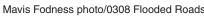
Rain, snow, sleet, hail, thunder, lightning, flash floods, ice ...

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Winter storm closes schools and highways; ice, blowing snow and flash flooding makes travel treacherous







Lori Sorenson photo/0308 flooded warren st

The Rock River reached moderate flood stage east of Hardwick Monday when water levels reached 16.17 feet, nearly 2 feet over flood stage, according to the National Weather Service. In Luverne, the river was measured at 9.89 feet. Flood stage at Luverne is 10 feet. The photograph at right shows a closed West Warren Street that flooded Monday after overnight rains overfilled Poplar Creek.

By Lori Sorenson

Minnesota weather stole the show this week with rain, snow, sleet, hail, thunder, lightning, icy roads and flooding.

Thursday, March 8, 2018

The system moved into the area in the form of heavy rain that prompted widespread flooding that closed roads and city streets.

Schools and offices across the tri-state area were closed Monday and Tuesday due to treacherous driving conditions caused by blowing snow over a slick layer of ice.

Blizzard conditions prompted South Dakota officials to close I-90 from Sioux Falls to Murdo for most of Monday afternoon through Tuesday.

More flooding may be expected later this week as temperatures are expected to rapidly climb into the 40s.

Luverne joins H-BC, other schools to discontinue cross-subsidy

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne has joined Hills-Beaver Creek and 170 other independent school districts in Minnesota in support of resolutions to fully fund special education services.

The resolutions were drafted by the Minnesota School Boards Association, in which the local districts are members.

Costs to provide special education are rising.

"Basically it is reaching critical mass," said Greg Abbott, an MSBA spokesperson. "It's getting so big that school districts have to rob their general funds."

Filling the gap between special education expenditures and associated revenue is called cross-subsidy.

In fiscal year 2016, H-BC subsidized its special education funds with its general fund by \$180,000. In Luvernethe cross-subsidy amounted to more than \$1 million.

"That is quite a chunk of money," said H-BC Superintendent Todd Holthaus.

H-BC board members passed the resolution for state and federal officials to more adequately fund special education in early January. Luverne added its support at its Feb. 22 meeting.

"What we are trying to do is remind them of the funding promised by the IDEA," said Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

IDEA or Individuals with Disabilities Act was enacted in 1975 with federal officials promising to pay districts an additional 40 percent to educate children with disabilities.

For 2017, the percentage amounts to an additional \$815 per student in

each district.
Since IDEA's passage more than

Special ed subsidies/see page 5A



Lori Sorenson photos/0308 GEO KOLD group

Green Earth Players will perform "KOLD Radio — Whitefish Bay" starting next week. Cast members include (seated, from left) Casey McKenzie, Holly Anderson, (standing, from left) bartender Cyndi Harms, Josie Scholten, Jim Harsma, Nathan Taubert, Joseph Karnoff, David Vis and Anissa Vis. Not pictured are Elizabeth Ferguson, DJ Luethje and Mallory Von Tersch. They're pictured during rehearsal March 1 in the GEP building.

Green Earth Players to perform 'KOLD Radio'

By Lori Sorenson

The Green Earth Players community theater group will perform "KOLD Radio — Whitefish Bay" March 16-18 and March 22-25 in the Historic Palace Theatre, Luverne.

According to artistic director Scott Wessels, the local cast members are well suited for their northern Minnesota characters.

"... the Minnesota characters.
"... the Minnesota nice, the passive-aggres-

sive friends and neighbors, and the characters' love-hate relationship with the cold all are familiar to the Tri-State area," Wessels said.

He said he's enjoyed working with the group and looks forward to crowd reactions to the on-stage comedy.

"Everyone has pitched in with their character ideas, mannerisms, stage movements, and in bringing copious amounts of food to rehears-

als," Wessels said.

"No one ever goes hungry on rehearsal night, or goes home without a smile on their face."

The play synopsis is as follows: KOLD Radio is located in a corner of Carl and Lena's (David and Anissa Vis) Place for Beer in a small Minnesota town near the Canadian

Green Earth Players 'KOLD'/see page 5A





Casey McKenzie portrays the many faces of local KOLD Radio host Carl.



Local corn yields top 200 second year in a row

Corn price per bushel lower than it was a year ago

By Mavis Fodness

For the second straight year corn production in Rock County set a yield record.

Corn reached 206.1 bushels per acre for the 2017 growing season, topping the 2016 yield record of 201.2.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service Minnesota Field Office released the statewide yield results for the 2017 corn and soybean harvest last month.

Rock County joined 28 other reporting counties whose cornyields topped more than 200 bushels per

In the area, Cottonwood County averaged 207.5 bushels per acre and Jackson County, 205.5.

