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## DNR, citizens consider options for moisture-plagued interpretive center

By Lori Sorenson

The historic Fred Manfred home atop the Blue Mounds State Park has been closed to the public for several years because of hazards due to moisture.

The home, which was once the park's interpretive center, was on the agenda of Thursday night's Blue Mounds State Park Advisory Group meeting.

Support beams throughout the structure are rotting, and engineers estimate it will cost roughly \$400,000 to replace them.

However, park officials hesitate to invest in those repairs since there's no way to prevent future moisture damage. Replacement costs for the building are estimated at \$800,000.

Manfred, a regionally known



Blue Mounds State Park photo

The Blue Mounds State Park interpretive center is the former home of author Fred Manfred built into the side of Sioux quartzite bedrock. The observation area atop the structure is where Manfred spent most of his time writing, and on a clear day eight counties in the states of Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota can be seen from this point.

author, built the house in 1960 before the mounds became a state park.

The Minnesota DNR purchased the property from the Manfred fam-

ily in 1972 and opened it as a park interpretive center in 1976.

A spiral staircase in the home leads to an outlook atop the house

with an expansive view of the Rock River valley below. Manfred is said to have done much of his writing from this room, and it's what gives

the building a cultural significance in the park.

"There is a cultural component influencing the discussion," said Kathy Dummer, southern region manager of DNR Parks and Trails Division.

"That's part of why we appreciate your prior input."

Regional Naturalist Alex Watson attended the Feb. 9 meeting to share details about the structure.

"We inherited this wonderful legacy ... but we inherited all the problems that come with it," he said.

"(Manfred) built this house to fulfill his literary ambitions, but I don't think he knew a lot about hydrology."

The home is built directly into the bedrock of the mounds, so the entire

Manfred home/see page 5A



Mavis Fodness photos/0209 Teacher Van Aartsen

Sixth-grader Carsen Tofeland shows the wonderment of using a drill press for the first time in the Luverne Middle-High School's wood shop.

At right, Emmanuel Rafael presses the "on" switch to the drill press during the sixth-grade Introduction to Woods class under the supervision of community expert Darrel Van Aartsen.



## Skilled carpenter shares trade with students

By Mavis Fodness

Darrel Van Aartsen has worked in construction for more than 30 years.

Last month the owner of Van Aartsen Construction, Luverne, put down his hammer and nails to work with students five mornings a week at Luverne Middle-High School.

Van Aartsen was hired as a community expert in the construction trades.

He teaches Introduction to Woods to sixth-graders and two courses, — home maintenance and advanced woodworking, — to selected students in grades 9-12. He began Jan. 23.

Last fall more than 30 Luverne students were reassigned to other classes when no licensed industrial arts teacher was available to fill the open wood shop position.

The lack of licensed industrial arts teachers has affected not only Luverne schools but also districts statewide.

Tom Hoff is the career and technical

*"I think I am called to be here."*

— Darrel Van Aartsen, woods instructor

project coordinator with the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative in Marshall.

He said a recent survey indicated 70 percent of the state's school superintendents indicated they couldn't find licensed industrial arts instructors.

"It's like trying to find a unicorn," he said. "They just don't exist."

The Luverne School District signed an agreement with SWWC in December to hire a construction careers instructor for the district when no licensed teacher was found after a

nine-month search.

Due to the limited number of instructors, districts are turning to local community experts who have worked years in a specific vocation.

Hoff said community experts fill an immediate need within certain school districts as the service cooperative continues to work with legislators to find a more permanent solution.

Van Aartsen shares Luverne school's desire to keep and expand vocational education locally.

Decades ago the school offered students a glimpse into various vocational careers. However, budget reductions and the lack of licensed teaching staff forced Luverne and most schools statewide to drop such offerings.

Two years ago a grassroots effort to reinstate more career and technical training

Van Aartsen woods teacher/see page 8A

## Dying well — what does that mean? Part III of III

Feb. 16 'Convening' event prompts discussion about death and dying well

Editor's note: following is the final installment of a three-part series that explores end-of-life arrangements ahead of the Convenings event, 'We know how this ends.'

By Brenda Winter

A conversation about death and "dying well" will begin at 6:30 today, Feb. 16, in the Luverne High School auditorium.

Minnesota Public Radio personality Cathy Wurzer will lead the conversation for the event called The Convenings.

Wurzer co-authored a book, "We Know How This Ends," based on her interactions and interviews with Bruce Kramer, who shared his end-of-life journey with ALS. Kramer died in 2015.

In his blog, "Dis Ease Diary," on Jan. 4, 2015, Kramer shares his thoughts.

"(My family and I) have discussed what it means to die well. The end-game of ALS is too often framed by a sense of powerlessness. We feel powerless against the inevitability of each symptom, each loss that is in our future," he writes.

"There is no legal or moral reason to feel powerless, but our choices are often limited by the fact of who is treating us."

Kramer's open and honest communication about his pending death was an inspiration to many who read his blogs and listened to Wurzer's series of radio interviews with Kramer.

"At some point for all of us, the balance tips so that in spite of the fact that we have a tremendous love for the life we have been given, it has also become so painful and difficult to live, that further treatment is actually cruel," Kramer blogged.

"To die well means to choose what happens as the ending becomes inevitable."

Organizers hope that Thursday's event will be the beginning of a community-wide conversation about death and dying well and that people who have not made end-of-life plans will begin to make them.

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## Long-awaited bison tours coming to Blue Mounds this summer

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mounds State Park's signature bison herd is a major draw for park visitors who come in search of the elusive creature.

A planned "bison buggy" will make it easier to experience the unique animals, and the aim is to increase traffic between the park and the Luverne community.

State parks officials announced last week that funding has been approved for bison tours in the Blue

Mounds and also for an 80-percent seasonal naturalist to lead the program.

It was welcome news for citizen members of the Blue Mounds State Park Advisory Group who met with state leaders Thursday, Feb. 9, in the lower level of the Luverne Chamber office.

It was the second of four meetings between citizens and DNR who are sharing ideas about solutions to Blue Mounds State Park issues.

The first meeting focused on contaminated water and costs associated with connecting the park with Rock County Rural Water.

The second meeting Feb. 9 addressed issues with what appears to be an irreparable interpretive center. (See related story at top of page.)

That discussion was easier to absorb after the announcement of funding for the often-requested bison tours and park naturalist.

According to Kathy Dummer,

southern region manager of DNR Parks and Trails Division, funding for the tours came from the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

The naturalist position will be funded through the state's Clean Water, Land and Legacy amendment. The position will be funded for three years, and the naturalist will start early in the spring and help establish

Bison tours at Blue Mounds/see 3A

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Article 7: Influenza travels the globe; takes more lives than war

This is the seventh in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This comes from the archives of the Rock County Herald 1918-19:

In 1918 and 1919 Rock County and the rest of the world endured waves of flu that left more than weakness in their wake. When Spanish influenza hit homes 100 years ago, it often developed into pneumonia and killed thousands of people. The young and vigorous were particularly vulnerable.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**MS Support Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964 with questions.

**Parkinson's Support Group** will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 507-530-3307.

**Lady Luverne Red Hats** will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Howling Dog for lunch and then to the Mary Jane Brown Home. Call for reservations at 283-8019 by Tuesday, Feb. 14.

**Helping Build Communities Stronger** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Hills American Legion to discuss the June 9-11 Friendship Days.

**Meditation and Mindfulness Practice**, a new meditation group, will meet at 7-7:45 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

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

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

**Al-Anon** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Sanford Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

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

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

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

### Hospice Charity Dinner & Auction

The annual Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction is planned for April 22 at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Tickets are available for purchase at the hospice office at 211 E. Main Street in Luverne or by calling 507-283-1805.

### Story Hour and Laptime at library

Story Hour for ages 4-5 meets from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday through April 13. It includes stories, songs, crafts and more. Register by calling the Library at 449-5040.

Laptime for ages birth-through 3 with an adult meets from 10:30 to 11 a.m. every Friday through April 14. It includes stories, songs, crafts and more. No registration is needed for this free activity.

### Monthly Food Ministry Feb. 16

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside. Call Gloria at 283-4366 with questions.

### 'Sister Act' Feb. 24-26 in Rock Rapids

The River Valley Players will perform "Sister Act," the musical, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Forster Auditorium located in Central Lyon High School, Rock Rapids. Contact Angie at 712-472-3456 for ticket information.

### Family fun reading night Feb. 27

A free family fun reading night will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, in the Luverne Elementary School commons. Prizes and snacks will be offered.

### Library offers origami class March 7

The Rock County Library invites adults and children in kindergarten and older to a fun-filled family night of origami from 6:30-7:30 Tuesday, March 7 at the library. Register at the front desk or call 449-5040.

### New ECFE session begins

A new session of Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes in Luverne is beginning and continues into spring. Classes for parents along with their infants, toddlers and preschoolers provide an opportunity to learn and grow together. Parents also receive encouragement and support and connect with other parents. Sessions are free or at very low cost. Call Community Ed, 283-4724, to enroll.



Lori Sorenson photo/0216 computer clinic ribbon cutting

Computer Clinic celebrated its store opening in Luverne with a ribbon-cutting Friday morning. Pictured are (front, from left) Luverne Economic Development Authority Director Holly Sammons, Chamber Board member Annie Opitz, store owners Sean, Scott and Tammy Heibult, Chamber Board members Faye Bremer and Nancy Scheidt, (back) store builder Darrin Popkes, Brian Sterling, Ryan Debates, Mike Cox, Kevin Thelen and Don Bryan.

## Computer Clinic now open; celebrates ribbon-cutting

By Lori Sorenson

The community celebrated a ribbon-cutting Friday morning for the opening of Computer Clinic on North Highway 75 in Luverne.

Scott Heibult and his wife, Tammy, opened the store Jan. 27 as an expansion of their current store in George, Iowa.

They have 14 years of experience in computer sales and service and networking, web design, email, Wi-Fi, web posting and other services.

They currently operate a Computer Clinic in George, Iowa, and are looking to expand.

"We really felt like Luverne was a good fit for our business," Scott Heibult said at a Luverne City Council meeting in May 2016.

Computer Clinic has Dell-certified repair technicians, which means it's authorized to perform Dell warranty repair work. "We have Dell retail, too, and we can also special order for customers," Heibult said.

The store hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and Thursday evenings to match other Luverne businesses open Thursdays.

Heibult said his custom-

ers typically have a wide range of hourly needs. "The average consumer hours are late in the day, but farmers are early in the day," said Heibult, who added that house calls are an option.

"Consumers generally come into the store to have their equipment serviced, but we do make house calls, especially for commercial work and for Wi-Fi and other issues that need to be handled on site."

Darrin Popkes Construction, Ellsworth, built the single-story 36-by-40-foot structure with a basement on the lot north of the Laun-

dromat on Highway 75 and Lincoln Street.

The location was at one time a blighted lot, but the city purchased the property from Ray and Joann Hoogeven for \$17,000 in 2015 with intent to clear the lot for development.

The Luverne Economic Development Authority sold the lot to the Heibults for \$500 and offered the EDA utility rate of one cent per kilowatt hour over cost for the first year.

The Heibults' son, Sean, will manage the Luverne store. The business can be reached at 507-449-6143 or service@webclimberservices.com.

## Feb. 23, March 15 meetings to gauge interest in food co-op

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne may soon have a food co-op if enough local residents are interested in supporting it.

Roni Feit is at the helm of the movement that she hopes will result in a permanent source of holistic nutrition and gardening in Luverne.

"I'm amazed at the number of people around here who have never heard of a food co-op," Feit said.

"I'd really like to educate people on what food co-ops

are and what we can do in the community to support one."

She will host two public meetings to share information and gauge support. The first is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, and the second is from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 15.

Both meetings will be in the round Hilger Commons building across the street from Holy Trinity Church.

Essentially, food co-ops are comprised of voluntary members who provide finan-

cial and voluntary support and who make decisions democratically and work in cooperation with other cooperatives.

Feit said she hopes Luverne's co-op will eventually create new jobs and support local farmers and producers in providing quality, sustainable products.

In addition to food, the co-op could provide supplements and personal and home care items. "The idea is to promote wellness throughout the region," Feit said,

She added that the group would also provide outreach education to low-income, minority, disabled or other underserved community members.

Feit said she hopes to have a good turnout at the community meetings.

"They'll help us to gauge interest and public support and to see if there are interested volunteers," Feit said.

More information is at strongertogether.coop or by contacting Feit, 605-351-3522.

## Spring truck weight restrictions start for south frost zones

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will start spring truck weight restrictions in the south, southeast and metro frost zones Friday, Feb. 17.

Road restriction maps showing the locations of weight-restricted routes and those state highways open to

maximum 10-ton axle weights are listed at [www.mndot.gov/loadlimits](http://www.mndot.gov/loadlimits). Click on "seasonal load limits," and then "spring load restrictions."

Overweight permits for more than 80,000-pound gross vehicle weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights

are legal. Full-summer overweight permits can be issued during the spring load restriction period only on interstate through movements.

Middle-range overweight permits become available within each frost zone when spring load restrictions are lifted. Full-summer overweight

permits become available two to three weeks after spring load restrictions are lifted.

Ending dates for spring load restrictions are variable and based on how weather is affecting roadway strength.

MnDOT will report ending dates on automated message center at 1-800-723-6543.



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## Online survey seeks opinions about district facility plan

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Public School residents have one last chance to share their opinions about the district's long-range facilities plan.

The online survey, which asks 13 questions, is available from now until Feb. 28 on the school website: [www.isd2184.net](http://www.isd2184.net).

"Our district is facing some needs in terms of adequacy of our facilities, which could affect Luverne School District for the next 25+ years," Superintendent Craig Oftedahl wrote in the survey's introduction.

The Sioux Falls consulting firm of Foster, Jacobs & Johnson was hired by the district to facilitate discussions and gather public information for the final report.

FJJ facilitators completed two community meetings and interviewed staff, students and administration.

The online survey further refines the suggestions gathered by FJJ from the public meetings and interviews among other questions.

### Demographics projects steady enrollment

During a board workshop on Feb. 9, FJJ's Mike Hubbard presented information about the district's demographics and enrollment projections for the next 10 years.

Hubbard said data shows no significant changes are projected in Luverne's enrollment.

"You guys won't see a huge change in your enrollment — maybe a 1-percent reduction," he said.

According to the report, Luverne's expected enrollment would rise to 1,260 by 2020-21 and drop again to 1,230 in 2025-26, a 1-percent drop from today's enrollment of 1,238.

Data used for the projects were collected from several sources.

The district's past enrollment, retention and open enrollment requests were gathered along with the area's birth rates, enrollments from surrounding districts, state demographics center, U.S. census and through interviews with key local stakeholders.

### Open enrollment involves fewer students

Seven percent of students who live in Luverne School District choose to open enroll in a school outside the district, Hubbard said.

Private school data is not included in the percentage because public records are not available.

Ninety-three percent of students within the Luverne district attend school in Luverne.

"You're doing a fairly good job retaining the students coming in. The ones you are losing are either families moving or kids open enrolling out," Hubbard said. "And then in another year you might get them back because they open enroll back."

"You're always going to have that dynamic — we are only talking about a few students," he said.

For the 2016-17 school year 81 students open enrolled into Luverne Schools and 87 opened enrolled out — a loss of six students.

Eight years ago (2008-09) Luverne had gained 33 students.

Luverne began losing students to open enrollment in 2010-11, the start of an economic recession, Hubbard explained.

The majority of students living within Luverne School District boundaries open enroll to Hills-Beaver Creek (currently 40 students), Adrian (20) and Edgerton (14).

Luverne gains the majority of its students through open enrollment from Hills-Beaver Creek (currently 38 students), Pipestone (23) and Ellsworth (13).

### No significant influx of babies to school district

Births in Rock County have averaged 114 per year since its peak of 147 in 2007, according to FJJ's report.

"This pattern is consistent with more rural Minnesota counties," Hubbard said.

Since 2007, 75 percent of the children born in Rock County have attended Luverne Schools.

Hubbard projected that trend to continue with a slight increase due to more women of childbearing age living in the county.

Also projected to continue are enrollment fluctuations at different grade levels. This year's senior class, for instance, has 107 students. The junior class numbers 90 students.

Despite the fluctuation in class sizes, Hubbard said, "K-12 enrollment is expected to be essentially stable over the next decade."



Mavis Fodness Photo/0202 Big Buddy 2016

Kevin Kraetsch (right) was selected recently as the 2016 Rock County Big Buddy of the Year. He is pictured in Luverne Elementary School with his little buddy Johnny Wickherst. The two have been buddies since 2013.

## Kraetsch named 2016 Big Buddy of the Year

By Mavis Fodness

Large blue eyes peered over Johnny Wickherst's wire-rimmed glasses as he considered what he likes to do best with his Big Buddy Kevin Kraetsch.

"I like going to the County Fair," he said.

