LHS regained its composure and went on an 18-8 run capped by Brayden Jacobsma sinking one free throw with 21 seconds left to cap an 11-point conquest.

Riley Siebenahler (19 points, five rebounds and four steals) and Jacobsma (14 points and three assists) led LHS statistically.

Lundgren added five steals to the cause.

Box score
 Robinson 2 1 0-0 7, Lundgren 2 0 4-6 8, Bartels 1 0 2-2 4, Claussen 4 0 0-0 8, Terry 0 0 0-0 0, Jacobsma 1 1 9-13 14, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Siebenahler 6 14-12 19, Bierman 1 1 0-0 5, Haugom 3 0 2-2 8.

Team statistics
 Luverne: 24 of 41 field goals (59 percent), 21 of 35 free throws (60 percent), 23 rebounds, five turnovers.
 St. James: 21 of 38 field goals (55 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent).



John Rittenhouse photo/0208 lbb 5

Luverne junior Carter Stemper delivers a pass to a cutting teammate during Friday's home game against St. James. Luverne posted a 73-62 win over the Saints.

Luverne 73, HL-O 46

The Cardinals snapped a 10-game losing streak when they rolled to a 27-point victory over the Wildcats in Okabena Thursday.

Luverne exploded for 49 points in the first half and never lost control of the contest to post their first win since Dec. 22 and third victory of the season.

Luverne's big first half left the Cardinals sporting a 28-point (49-21) cushion at the intermission.

HL-O sported a 25-24 scoring edge in the second half,

but the Wildcats were unable to climb back into contention.

Lundgren, Claussen and Isaiah Bartels tossed in 12 points each to lead the Cards in scoring.

No team or individual statistics were available from this game.

Box score
 Robinson 3 0 0-0 6, Cowell 1 0 2-2 4, Lundgren 3 1 3-5 12, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 6 0 0-0 12, Claussen 5 0 2-4 12, Terry 1 0 0-0 2, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 2 2-2 8, Siebenahler 3 0 1-2 7, Golla 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 1 0 0-1 2, Pradana 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 4 0 0-0 8.

WHS 73, Luverne 54

The Cardinals took their 10th consecutive setback when they squared off against the Trojans in Worthington Jan. 30.

Worthington opened a 39-29 lead in the game's first half and outscored the Cards 34-25 in the second half to prevail by 19 points.

Claussen (13 points) and Lundgren (12 points and four steals) led Luverne offensively.

Siebenahler and Haugom pulled down eight rebounds each for the Cards.

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

Team statistics
 Luverne: 17 of 46 field goals (37 percent), 18 of 27 free throws (67 percent), 23 rebounds, five turnovers.
 Worthington: 27 of 65 field goals (60 percent), 15 of 18 free throws (83 percent), 18 rebounds, one turnover.

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Cardinals crush St. James in hoops Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team broke even when it played a pair of home games last week.

Worthington nipped the Cardinals by one point Jan. 30, but LHS bounced back to pound St. James by 52 points Friday.

Luverne ended the stretch with an 11-10 record.

Luverne 68, SJ 16

The Cardinals notched their 11th win of the season by crushing the Saints by 52 points Friday in Luverne.

LHS rolled to a 45-7 lead in the first half and outscored St. James 23-9 in the second half to complete a rout.

After the Saints scored the first two points of the game, the Cardinals went on a 27-0 run to gain a 25-point advantage (27-2) when Gabrielle Ferrell converted a field goal at the 10:02 mark of the first half.

The Cards continued to pad their lead the rest of the half and the hosts led by 38 (45-7) when Joci Oye canned a three-point shot with one second remaining to cap the scoring in the first half.

LHS scored the first eight points of the second half to open a 53-7 lead and erase any thoughts of a rally by the Saints.

The Cards led by as many as 56 points (64-8) before settling with a 52-point win at game's end.

Rachel Oftedahl tossed in 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the winners, while Mallory Thorson netted 13 points and collected six caroms.