Murray, Nobles and Pinestone

Murray, Nobles and Pipestone counties' corn yields were 197.1, 193.4 and 186 bushels per acre respectively.

The state's top corn yield was

Watonwan County with 218.9. The state corn yield average was

194 bushels per acre.

Rock County's soybean yield was lower than last year's record of 61.9. Local soybean yield for 2017 averaged 58 bushels.

The yield placed Rock County in the top five for soybean production. Watonwan led the state in soybean

Record yields/see page 5A

Daylight saving starts Sunday, March II





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 8, at the home of Dianne Tomlinson.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. No meditation March 25. Call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com

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

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

Rock County VFW #2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Herreid Military Museum. Call Buck Underwood at 507-449-0632.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne. Call 507-283-4255.

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

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 with questions.

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

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

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

Spring road restrictions are in effectSpring weight road restrictions are in place as of Tuesday, March 6, on all Rock County roadways.

Ending dates are variable and drivers must check for updates throughout the spring. Call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

Redemption Riders pancakes March 11

Christian Motorcyclists Association "Redemption Riders" will serve a pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the United Method ist Church, Luverne.Donations support CMA's "Run for the Son" ministry.

March Madness benefits Boltjes

The Luverne High School student council will host a "March Madness" night Monday, March 12, in the high school gymnasium. LHS juniors will play the seniors at 7 p.m. followed by a game between the LHS staff and the basketball teams. During each game's halftime, a lightning tournament between the participants of the various winter activities will take place. Cost for the event is \$2. All money raised will be donated to Sharon Boltjes, a district paraprofessional currently undergoing cancer treatments.

Blood Bank hosts drive March 12

 $The Community Blood \, Bankwill \, host a \, blood \, drive from \,$ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3-6 p.m. Monday, March 12, at the Adrian Ambulance Garage (main street in Adrian). For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Cindy Wolf at Sanford Clinic in Adrian, 507-483-2668, or go to cbblifeblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Free food March 15

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

St. Patrick's celebrations March 17

Luverne's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, starting at the Living Rock Church parking lot on East Main Street. Regisration isn't necessary; just meet in the lot between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Four \$25 cash prizes will be awarded in both youth (18 and youger) and adult categories. Celebrations are planned at the Eagles Club with Reuben sandwiches from 11:30 a.m. until gone, a block party at Take 16 Brewing Company from 4 to 10 p.m. and food and drink specials at The Bluestem and Sterling's.

Sign-up by March 19 for summer ball

Students in grades K-12 who want to play baseball or softball need to register by March 19 at the Community Education Office. Registration forms and details are available on the Luverne School website at www.isd2184.net under Community Education, or call 507-283-2413.

Elevator repair limits access to courthouse

By Mavis Fodness

Handicap accessibility in the Rock County Courthouse will be limited Monday, March 12, through Thursday, March

The elevator serving the courthouse's six floors will be inoperable while workers complete an equipment upgrade.

In December the Rock County Board accepted a bid of \$61,400 from MEI Total Elevator Solutions of Mankato to complete the work.

"Anyone needing assistance could call ahead to the appropriate department," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

When possible, department personnel may be able to meet individuals in the courthouse landing.

Other business such as driver's license renewal may have to be postponed or completed at a different location.

Departments affected by the elevator repairs include county administration, auditor-treasurer, emergency management, veteran services, district courts and land records.



(Photo and information submitted by team liaison Marian Schneekloth)

Local skaters take second in Marshall

The Blue Mound Figure Skaters competed in the Frosty Blades competition at the Schwan Super Rink Feb. 2-4 in Marshall. Local skaters include Augusta Papik, Audrina Tiesler, Mara Thier, Lillian Hamner, Katherine Kelm, (middle row) Lexy Hamner, Maranda Thier, Alyssa Nattress, Marisa Thier, Bailey Weg, Reese Henning, (back) Hannah Hofer, Ashley Hohn, Breanna Richters, Hannah Henning, Riley Severtson, Alysha Wieneke, Sophia Eisma and Elizabeth Kelm. Not pictured are Kendall Buss, Slyvia Eisma, Madison Ruesch, Elizabeth Spiegelhoff, Lauren Ver Steeg and Addison Wieneke.

Twenty-two rinks were represented at the competition, and the Blue Mound team placed second with 531 points to the Marshall hosts who scored 678 points. Other team standings for the remaining Top 5 are third-place Hutchinson Figure Skating Association with 407 points, fourth-place Icettes District 196 with 372 points and fifth-place Sportquest Skating Academy/Parade with 363 points. The local club skated last weekend at Sportquest Skating Academy/Parade in Minneapolis, the results for which are not yet available.