The two have spent many hours at the Brandon, South Dakota, arcade. The two talk, play the skee ball machine and enjoy pizza.

"They have a really good relationship," said Wickherst's mom Tanya. "Not only did Kevin take Johnny as a little buddy, he occasionally takes Johnny's sister too."

For his positive actions, the Rock County Big Buddies Program selected Kraetsch as its 2016 Big Buddy of the Year.

"Kevin was chosen for the award because of his commitment to the program and for being a good role model not just for his own little buddy, but for all youth," said program coordinator Lisa Nath.

The father of three and grandfather to five, Kraetsch said he tries to meet with Wickherst more than the once a month activities planned by the Big Buddies program.

"I try to get him outdoors as much as possible," Kraetsch said.

His grain farm south of Magnolia provides a multitude of activities. Picking up sticks, playing with the dog and

feeding the chickens allows the two to spend time together.

When more quiet activities are sought, the two pick up fishing poles and head for The Lake or Schoeneman Park.

Kraetsch and Wickherst, a fifth-grader, have been buddies since 2013, the year Kraetsch began as a Big Buddy.

His wife, Sherri, was the program coordinator and asked if he was interested in mentoring a young boy.

He hasn't regretted volunteering his time.

"It's a great program," Kraetsch said. "It's really good for kids."

### About Big Buddies

Big Buddies of Rock County promotes positive family and community values by mentoring children one-on-one.

It is hoped the connection enhances a child's quality of life, character development and education.

It is open to all kindergarten through fifth-grade students in Rock County.

Mentors and their children generally spend one to two hours together weekly.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Big Buddy or who knows a child that could benefit from a mentor can call 507-283-9165.

## County splits votes on ball lights

By Mavis Fodness

In a 3-2 vote, Rock County Commissioners supported spending up to \$5,000 to install lights at Joe Roberts Field in Luverne.

Located behind the county Highway Department on North Blue Mound Avenue, the two ball fields are used primarily for youth baseball and softball three months out of the year.

Dan Serie, president of the Luverne Baseball Association, approached the county in 2014 about installing sports lighting to extend playing time for the 350 kids registered in Community Education's baseball and softball options.

Estimated cost at that time was up to \$65,000.

At the April 2014 meeting, commissioners approved proceeding with a possible lighting system and other improvements but did not commit to funding the project.

Serie returned to the commissioners Feb. 7 with a project update.

"We decided not to make a Wrigley Field," Serie said referring to the major league baseball field in Chicago, Illinois.

Costs dropped almost \$45,000 with a more modest lighting system. The 14 proposed lights on wooden poles would be similar to the lights at Riverside Park ball fields, located across the road from the city park.

Serie said the baseball association raised \$20,500 for the lighting system and poles. The city of Luverne would install the lights at an estimated in-kind cost of \$10,000.

Serie requested that the county pay half of the estimated installation or \$5,000 to the city.

The fields are on county-owned property.

Highway Department personnel mow the fields and provide general maintenance. The Baseball Association stripes the fields and upgrades the facility as necessary.

Highway Engineer Mark Sehr said at last week's meeting that electricity costs would be minimal for the times Sehr indicated the lights would be

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## Bison tours, naturalist/ from page 1A

the bison tours.

The Blue Mounds State Park hasn't had a staff naturalist since 2002, so the news came as a pleasant surprise to Park Advisory Group citizens who have long advocated for naturalist programs to generate more interest in the park.

The bison tours will be a unique challenge, Dummer said, because of visitor safety and prairie environmental concerns.

So far, it's been established that tours won't come closer than 75 yards of the herd, and soft ground will dictate when the tours venture out.

For example, deep ruts after a wet rain would go against efforts to restore and protect natural prairie habitat. Also, three different routes will be established to prevent repeated trips over the same ground.

These concerns, along with the logistics of the proper vehicle and appropriate schedules, will be among the park naturalist's responsibilities.

Thursday's announce-

*"We know this dream has been a long time in development..."*

— Jane Wildung  
Lanphere, Luverne Chamber director

ment was especially welcome news for the Luverne Area Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau who have long been collaborating with local citizens and park staff to develop bison tours.

"We look forward to the establishment of a regular bison education program at Blue Mounds State Park," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"We know this dream has been a long time in development as the original grant was written by Craig Beckman five or more years ago."

She said the bison pro-

gram will be a draw for education and tourism for people of all ages.

"We pledge to work with the Minnesota DNR and Blue Mounds State Park staff as they roll out their programming plan," Lanphere said.

Dummer said the goal is to have the bison tours in place by later this summer.

The next Blue Mounds State Park Advisory Group meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 March 9 in the lower level of the Luverne Area Chamber office.

Information about the process can be found at [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/parks/blue\\_mounds](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/parks/blue_mounds).

## Dying well Part III/continued from page 1A

Following are factors to consider about dying well:

- Research suggests that as many as 40 percent of American adults haven't done any advance care planning and that 90 percent haven't written down their wishes for end-of-life care.

- More than one-quarter of elderly Americans lack the capacity to make their own medical care decisions at the end of life.

- Patients and their families report significantly less stress, anxiety and depression when an Advance Care Directive is in place.

- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), "Americans vary greatly in what

they want at the end of their life. Some want aggressive treatment up to the time of death.

"Others are willing to endure treatment side effects and hospitalization in the hope of gaining weeks or months of additional life.

"Some prefer to focus on their quality of life. They may choose to concentrate on closure; comfort care in familiar surroundings, including pain control and relief from uncomfortable disease symptoms; and retaining their dignity."

A 2000 survey of more than 1,400 patients, family members or professionals involved with end-of-life care revealed that patients' most important end-of-life goals

are:

- pain and symptom management.

- preparation for death.
- achieving a sense of completion.

- decisions about treatment preferences.
- being treated as a "whole person."

In addition, patients strongly rated the importance of being mentally aware, having funeral arrangements made, helping others, coming to peace with God and not being a burden.

Participants ranked "freedom from pain" as most important and "dying at home" as least important among nine criteria (Steinhauser 2000).

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## Thoughtful Thursdays

# The amazing impact of one person

My desk faces the north windows in the newspaper office on Main Street, and I often look out at the sunshine, the snow or the rain as I search for words for a story.



## RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

If I focus beyond the weather conditions, I can clearly read the business sign across the street. Recently that name has come to mean more to me than I expected.

On that sign Mercie Domagala's name appears in large faded red letters.

I became reacquainted with the nice girl from high school with the funny name when I joined her adult coloring group two years ago.

At Saturday morning and Tuesday evening coloring sessions we laughed, talked about our children, and shared secrets only women close to the same age could understand.

Cancer became a topic when Mercie was no longer able to attend the informal get-togethers.

I attended her funeral on Feb. 1.

I realize, as I write this column, that a day will come when her American Family Insurance sign and her name will be removed from across the street.

Gone also will be my daily reminder of Mercie and her sunny and positive attitude.

She wouldn't like us dwelling on her with heavy hearts because she's not here to make our days brighter.

In a way, however, she has left us with a small part of herself and an important message.

Even as she battled cancer, she did wonderful things to brighten someone's day.

She dubbed these days "Thoughtful Thursdays" and would leave someone a simple gift.

The gifts showed us how a small, thoughtful token given with love can have a brightening impact on someone's day.

The gifts were accompanied by a personal note printed neatly in Mercie's block lettering. The meanings, often repeated on her Facebook page, would give all of us a lesson in life as

Mercie saw it:

"Remember the day is what 'YOU' make it."

"You do still have time to make someone smile today."

"May all your days turn into Thursdays."

Her words "Love 'You' to the Moon and Back" would accompany her notes. Her Facebook posts included pictures of full moons.

Literally it is a great distance to the moon and back again.

Mercie demonstrated how great that distance was through her spread of love and kindness in the Luverne community.

I felt her love morph into a calm feeling that enveloped those who attended her funeral.

As we waited for the service to start, two projectors in the front of the church quietly showed dozens of pictures. On the screens cycled dozens of pictures accompanied by recorded music playing softly in the background. We watched images of Mercie during the different stages of her life flash from one frame to the next.

We sat quietly in our chairs. No one coughed. No one talked. No youngsters cried or fussed.

We were lost in our personal thoughts for such a long time that it seemed we walked to the moon and back.

We were drained of emotion, exhausted and weary in the journey to say goodbye to Mercie. In the journey's wake, however, we're left to remember her example to live every day as if it was our last.

I am amazed one person has left me with such a lasting and positive impression.

As I continue to read her name through my office window, I will see it as a small reminder to carry on what Mercie began.

"Let's change this world one Thursday at a time."

## What do you want your state park to offer?

Last week officials with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources returned to Luverne with a plan to serve residents of Rock County and those who visit the Blue Mounds State Park.

After deciding not to replace and restore the Lower Lake and its dam, DNR officials are now showing they do care what happens in the southwestern-most part of the state.

We are happy a plan is at least coming together.

We're even happier that money appears to be coming our way.

A funding bill has been introduced to finally put the park's water woes to rest by connecting to Rural Water.

Plans are underway to restore the Mound Creek channel and build a bridge to reconnect the Mound Creek Trail using FEMA dollars.

These projects, however, are more than a year away.

Our state park's future could use a little more immediate good news.

Leading the charge is the Blue Mounds State Park Citizen Advisory Group, a handful of local park enthusiasts who work with DNR officials to set priorities for the state staff.

They could use a little help bringing some good ideas to fruition this

summer.

Meetings have been set for March 9 and April 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Luverne Area Chamber.

Let's join in their discussions about a park naturalist, a bison buggy, and what should be done about the interpretive center.

The last item really needs some good answers.

Do we invest in the crumbling former home of the late author Fred Manfred? Or do we build something new?

The now unusable interpretive center really is a local treasure. It has unique construction and is the historical venue where Manfred brought the characters in his Buckskin Man book series to life.

Salvaging the building's stone footprint for a historic reminder may be an idea worth pursuing.

It's a good long-range goal.

## STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Shorter range is getting a naturalist on board and giving him or her input on what we want people to know about our park.

It's a natural wonder worth sharing with visitors.

The bison buggy would bring visitors close to the noble animals. Visitors now get a rare glimpse of the mammals as they roam in their large prairie pasture.

Establishing a bison tour route without affecting natural prairie restoration will be part of the discussion. Would bison education be worth the trade-off?

What do you think?

Do you have ideas to add to discussions?

Attend the March 7 and April 27 DNR meetings to share input into what our park should offer local residents and its visitors now and for decades to come.



## Preuss: 'Govern less and more good will come'

To the Editor:

Reading Mr. Pick's letter reminded me to look on the other side of things.

I agree that 1,700 firms should pay taxes. However, it was 536 politicians in D.C. that passed laws that made it possible for them to avoid paying taxes.

Also, is it possible that a man who has been married three times to be a misogynist? If his present wife is an immigrant, is he a Xenophobe?

If Liberals want diversity and inclusiveness, why do they "deplore"

## VOICE OF OUR READERS

conservatives? Conservatives want to cut taxes but not the deficit. Isn't that like taking a pay cut and paying your bills with a credit card?

I was shocked to read that 8,000 bills were entered last year in our legislature. Do we need that many bills to keep us in line or should we pass

laws to keep our legislators in line?

Finally, am I alone in thinking that politicians do not know what is best for each individual? My thought is to govern less and more good will come.

Bill Preuss  
Luverne

## Donation from the heart assists those with medical emergencies

If you live in Luverne, you can't go a day without seeing the Luverne logo with the heart in it. In the logo's case, the heart signifies we all love Luverne.

Well, this month being Heart Month and all, I thought I would write about the heart.

In 1955 Eddie Fisher had a big hit with the song, "You Gotta Have Heart." Actually the song title was just "Heart" but everyone remembers the song as "You Gotta Have Heart."

Countless other singers covered the song over the years.

In 1967 the band "Heart" was formed. The group had nothing to do with Eddie Fisher, and I doubt they ever sang the song, "You Gotta Have Heart." It took awhile, but the band found success along the way, and in 2013 they were inducted into the



## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
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Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame.

The word heart is used in a number of ways to describe a person or a feeling.

People are described as having a kind heart. Or he is soft-hearted. On the flip side to that, from time to time you might run into someone that is heartless.

If the underdog wins the football game, it's because they have heart. If they lose the game, it's because they didn't put their heart into the game.

If you are trying to get a handle on how a group of people feel about an issue, you try to get a pulse on that group, which is really a heartbeat. And if you mess that up, you might

become heartbroken — just ask the Democrats.

You never want to hear the word heart followed by the word attack.

The real reason behind this column is the words heart attack.

I said earlier that February is Heart Month. You may or may not know this, but there are 23 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) throughout Rock County.

The AEDs are the devices we have all seen that shock the heart back into rhythm.

Those AEDs are in churches, in public and some private businesses, as well as in the Rock County Sheriff's Department squad cars.

I personally know of two people from Luverne who had their lives saved because of the AEDs.

Those AEDs run on batteries that have to be replaced each year, and the little round sticky pads that are placed on the person having the heart attack are a one-use kind of thing.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation is raising funds to supply new batteries and pads for all the AEDs.

If you would like to help keep the hearts in Rock County ticking, give Emily Crabtree a call at the LACF office or stop by the office. The phone number at the office is 507-220-2424. The office is right next door to the west of the Historic Palace Theatre.

For a \$50 donation, Emily will put a red sticker in the office window with your name on it. Let's try to get a hundred stickers in the window, shall we?

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Feb. 3**

•Complainant reported subject is crying and harassing customers at location. Deputy reported subject left in a Heartland Express bus and was on her way to the Law Enforcement Center. Deputy made contact with subject at Law Enforcement Center.

•Complainant reported stalled vehicle at location. Notified State Patrol.

•Complainant reported that subject has broken into her home and taken things.

•Complainant reported damage to camper at location.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about an ongoing issue regarding a restraining order.

•Complainant reported a driving complaint at location. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Deputy did check on two vehicles parked on the east side of Schoneman Park. Advised subjects the park is closed after 10 p.m.

**Feb. 4**

•Complainant reported that some kids vandalized her son's ice shack with urine.

•Complainant reported a Medicare scam call. Complainant did not give out any personal information.

•Complainant reported a verbal domestic. No weapons involved. Deputy advised subject will be taken to Super 8 for the night and can't go back to the location until residents there say it is OK to pick up his belongings, at which time he is to be accompanied by law enforcement.

•Received report from SWHHS.

•Complainant reported a possible drunk driver has crossed into Minnesota on I-90.

**Feb. 5**

•Conducted building check for lights on. Doors were secure.

•Complainant reported child unattended for over 30 minutes in gray van at location.

•Complainant requested a deputy be present while he retrieved personal belongings from location.

•Complainant reported two kids running around her house. Hit the house with something. Kids lying in street and running around. Wants somebody to drive by. Ages 10-13.

•Complainant reported a power outage at U.S. Highway 23 and County Road 7. Dispatch contacted on-call electrician.

•Complainant reported he doesn't have electricity. He checked with a neighbor, and they do. Contacted apartment manager. He will call back if they need the city called out.

•Complainant reported his ex is out of town and left the kids with her new boyfriend. He does not know the new boyfriend. Wants advice.

•Complainant reported a male just tried to get into her neighbor's garage and then walked away.

**Feb. 6**

•Complainant reported vehicle parked on wrong side of road at location. Deputy reported it is leaking fuel. Contacted owner, and he stated it broke down, and he is working on getting it towed.

•Complainant reported glass on the road at Estey and Brown. Notified City.

•Complainant reported purchasing ham radio over Craigslist. Complainant sent a check to selling party, and no radio has arrived. Complainant called party, and she advised knowing nothing about the transaction. Complainant noticed check cosigned by unknown party.

•Complainant reported a scam call from the IRS to give them money, or he would be arrested. Advised it was a scam.

•Complainant reported ex-girlfriend scratched him and ripped his shirt and won't leave.

•Complainant reported that subject is to be moved from his guardian's house in Steen to Southwestern Youth Services on Monday. Complainant wanted Law Enforcement Center to be

aware that this move was taking place, as subject has been defiant to law enforcement in the past, and assistance may be required.

•Complainant requested to register, as he is going to be working in the area.

•Call transferred from Lyon County. Lady said it's OK they moved now and did not need assistance.

**Feb. 7**

•Complainant reported seeing a person sitting on the ground crying at location. Deputy spoke to subject. Subject had a verbal argument. Things have been resolved, and subjects are going to get back on the road.

•Complainant reported someone tried to exchange drugs for her prescription pills.

•SWHHS sent report.

•Complainant reported vehicle all over roadway. Transferred to Minnesota Highway Patrol.

•Deputy reported a metal garbage can blew over into the road. Deputy knocked on door at address, but no answer, so trash can was left on the porch. If resident calls back and advises it is not his, deputy advised he will remove it.

**Feb. 8**

•Complainant reported he found a bag of soybean seeds on the road at location.

•Complainant found a small black purse at location.