Box score
Baustian 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 2 0 0-0 4, Ver Steeg 0 0 3-4 3, Oye 2 1 0-0 7, Anderson 3 0 3-3 9, Thorson 4 0 5-5 13, Oftedahl 6 0 1-1 13, Sweeney 2 0 0-0 4, Staefler 0 0 0-2 0, Petersen 2 0 2-2 6, Ferrell 2 0 0-0 4, Hadler 1 1 0-1 5.



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Luverne senior Rachel Oftedahl turned in a 13-point, eight-rebound performance during Friday's 68-16 home win over the St. James Saints. It was Luverne's 11th win of the season.

Team statistics
Luverne: 26 of 50 field goals (52 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 10 rebounds, five turnovers.
SJ: five of 25 free throws (20 percent), six of 14 free throws (43 percent), 10 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

WHS 66, Luverne 65

The Cardinals put up a good fight before falling by one point to the Trojans Jan. 30 in Luverne.

LHS, which faced a number of deficits of 10 points or more

in the game, trailed 32-28 at halftime.

The Cards still trailed by four (66-62) when Worthington sank a pair of free throws late in the contest before hitting a three-point shot with three seconds left to make it a one-point difference at game's end.

Thorson (17 points, 10 rebounds and five steals), Mackenzie Petersen (17 points) and Jadyn Anderson (12 points) played strong offensive games

for LHS.

Oye added three assists to the cause.

Box score
Schmuck 2 0 3-4 7, Ver Steeg 0 0 0-0 0, Oye 2 1 0-0 7, Anderson 3 1 3-6 12, Thorson 8 0 1-1 17, Oftedahl 0 0 1-2 1, Petersen 3 2 5-5 17, Ferrell 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Luverne: 24 of 39 field goals (62 percent), 13 of 18 free throws (72 percent), 26 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
Worthington: 23 of 58 field goals (61 percent), 15 of 21 free throws (71 percent), 17 rebounds, three turnovers.

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Trey Roberts led the hosts with two assists, while Gonnerman, Tyler Roberts and Tyler Reisdorfer finished the contest with one assist each.

Luverne 9, WHS 1

The Cardinals rolled to a convincing eight-goal victory when they took on the Trojans in Worthington Jan. 30.

Luverne scored six goals in the first period and outshot WHS 68-12 during the contest.

Beers scored four goals and Kruse recorded a hat trick to highlight the win for the Cards.

Beers scored twice in the first 11:57 of the game and capped Luverne's six-goal opening stanza.

Crabtree, Kruse and Sterrett scored one goal each in a span of 38 seconds in the final five minutes of the first period to help give the Cards control of the game.

Worthington's Eric Heidebrink snapped Luverne's six-goal run when he scored 3:32 into the second period, but Beers and Kruse netted one goal each 16 seconds apart in the final three minutes of the period to make it an 8-1 game.

Kruse capped the scoring in the contest when he completed his hat trick with 6:57 left in the third period.

Sterrett and Nath recorded three and two assists respectively, while Steensma, Trey



John Rittenhouse photo/0209 hockey 9

Luverne junior forward Mark Sterrett controls the puck in the offensive zone during Thursday's home game against New Ulm. The Cards skated to a 5-0 win over the Eagles.

Roberts, Crabtree and Austin Watts-Boll chipped in one assist each.

Tofteland stopped nine of

the 10 shots he faced in goal during the first two periods of the game before giving way to Colton Schutz, who registered

two saves in the third period for the Cardinals.

Trierweiler wins twice at U.S. Open

A 12-year old athlete from Luverne did more than hold her own at the United States Open Tae Kwon Do Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Perceyis Trierweiler, a Luverne sixth-grader, won two of three sparring challenges and placed among the top six finishers in the Cadet Division's lightweight bracket for female athletes between the ages of 12-14.

The event was staged at the Westgate Hotel and Casino last week, and Trierweiler is one of 25 competitors who tested her skills in the division on Jan. 30.

Trierweiler is becoming a seasoned athlete in terms of competition at the national level.

She made an appearance at the 2017 Tae Kwon Do National Championships in Detroit, Michigan, in July.

That experience paid off for her last week in Nevada, where she defeated two entries before losing a bout in the third round.

Perceyis defeated an entry from Norway (Martine Rognaldsen) 9-1 in the opening round before posting a 17-6 win over fellow American Shea Scarborough in the second round.