•Complainant reported that there is a flag pole light and an overhead sidewalk light out at location.

•Complainant reported that a woman had received a text message asking for a gift of money to be sent to complainant's family.

•Complainant reported locked out of community bathroom on floor six. Water running. Dispatch contacted maintenance.

•Complainant reported driver of black truck with out-of-state plates driving recklessly and nearly in ditch. Paged State Patrol.

•SWHHS sent report.

**Feb. 9**

•Complainant reported gravel trucks speeding through Jasper.

•Complainant reported stalled vehicle at location.

•Complainant reported that her daughter had hit her head and needs stitches.

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.

•Complainant reported there are gravel trucks speeding through the area that have no tarps on and are losing their loads on the roadway.

•Complainant reported subject not containing trash at location. Wind blows trash onto complainant's property.

•Complainant reported that someone was on his yard at 1 a.m. this morning. Complainant reported garbage had been left blowing around and footprints near his outbuildings.

•Complainant reported dark truck carrying two wood pallets lost load while driving and damaged complainant's vehicle at location. Significant damage to tire and surrounding plastic. Vehicle did not stop.

•Complainant reported possible water main break on Highway 75 near location.

•Deputy out with vehicle.

•Complainant reported she is missing her wallet. It may have been stolen from her car. It contained no cash but her identification, social security card, EBT card, child support card and debit card. Will call when she is back in town.

•Complainant reported varying traffic from varying vehicles at night. He has had some vehicles driving through his fields in the past. Would like extra patrol.

•Complainant reported she just got home and is missing some keys that were in a jar.

In addition, officers responded to 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 2 funeral escorts, 42 traffic stops, 20 ambulance runs, 7 paper services, 5 animal complaints, 7 log/alarm sheets, 5 drug court tests, 1 money escort, and issued 7 purchase/carry permits and 17 burn permits.



### 'I do solemnly swear ...'

### Luverne Economic Development Authority swears in board members

Mayor Pat Baustian (right) swears in Mike Engesser (left) and Kevin Aaker at Monday morning's Luverne Economic Development Authority meeting in Luverne City Hall Council Chambers.

Engesser begins another term, and Aaker is the new City Council representative on the board replacing former council woman Esther Frakes.

### Manfred home plagued with chronic moisture/from page 1A

north interior wall is exposed Sioux quartzite rock with a fireplace built into it.

The rough rock walls are among the endearing features in the building, but they're naturally porous.

"This bedrock that everyone's so fond of allows water to seep into the home," Watson said. "It is an immense challenge to upkeep a building as a visitor center given this context."

In fact, water has been known to stream down the interior walls and flood the sunken living room, which most recently served as a display area.

At Thursday's meeting,

park staff showed photographs of the room under several inches of water.

"We've had sump pumps that run continuously, but if we get a hard rain, water comes up through the floor," said Dan McGuire, park worker.

He said a new heating and cooling system helped to keep interior air dry, but there was no way to keep water from coming in.

Blue Mounds State Park Manager Chris Ingebretsen pointed out that the roof is built into the prairie sod, which also invites moisture.

He said the same crevasses that let water in also serve as entry points for snakes and

other living creatures.

"There will always be moisture; there will always be snakes," Ingebretsen said.

Watson said the building was never without moisture problems, pointing to Freya Manfred's memoirs.

"Dad's dream house was a disaster from Day 1," she wrote about seeping moisture and buckling floors.

"It's something that time hasn't created," Watson said. "It's something that time has amplified."

The interpretive center's drinking water has been contaminated for several years, despite drawing from its own 500-foot-deep well, so visitors

and staff used bottled water when the center was open.

In light of the building's challenges, discussion is turning to saving remnants — or "ruins" — of the building for cultural reference, but removing the rest.

A new interpretive center may be built elsewhere in the park, like near the former beach area parking lot.

Providing a bright spot for Thursday's meeting, state planners reported the Blue Mounds State Park was approved for a staff naturalist for the next three years, and that plans for a bison buggy are moving forward. (See the related story.)

### County to fund ball diamond lights/from page 3A

in use.

Serie estimated lights would be on from sundown to about 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday nights. The directional lighting should not bother the four homes located south of the ball fields.

Most games start around 5 p.m. to allow parents to attend after work, and more than one evening game is played on each of the two fields, Serie said. Without lights the later games are shortened due to darkness.

"We believe they (the fields) will be used quite a bit,"

Series said. "We hope to extend the playing time."

The fields are primarily used by pre-kindergarten through junior high-aged children to learn baseball and softball skills.

Girls softball is growing in interest, Serie said.

More than 80 girls in grades 1-8 participated last year.

More games are anticipated in Luverne with the organization of inner-league softball play being taken over locally, he said.

Commissioner Gary

Overgaard asked how many players come from rural areas play ball in Luverne, but Serie didn't have those numbers.

Overgaard and board chairman Stan Williamson opposed granting the \$5,000 request.

Commissioners Greg Burger, Sherri Thompson and Jody Reisch voted in favor.

Overgaard indicated the majority of his constituents around Hardwick, Magnolia and Ellsworth areas don't use the facility.

He supported finding another way to complete the

project rather than taking money from the county's \$20,000 contingency fund.

Williamson said commissioners worked on the 2017 budget for five months and couldn't find ways to reduce the proposed 6.13-percent levy increase when the budget was finished in December.

"With the tight budget, already providing the land, the mowing and the comments Gary made about the other towns, I don't think we need to be spending tax dollars on ball field lights," he said after the meeting.

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# 96, 97, 98, 99...

## Luverne Elementary celebrates



Mavis Fodness Photos/0216 100 Days 2017

### Students celebrate 100 days in school and 'I Love to Read Month'

Heidi Schacht's kindergartners and the rest of Luverne Elementary School K-5 students are completing various activities in celebration of February's "I Love to Read Month" and the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Thursday, Feb. 9.

Schacht (pictured above) and her students (from far left) Emersyn Remme, Benjamin Morales, Mallory Berning, Charles Vang and Jason Knap complete worksheets Thursday morning as the students wear their hand-colored "Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Day" crowns. "The crowns made us feel like we were princes and princesses of 100 days of school," Schacht said.

Jazmin DeLaCruz with Jason Knap holding her ankles (below) completed 10 sit-ups toward the 100 exercises teacher Heidi Schacht kept track of on a sheet of paper. "Counting to 100 for kindergartners is a monumental feat and something of a milestone," Schacht said. Her students counted out 100 pennies (that magically turned into \$1), made necklaces strung with 100 Fruit Loops, and ate snacks that looked like "100" using a pretzel stick and two cookies.



The 100-day activities put smiles on the faces of students, including kindergartner Esme Aanenson (far left).

The reading activities, such as Friday dress-up days, continue throughout February and culminate with the March 2 celebration of "Read Across America Day."

### SENIOR MENU

**Monday, Feb. 20:**

Barbecue pork chop, scalloped potatoes, country blend vegetables, bread, applesauce.

**Tuesday, Feb. 21:** Creamed chicken, biscuit, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, pudding.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Connell Car Care

**Wednesday, Feb. 22:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, bun, cookie.

**Thursday, Feb. 23:** Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry

sauce, bread, pumpkin dessert.

Program: Bingo  
**Friday, Feb. 24:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, blushing pears.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

### REMEMBER WHEN

**10 years ago (2007)**

The Luverne Area Community Foundation announced last week a campaign to raise \$1 million or more to renovate Luverne's historic Palace Theatre.

The Legacy Campaign, *Preserving the Palace for Generations to Come*, is part of a plan to restore the foremost historic landmark in Luverne. Funding will come from public and private sources, including a capital campaign.

The Luverne Area Community Foundation, a charitable organization independent of BMAT (Blue Mound Area Theatre), is committed to raising \$1 million or more through this campaign.

**25 years ago (1992)**

Most of the environmental projects funded by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) have benefitted the southeastern part of Minnesota.

But the Rock and Pipestone County area is asking for \$460,000 from LCMR to enhance this neck of the woods. ...

The proposal asks for \$90,000 for Blue Mounds State Park to build an access road, safe trails and signs, as well as make the two quarries handicapped accessible. The coalition asks for \$40,000 for the Luverne History Interpretive Center. The plan is to develop the Rock County Community Library into a history and cultural center, highlighting the quarries. The building will be empty when the new library moves into the building on Luverne Main Street in March.

**50 years ago (1967)**

A new figure on the base cost of the city's fire station was announced Tuesday night at the City Council's regular meeting by Alderman Harold Deuschle, also a member of the Fire Department.

Deuschle reported the firemen had decided on alternates as allowed in the building. They decided to cut out the flagpole and the double span roof design. Left in the proposal were cupboards and a test cistern. The cost is now \$89,208.52 and includes 1,000 square yards of bituminous surfacing. This figure is up somewhat from the \$88,633 announced at the bid letting last week.

**75 years ago (1942)**

Male residents 20 through 44 years of age were reminded this week by Arnold Qualley, local board clerk, of the selective service registration, which will be held throughout the county Monday. The sign-up applies to all men, citizens and aliens, who have attained their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 31, 1941, who have not attained their 45<sup>th</sup> birthday Feb. 16 and who have not previously registered.

**100 years ago (1917)**

By practically a two to one vote the House on Wednesday afternoon passed a prohibition bill that if adopted by the Senate and approved by the people will make Minnesota "bone dry" on Jan. 1, 1920. The vote was 84 to 46. Representative C. H. Baldwin, of this county, voted in favor of the bill, thus keeping his pledge made in the last campaign.

The bill as reported from the temperance committee and supported by the Anti-Saloon League was not a "bone dry" measure. It prohibited the manufacture and sale of all kinds of liquor in this state, but permitted the shipment of all kinds of liquor into the state from other states. This measure was so severely criticized that when the bill was brought up for passage Wednesday morning the leaders were forced to submit an amendment prohibiting the transportation of liquor, which under Webb-Kenyon law will make the state "bone dry." This amendment was adopted by practically the same vote the bill received when the final vote was taken.

### SCHOOL NEWS

**University of Wisconsin La Crosse**

Ariel Reker, Jasper, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in archaeological studies at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse Midyear Commencement Sunday, Dec. 18.

**St. Olaf announces dean's list**

Jonathon Vajrt, Luverne, has been named to the Fall 2016 dean's list at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Jonathon is the son of Terry and Michelle Vajrt, Luverne. To make the list, students must earn a 3.75 GPA or higher.

**University of Nebraska Omaha**

Austin Maxwell, Luverne, has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2016 semester.

To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 with 12 or more graded hours of course work.

**St. Cloud Technical & Community College**

Kendall Meyer, Luverne, has been named to the Fall 2016 dean's list at St. Cloud Technical & Community College.

To be named, students must earn a GPA of 3.5.

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Using different styles of paper, participants will use origami, paper piecing and other techniques to make fun projects at **Papercrafting for grades K-1 on Feb. 16.**

Juniors and seniors may take the five-session **ACT Prep Class beginning on Feb. 21** in order to be ready for the actual test. Class includes an overview of test, test-taking strategies, review of content areas and a full-length test simulation.

Prairie Rehab therapists will teach exercises and tips to help you manage **Low Back Pain on Feb. 22.** Fee is \$5.

Get the answers to your estate planning and asset protection questions at **Keeping the Farm/Business in the Family on March 1.** Fee is \$5.

The residents at the Mary Jane Brown Home enjoy doing crafts on Saturday mornings with the students. At **Wood Creations on March 4,** create airplanes, a bow and arrow and more. Fee is \$13.

## 1925: Rock County banks reduce percentage rates on newly issued certificates of deposit

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on September 11, 1925:

**BANKS OF ROCK COUNTY TO PAY LESS INTEREST ON C. D'S.**

**Starting With September 15<sup>th</sup> the Rate of Interest Paid on Time Deposits Will Be 4% Per Annum**

Beginning next Tuesday Sept. 15th, interest rates on certificates of deposit will be reduced by all banks in Rock county from 5 per cent to 4 per cent annually. The reduction will, of course, apply only on new issues of certificates, as all outstanding certificates will continue to draw the present rate of 5 per cent until maturity. This action on the part of the banks is due to existing



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president  
Rock County Historical Society

banking conditions which make it imperative that interest on deposits should be reduced. Experience has shown, it is claimed, that the present rate is unjustifiable and that sound banking demands a reduction of rates.

For some time it has become increasingly more difficult for banks to keep a large percentage of the money on which they are paying interest, loaned out on what, according to rea-

sonably conservative judgment, may be deemed good loans, that is, to parties whose financial condition makes them desirable borrowers.

While the banks of Nobles, Pipestone and Lyon counties and in most other counties of the state have only been paying 4% interest on certificates of deposit, the Rock county banks have been paying five per cent for the past twelve years. In some counties in this state, the rate has been as low as two and

four percent. At Owatonna and Winona the banks are only paying 3 percent on time deposits.

The bankers of Rock county have long been convinced that the high rate of interest paid on certificates of deposit has not been conducive to sound banking principles and many not connected with these institutions, who have given the matter much thought, have long recognized that the reduction in interest will eventually prove beneficial to the community as a whole.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

### ENGAGEMENT

Daryl and Mary Kramer, Adrian, and Ryan and Cindy Gravenhof, Worthington, announce the engagement of their children Bridget Kramer and Mitchell Gravenhof.

Bridget is a 2013 graduate of Ellsworth High School and a 2016 graduate of South Dakota State University, Brookings.

Mitchell is a 2011 graduate of Southwest Christian High School and a 2014 graduate of Minnesota West, Worthington. Mitchell works for farms north of Worthington.

They are planning an April 1, 2017, wedding in George, Iowa.



Bridget Kramer and Mitchell Gravenhof



# Speech team takes home second place

The Luverne Cardinal Speech Team competed in Pipestone Feb. 11 and took second place honors in the large team category with 302 competitors from 22 schools.

The Pipestone Invitational consists of three rounds of preliminary competition and a final round of the top six competitors.

Final round participants and their results are as follows: Dylan Thorson, first, extemporaneous speaking; Samantha Ykema, first, discussion; Knute Oldre, second, discussion; Shane Berning, third, extemporaneous speaking; Nicole Hoogland, sixth, extemporaneous reading; and Jonah Louwagie, sixth, storytelling.

Both Julia Ferguson and Xavier Carbonneau in storytelling competition received red ribbons for two places out of making finals.

The Cardinals had 45 students attend the meet on Saturday.

"This year's team has many new members but they all had some very good placings in certain rounds of competition," said coach Caroline Thorson. "It's very promising. If these younger members stay active in the speech program and keep working, the team's future will be very bright."

Team captains Ykema, Oldre, and Thorson addressed the team on the bus after the meet, congratulating them on a job well done and reminding the younger members that they too started out in speech as seventh- and eighth-graders and to keep meeting with their coaches and working to improve.



Submitted Photo

Eight Luverne Cardinal speech team members took home honors Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Pipestone Speech Invitational including a second-place team trophy. From left are Julia Ferguson, Knute Oldre, Xavier Carbonneau, Dylan Thorson, Samantha Ykema, Jonah Louwagie, Nicole Hoogland and Shane Berning.

The varsity team will travel to Redwood Falls for their invitational Saturday.

## Junior high meet

The Luverne junior high speech team comprised of 27 seventh- through ninth-graders competed Monday in Tracy.

Earning honors were Xavier Carbonneau, first, storytelling; Gunnar Oldre, first, humorous interpretation; Alexa Chesley, first, discussion; Chance Tunnissen, second, extemporaneous speaking; Rachel DenHerder, third, discussion;

Sophia Lanoue, fourth, extemporaneous reading; Seno Chanthalangsy, fourth, humorous; Hannah Ehlers, fourth, poetry; Rylee Anderson, fifth, great speeches; Rebecca Austin fifth, informative; Nicole Hoogland, sixth, extemporaneous reading; Brodi Oakley, sixth, poetry; Hannah Baker, blue ribbon, storytelling; Cassie Flannigan, blue ribbon, informative; and Destiny Matthiesen, blue ribbon, extemporaneous reading.

# Luverne, H-BC release second-quarter honor rolls

## LHS: A Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Arham Ahnaf, Mariah Aukes, Madison Crabtree, Ariel DeBeer, Jeremiah Dooyema, Marissa Fick, Bergin Flom, Jake Henckel, Hanna Honerman, Makayla Huisman, Zayna Hustoft, Christopher Jelken, Matthew Keller, Taylor Kern, Ashton Krueger, Emma Mumme, Sheldie Nath, Thomas Norman, Knute Oldre, Kayla Rud, Madison Schandelmeier, Karli Schilling, Carly Serie, Courtney Siebenahler, Erin Suelter, Dylan Thorson, Danielle Watts-Boll, Sierra Wieneke, Brandon Winter, Samantha Ykema, Linda Zheng, Kristen Ziegler.

**Juniors:** Madelyn Aleman, Hans Bakken, Emilie Bartels, Alexis Ferrell, Alexis Heinrichs, Janae Kopp, Aric Meinerts, Jaxon Nelson, Samantha Pierce, Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson, Megan Rogers, Sierra Schmuck, Hope Van Meeteren, Cade Ver Steeg, Emma Verbrugge, Benjamin Wagner, McKenna Westphal.

**Sophomores:** Greta Ahrendt, Jady Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Carter Baumberger, Shane Berning, Carissa Cunningham, Jediah Dooyema, Julia Ferguson, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jackson Golla, Jacinda Hustoft, Brianna Jonas, Josiah Luethje, Derek Lundgren, Faith Mounce, William Mumme, Rylee Olson, Joel Ortiz, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Jade Smith, Emilie Staeffler, Grace Sweeney, Jenna Zewiske, Matthew Ziegler.

**Freshmen:** Dalwa Alinzi, Michelle Arealvo, Isaiah Bartels, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Bieber, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Hannah Ehlers, Madigan Flom, Meagan Hansen, Zayda Holmgren, Nicole Hoogland, Anna Huisman, Amelia Jarchow, Kacie Kracht, Sophia Lanoue, Jonah Louwagie, Reka Meinerts, Meghan Mollberg, Nathan Nekali, Gunnar Oldre, Melanie Rittenhouse, Nicholas Rogers, Matthew Sehr, Jacob Von Tersch, Austin Watts-Boll, Jordan Winter.

## LHS: B Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Griffin Ahrendt, Aidan Bartels, Nickolas Behrend, Layne Curtis, Tianna Doppenberg, Kaden Ericson, Hailey Franken, Madison Frankenhoff, Isaac Gillette, Damaris Gonzalez, Jenica Haas, Autumn Hamann, Jenae Hamann, Molly Hansen, Marisol Hartshorn, Matthew Hup, Jared Jose, Jesse Kontz, Katlyn Kracht, Natasha Luke, Sydney Maciej, William Natte, Solomon Nielsen, Annabell Petronek, Jesse Reed, Andrew

Reisch, Hailey Remme, Kathryn Renken, Carter Riphagen, Douglas Rozeboom, Kammon Sawtelle, Matthew Schmuck, Dalton Schoeneman, Kristoffer Severtson, Adam Somnis, Itzel Soto Guerrero, Bethany Starling, Logan Stratton, Candace Swenson, Natasha Thone, Tanner Wiese.

**Juniors:** Jarod Berndt, Ashlee Boltjes, Gracie Bosch, Anthony Cavazos, Isabella Donohue, James Erickson, Brooke Feit, Kathryn Fick, Tyler Fick, Derek Fodness, Anika Gust, Zane Holmgren, Kasyn Kruse, Timothy Lingen, Courtney Meeker, Alexander Nelson, Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Rachel Oftedahl, Jocilyn Oye, Tyler Reisdorfer, Jayden Renken, Trey Roberts, Michaele Sandbulte, Zoey Sandbulte, Cody Saker, Ethan Thorson, Daniel Tofteland, Wyatt VanSteenBerg.

**Sophomores:** Nicole Aanenson, Brookelynn Brust, James Chanthalangsy, Likki Chanthalangsy, Lillian Donohue, Autumn Emery, Quinn Graber, Tia Hadler, Jake Haugen, Halle Hough, Luke Jarchow, Matthew Jelken, Michelle Kramer, Nathan Overgaard, Aliah Pilarcik, Madison Reisdorfer, Tanner Reverts, Justyce Ripka, Riley Severtson, McCall Stegenga, William Stegenga, Melissa Teal, Eric Thorson, Evan Ushijima, Sage Ver Steeg, Courtney Wendland, Cameron Wessels, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Austin Winter.

**Freshmen:** Claire Baustian, Justice Brandt, Quinn Buss, Anita Cole-Kraty, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Sara Ernst, Jonah Friedrichsen, Madison Gebauer, Kynzie Hamann, Alexandra Hartman, Gracie Hudson, Ivy Hudson, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Carter Loosbrock, Kaitlyn McDowell, Gabrielle Miller, Alyssa Natress, Samantha Niessink, Tyler Roberts, Henry Rolling, Ainsley Rysdam, Colton Schutz, Riley Siebenahler, Isabel Smeins, Cole Stoltenberg, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Andrew Wagner, Sydney Wicks, Meghan Witte.

## LMS: A Honor Roll

**Eighth Grade:** Russell Aanenson, Zachary Ahrendt, Kaitlyn Anderson, Rebecca Austin, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Annaliese Braucht, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Tricia Davis, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Emma Hinz, Ellie Hodgen, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Shelby Kracht, Destiny Matthiesen, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Leah Wynia, Gracie Zewiske.

**Seventh Grade:** Hannah Baker, Trista Baustian, Reghan Bork, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Kyle

Ferguson, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Kester Grimm, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Chase Overgaard, Ethan Rahm, Kristin Rud, Grace Sandbulte, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Hope Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia Wieneke.

**Sixth Grade:** Josie Anderson, Ross Bergman, Emma Beyer, Parker Carbonneau, Zachary DeBoer, Egypt Forrest, Elizabeth Grimm, Tori Hemme, Camden Hoven, Camden Janiszkeski, Anja Jarchow, Isabella Lanoue, Reese Louwagie, Lacey Morseman, Ethan Nath, Logan Ommen, Henry Ramstorf, Joseph Remme, Alyia Renken, Ava Vortherms, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner.

## LMS: B Honor Roll

**Eighth Grade:** Cooper Arends, Hunter Baker, Anna Boltjes, Brody Bonnett, Bailey Cowell, Ethan Curtiss, Marshall DeHaven, Justin Dohlmann, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, Dillon Englert, Cassie Flanagan, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Katarina Horn, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Camron Kopp, Anthony Kramer, Hailey Kruger, Kaden Lampron-DeSollar, Alex Mann, Nathan Meeker, Jose Mendez Garcia, Samantha Natte, Brodi Oakley, Carlton Oftedahl, Katlin Petronek, Sadie Reisdorfer, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Paige Sandbulte, Crystal Sayavong, Savannah Siebenahler, Haleah Soto, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Tiffany Suelter, Ethan Teunissen, Leslie Van Englenhoven, McKenzie VanGroothoest.

**Seventh Grade:** Hunter Ahrendt, Kaden Anderson, Rylee Anderson, Jase Arp, Alexander Baumberger, Gavyn Boll, Luke Bosch, Paige Bruhn, Lauren Buss, Billi Connell, Timothy Eisma, Sam Emery, Blake Frahm, Jordan Friedrichsen, Daniella Gacke, Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Isabelle Hoiland, Hans Hoven, Matthew McClure, Justin Mente, Cody Mounce, Syndal Pick, Eli Radtke, Silvia Recuero, Ethan Roemeling, Christopher Rosin, Jonathan Saarloos, Ashton Sandbulte, Lacey Saker, Alenya Sayavong, Colin Schoeneman, Casey Sehr, Brenn Siebenahler, Jacey Smith, Macie Swenson, Levi Thielbar, Luke Thielbar, Luke Thorson, Mia Wenzel, Dawson Wicks.

**Sixth Grade:** Gannon Ahrendt, Justis Ahrendt, Abigail Anderson, Brady Bork, Phoebe DeBates, Marcus Feit, Sarah Gehrke, Lauren Hansen, Lucas Hansen, Jady Hart, Jocelyn Hart, Kaleb Hein, Ashlyn Johnson, Katharine

Kelm, Jocelynn Mann, Antoni Mendez Velasco, Priscilla Muehr, Deziree Nath, Carly Olson, Isabella Oye, Averill Sehr, Ryenn Stegenga, Carsen Tofteland, Myles Trimble, Harrison Uithoven, Kamryn Van Batavia, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Tersch, Kaylee Voorhees, Ryan Vos.

## H-BC: A Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Alyssa Allen, Emma Baker, Riley Boese, Jed Burgers, Ashley Esselink, Courtney Kruger, Avery Van Roekel.

**Juniors:** Grace Holthaus, Paige Tilstra.

**Sophomores:** Caitlyn Allen, Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Seth Glidewell, Mary-Frances Ladd, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

**Freshmen:** Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Aleigha Glidewell, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom.

**Eighth Grade:** Annie Bos, Thomas Dysthe, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Taryn Rauk, Lauren Tatge, Jacey Vanden Hoek.

## Seventh Grade:

Austin Allen, Oliver Deelstra, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Ethan Kruger, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen, Mackenzie Voss.

## H-BC: B Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Justice Dunn, Dylan Forshey, Hunter Harvey, Mekayla Kolbrek, Kristen Kooistra, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold, Zachary Scholten, Isaiah Vis, Brandon Wilkus.

**Juniors:** Trenton Bass, Trevor Dolphin, Megan Gehrke, Halle Hoekstra, Angela Martinyuk, Olivia Richards, Kourtney Rozeboom, Orvil Swenson, Dylan Taubert, Dylan Tieszen, Makayla Wilhelmi, Jacob Wingert, Avery Wysong.

**Sophomores:** Alexia Boltjes, Hunter Bork, Amber Bos, Nicholas Kiers, Luke LaRock, Preston Wilhelmi.

**Freshmen:** Joslyn Birger, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Jax Wysong.

**Eighth Grade:** Chase Bosch, Erika Dysthe, Calvin Erickson, Ethan Gray, Tory Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, Abigail Olson, Shayla Rainford, Jacob Sheppard, Joshua Swenson, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

**Seventh Grade:** Jacob Axness, Ty Bundesen, Journey Dwire, Sean Elbers, Carter Hartz, Weston Kellenberger, Josephyne Klosterbuer, Nathan Kruid, Donavon Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Dallas Page, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Conner Vande Voort.

# OBITUARIES

## Earl Glaser

Earl S. Glaser, 99, Luverne, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017, at Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral was Monday, Feb. 13, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors was in St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Earl Glaser was born Feb. 4, 1918, to Peter and Minnie (Soehren) Glaser in Luverne. Earl graduated from Luverne High School in 1936. He began working at Nelson Brothers Department Store in the spring of 1939. He entered the United States Army Air Corps in June of 1942, and served as a musician until 1944. He then transferred into the infantry and was shipped to Germany. He served in the Army of Occupation until he was discharged in March 1946.

Earl married Frances Wille on April 1, 1944, in St. Louis, Missouri. After Earl returned from overseas service, the couple lived in Luverne. Earl worked as a rural mail carrier with the United States Postal Service until his retirement in 1980.

He was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, the Knights of Columbus, the Jaycees and the Luverne VFW. In addition, he was on the Board of the Blue Mound Theater where he served as president, proudly

participating in the Palace Theater restoration. He was instrumental in starting "Christmas at the Palace," where church choirs performed their music. He was also proud to be a member of the Luverne Last Man Standing Coffee Clique.

He is survived by five children, Barbara Ramirez, Seneca, South Carolina; Linda (Bruce) Olson, Las Vegas, Nevada; Nancy (Richard) Nisbett, Houston, Texas; Elizabeth (Betty) Glaser, Atlanta, Georgia; and James (Donna) Glaser, Rochester, nine grandchildren, Michelle (Rick) Burgess, Marcia (David) Molloseau, Katherine (Garnett) Ramsbottom, Christine (Jason) Haerich, Matthew Bendixen, Benjamin (Calin) Smedsrud, Peter Luther, Joseph (Ellissa) Glaser, and Michael Glaser; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Frances, on Jan. 1, 1999; a grandson, Scott Bendixen; two infant siblings; and two brothers, Lester and Harold Glaser.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Glaser Family Dollars for Scholars Fund.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com.

(0216 F)

## Alma Rowe

Alma Rowe, 93, Luverne, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne with fellowship one hour prior to service. Burial of cremains will be in the St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne. A time of fellowship will be from 5-8 p.m. with Parish Prayers at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne.

Alma Heitkamp was born March 1, 1923, in Onley Township, to Joseph and Mary (Honermann) Heitkamp. She attended St. Adrian Parochial School.

Alma married Burdell Rowe on Sept. 7, 1943, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. The couple made their home on a farm near Little Rock Township until 1948, when they moved to Luverne. Alma worked as a sales clerk and office manager in her husband's auction business. She also showed and trained horses. She was the last charter officer of the Mrs. Jaycees in Luverne. She began working for Dr. F.R. Bertrand, DDS, in 1958 as a dental assistant and bookkeeper until his retirement in 1980. When the practice was purchased by Dr. David Paquette, Alma contin-

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ued to work for him until her retirement in 1995.

Upon her retirement, Alma became very active in Luverne Senior Citizens and Senior Dining along with Burdell. She was an active member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne and served as vice president of St. Catherine's LCCW in 1953 and as president in 1954. Alma enjoyed crocheting. She had a great interest in sports of all kinds, especially those involving her children and grandchildren.

Alma is survived by her son, Joe (Carrie) Rowe, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; her daughter, Shirley (Bob) Vanden Hoek, Edina; six grandchildren, Christine (Joe) Wallraf, Paul (Melissa) Vanden Hoek, Kate (Jim) Glogowski, Mary (Bob) Taylor, Megan (Luke) Morrison and Kelly (Chris) Peterson; thirteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Burdell Rowe, on Feb. 23, 2016; seven brothers, Henry, Anthony, Albert, Edward, Lawrence, Bernard and Joseph Heitkamp; and three sisters, Bertha Kunkel, Viola Hamman and Agnes Heitkamp.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(0216 F)

## Verna Rohlck

Verna A. Rohlck, 80, Sauk Rapids, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at The Chateau Waters in Sartell.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

Verna Janousek was born Sept. 22, 1936, in Gregory, South Dakota, to Fred and Amy (Weinrich) Janousek.

She married Roger Rohlck on Aug. 11, 1957, in Gregory. Verna was a homemaker and lived in the Rice area most of her life.

She was a member of Holy

Cross Lutheran Church and Christian Women. She was a St. Cloud Symphony Board member. She enjoyed being an Avon distributor, shopping, gardening, traveling, antiquing, music and playing the piano.

Verna is survived by her nephew and many great-nephews and nieces, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Roger, on Nov. 24, 2015.

Arrangements were by Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home of Sauk Rapids, williamsdingmann.com.

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## Mildred Heikes

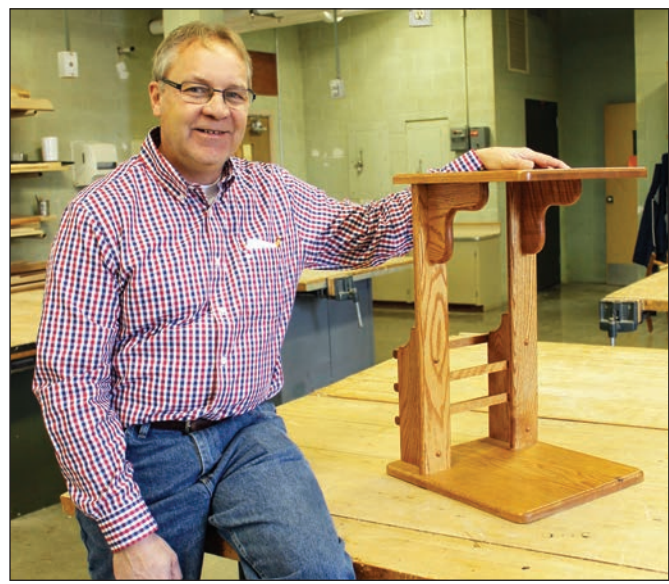
Mildred Heikes, 86, Ellsworth, formerly of Luverne, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, at Parkview Manor nursing home in Ellsworth.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Arrangements are through Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

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Mavis Fodness Photo/0209 Teacher Van Aartsen

Darrel Van Aartsen is introducing the construction trade to sixth- through 12-grade students in Luverne including teaching advanced woodworking students how to make a wooden TV stand. Each of the 19 students will use the press to make a hand-sized game (pictured) by drilling 15 precise holes in a block of wood.

## Van Aartsen woods/from 1A

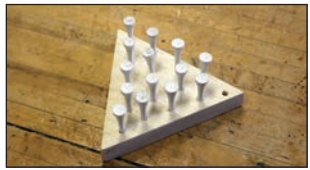
classes into local schools began locally.

Local business owners stated they see a need to replace or add future workers and they view high school students as meeting those needs. Educators view vocational classes as offering a well-rounded education to all students.

"It's important to work at vocational training as well as college training," Van Aartsen said. "It doesn't have to be their occupation down the road but they should have a little bit of knowledge."

How to use tools safely and/or make simple home repairs may be the only time students experience such events.

Unlike Van Aartsen, who learned construction



skills from his father and eventually returned home 25 years ago to make construction a career. Now his son, Mark is emerging as meeting the future construction needs in Luverne.

Van Aartsen's interest in working with young people and Luverne's lack of a woods instructor brought him back to his alma mater.

He views his role in sharing his skills and introducing students to careers in the construction trade as an important one.

"I think I am called to be here," Van Aartsen said.

## Luverne celebrates 150 years/continued from page 1A

Spread globally through the trenches of war, Spanish influenza seemed to strike the whole world simultaneously.