Her wins were followed by a 19-9 loss to American Eden King, who happens to be the athlete who defeated Trierweiler at the Nationals last summer.

According to Kathy Hawes, Perceyis' mother, the overall experience was a positive one for the athlete.

"She won that first match against the girl from Nor-

way and you could see her confidence grow," Hawes stated.

"When she won that second match, she was smiling from ear to ear."

According to Hawes, it's Trierweiler's commitment to the sport that has helped her earn the title of second-degree black belt at a young age.

"Perceyis is very dedicated," her mother said.

"She's been in Tae Kwon Do since she was five or six years old, and the only time she missed a practice was when there was a blizzard and I couldn't get out of the driveway. She will stay for two or three practice sessions twice a week. When we get home from practice, she'll continue working on things."

It's Trierweiler's passion for the sport that will likely lead to more opportunities to compete at a national level in the future.

Based on her daughter's performance last week, Hawes believes Perceyis qualifies for the 2018 National Championships in Utah next July.

It sounds like there might be more U.S. Opens in her future as well.

"She definitely loves the sport. It's something that makes her somewhat unique because there's no one in her school who can say they are a second-degree black belt who competes at the national level."

AHS pays back Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team avenged an early-season loss when it entertained Ellsworth for a Red Rock Conference clash Friday in Ellsworth.

The Dragons lost a 52-44 decision to the Panthers when the teams met in Ellsworth Dec. 14, but AHS came out on the winning end of a 53-45 decision in the rematch.

Adrian got off to a good start by outscoring the Panthers 35-22 in the first half.

EHS rallied to outscore the Dragons 23-18 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep AHS from posting an eight-point victory.

Paige Bullerman netted 14 points to lead AHS offensively.

Hannah Bullerman and Bailey Lonneman collected five rebounds each for the winners, while Moriah Bullerman registered three steals.

Kallie Chapa (14 points), Ashlyn Meester (11 points and five steals) and Devin Dreesen (10 points) played well for the Panthers.

Lizzie Chapa and Morgan Dreesen snared seven and five rebounds respectively for EHS.

Box score
Ellsworth
Meester 2 1 4-8 11, K.Chapa 4 1 3-4 14, L.Chapa 1 0 3-4 5, M.Dreesen 0 1 2-2 5, D.Dreesen 1 1 5-6 10, Popkes 0 0 0-0 0.
Adrian
Kemper 1 0 6-6 8, Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, H.Bullerman 2 0 4-5 8, M.Bullerman 1 0 4-6 6, Balster 2 0 1-2 5, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, B.Lonneman 3 0 0-0 6, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 3 0 0-0 6, P.Bullerman 6 0 2-2 14.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 12 of 36 field goals (33 percent), 17 of 24 free throws (71 percent), 21 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
Adrian: 18 of 43 field goals (42 percent), 17 of 21 free throws (81 percent), 28 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

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Hills-Beaver Creek guard Madison Spath splits Ellsworth defenders Devin Dreesen (22) and Lizzie Chapa (4) to put up a shot during Monday's game in Ellsworth. Spath scored eight points during a 70-46 win.

Patriots post 15th consecutive victory Monday

By John Rittenhouse

Asurging Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team posted its 15th consecutive victory Monday in Ellsworth.

The visiting Patriots trailed by two points early in the game, but they battled back to outscore the Panthers in both halves of a 70-46 victory.

H-BC scored the first four points of the game only to fall behind 6-4 when Ellsworth's Morgan Dreesen buried a three-point shot at the 15:08 mark of the first half.

The Patriots countered with an 11-4 spurt capped by a field goal from Grace Bundesen at 12:50 to make it a 15-10 game. Ellsworth, however, closed

the gap to one point (15-14) with a field goal from Kallie Chapa at 10:42.

H-BC assumed control of the game at that point as the Patriots went on a 21-0 run ending with a field goal from Abby Knobloch with 3:18 left that gave the Patriots a 36-14 lead.

The Panthers closed the margin to 18 points (38-20) when Ashlyn Meester sank a pair of charity shots with one second left to cap the scoring in the first half.

H-BC scored the first five points of the second half as a part of a 15-4 run that gave the Patriots a 29-point (53-24) lead when Grace Bundesen scored in the paint at the 13:31 mark.

The Panthers closed the gap to 19 points (57-38) when Meester converted a lay up with 7:14 left to play, but H-BC outscored EHS 13-8 the rest of the night to win by 24.

Sidney Fick (24 points and seven steals) and Bundesen (15 points, seven rebounds and three assists) played strong games for the winners.

Kourtney Rozeboom snared six rebounds and Paige Tilstra recorded three assists for the 16-3 Patriots, who play Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

Meester (14 points and three steals) and Morgan Dreesen (13 points) led EHS statistically.

Kallie Chapa and Devin Dreesen grabbed eight and five rebounds respectively for the 4-15 Panthers, who play in Okabena Thursday.

Box score

H-BC: K.Fick 2 0 1-1 5, Bos 0 0 0-0 2, Tilstra 1 0 2-2 4, Spath 4 0 0-0 8, Knobloch 2 0 0-0 4, S.Fick 7 1 0-0 17, Bundesen 7 0 1-2 15, Swan 1 0 0-0 2, Ka.Rozeboom 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 1 0 3-4 5, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 1 0 0-0 2, Ko.Rozeboom 4 0 0-0 8. Ellsworth: Meester 4 0 6-6 14, K.Chapa 3 0 2-2 8, L.Chapa 0 0 0-0 0, M.Dreesen 2 3 0-0 13, D.Dreesen 2 0 2-2 6, Popkes 1 0 0-0 2, Custer 0 1 0-0 3.

Team statistics

H-BC: 31 of 61 field goals (50 percent), seven of 11 free throws (63 percent), 33 rebounds, 12 turnovers. Ellsworth: 16 of 57 field goals (28 percent), 10 of 10 free throws (100 percent), 23 rebounds, 19 turnovers.

Cardinals win in Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team collected its 12th win of the season by handing the Adrian Dragons a 68-47 loss Monday in Adrian.

The visiting Cardinals forced AHS to turn the ball over 35 times in the game and the extra possessions enabled LHS to outscore the hosts in both halves.

Luverne led 29-17 after 18 minutes of play and used a 39-30 scoring cushion in the second half to clinch a 21-point win.

Joci Oye (23 points, four steals and four assists), Malory Thorson (18 points, nine rebounds and three steals) and Mackenzie Petersen (11 points and six steals) played big games for the Cardinals.

Jadyn Anderson and Sierra Schmuck recorded three steals each for 12-10 Luverne, which

plays in Redwood Falls Friday.

Hannah Bullerman (19 points, nine rebounds and four assists) and Paige Bullerman (15 points and six rebounds) paced Adrian statistically.

Moriah Bullerman charted three assists and Avery Balster three steals for the 8-12 Dragons, who play in Mountain Lake Thursday.

Box score

Luverne: Schmuck 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 2 0 0-0 4, Oye 2 4 7-11 23, Anderson 1 0 0-0 2, Thorson 4 0 10-12 18, Oftedahl 1 0 0-0 2, Petersen 2 1 4-6 11, Ferrell 3 0 2-3 8. Adrian: Kemper 0 0 0-0 0, H.Bullerman 2 2 9-13 19, M.Bullerman 0 0 1-3 1, Balster 1 0 0-2 2, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 2 0 2-7 6, P.Bullerman 6 0 3-5 15.

Team statistics

Luverne: 20 of 56 field goals (36 percent), 23 of 32 free throws (72 percent), 26 rebounds, 16 turnovers. Adrian: 15 of 38 field goals (39 percent), 15 of 30 free throws (50 percent), 31 rebounds, 35 turnovers.