The first cases of flu in the United States were reported in mid-September at Camp Devens, located about 30 miles west of Boston. The same day, the same influenza struck in Bombay, India.

In nine months the epidemic would claim at least 550,000 American lives.

In Minnesota an estimated 140,000 cases were reported, and more than 10,000 people died.

Before it had run its course the Spanish influenza took 20 million lives — as many as the war had claimed in four years. In the United States the death toll from influenza was five times the country's death toll from the war.

Cemeteries and grave-diggers were swamped with bodies and funerals.

Although no one knows exactly where the virus came from, it seemed to spread as the Great War ended.

The fact that World War I, for the first time, drew soldiers from almost every country in the world to the European Theatre contributed to the universal spread of the flu.

### Rock County's experiences with the influenza epidemic

According to the Rock County Herald, right about the time the county rejoiced over the end of World War I, reports of deaths from flu began to accumulate.

Soldiers and nurses died of flu as well as wounds. It was as if the young people who survived the war were being tested even further.

According to "The History of Rock County in the World War," 24 people were listed among the honored dead in service to their country during World War I.

Of those, 12 died of pneumonia or influenza, one died of tubercular meningitis and one died of pulmonary tuberculosis, meaning 10 actually died of wounds or in action.

The burial records at Maplewood Cemetery in 1918 are sketchy, but at a cursory glance, at least 20 people buried there are listed as having died from flu and pneumonia during November

and December 1918. The names of others who died from flu, according to the Herald, brings the total to epidemic proportions.

As was true around the world, the people who died were not old. They were people in their 20s and 30s. A whole generation was decimated by war and illness.

In the Oct. 1 issue of the Herald, George A. Snover, 23, of Kanaranzi Township was listed as the first Rock County man to die in the country's service outside of members of Company A. He died of Spanish influenza at Ft. Snelling Hospital following a brief illness.

According to the Hills Crescent, the first soldier from the Hills community to die in the war was Milo Rollert, 22, who died of Spanish influenza on Oct. 14, 1918.

His body was taken from the train directly to the cemetery where a short service was held.

The practice was to become common as people tried to avoid potentially contagious crowds.

By the Oct. 18 issue of the Herald, all public schools, bowling halls, churches, theaters and pool halls in Luverne were closed to prevent the spread of influenza.

Churches canceled services, following the lead of area towns such as Worthington, Rushmore and Adrian.

By Nov. 1, news of Miss Fyvie Horne's death reached Luverne.

Two weeks before her death she had left Luverne for Fort Riley, Kan., to serve her country as an Army nurse. She was a graduate of Luverne High School and the University of Minnesota. Services for Miss Horne were conducted on the front lawn of the Horne home.

J.W. Gerber, an important Luverne businessman, died of apoplexy during the same time period.

The Nov. 1 Herald said people who attended his services conducted on the front lawn of his home on West Main Street were instructed to stay in their "conveyances" for the ceremony.

The Herald reported when 14-year-old George H. Karlson died of influenza, no church service was allowed.

Only a graveside service for the family was permitted at Maplewood. Karlson had left

to join the circus in May and died when he was in Chicago. In subsequent weeks, the practice of outdoor funerals continued. Rites were conducted at the cemeteries, not in homes or churches.

At Pipestone, all public meetings of every kind including those of churches, lodges and schools had been prohibited. The Pipestone Star reported 200 cases of influenza.

As the stories of deaths from flu disseminated, fear and panic grew in the minds of survivors.

The Crescent and the Herald both published symptoms and treatments for flu. Various advertisements claimed products would help prevent and treat flu.

Vicks Vaporub was advertised in the Crescent. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medica Discovery anuric tablets would help when combined with drinking broths, milk, buttermilk and eating ice cream.

People were advised to "bathe foreheads, arms, and hands in tepid water in which one tablespoon of saleratus has been dissolved."

The list of deaths continued to grow on the pages of the Herald.

But the six-week ban on public gatherings was lifted on Dec. 2.

Editor Moreaux hastened to assure readers the life of the community was rapidly returning to normal.

Other people weren't so sure. Only about two-thirds of the pupils were in attendance at the school.

"The large number of absentees is thought to be due more to fear of the epidemic on the part of the parents, however, than to any great number of influenza cases among the children ... Every precaution is being exercised to prevent infection in the schools, and no further difficulty is expected."

He spoke too soon, however. A hundred years later, one wonders if pressures from businesses being hurt by the pre-Christmas closings might have affected the decision to lift the ban.

On Dec. 13, headlines in the Herald said, "Influenza Epidemic Becoming Serious. The Conditions in Rock County are Growing Bad."

In the Hills Crescent of Dec. 18, 1918, Miss Tilla Rossum who went to serve as a Red Cross nurse in Camp Custer, Mich., wrote back to her local paper.

"I reached here the same time as the Spanish influenza epidemic, so got in on the excitement proper. It broke out Friday and by Sunday, it was going full blast. Patients were hauled in by the hundreds and the receiving station was a sight to behold filled to its utmost capacity, each one awaiting his turn to be assigned to a ward."

She reported every nurse had 75 to 100 patients to care for, and they worked 15- to 18-hour shifts.

"I could write a volume on the sadness and horrors of it all ... but anyone who has witnessed such an epidemic will have a horror of the mere mention of the word ever afterwards," she wrote.

As whole families were struck with flu, people were afraid to help one another.

The Herald said, "One of the worst features of the situation is the inability to secure nurses or

aid of any kind in caring for the sick. Physicians state that not only among the people generally is there a lack of cooperative spirit in extending aid, but that in many instances, persons competent to serve as nurses and who ordinarily act as nurses are refusing to go out.

"Owing to the large amount of sickness and the condition of the roads, the physicians are absolutely unable to cope with the situation without the fullest cooperation of those competent to serve as nurses and the people in general."

But it was understandable. In many instances, those who went to care for sick family members died in their efforts to help.

Both William and Ida Lukowski, brother and sister, ages 34 and 30 respectively, died of flu. Ida Black, age 23, nursed her husband Jesse Black, 29, and they both died of flu, leaving three small sons as orphans.

Both Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Sherman, S. D., died of the disease.

The Red Cross worked to create a hospital in Luverne. The O.A. Shelby residence on the corner of Crawford and E. Park was converted into a hospital.

District court term was curtailed.

Christmas programs in area churches were restricted, and the traditional New Year's Fireman's Ball was canceled for the first time in 32 years because of flu.

While Luverne appeared to weather the worst of the epidemic by the end of the year, the rural areas of Rock County continued to suffer.

The Jan. 3, 1919, Herald reported "Death Takes Heavy Toll Around Kenneth." Mrs. A.G. (Nellie) Knowlton, wife of a county commissioner, died. Subsequent issues listed the obituaries of those who died of flu. Postmaster A.G. Solem died of flu.

In the January 17, 1919, Herald, headlines read, "Influenza epidemic found many victims. Incomplete reports show there were 412 cases in city during October, November and December."

The paper reported 33 pneumonia cases with 13 deaths.

City Health Officer S.L. Sherman said more than 600 cases of influenza developed in Luverne during the last three months of 1918.

The writer of the news article fine-tuned his statistics by saying if a person counted flu deaths, there were none.

However, if one counted the flu that developed into pneumonia, it was another story.

He wrote, "The large percentage of deaths clearly indicates that influenza-pneumonia is much more fatal than any other form of pneumonia."

"The number of cases of influenza in the county, outside of Luverne, during the three-month period cannot be estimated, as there are no reports upon which an estimate can be based," he wrote.

In April 1919 the school board discovered only nine teachers decided to return to teach in the Luverne public schools. They had 17 positions to fill.

They also decided to continue classes for the current term until June 13, 1919, so that they could make up four of the six weeks of school lost because of the flu.

On behalf of the Luverne Music Boosters, we would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to the area businesses who helped make the 37th Annual Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival a huge success. The support received from the community was amazing! Cash donations and/or merchandise were generously given by nearly 150 area businesses.

Without their support and kindness, the Carnival couldn't happen. Thank you!

Special thanks to Carrie Overgaard and Julie Wynia for co-chairing the Carnival, to Matt & Jill Wagner for overseeing the Raffle Ticket distribution and sales, to Wanda Jarchow, our Treasurer, to Cheryl Hartman for organizing the booths and prizes, to Jennifer Bakken for heading the kitchen concessions, to Keith & Seana Graber for running the Bingo area, to Phoebe & Mike Flom for heading the pizza area, and to Dee Stanley for being in charge of the Cotton Candy station. Thanks to Family Dental for use of their basement to store our booths and to the Luverne Farm Store for the use of their Bingo game and to Big Top Rentals for the use of their Cotton Candy machine.

Thanks to Harry Flanagan for the Balloon Booth. Thanks to Carrie Overgaard for managing our Volunteer Spot. Thank you to Jackie Pizel, Cheryl Hartman, and Craig Oftedahl for judging our booths and cakes. Special thanks to the Luverne School Custodial Staff for so graciously helping us with our many tasks of set-up and tear-down. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to work a shift during the Carnival and to the students who decorated and ran the booths.

A very gracious thank you to everyone in the community who supported our Winter Carnival by either purchasing raffle tickets, or by attending and participating in this event. It is wonderful to see so many people attend this evening of family entertainment! Finally, we would like to thank Mrs. Graber and Mr. Owen for their invaluable support, for teaching our children a love of music and so much more! We are proud to be a part of a giving community that continues to care about the music programs at our school.

*Thanks to All!*

Luverne Music Boosters Winter Carnival Committee

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# 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 Gonneman who caught 5.765 pounds of fish to win an Ion Electric Auger.

Winner in the youth division was Brody Loosbrock who caught 1.88 pounds of fish to win an Eskimo three-person hub tent and ice auger, a prize supplied by TCI.

Winner of the largest fish was Will Stegenga who registered a 3.32-pound walleye to take home \$500 cash.

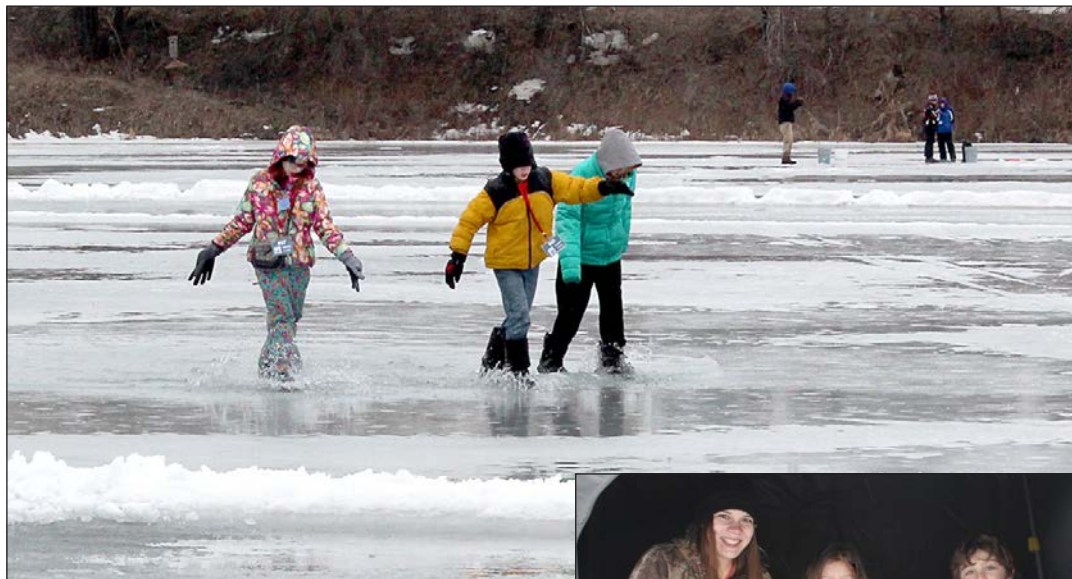
"It was a great day," Lanphere said.

She recognized the major tournament volunteer team of Jeremy Wallenberg, Josh DePeyer, 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."



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.



Courtney Gonneman (left) and her fishing mates Alena and Vaughn Sandbulte 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 Ingebretsen and Grace Ingebretsen.

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



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.



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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Junior Declan Beers (4) scored Luverne's first goal to ignite a come-from-behind victory over the Marshall Tigers at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday that clinched the BSC championship for the Cardinals.

## Adrian girls sweep series with Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team completed a sweep of its annual season series with Ellsworth by handing the Panthers a 67-41 setback Thursday in Ellsworth.

Adrian, which topped EHS 51-44 when the teams met in Adrian Jan. 6, turned in an even more impressive performance in the rematch.

The Dragons canned 48 percent of their field goals and outscored the Panthers in both halves of a 26-point victory.

Adrian led 29-18 at the intermission and sported a 38-23 scoring advantage in the second half.

Kaitlyn Christians (22 points, six assists and five steals), Hannah Bullerman (four steals and three assists) and Paige Bullerman (12 points and 10 rebounds) paved the way to victory for Adrian.

Moriah Bullerman (seven

assists and five rebounds) and Miah Kunkel (five rebounds) also played key roles in the win.

Devin Dreesen turned in a 25-point, five-rebound, three-steal effort for the Panthers.

Morgan Dreesen collected five caroms and charted three assists for EHS, while Sierra Smith chipped in five rebounds.

Box score

Adrian  
H. Bullerman 4 2 0-0 14, M. Bullerman 3 0 0-0 6, Kunkel 2 0 0-0 4, Christians 8 2 0-2 22, Jeffers 0 2 0-0 6, Slater 1 0 1-2 3, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, P. Bullerman 6 0 0-0 12.

Ellsworth

Vander Poel 0 1 0-1 3, M. Dreesen 1 0 1-2 3, Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, D. Dreesen 7 2 5-6 25, Custer 1 0 0-0 2, Nussbaum 0 0 0-0 0, Smith 2 1 0-0 7.

Team statistics

Adrian: 30 of 63 field goals (48 percent), one of four free throws (25 percent), 29 rebounds, eight turnovers.  
Ellsworth: 15 of 38 field goals (39 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 22 rebounds, 19 turnovers.

## Late surge clinches win for Cardinals in Redwood

By John Rittenhouse

A late surge in the second half lifted the Luverne girls' basketball team to a 58-56 victory in Redwood Falls Friday.

After sporting a 25-24 edge at the intermission, LHS fell behind by six points with three minutes left to play.

LHS junior Joci Oye canned a pair of three-point shots to knot the score at 55 and Kami Sawtelle converted a field goal with 45 seconds remaining to give the Cards a 57-55 edge.

The teams exchanged one free throw each the rest of the game, leaving LHS with

its second consecutive victory.

Schmuck (20 points and three assists) and Jadyn Anderson (12 points) paced LHS on the offensive end of the court.

Hailey Remme and Zayna Hustoft collected five rebounds each for the 9-13 Cardinals.

Box score

Schmuck 5 1 7-12 20, Remme 2 0 2-2 6, Oye 0 3 0-0 9, Anderson 4 1 1-2 12, Sawtelle 3 0 0-0 6, Bosch 0 0 0-0 0, Oftedahl 1 0 0-0 2, Petersen 1 0 0-0 2, Hustoft 1 0 1-2 3.

Team statistics

Luverne: 21 of 48 field goals (44 percent), 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent), 27 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

## Boys capture BSC crown

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team locked up the Big South Conference championship with a victory at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

The Cardinals and Marshall squared off in what basically was a championship game for the league title.

LHS took a 12-2 record into the game, while Marshall checked off with a 12-2-1 mark with what was its final league game of the winter.

After falling behind by two goals early in the contest, the

Cardinals rallied to net five unanswered goals in the final two periods of play to secure a 5-2 victory.

The 18-5-1 Cardinals complete the regular season and conference play with a game in Le Sueur Friday (Feb. 17).

Marshall made a statement early in Thursday's clash by netting a pair of goals in the game's first 8:42.

Dylan Criquet-Danielson opened the scoring 17 seconds into the contest and scored again with 8:18 remaining in the period to give the Tigers

a 2-0 lead.

Marshall remained in front until the final 6:40 of the second period, when Luverne netted a pair of goals to knot the score at two.

Jim Erickson scored on a shot from the point 9:20 into the second stanza before Declan Beers tied the game with a power-play tally that came with 2:25 remaining.

Luverne captured the BSC title by netting three goals in a span of 4:59 of the third period.

Kasyn Kruse gave the Cards their first lead of the game (3-2)

when he scored with 7:40 left to play, and Ben Serie added a goal 10 seconds later to make it a two-tally difference.

Jesse Reed scored with 2:41 remaining to cap Luverne's three-goal victory.

Luverne sported a 37-22 advantage in shots on goal in the game, and Daniel Tofteland turned in a 20-save effort in net.

Reed led LHS with two assists, while Kruse, Beers, Serie, Mark Sterrett and Chris Jelken recorded one assist each for the Cardinals.