WINTER STANDINGS

BSC girls' hockey

New Ulm	14-0
Marshall	10-4
Luverne	8-5-1
Minnesota River	8-6
Windom	5-8-1
Waseca	6-8
Worthington	4-10
Fairmont	0-14

BSC boys' hockey

Luverne	14-0
Marshall	12-2-1
Minnesota River	10-2-1
New Ulm	8-4
Waseca	7-6
Windom	4-10
RWV	4-11
Fairmont	3-13
Worthington	0-14

BSC West boys' hoops

Marshall	11-0
Worthington	7-4
Pipestone	6-4
JCC	5-6
Windom	5-6
RWV	3-7
Luverne	0-10

BSC West girls' hoops

Marshall	11-1
Worthington	8-2
JCC	7-4
Pipestone	7-5
RWV	3-7
Luverne	2-8
Windom	0-11

BSC West wrestling

Marshall	6-0
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RWV

Worthington	4-2
Pipestone	3-3
JCC	3-3
Windom	1-5
Luverne	0-6

BSC West gymnastics

Worthington	5-0
JCC	5-0
RWV	5-1
Luverne	2-3
Marshall	2-4
Windom	1-4
Pipestone	0-6

RRC boys' hoops

W-WG	10-1
SWC	10-2
MLA	8-2
MCC	8-4
Adrian	7-4
RRC	7-5
H-BC	5-6
Fulda	3-8
HL-O	2-7
Ellsworth	1-11
Edgerton	0-11

RRC girls' hoops

SWC	12-0
H-BC	10-2
Edgerton	7-5
RRC	9-4
MCC	8-5
Adrian	7-5
MLA	6-6
Ellsworth	4-9
W-WG	2-10
Fulda	2-10
HL-O	0-11

JANUARY 30 SPORTS REPLAY

Patriot girls run winning streak to 14

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team posted its 14th consecutive victory by upending Mountain Lake Area 60-42 in Mountain Lake.

H-BC doubled (38-19) MLA's scoring output in the first half and won by 18 after MLA produced a 23-22 scoring edge in the second half.

Grace Bundesen (22 points, seven rebounds and three assists), Sidney Fick (20 points and three assists), Madison Spath (six rebounds), Whitney Elbers (five rebounds), Kourtney Rozeboom (six rebounds), Paige Tilstra (three assists) and Abby Knobloch (three assists) turned in productive nights for the Patriots.

Adrian produces Red Rock Conference victory

The Adrian girls' basketball team picked up its sixth league victory of the winter by defeating Westbrook-Walnut Grove 56-39 in Adrian.

The Dragons sported a 22-17 lead after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Chargers 34-22 in the second half to win by 17.

Hannah Bullerman (15 points, five rebounds and three steals), Lexi Slater (12 points and three steals), Paige Bullerman (10 points and nine rebounds), Moriah Bullerman (four assists), Bailey Lonneman (seven rebounds) and Avery Balster (five steals) led AHS statistically.

Falcons top Panther girls in Ellsworth

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team lost its eighth Red Rock Conference game of the season when Red Rock Central topped the Panthers 53-37 in Ellsworth.

The Falcons opened an 11-point (28-17) cushion in the first half and outscored EHS 25-20 in the second half to complete their 16-point win.

Ashlyn Meester (nine points, three assists and three steals), Morgan Dreesen (nine points) and Lizzie Chapa (seven rebounds) played well for the Panthers.



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Adrian's Skylar Polzine puts up a shot in front of Ellsworth's Zach Buntjer during Monday's basketball game in Ellsworth.

Dragons slay Panthers

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team completed a sweep of its annual season series with Ellsworth by handing the Panthers a 60-48 setback on their home court Monday.

AHS faced some early deficits in the game only to bounce back to outscore the Panthers in both halves of a 12-point victory.

EHS sported a pair of two-point leads early in the game and led 5-4 before Adrian went on an 18-6 run capped by a field goal from Skylar Polzine to open a 22-11 advantage at the 7:39 mark of the first half.

Ellsworth countered with a 6-0 spurt to trim the difference to five points (22-17) when Kade Boltjes recorded a field goal with 5:53 remaining in the stanza.

Adrian, however, extended the lead to 11 points (32-21) when Polzine scored in the paint with 36 seconds left before settling with a 34-24 lead at the intermission.

Ellsworth's Grant Jansma canned a three-point shot 27 seconds into the second half to make it a 34-27 game, but that proved to be as close as the Panthers would come to catching the Dragons.

A 22-11 AHS run ending with a field goal from Ryan Wieneke

with 5:13 left to play made it a 56-38 game.

EHS closed the gap to 12 points a couple of times late in the game but didn't trail by less than a dozen the rest of the night.

Wieneke (16 points, 11 rebounds and three assists), Polzine (12 points) and Christian Weidert (12 points) led AHS offensively.

Noah Reyne grabbed five rebounds for the 10-9 Dragons, who host Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday.

Brandon Kramer (18 points), Jansma (11 points) and Zach Buntjer (11 points and six rebounds) played well for the Panthers.

Noah Kruse pulled down six rebounds and charted four assists for 2-16 Ellsworth, which hosts Red Rock Central Friday.

Box score

Adrian: Weidert 6 0 0-0 2, John 1 0 0-0 2, Wieneke 5 1 3-3 16, Henning 4 0 1-2 9, Veld 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 0 0 3-4 3, Stamer 1 0 0-0 2, Polzine 5 0 2-2 12, Luettel 2 0 0-1 4. Ellsworth: Kruse 2 0 0-0 4, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, K.Boltjes 1 0 0-0 2, Jansma 2 2 1-2 11, S.Kramer 1 0 0-0 2, Boyenga 0 0 0-0 0, B.Kramer 7 0 4-4 18, Buntjer 4 1 0-0 11.

Team statistics

Adrian: 25 of 54 field goals (46 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 26 rebounds, five turnovers. Ellsworth: 20 of 42 field goals (48 percent), five of six free throws (83 percent), 24 rebounds, 14 turnovers.



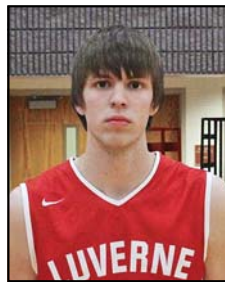
Tyler Reisdorfer

Sport: Hockey
Position: Defense
Parents: Bruce and Linda
Favorite Subject: Science
Extra Curricular Activities: FFA, 4-H, Hockey, Baseball, Football, Peer Helping
Future Plans: Hopefully play college baseball and then come home and farm. Major in agronomy.



Cole Claussen

Sport: Basketball
Position: Forward
Parents: Audrey Claussen
Favorite Subject: Ag Mechanics
Extra Curricular Activities: Hanging with friends.
Future Plans: Go to college.



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Changes to Disabled Veterans' Homestead Market Value Exclusion effective July 1, 2017

A law enacted in 2017 changes some parts of the Disabled Veterans' Homestead Market Value Exclusion (Minnesota Statutes, section 273.13, subdivision 34).

The changes impact:

*Qualified veterans who have a service-connected disability rating of either 70% to 100%, or 100% total and permanent

*Spouses of deceased veterans who were 100% totally and permanently disabled

*Spouses who receive dependency and indemnity compensation. Starting with assessment 2017, an annual application is no longer required. The qualified veteran or surviving spouse is still responsible for disclosing any change that may disqualify them from the exclusion.

In addition:

*The spouse of a veteran who was 100% totally and permanently disabled may now qualify for the homestead exclusion even if the veteran did not apply or receive the exclusion before their death, as long as the veteran died after December 31, 2011. The spouse must apply within two years of the veteran's death or by June 1, 2019, whichever is later.

*Veterans or primary family caregivers who are applying for the first time must do so by July 1 of each year to qualify for the following year tax exclusion.

If you qualify or have questions, please call Tom Houselog (Land Records) at 507-283-5022 or Dave Haugom (Veteran Services) at 507-283-5061.

Notice To All Bidders

Rock County Rural Water is accepting bids for mowing the well field plant and two out buildings. Bids should be per mowing. Bidder will furnish their own equipment and fuel. The Rural Water board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net

St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Thursday, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. Head Start. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Mass. Saturday, Feb. 10: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Feb. 11: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW; KC. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Service at Poplar Creek. 7 p.m. RCIA. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine FC. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4 and 7 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Thursday, Feb. 15: 9 a.m. Head Start. 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. 7 p.m. St. Catherine and St. Leo Pastoral Councils at St. Catherine.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luverncrc.com — office@luverncrc.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship service. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 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, Feb. 8: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 10: 10 a.m. Briggs bridal shower. Sunday, Feb. 11: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacons Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Feb. 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 8: 8:30 a.m. MIA. Friday, Feb. 9: 3-5 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf annual meeting in Fellowship Hall. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 11: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship; Third-grade Milestones. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee; Sunday School; Adult Study. 10:10 a.m. Fifth-grade First Communion class. Monday, Feb. 12: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW Executive Board meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service. 7:45 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, Feb. 15: 8:30 a.m. MIA.