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Adrian's Mitchell Lonneman scored 26 points during Friday's 80-70 home win over Southwest Christian.

## Dragons down RRC opponents

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team topped a pair of Red Rock Conference foes at different venues.

The Dragons bested Southwest Christian by 10 points Friday in Adrian before securing a 12-point victory in Fulda Monday.

The 12-7 Dragons play in Hills Thursday.

Adrian 58, Fulda 46

A strong second half by the Dragons proved to be the difference during Monday's game in Fulda.

The home-standing Raiders

led 31-28 at the intermission, but it proved to be a lead they couldn't protect.

Adrian doubled (30-15) Fulda's scoring output in the second half to nail down a 12-point victory.

Ryan Wieneke (15 points and three assists), Zach Bierman (12 points and five rebounds) and Mitchell Lonneman (10 points and nine rebounds) led AHS statistically.

Jacob Stamer added five rebounds to the winning cause.

Box score

Stamer 1 1 2-2 7, Serrao 0 0 0-0 0,

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## Cardinals roll to 19-point victory in Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of boys' basketball teams from the Star Herald coverage area squared off in a non-conference game Monday in Ellsworth.

The Luverne Cardinals made the trip to take on the Panthers on their home floor.

The visiting Cardinals outscored EHS in both halves of the game to secure a 70-51 victory.

Luverne opened the game with an 8-0 run ending with a three-point shot from Cole Claussen at 15:50 of the first half to gain an early advantage.

EHS scored the next five points to trail by three (8-5) when Jared Leuthold registered a field goal at the 14:54 mark, but Luverne upped its lead to 10 (17-7) when Riley Siebenahler converted a three-point play with 13:14 remaining in the stanza.

Ellsworth closed the gap to six points (21-15) when Brandon Kramer turned an offensive rebound into a field goal at the 8:41 mark and the score was 23-17 moments later.

Luverne, however, went on a 15-6 run capped by a field goal from Claussen with 2:41 remaining in the stanza to open a 15-point cushion (38-23) and the Cards remained in front by 15 (40-25) at the intermission.

Ellsworth opened the second half by scoring the first five points as a part of an 11-2 run that trimmed Luverne's lead to six points (42-36) when Kramer recorded a field goal at 15:06.

Luverne gained control of the game moments later and put the contest out of reach for EHS.

A 26-7 run ending with Derek Lundgren sinking one free throw with 2:41 left to play gave the Cards a 68-43 advantage.

The Panthers outscored LHS 8-2 the rest of the night, but it wasn't enough to keep the hosts from dropping a 19-point decision.

Claussen (27 points, five rebounds and five steals), Eli



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Luverne junior post Eli Haugom releases a one-handed shot in front of two Ellsworth defenders during Monday's game in Ellsworth. Haugom netted 14 points in a 70-51 LHS win.

Haugom (14 points), Siebenahler (10 points and seven steals) and Layne Curtis (10 points, nine assists, six rebounds and four steals) led the Cardinals statistically.

Andrew Bierman grabbed five rebounds and charted three assists for the 5-16 LHS squad, which hosts Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

Kramer (17 points and three assists) played a strong game

for 1-16 Ellsworth, which takes on Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

Leuthold snared eight rebounds and Nathan Wallenberg passed for four assists for the Panthers.

Box score

Luverne  
Lundgren 1 0 2-4 4, Ahanaf 1 0 0-0 2, Rahm 0 0 0-0 0, Guy 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 9 16-10 27, Curtis 3 1 1-3 10, Jacobsma 0 0 0-1 0, Bierman 0 1 0-0 3, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Siebenahler 3 0 4-5 10, Haugom

7 0 0-0 14.

Ellsworth

Wallenberg 0 0 0-0 0, Leuthold 4 0 0-0 8, N. Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Curtis 2 0 0-2 4, Boltjes 10 2-2 4, T. Kruse 1 0 0-0 2, S. Kramer 0 0 0-0 0, Boyenga 1 0 0-0 2, Jansma 1 2 0-0 8, Blair 0 0 2-2 2, B. Kramer 8 0 1-3 17, Buntjer 2 0 0-2 4.

Team statistics

Luverne: 26 of 67 field goals (39 percent), 13 of 23 free throws (57 percent), 24 rebounds, 11 turnovers.  
Ellsworth: 22 of 48 field goals (46 percent), five of 11 free throws (45 percent), 38 rebounds, 22 turnovers.



# Road ends for Luverne hockey girls in Marshall Friday

**By John Rittenhouse**

The 2016-17 hockey season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinal girls during the Section 3A Tournament. Luverne posted a two-goal home win over Windom during the quarterfinals Feb. 7, but LHS fell by two goals during Friday's semifinals in Marshall.

LHS ends the campaign with a 10-12-3 record.

## Marshall 3, LHS 1

A slow start by the Cardinals led to a season-ending setback when they took on the Tigers during Friday's semifinals in Marshall.

The Tigers got off to a strong start by outshooting LHS 18-5 and scoring three goals in the first period.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw in the second period and LHS produced a goal in the final stanza, but it wasn't enough to keep Marshall from registering a two-goal victory.

Marshall opened a 2-0 cushion in the first 3:35 of the game with goals from Jadyn Briffett



Luverne senior defenseman Carly Serie takes a shot between Windom defenders Ellyson Bang (11) and Jolyssa Higley-Purrington during the Section 3A Tournament quarterfinals in Luverne Feb. 7.

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and Olivia Peterson.

Tessa Coudron upped the lead to 3-0 when she scored

with 4:37 remaining in the opening stanza. The score remained intact

until there was 11:57 remaining in the third period, when Mariah Aukes scored for

Luverne after being set up by Madison Crabtree. Marshall sported a 40-20

advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Emilie Bartels made 37 saves in goal for the Cards.

## LHS 2, Windom 0

The Cardinals opened the section tourney by posting a two-goal victory over the Eagles at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Feb. 7.

Luverne received a pair of goals from freshman forward Claire Baustian and a shutout performance in goal from Bartels during the quarterfinal-round conquest.

The teams nearly skated to a scoreless draw through two periods until Baustian netted her first goal with 27 seconds remaining in the second stanza.

Baustian produced an insurance goal 2:53 into the third period to cap the scoring.

Crabtree received assists for both of Baustian's goals, while Aukes and Rozilyn Oye charted one assist each.

Bartels made 13 saves for an LHS squad that outshot the Eagles 32-13.



Adrian senior Nate Lonneman battles for a rebound with Southwest Christian's Hunter Dilly during Friday's Red Rock Conference game in Adrian. The Dragons posted an 80-70 win.

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Bierman 3 1 3-6 12, White 0 2 2-2 8, Wieneke 2 2 5-8 15, N.Lonneman 1 0 0-0 2, Hendel 2 0 0-0 4, Veld 0 0 0-0 0, M.Lonneman 4 0 2-2 10.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 19 of 51 field goals (37 percent), 14 of 20 free throws (70 percent), 33 rebounds, 11 turnovers.  
Fulda: 17 of 62 field goals (27 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 28 rebounds, nine turnovers.

## Adrian 80, SWC 70

The Dragon boys turned in an impressive performance during Friday's 10-point home victory over the Eagles.

Adrian drained 64 percent of its field goals and led by as many as 26 points in the second half before yielding some points to SWC late in the game.

Adrian, which posted a 59-47 over SWC in Edgerton Dec. 6, fell behind 7-4 early in Friday's rematch.

The Dragons, however,

bounced back to outscore SWC 40-22 the rest of the first half to assume control of the game.

A 10-0 run capped by a field goal from Lonneman gave AHS a 14-7 advantage that swelled to nine points (20-11) when Wieneke hit a two-point shot at the 11:20 mark of the first half.

SWC rallied to trim the difference to four points (20-16), but the Dragons countered with a 13-2 surge ending with a three-point shot from Wieneke to open a 33-18 cushion with 6:17 remaining in the stanza.

Adrian never led by less than 10 points as the half progressed and sported a 44-29 advantage at the intermission.

The Dragons scored the first seven points of the second half

and led by 26 (61-35) when Lonneman converted a field goal at the 11:26 mark.

AHS sported a 15-point (80-65) lead with one minute left to play before surrendering the final six points of the game to win by 10.

Lonneman (26 points and 12 rebounds), Zach Hendel (17 points) and Wieneke (14 points, five rebounds and five assists) played key roles in the win for AHS.

**Box score**  
Stamer 2 1 0-0 7, Serrao 0 0 2-2 2, Bierman 1 0 1-2 3, White 1 1 0-0 5, Wieneke 4 2 0-0 14, N.Lonneman 3 0 0-0 6, Hendel 8 0 1-1 17, M.Lonneman 12 0 2-4 26.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 35 of 55 field goals (64 percent), six of nine free throws (67 percent), 33 rebounds, 20 turnovers.  
SWC: 26 of 73 field goals (36 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 24 rebounds, nine turnovers.

## Skattum aces hole

**By John Rittenhouse**

A Rock County woman recorded a hole-in-one at a golf club in Arizona Friday.

Nan Skattum was playing a round with some family members at the Trilogy Golf Club at Power Ranch when she registered an ace.

Playing the par-3 fourth hole at the course in Gilbert, Skattum drew a 5-wood to attack the pin 125 yards away from the tee box.

Skattum's shot found the cup.

Tom Skattum, Nan's husband, witnessed the shot as did her sons, Zach and Matt Skattum.

## CLIPBOARD

### Monday Night Bowling League Feb. 6

Games won: Rock Vet Clinic, 4; Luverne Lanes, 0.

High Scratch Game: Pat Weerheim, 163; Brandon Kurrasch Jr. 127; Evie Kephart 115.

High Scratch Series: Pat Weerheim, 481; Brandon Kurrasch Jr. 337; Evie Kephart 326.

Team High Scratch Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 531; Luverne Lanes, 428.

Team High Scratch Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 1541; Luverne Lanes, 1245

Team High Handicap Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 725; Luverne Lanes, 650.

Team High Handicap Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 2123; Luverne Lanes, 1911.

### Thursday Night Bowling League Feb. 9

Games won: The Troublemakers, 4; Billy Goats, 3; Mark's Electric, 2; PD's Bar Files, 2; Kruser's Bruisers, 1.

High Scratch Game: Billy Debates, 213; Anthony Schwebach, 202; Dave Nelson, 201.

High Scratch Series: Dave Nelson, 573; Jeff Runia, 521; Billy Debates, 518.

Team High Scratch Game: Billy Goats, 748; The Troublemakers, 616; PD's Bar Files, 606.

Team High Scratch Series: Billy Goats, 1920; The Troublemakers, 1812; PD's Bar Files, 1618.

Team High Handicap Game: Billy Goats, 914; PD's Bar Files, 821; The Troublemakers, 768.

Team High Handicap Series: Billy Goats, 2418; The Troublemakers, 2268; PD's Bar Files, 2263.

## Gymnasts complete 4-2 conference slate with home win

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne gymnastics team finished Big South Conference competition with a 4-2 record after posting a 132.925-123.275 home win over Windom Thursday.

With Madison Schandmeier and Samantha Pierce winning two individual events each, LHS locked up third place in the league's Western Division standings with the victory.

Schandmeier, who was the all-around champion of the meet with 33.15 points, took top honors on the vault (9.025) and bars (8.525).

Schandmeier placed second on the floor with an 8.6 tally as well.

Pierce won the beam (8.45) and floor (8.8) crowns along with placing third on the vault (8.9).

Bergin Flom and Meghan Witte also placed in multiple events for the Cardinals. Flom placed second on

the vault and beam with respective 9.0 and 8.225 tallies and finished fourth on the bars with a 7.6.

Witte placed third on the bars and floor with respective 8.025 and 8.55 efforts and finished fourth on the vault with an 8.65.

Marisol Hartshorn placed third on the beam with an 8.05 tally for LHS.

Shelbie Nath turned in a fourth-place finish on the floor (8.375) for the 11-6 Cardinals, who compete at the Section 3A Gymnastics Championships Saturday in Windom.

**Individual results**  
Vault: Schandmeier, 9.25; Flom, 9.0; Pierce, 8.9; Witte, 8.65; Nath, 8.45.  
Beam: Pierce, 8.45; Flom, 8.225; Hartshorn, 8.05; Schandmeier, 7.0; Nath, 6.85.  
Bars: Schandmeier, 8.525; Witte, 8.025; Flom, 7.6; Nath, 7.15; Anna Huisman, 6.6.  
Floor: Pierce, 8.8; Schandmeier, 8.6; Witte, 8.55; Nath, 8.375; Flom, 8.225.

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**Arham Ahahaf**  
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Position: Guard  
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Favorite Subject: Video game design  
Extra Curricular Activities: Soccer  
Future Plans: Be happy and successful



**Shelbie Nath**  
Sport: Gymnastics  
Position: All-around  
Parents: Lori and Scott Nath  
Favorite Subject: College Sociology  
Extra Curricular Activities: Gymnastics, Speech, Track, Tennis  
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# New England's comeback yields third ring for LHS graduate

Monti Ossenfort, Luverne's connection to the New England Patriots, admits it.



The chances of New England winning its fifth Super Bowl appeared to be slim when they trailed Atlanta 28-3 midway through the third quarter of the Feb. 5 game in Houston.

"It didn't look good," said Ossenfort, a 1996 Luverne graduate who has served as the director of college scouting since July of 2014 for the NFL's most successful franchise since the turn of the century.

The situation cast a wet blanket upon an Ossenfort delegation that included Monti's parents, Luverne's Dianne and Rodger Ossenfort, his brother Matt and nephews Jackson and Connor, his wife, Shannon, and their oldest daughter, Emery.

Super Bowl LI was a sort of an Ossenfort family reunion, and the Falcons were on the verge of spoiling the celebration with their 25-point lead.

A third-quarter touchdown (followed by a missed extra point) and a field goal early in the fourth quarter by New England made it a 28-12 game, but didn't do much to change the mood of the Ossenfort delegation.

"I was still thinking it was a long shot for us," Monti said.

As anyone who watched the rest of the game knows, betting on the long shot would have been the smart move.

With two touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions, the Patriots knotted the score at 28 to set up the first overtime in Super Bowl history.

## FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

When the Patriots completed the biggest comeback in Super Bowl history with a 75-yard drive during their opening possession of overtime, the entire Ossenfort clan had reason to celebrate.

"The final touchdown, a two-yard run by James White, was scored in the end zone we were seated in," Monti said.

"It was just a crazy game. It was a roller coaster of emotions from the lows of the first half through the highs of the second half and overtime. When it was over, I got to bring my dad, wife and daughter on the field for the celebration. It was an unbelievable game, but it was great."

Ossenfort is no stranger when it comes to witnessing exciting Super Bowls.

He working as an intern for the Patriots when they defeated Carolina (32-29) with a late field goal at the same stadium in Houston in 2004.

Ossenfort's next two Super Bowl experiences didn't have happy endings as the New York Giants saddled the Patriots with 17-14 and 21-17 setbacks respectively in the 2008 and 2012 versions of the event, but he gained a little bit of redemption when a late interception in 2015 clinched a 28-24 win for the Patriots over the Seattle Seahawks.

The six-point win in overtime over Atlanta is the largest margin of victory for the Patriots in their five Super Bowl victories, but Ossenfort won't place it above the others in terms of importance.

"It's hard to say any one of the titles we have won since I've been here stand out more than the others because they are all so special," he said.

"I'm just blessed to be a part of this great organization. I know a lot of people who work for other organizations that haven't made it to the Super Bowl, and this was my fifth one."

To be sure, Ossenfort has played an important role for the elite NFL franchise.

The coaching and training staffs are outstanding, and so is the scouting staff that produces top-notch talent on a yearly basis.

"Our last two draft classes have been pretty good," Ossenfort said.

"We've found a couple of starters and some other key contributors the last two years, and I would say a majority of them are still on our 53-man roster, or they are on our practice squad."

With the annual NFL Scouting Combine set for late February in Indianapolis, Ossenfort's time for celebration will be limited.

He will travel from his home, which is a short 10-minute drive away from Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts, to the Combine as a member of a Patriots' delegation that will be seeking help for another potential Super Bowl run next season.

Based on the way things turned out in Houston on Feb. 5, I wouldn't bet against Monti Ossenfort gaining his fourth Super Bowl ring in 2018.



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Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore Grace Bundesen led the Patriot girls with 16 points and 13 rebounds during Saturday's 66-44 home victory over the Garretson Blue Dragons.

# Patriot girls split weekend set

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team went 1-1 when it played a pair of weekend contests.

The Patriots lost an 18-point game in Pipestone Friday before securing a 22-point home victory Saturday over Garretson, South Dakota.

H-BC, 16-5 overall, plays at Edgerton Public School Friday.

**H-BC 66, Garretson 44**

The Patriots bounced back from Friday's road loss to defeat the Blue Dragons by 22 points Saturday in Hills.

The home-standing Patriots couldn't gain much traction in the first 12 minutes of the game, but H-BC outscored the Blue Dragons 49-27 in the final 23 minutes to win handily.

H-BC sported a four-point lead (9-5) 5:02 into the game

and the Patriots led by five (15-10) when Kourtney Rozeboom canned a field goal at the 9:07 mark of the first half.

Garretson, however, battled back to knot the score at 17 with less than six minutes remaining in the stanza.

The Patriots turned things around after that.

H-BC closed the first half with a 15-4 run ending with a field goal from Paige Tilstra with 41 seconds left that gave the Patriots a 32-21 cushion they would take into the second half.

The Patriots scored the first four points of the second half as a part of a 10-1 run that left them sporting a 42-22 advantage when Sidney Fick drained a field goal at 15:16.

H-BC's lead swelled to 29 points (55-26) when Rozeboom scored on the paint at

the 11:10 mark of the second half.

Garretson managed to outscore the Patriots 18-11 in the final 11 minutes of play, but the 22-point margin at game's end was as close as the Blue Dragons would come to catching the winners.

Grace Bundesen (16 points and 13 rebounds), Fick (14 points) and Rozeboom (12 points and five rebounds) led H-BC offensively.

Jasmine Lingen charted three assists for H-BC.

**Box score**  
 Bos 0 1 0-0 3, Tilstra 1 0 2-2 4, Spath 0 0 1-2 1, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 1 1 0-0 5, Fick 3 2 2-2 14, Bundesen 6 0 4-4 16, Swan 0 0 1-2 1, Elbers 1 0 0-2, Van Roekel 4 0 0-1 8, Rozeboom 6 0 0-2 12.

**Team statistics**  
 H-BC: 26 of 61 field goals (43 percent), nine of 15 free throws (60 percent), 39

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# Adrian wrestling team wraps up 3-21 regular season in Tracy

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team wrapped up a 3-21 regular season by dropping a match in Tracy Thursday.

The Dragons posted three wins during their match against Tracy-Milroy-Balaton-Westbrook-Walnut Grove, but the hosts came out on the winning end of a 54-14 decision.

Adrian's Preston Nelson pinned Jayden Torgeson in 1:51, while Dylan Gyberg pre-

vailed by technical fall against Tyler Timm.

Chandler Combs nipped Tyler Vandendriessche 8-7 to round out the team scoring for the Dragons.

AHS drew the eighth seed for the Section 3A Team Tournament, which starts Thursday in Pipestone.

The Dragons take on No. 9 Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther at 6 p.m. The winner takes on Pipestone in the

quarterfinals at 7:30.

**Match wrap-up**  
 106 (W) Horner 9-2 B. Combs.  
 113 (W) Ellingson 10-2 Hix.  
 120 (A) Nelson pins Torgeson.  
 126 (W) Perez pins Sherer.  
 132 (A) C. Combs 8-7 Vandendriessche.  
 138 (W) Axford pins Castenada.  
 145 (W) Axford 4-0 Taylor.  
 152 (W) Eisfeld by forfeit.  
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 170 (W) Paplow t.f. Bullerman.  
 182 (A) Gyberg t.f. Timm.  
 195 (W) Radke by forfeit.  
 220 (W) Buchholz 3-1 Wagner.  
 285 (W) Bauer pins Edwards.

# Arrows, RWV prevail over LHS boys

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne boys' basketball team lost a pair of Big South Conference games late last week.

The Cardinals lost a 17-point home decision to Pipestone Thursday before falling by 15 points to Redwood Valley Friday in Redwood Falls.

The losses left the Cards with a 1-10 league record.

**RWV 69, Luverne 54**

The Cardinals were unable to stage an upset when they squared off against RWV Friday in Redwood Falls.

LHS battled hard and remained in contention when it trailed 29-23 at the intermission.

RWV, however, outscored the Cards 40-31 in the second half to complete its 15-point win.

Layne Curtis (11 points), Riley Siebenahler (11 points, nine rebounds, five steals and five assists) and Cole Claussen (10 points and five rebounds) led the Cards offensively.

Eli Haugom (five rebounds and three assists) and Derek Lundgren (three steals) also played productive games for LHS.

**Box score**  
 Lundgren 0 2 2-4 8, Bierman 2 0 2-2 6, Claussen 4 0 2-3 10, Curtis 3 1 2-3 11, Jacobsma 1 0 0-1 2, Siebenahler 3 0 5-9 11, Haugom 3 0 0-0 6.

**Team statistics**  
 Luverne: 19 of 60 field goals (32 percent), 13 of 22 free throws (59 percent), 25 rebounds, 12 turnovers.  
 RWV: 23 of 49 field goals (47 percent), 12 of 16 free throws (75 percent).

**Pipestone 79, LHS 62**

The Cardinals dropped their fourth consecutive game when they took on the Arrows in

Luverne Thursday.

Pipestone set the tone for the night by opening a 40-33 advantage in the first half.

The Arrows went on to outscore the Cards 39-29 in the second half to complete their 17-point conquest.

Curtis (22 points), Claussen (12 points) and Siebenahler (11 points) led LHS offensively.

Siebenahler grabbed six rebounds for the Cards.

**Box score**  
 Lundgren 2 0 0-0 4, Bierman 0 0 2-4 2, Ahanaf 0 0 0-0 0, Rahm 0 0 0-0 0, Guy 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 5 0 2-2 12, Curtis 6 2 4-6 22, Jacobsma 1 1 2-2 7, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Siebenahler 1 1 6-8 11, Haugom 2 0 0-0 4.

**Team statistics**  
 Luverne: 21 of 53 field goals (40 percent), 16 of 22 free throws (73 percent), 18 rebounds, 13 turnovers.  
 Pipestone: 26 of 47 field goals (55 percent), 16 of 20 free throws (80 percent).

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# FEBRUARY 7 SPORTS REPLAY

## Adrian boys take care of Heron Lake-Okabena

The Adrian boys' basketball team registered a Red Rock Conference win when it notched a 79-72 victory over Heron Lake-Okabena in Adrian.

The Dragons opened a 40-25 lead at the intermission and withstood a second-half challenge by the Wildcats to win by seven points.

Jacob Stamer (19 points), Zach Bierman (17 points, five rebounds and three steals), Zach Hendel 14 points and five rebounds), Mitchell Lonneman (12 points and eight rebounds) and Nate Lonneman (six rebounds) led AHS statistically during the game.

## W-WG saddles EHS boys with sixth straight loss

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team dropped its sixth consecutive game when it came up on the short end of an 84-58 decision against Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Ellsworth.

The visiting Chargers opened an 18-point (44-26) halftime lead and outscored the Panthers 40-32 in the second half to prevail by 26 points.

Jared Leuthold (10 points and five assists), Grant Jansma (13 points), Brandon Kramer (13 points and five rebounds) and Zach Buntjer (eight rebounds) played strong games for Ellsworth.

## Patriot boys drop heartbreaker in Fulda

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team came up on the short end of a 68-67 game staged in Fulda.

The Patriots fell behind by 17 points (37-20) in the first half before outscoring the Raiders 47-31 in the second stanza, which left H-BC losing by one point at game's end.

Preston Wilhelmi (19 points and five rebounds), Zach Scholten (17 points and 10 rebounds), Trenton Bass (seven assists and five rebounds), Isaiah Vis (eight rebounds) and Dylan Forshey (six rebounds) played strong games for H-BC.



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Hills-Beaver Creek freshman forward Jax Wysong scored 13 points and pulled down seven rebounds during Saturday's 70-57 home victory over the Garretson Blue Dragons. The Patriots lost a league game in Edgerton Friday.

## Fulda evens score with Adrian's girls Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team came up on the short end of a nine-point decision Saturday in Fulda.

The Dragons put themselves in a position to knock off the Raiders when they trailed by three points (28-25) at the intermission.

Fulda, however, outscored Adrian 32-26 in the second half to seal a 60-21 win over an AHS squad it lost to by eight points Jan. 3 in Adrian.

Lexi Slater (14 points, 12 rebounds and three assists) and Mikayla Jeffers (12 points) turned in strong performances for Adrian.

Paige Bullerman (10 rebounds), Kaitlyn Christians (six rebounds), Moriah Bullerman (four assists) and Hannah Bullerman (three steals) emerged as Adrian's statistical leaders as well.

The 9-11 Dragons play in Hills Monday.

**Box score**  
H.Bullerman 4 0 1-6 9, M.Bullerman 2 0 0-2 4, Kunkel 1 0 0-1 2, Christians 3 0 1-2 7, Jeffers 2 2 2-4 12, Slater 5 0 4-5 14, P.Bullerman 1 0 1-2 3.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 20 of 59 field goals (34 percent), nine of 22 free throws (41 percent), 36 rebounds, 14 turnovers.  
Fulda: 17 of 51 field goals (33 percent), 18 of 37 free throws (49 percent), 35 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

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rebounds, 16 turnovers.  
Garretson: 16 of 37 field goals (43 percent), eight of 17 free throws (47 percent), 20 rebounds, 21 turnovers.

## Pipestone 58, H-BC 40

The Patriots were unable to saddle the Arrows with their first setback of the season when the teams met Friday in Pipestone.

Pipestone withstood a surge by H-BC in the second half to come out on the winning end of an 18-point decision.

Pipestone opened a 23-14 lead in the game's first half.

H-BC trimmed the difference to one point with 13 minutes remaining, but the Arrows outscored the Patriots

by 17 points the rest of the night to win by 18.

Fick (12 points), Bundesen (10 points, 12 rebounds and three assists) and Avery Van Roekel (10 points) paced H-BC offensively.

Madison Spath grabbed five rebounds for the Patriots.

**Box score**  
Tilstra 0 0 1-21, Spath 0 0 0-0, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0, Lingen 1 1 0-2 5, Fick 3 2 0-0 12, Bundesen 1 1 5-7 10, Van Roekel 3 0 4-6 10, Rozeboom 1 0 0-0 2.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 13 of 39 field goals (33 percent), 10 of 17 free throws (59 percent), 27 rebounds, 24 turnovers.  
Pipestone: 22 of 65 field goals (34 percent), 13 of 21 free throws (62 percent), 26 rebounds, eight turnovers.

## Second-half rally gives H-BC home win

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split games during a weekend set.

The Patriots lost an 18-point game at Edgerton Public School Friday before posting a 13-point home win Saturday over Garretson, South Dakota.

The 9-11 Patriots host Adrian Thursday.

to trim the difference to one point at two different occasions before Dylan Forshey knotted the score at 18 with a field goal at the 9:14 mark.

The score was tied at 28 when Logan Leuthold drained a pair of free throws at 3:41 to give the Patriots their first lead (30-28), and H-BC remained in front (34-33) at the intermission.

Garretson moved in front 39-36:24 into the second half before H-BC went on a 15-2 run ending with a three-point shot from Preston Wilhelmi at 8:58 that gave H-BC a 51-41 advantage.

The Blue Dragons trimmed the difference to five points (52-47) with 7:52 remaining, but H-BC outscored Garretson 18-10 the rest of the way to win by 13 after Zach Scholten drained one free throw with 14 seconds left.

Wilhelmi (21 points and five rebounds), Jax Wysong (13 points and seven rebounds) and Forshey (12 points) carried the load offensively for H-BC.

Scholten (nine rebounds), Jed Burgers (three assists), Trenton Bass (five rebounds) and Isaiah Vis (five rebounds) were other key contributors.

**Box score**  
Scholten 3 0 2-4 8, Leuthold 0 0 2-2 2, Vis 0 0 2-7 2, Burgers 0 1 0-0 3, Wilhelmi 2 4 5-6 21, Bass 2 0 5-9 9, Forshey 6 0 0-0 12, Wysong 4 1 2-3 13.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 23 of 47 field goals (49 percent), 18 of 31 free throws (58 percent), 38 rebounds, 17 turnovers.  
Garretson: 21 of 48 field goals (44 percent), four of seven free throws (57 percent), 25 rebounds, nine turnovers.

## Edgerton 62, H-BC 44

The Patriots came up on the short end of an 18-point decision when they played

the Flying Dutchmen in a Red Rock Conference game Friday in Edgerton.

Edgerton gained the upper hand early by sporting a 32-25 lead at halftime.

The Flying Dutchmen went on to outscore H-BC 30-19 in the second half to nail down a 62-44 victory.

Scholten turned in an 18-point, five-rebound effort for the Patriots.

Wysong (five rebounds), Wilhelmi (four steals) and Bass (three assists) also turned in productive games.

**Box score**  
Scholten 6 0 6-6 18, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Vis 0 0 0-0 0, Burgers 0 1 0-0 3, Bass 0 0 2-3 2, Forshey 1 0 1-2 3, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Wingert 0 0 0-0 0, Wysong 4 0 1-1 9.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 16 of 48 field goals (33 percent), 10 of 13 free throws (77 percent), 21 rebounds, 15 turnovers.  
Edgerton: 25 of 63 field goals (40 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 24 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

## Grizzlies avenge loss to Ellsworth Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team came up on the short end of the score during a home game against Hendricks Friday.

The teams met four days earlier (Feb. 6) in Hendricks with Ellsworth coming away

with a two-point victory.

The Grizzlies avenged the loss with a second-half rally in Friday's rematch.

The teams battled to a draw at 26 in the first half before Hendricks used a 22-14 scoring cushion in the second half to secure a 48-40 victory.

Sierra Smith (15 points and seven rebounds) and Kallie Chapa (12 points) led the Panthers offensively.

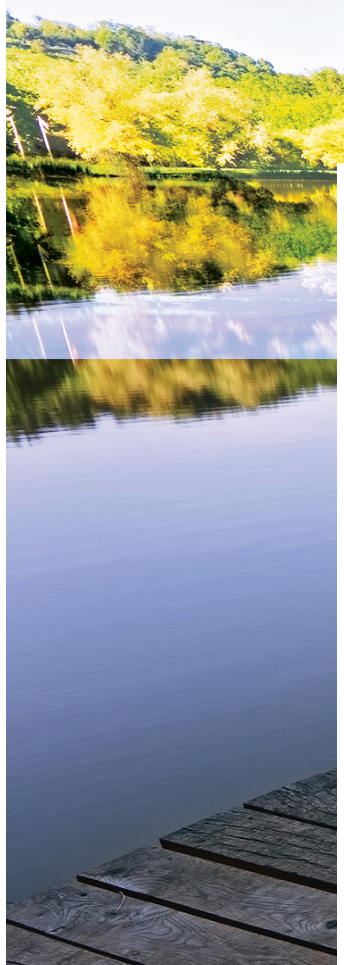
Devin Dreesen grabbed eight rebounds and passed for five assists for the 3-19 Panthers, who play Southwest Christian E-Gals in Edgerton

Monday.

**Box score**  
M.Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, Chapa 2 2 2-12, Meester 0 1 1-2 4, D.Dreesen 1 0 1-2 3, Domeyer 2 0 0-0 4, Smith 3 1 6-10 15.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 13 of 42 field goals (31 percent), 10 of 16 free throws (63 percent), 24 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

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## Mike Aitena, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 16: 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Friday, Feb. 17: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Feb. 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 7 p.m. SR RCFY. Tuesday, Feb. 21: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Renaissance Group (55+). 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Feb. 22: 5:50 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 8 p.m. Choir.

## First Assembly of God Church

1075 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

## Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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

## United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

## Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 16: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. Saturday, Feb. 18: AA meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour/Adult SS. 11 a.m. Come as you are Service. 6 p.m. No A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Feb. 20: 8 a.m. Messenger Deadline; 6:30 p.m. CAYA Meeting. 8 p.m. AA meeting; Confirmation Retreat Grades 8-9. Tuesday, Feb. 21: 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 22: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting.

## First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

## Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 Worship. Monday, Feb. 20: 9 a.m.-noon Quilting. 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Wednesday, Feb. 22: 6 p.m. Confirmation; Bells. 6:30 p.m. Middle School. 7 p.m. Choir.

## St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005

email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

## Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Saturday, Feb. 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. "Chopped." Sunday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal. 2 p.m. Circuit Forum/St. Paul, Pipestone. Monday, Feb. 20: 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Feb. 21: 11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting. 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle. Wednesday, Feb. 22: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. High School Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Youth Board. Thursday, Feb. 23: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. History Committee Meeting. 6 p.m. "Is Genesis History" Movie.

## 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: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com

## Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 16: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV. Friday, Feb. 17: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV. Sunday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion. 2 p.m. Pipestone Circuit Forum at Pipestone. Monday, Feb. 20: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 22: March Newsletter Deadline. 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 23: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship airs on Cable 3 TV.

## 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

Thursday, Feb. 16: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Palisade. Sunday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 22: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir Practice.

## Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Thursday, Feb. 16: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 19: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship (Coffee Cup Sunday). Wednesday, Feb. 22: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First.

## First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

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

## Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

## Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Feb. 22: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation in Adrian; G1 in Adrian.

## Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

## Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

## Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 2 p.m. Bethlehem-Flowerfield Cemetery Annual Meeting at Village; 7 p.m. Youth Night. Tuesday, Feb. 21: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at the Tuff Home; 3:13 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Feb. 22: 9 a.m. Quilting; 2 p.m. Dinner Preparers. 5:15 p.m. Dinner Served.

## United in Christ

"Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ..." (1 Thessalonians 1:3, *The Message*)

The Thessalonians were real people in a real place. We sometimes forget that these Bible people were flesh and blood human beings. They lived in a major port city called Thessalonica. The Thessalonians were new Christians who were curious about how their faith could be integrated into their lives. Paul begins the letter with words of praise for their faith, hope, and love — the great triad of Christian virtues; words that are never out of season. These three Christian graces displayed themselves in such a way as to leave no doubt that the Thessalonians had been claimed and called by God.

"Remembering the work of faith." Literally, "You put your faith into practice."

Their faith was revealed to be real, a trust in God and sense of peace that others couldn't understand.

I once came across a story a man named John told about his 5-year-old daughter Melody. She asked him to build a dollhouse. John was busy reading a book, so he absently nodded and promised to build it. Then he went back to reading. A little later he glanced out the window and saw his daughter very busy piling up toys and dolls in the yard. John asked his wife what Melody was up to. She replied, "Oh you promised to build her a dollhouse. She believes you and is getting ready for it."

John threw his book aside and went out to get supplies. He was im-

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By Pastor Jason  
Cunningham, First  
Presbyterian Church

pressed with his daughter's faith in his promise. The Thessalonians are praised for this kind of vital faith.

Their "labor of love" was also notable. The Greek word literally means toil. It refers not to a task being done, but the labor it takes to do it. It's not a completed action, but the motivation behind action.

Perhaps the Thessalonians had already heard some words Paul would later write in another place, "Labor in the Lord is never in vain."

Ongoing faithfulness is another way of describing the labor of love — our response of gratitude to God's grace.

Finally, we must not forget the "patience of hope"; literally, "to hold one's ground." Human optimism and Christian hope are different things. Optimism says, "Don't worry, it will not happen!" Christian hope says, "It may happen, but God will still keep us." Optimism says "Cheer up!" Christian hope says, "Look up to our Lord!"

The Thessalonians had a steadfast hope in Jesus Christ. They knew how things were going to turn out: with Jesus reigning and ruling. We also can know how things are going to turn out: with Jesus reigning and ruling.

Faith, love, hope — three great words for us as flesh and blood human beings right here and right now.

## Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

## Rock County seeks proposals by March 3

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Development of Construction Plans and Specifications for the Rehabilitation of Historic Spring Brook Bridge, Bridge L4646

Notice is hereby given that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of Construction Plans and Specifications for the rehabilitation of historic Spring Brook Bridge (Bridge L4646) will be received by the Rock County Highway Engineer until 4:00 PM on 3rd day of March, 2017. Proposals received will be opened at that time. Proposals will be reviewed, evaluated, and scored the following week and presented to the Beaver Creek City Council on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at the scheduled Beaver Creek City Council meeting.

Proposal details may be obtained by contacting the Rock County Highway Department at the address and phone number found below:

Rock County Highway Department  
Mark R. Sehr, PE – Rock County Highway Engineer  
1120 N. Blue Mound Avenue  
PO Box 808  
Luverne, MN 56156-0808  
(507) 283-5010

The Beaver Creek City Council reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.  
Rock County Highway Engineer  
(01-26, 02-02, 02-09, 02-16, 02-23)

## Hamann applies for conditional use permit

### Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for David Hamann

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: David Hamann  
Location: The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 24 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota  
Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing feedlot by more than 250 animal units within 1/4 mile of an existing residence  
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use permit is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of open lots and confinement buildings housing 282.5 animal units of nursery and finishing swine. The proposed expansion will eliminate the existing open lots and confinement barns for swine, and be replaced by a new total confinement barn housing 2400 head of finishing swine.

After the expansion, the site will house 25 cow calf pairs and the total confinement barn will house 2400 head of finishing swine. Manure from the total confinement barn will be stored in a poured reinforced concrete pit under the floor of the barn, and the manure from the cow calf pairs will be a pack on the lot. Total animal units after the expansion will be 750 animal units.

Dated: February 16, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(02-16, 02-23)

## Walleye Wind, LLC applies for conditional use permit

### Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for Walleye Wind, LLC.

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant: Walleye Wind, LLC  
Property Owner: Mark Gath  
Conditional Use: Placement of a meteorological tower for wind energy development  
Project Location: S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 20 of Springwater Township, T103N, R46W, Rock County, Minnesota  
Dated: February 16, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
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(02-16, 02-23)

## Order to show cause for Contempt of Court for non-support

IN DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH  
State of Minnesota, County of Blue Earth  
and Jessica Lynn Culhane,

Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
Joshua David Depyper,  
Defendant  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT  
FOR NON-SUPPORT  
COURT FILE NO. 07-FA-07-1422

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, JOSHUA DAVID DEPYPER

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon all the files, records, and proceedings in the above-entitled matter and upon the Affidavit attached hereto and upon the Motion of the Blue Earth County Attorney,

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. You personally appear before the above-named Court at the Justice Center in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota, on the 15th day of March 2017 at 9:00 a.m., before Stephen P. Rolfsrud, Child Support Magistrate, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard and SHOW CAUSE, if any you have, why the Court should not make its Order granting the relief in the Notice of Motion and Motion for Contempt of Court for Non-Support attached hereto and for such other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

2. You obtain and bring with you to the hearing to provide to the Office of the Blue Earth County Attorney the following:

- A verified statement of your earnings for the past six (6) months obtained from your employer, or your salary stubs for the past six (6) months; and
- A copy of your state and federal income tax returns for the past two (2) years, including all schedules and attachments (including 1099s, W-2s, and the like); and
- Profit and loss statements of any business in which you have an interest for the past two (2) years; and
- Personal and business financial statements and applications for loans for the past two (2) years; and
- General ledgers of any business in which you have an interest

for the past two (2) years.

3. Your complete respondent's Statement, attached hereto, to be filled out by you prior to the above hearing date.

4. A copy of this Order shall be personally served upon you. All responsive pleadings shall be served upon the Office of the Blue Earth County Attorney and the individual Petitioner and filed with the Court no later than five (5) days prior of the scheduled hearing, exclusive of intervening Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; the Court may, at its discretion, disregard any responsive pleading served and filed less than five (5) days prior to such hearing in ruling on the motion or matter in question.

**NOTICE: The Blue Earth County Attorney represents the Blue Earth County Child Support Enforcement Division. The Blue Earth County Attorney does not represent either individual party in the present action.**

**If you fail to appear in court as ordered, the Court may issue a warrant or Writ of Attachment for your arrest and have you held in the Blue Earth County Jail pending the next available hearing date or until you post bail as ordered by the Court.**

By The Court  
Magistrate  
/s/ Stephen Rolfsrud  
Dated: January 9, 2017

(02-02, 02-09, 02-16)

## Veldkamp public hearing for variance request

### Notice of Public Hearing for Variance Request for Loren and Bonita Veldkamp

Close Proximity Owners and Local Officials of the Rock County Board of Adjustment.

Notice is hereby given that the Rock County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 27, 2017, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota, at 6:50 p.m. to act on the following application:

A request for a variance to allow the placement of an existing dwelling which would encroach upon the required setback of 130 feet from the centerline of County Road 51, or also known as 20th Avenue as allowed in the Rock County Zoning Ordinance.

Property Owner and Applicant: Loren and Bonita Veldkamp  
Legal Description: SW 1/4 of Section 25F of Rosedell Township, T104N R47W, Rock County, Minnesota.

The property described is zoned A-2, General Agriculture. All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place, or submit views in writing or by representative.

Dated: February 16, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Board of Adjustment  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(02-16, 02-23)

## Kracht applies for conditional use permit

### Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for Greg Kracht

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:10 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Greg Kracht  
Location: The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31 of Magnolia Township, T101N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota  
Conditional Use: Expansion and operation of an existing feedlot of more than 1000 animal units  
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture

The conditional use permit is for the expansion of an existing feedlot on the property described above. The existing feedlot consists of total confinement building housing 1830 head of finishing cattle. The proposed expansion will expand an existing total confinement barn to house an additional 730 head of finishing cattle.

After the expansion, the site will house 2560 head of finishing cattle. Manure from the total confinement barns will be stored in a poured reinforced concrete pit under the floor of the barn, and the manure pack on the lot. Total animal units after the expansion will be 2560 animal units.

Dated: February 16, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(02-16, 02-23)

## Duininck, Inc. applies for conditional use permit

### Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for Duininck, Inc.

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:40 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Location 1:  
Applicant: Duininck Inc.  
Property Owner: Bar S, Inc.  
Conditional Use: Operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant and associated stockpiling  
Project Location: NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 14 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Location 2:  
Applicant: Duininck, Inc.  
Property Owner: Marcella G. Scott c/o  
Conditional Use: Operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant and associated stockpiling  
Project Location: E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 21 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota

Dated: February 16, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(02-16, 02-23)

## Lewis and Clark Rural Water applies for conditional use permit

### Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for Lewis and Clark Rural Water

Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:20 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2017. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant & Property Owner: Lewis and Clark Regional Water System  
Location 1: A 2.21 acre tract in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 6 of Clinton Township, T101N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota

Conditional Use: Placement of a 4.0 million gallon above ground storage tank  
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture  
Location 2: A 2.3 acre tract in the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 36 of Luverne Township, T102N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota  
Conditional Use: Placement and operation of a rural water pumping station  
Zoning District: A-2, General Agriculture  
Dated: February 16, 2017

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission  
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator  
311 W. Gabrielson Road  
Luverne, MN 56156  
507-283-8862, Extension 4

(02-16, 02-23)

## Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Quiet Title Action

Gerhart Baker,  
Plaintiff

vs.

All persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint, herein,  
Defendants.

### SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys an Answer to Complaint, which is filed in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named county, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. This action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

**61.22 ACRES LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF 23-101-45, LYING WEST OF THE VILLAGE OF ASH CREEK, BUT INCLUDING LOT 8 IN KITTERMAN'S ADDITION TO ASK CREEK; SUBJECT PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #03-0093-400 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA TREASURER.**

The object of this action is to remove, terminate and quiet any interest of the defendants to this action and to the real estate described above.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT NO PERSONAL CLAIM** is made against any of the Defendants. If any Defendant unreasonably defends the action, then Plaintiffs are requesting an order of the Court directing that said Defendant shall pay full costs to the Plaintiffs.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that sanctions may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 549.211.  
Dated this 27th day of January, 2017.

/s/ PAUL A. VIS  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 E. Main, PO Box 625  
Luverne, MN 56156  
(507) 283-4828,  
ID#297550  
(02-02, 02-09, 02-16)

## Van Santen Probate

PROBATE COURT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-40

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK  
In Re: Estate of  
Nellie Van Santen  
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND  
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated May 9, 2011, and for the appointment of Darold Laabs, whose address is 517 S. Fairview Drive, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representatives will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.  
Dated: February 1, 2017

/s/ Paul A. Vis  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Eisma and Eisma  
130 East Main, Box 625  
Luverne, MN 56156  
(507) 283-4828  
I.D.#297550

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt  
District Court Judge  
/s/Denise Brandel  
Court Administrator  
(Court Seal)

(02-09, 02-16)

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND NOTICE FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS FOR SWEET TOWNSHIP MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The 129th Annual Meeting of the policyholders of Sweet township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will be held in the dining room of The Calumet Inn Hotel, 104 West Main Street, Pipestone, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of three (3) directors for terms of three (3) years, hearing reports of the officers on the past year's business, and transacting such other business as may properly come before this regular meeting.

With regards to the election of members to the Board of Directors of the Company, candidates seeking to be placed on the ballot for election at the annual meeting shall be members of the Company in good standing and must be nominated and must file for the office of director in writing with the Secretary of the Company no later than March 13, 2017. The filing of the nomination must occur at the office of the Secretary before 5:00 p.m. March 13, 2017, by the order of the Board of Directors.

**Gary Winter, President  
Gerald Brockberg, Secretary**



# Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

## EMPLOYMENT

New Life Treatment Center, Woodstock, MN, a faith-based non-profit sincerely dedicated to our clients, delivers quality care to clients who are chemically dependent. Great working environment. Competitive wages, great benefits, paid time off. EOE Call 507-777-4321 ext. 203 to apply. Positions available: Full/Part Time LPN - Must be licensed in MN. Limited physical demands. Must be available to work all shifts. Full-time LADC counselor - Must be licensed in MN Part-time Cook/kitchen helper (2.16-3.5)

Carpenters and Labor Hiring, Luverne, MN. We are currently looking for Carpenters, Labor positions in or near Luverne. Please apply at Design Craft of Luverne, Inc., 904 Commerce Road, Luverne, MN or call 507-283-2600, hourly wage based on experience. (2.12-3.2)

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## HELP WANTED

**CHS Eastern Farmers Luverne, MN** is looking for a full-time **semi-feed truck driver**. Must have a CDL and clean driving record. CHS Eastern Farmers offers a competitive pay and benefits package. **Apply by calling Gary at 507-283-4418 to set up an appointment.**



## EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services, a nonprofit residential behavior treatment center for boys ages 10-20, is seeking applications for a full-time teacher for the 2017-2018 school year, mid-August to early June. Summer teaching is optional. Hours are 7:30-3:30, M-F, with paid holidays. MN teaching license required but will consider SD teaching license with the understanding that application for a MN license would occur within one year. All certifications considered. Salary based on experience. SYS is located one mile north of Interstate 90 in Magnolia, MN, 26 miles east of Brandon and 27 miles west of Worthington. For more information, please email Carole Naasz at cnaasz@southwestyouth.org. (2.9-2.26)

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

Part-time RN Manager for 6 bedroom elderly care home in Luverne. Flexible hours with some opportunity of working from home. Call for details 612-269-2748. (2.9-2.26)

## HELP WANTED

Howling Dog Luverne is looking for wait staff, bartenders and cooks.

Please apply in person to Howling Dog South 75



## EMPLOYMENT

Registered Nurse/LPN- Parkview Manor, a municipal skilled nursing facility is accepting applications for a part-time charge nurse position. Wages commensurate with experience. \$2000 scholarship available for students. Benefits include vacation, holiday, and PERA retirement plan. Contact Darnell Krull 308 Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call 507-967-2482. (tc)

Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne, MN is seeking a full-time Office Manager. The ideal candidate will possess strong interpersonal, organizational and critical thinking skills, be proficient in word processing, excel, publisher, quick books and other software necessary to communicate and track church information. This position works closely with pastors and staff, volunteers, and parishioners, supporting the core values of our church. Typical hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with occasional other hours. A copy of the position description is available at the Grace Lutheran Church office, or by calling 283-4431. To apply, please submit a resume to Grace Lutheran Church c/o Pastor Ron Nichols, 500 N. Kniss Ave. Luverne, MN 56156. This position will be opened until filled. (2.9-2.26)

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## EMPLOYMENT

**SUMMER JOBS**  
Fun and rewarding summer jobs that look great on your resume and jobs after retirement! Applications are being accepted for seasonal summer employment at: Palisades State Park (Garretson) and Big Sioux Rec. Area (Brandon). Campground attendant, security, supervisor, education, maintenance, crew leader, and law enforcement. Crew Leader position will work from April 1 through October 31. Education coordinator to implement and lead our summer park programs. Application deadline 2/28/2017. Must be at least 17 years old by date of hire. Salaries from \$9.60-17.00/hour. Information and applications can be found online at: https://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/gfp.aspx. Questions can be answered at: Palisades and Big Sioux - 605-594-3824 EOE (12.22-2.16)

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## RENTALS

Large two-bedroom apartment in Hills. Utilities furnished except electricity. Available March 1st. Call Al Small at 605-759-4149. (2.9-2.26)

One-bedroom apartment for rent in Luverne: stove and refrigerator furnished, off the street parking. No pets or smoking. \$400/month utilities included. Security deposit and local references required. Text or call 605-370-2251. (2.2-2.19)

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**To request an application contact:**  
Sioux Valley Energy at 1-800-234-1960 or on-line at www.siouxvalleyenergy.com.  
Applications will be accepted until March 2, 2017.  
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Exchange State Bank, Luverne, continues to grow in our community and has an excellent opportunity for a full-time **customer service representative**. It is beneficial to have, but not required, previous banking/teller experience in conducting transactions, internal processing and providing exceptional customer service to customers in a community bank or equivalent retail setting. The successful candidate will be a team player with a strong work ethic, detail orientated, excellent oral and written communication skills, and time management skills. Exchange State Bank offers competitive wages and benefits; including health, dental, vision insurance and a 401k plan. Qualified candidates should mail their letter of application and resume to: Exchange State Bank PO Box 487, Hills, MN 56138 Attn: Trista Bosch. No resumes/applications accepted after March 1, 2017.  
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## EMPLOYMENT

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