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
Thursday, Feb. 8: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Saturday, Feb. 10: 2 p.m. Bethany Lutheran College "Oklahoma." Sunday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Feb. 12: ELS Pastors meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service.

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

Mike Altna, Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 8: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Feb. 9: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Feb. 10: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education Hour. Noon ProPresenter Training. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 7:30 p.m. Awards Night for PC. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Feb. 15: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church

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

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luvernumc@iw.net

Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. LPEP Meeting. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 10: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. 9 p.m. ALIVE youth group lock-in. Sunday, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service. Prayer Warriors meeting after service. 4:30 p.m. Chocolate Buffet and Spaghetti supper; ALIVE youth group helps. Monday, Feb. 12: Noon Local pastors meeting in Mankato. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at First Presbyterian Church. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 15: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com

Thursday, Feb. 8: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. 5:30 p.m. Beacons. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 10 a.m. PW Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at First Presbyterian. 8 p.m. Session. Thursday, Feb. 15: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:45 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, Feb. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, Feb. 12: 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion. 6:30 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 15: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 11:30 a.m. DCE Devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group.

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
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Thursday, Feb. 8: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 9: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Feb. 12: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 6:15-6:45 Congregational Supper. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service with Rev. Luttmann; Confirmation at St. John. Thursday, Feb. 15: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Palisade Lutheran. Thursday, Feb. 15: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at Palisade Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Intern Pastor Laura Phillips
Sunday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service. Thursday, Feb. 15: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
Worship Leader Michael Blank
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

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Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: admagumc@gmail.com
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Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
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Sunday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 13: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday church service.

Hills United Reformed Church

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Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Stewardship of love

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him." 1 John 4:7-9



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Gary Klatt, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne

Stewardship or management of love may seem crass to those romantics among us. But if we don't understand what love really is, then we cannot really enjoy it as we should. Love is not just a feeling or emotion that flows when we are around the right people. Love is a gift from God. He is the source of it. Without God there can be no real love; "We love because He first loved us."

God loved us in the beginning when he created Adam out of the dust of the ground. Adam was only dust until God breathed into him the "breath of life" and made him a living being. Adam did not do anything to cause God to love him. Adam was simply the recipient of God's love. When God created Eve out of one of Adam's ribs and brought her to him, he loved her immediately because the love with which God loved Adam had to flow out of him and into all that Adam did. Love was not just one part of Adam's being; it touched all of his being. The same was true for Eve and so she loved Adam and God with all of her being.

Sin broke this connection between God and Adam and thus drained Adam of love so that he could no longer love God or Eve. Eve was also disconnected by sin and so all relations became devoid of love. God still loved his creation but had no means of delivering it to Adam as long as sin remained in Adam. Thus God sought out Adam and Eve and gave them a promise of a Savior who would restore the connection that had been broken. The Savior

would be God's Son born of a virgin so that the Savior would be both the Son of God and the Son of Man, holy and without sin. He would restore love to the broken creation by living a holy and perfect life under the Law and also sacrificing Himself in payment for the sins of all mankind. The Savior would provide a new connection between sinful mankind and the holy God by removing the sinner's sin through a washing of regeneration (new birth in Baptism). God and man are now reconnected so that the love can flow freely again.

Christians have this restored connection of love because of Jesus. But sin still remains in our human nature and in the world around us. We must daily remember to keep this connection with God vibrant and strong. It requires management to do this. We must maintain our connection with God through spending time with him in prayer and study of his Word so that we don't fall victim to the lies that flow so freely around us. We need reminders of how much God loves us and all that he has done out of love for us. He also teaches us how to pass his love onto others through all that we do and say. God's love is the bond that connects us to him and all that he has created. God's love is the source of all happiness, contentment, security, and peace.

I pray that God's love may abound for you and all those you love. Keep the connection strong and take advantage of every opportunity to gather in God's house for worship. Gather with your family for worship so that God may work his love into your lives so that you might then truly love another.

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 22

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 09, 2012
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$107,257.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Jason Wicks and Shelley Wicks, Husband and Wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and/or assigns
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:
Recorded: October 11, 2012 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 180397
LOAN MODIFICATION:
Dated: November 20, 2015
Recorded: December 14, 2015
Document Number: 187494
LOAN MODIFICATION:
Dated: November 20, 2015
Recorded: June 27, 2016
Document Number: 188640
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
And assigned to: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation
Dated: July 31, 2015
Recorded: August 10, 2015 Rock County Recorder
Document Number: 186773
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100966251208200245
Lender or Broker: Premier Home Mortgage, Inc.
Residential Mortgage Servicer: RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
Property Address: 404 N Estey St, Luverne, MN 56156-1464
Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-1731-000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W.90 feet of the S.77 feet of Lot 3 in Block 21 in Warren and Kniss' Second Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$114,407.01
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.
If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on August 22, 2018, or the next business day if August 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.
THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
DATED: December 27, 2017
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 033794F03

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

Rozeboom probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-18-22

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
In Re: Estate of Harvey A. Rozeboom,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION OF FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 19, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse, 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated July 21, 2015, and for the appointment of Harlin G. Rozeboom, whose address is 831 21st Street, Hills, MN 56138, as personal representative, Lowell D. Rozeboom, whose address is 25354 481st Avenue, Garretson, SD 57030 and Ethan W. Rozeboom, whose address is 330 51st Street, Hills, MN 56138 of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration.
Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representatives will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.
Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representatives or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry Vagjrt
Terry Vagjrt
District Court Judge
Court Administrator
Jennifer Thode
Filed on Jan. 23, 2018

/s/ Katherine A. Morgan
Attorney Katherine A. Morgan (MN #393289)
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(2-8, 2-15)

JDK Farms assumes name

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ASSUMED NAME: JDK Farms
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
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NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: James Darwin Klosterbuer
Address: 746 N. Freeman, Luverne, MN 56156
Name: Melissa Kathleen Fick
Address: 524 150th Ave. Luverne, MN 56156
This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 807456400029

Originally filed on: 1-22-2015

I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

Signature : /s/ Melissa Fick DATE: 12-27-2017
MAILING ADDRESS: 524 150th Ave Luverne, MN 56156
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: jm4fick@hotmail.com

List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:

Melissa Fick 507-220-9981. (2-1, 2-8)

Bristow probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
COURT FILE NO.: 67-PR-18-20
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of Joyce Bristow,
Decedent

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 26, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Rock County Courthouse 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated April 6, 1976, and for the appointment of Minnie Van Batavia, whose address is 207 S. Steen Street, Steen, Minnesota 56173, as personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration.
Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.
Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 1-18-2018

/s/ Terry Vagjrt
Terry Vagjrt
Judge of District Court
Filed by
Court Administrator
1-18-18

/s/ Katherine A Morgan
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(2-08, 2-15)

Rock County seeks bridge replacement and grading bids by April 22

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-599-179
BIDS CLOSE AT 11 A.M. MARCH 5, 2018
LIVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed "Bid Packets" will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 05, 2018.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates as contained in this Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
Construction of Bridge 67572, a 92' Concrete Slab Span. The project is located in Rose Dell Township, 1.7 Miles West of T.H. 23 on 221st Street, over The Split Rock Creek.

The major items of work are: 77 Cu. Yd. Structural Concrete; 2,842 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 184 Lin. Ft. of Type S (TL-4) Railing Concrete; 48,050 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 510 Cu. Yds. Random Riprap (Class III); 300 Lin. Ft. 12" -- C-I-P Piling; 2 -- 12" C-I-P Test Piles 60 Ft. Long; 400 Lin. Ft. 16" -- C-I-P Piling; 2 -- 16" C-I-P Test Piles 60 Ft. Long; and Approach Work.
Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questodn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0808 / (507) 283-5010.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.
Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. S.A.P. 067-599-179"
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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(2-8, 2-15, 2-22)

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