Wetland conservation compliance is two-step process; check before converting wetland and planting wetland

By Fraser Norton

County Executive Director Conservation compli-

ance is a two-step process, involving both federal and state compliance.

In order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with the Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions is required.

It is therefore very important that you contact the FSA office before breaking out additional cropland, including the clearing of land and the removal of trees, because an AD-1026 form needs to be completed specifying the area to be

These areas need to be evaluated by the Natural **Resources Conservation** Service (NRCS) to determine if a conservation plan is required, or if there are any wetlands in the area.

Producers are required to have a conservation plan in place on all highly erodible land (HEL) that they operate.

As such, farmers with HEL determined soils should keep in mind the tillage, crop residue and rotational requirements that are specified in their conservation plan.

Furthermore, it is essential to notify the FSA office prior to conducting any

drainage project, including the tiling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling of a wetland or drainage ditch.

This includes normal maintenance of existing drainage systems if NRCS has not previously evaluated the system.

As mentioned already, it is also very important to remember that the state of Minnesota regulates wetlands as well, separate from

Under the Wetland Conservation Act Rules Chapter 8420, if you plan to conduct a drainage project involving the tiling, draining, dredging, filling or leveling of a wetland, or the perfor mance of ditch maintenance or cleanout, you will also need to make an application at the Pipestone or Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)/ Land Management Office

Although there may be some differences in what is allowed by USDA and by the state of Minnesota, overall the programs have the same requirements.

If you have requested a determination, and have not yet received one, we strongly encourage you to wait for the official determination before proceeding.

If you do proceed without advance approval and concurrence from both NRCS and SWCD/LMO, you are doing so at the risk of losing program eligibility and all federal payments, as well as being liable for additional action being taken by the state of Minnesota.

This is likely to make most producers think twice before deciding to go ahead with a drainage project without prior approval.

No longer should you think that all that you stand to lose are federal benefits.

Now you must also consider the fact that the state has the necessary legal backing to be able to force you to restore whatever it is that vou drained or cleaned out without their concurrence.

Thus in summary, converting a wetland as well as planting on a converted wetland are considered to be very serious violations at both the state and federal levels.

It is therefore our goal to work with all our producers to eliminate these violations as much as possible in both Pipestone and Rock counties.

In the case of wetlands, prevention is certainly better than the cure, because once a violation has occurred, it is generally too late to avoid the potentially catastrophic consequences that are often associated with not obtaining prior approval.

So please contact both FSA/NRCS and SWCD/LMO before you convert or drain anything.

For more information, please contact the Pipestone County FSA Office at 507-825-5478, or the Rock County FSA Office at 507-283-2369.

Important dates

March 15: 2018 NAP Pasture and Spring-seeded Annual Crops sales deadline; 2018 Crop Insurance Corn, Soybeans, Oats and Spring-Wheat sales deadline.

April 2: 2017 Small Grains Loan and LDP request deadline; 2017 LIP application deadline May 1: 2018 NAP

Ornamental Nursery sales deadline; 2018 NAP Asparagus Acreage certification deadline.

May 15: Final RMA Small Grain Planting Date; **CRP Primary Nesting and** Brood Rearing Season begins; 2017 Strawberry Acreage certification deadline.

May 28: FSA Office closed for Memorial Day.

May 31: 2017 Corn and Soybean Loan and LDP request deadline; 2018 NAP Ornamental Nursery Crops Acreage certification deadline; Final RMA Corn for Grain planting date.

Ongoing: Continuous CRP sign-up.



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Taking care of business

City Council subdivides properties, buys easements for future residential and industrial development

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Feb. 27 meeting to further prepare for future development. both residential and industrial.

They approved two resolutions to subdivide property in order to allow for work on the new substation and to provide a right of way for infrastructure on the North Walnut Street extension.

New substation

For the substation, the city subdivided a three-acre parcel on Walnut Avenue that had been purch as ed from RichDreckman last year.

The majority of the parcel, 1.81 acres, will be used for the city's new \$3.7 million industrial substation, and the remaining 1.2 acres will be for future related industrial use.

The land is accessible by Walnut Avenue, which is now a county state aid street and will be paved by the county in 2018.

North Walnut Avenue extension gets right of way

The North Walnut Avenue extension project requires a right of way for underground infrastructure, so the city took action Feb. 27 to subdivide property for that purpose.

The subdivided parcel 33 feet wide and 396 feet long was purchased by the city from Lynn Lopau for \$13,068.

The area to the east of the street will become three new housing lots that will be served by this stub street.

The stub street will carry traffic into a new residential area and allow for the city to extend water, sewer and electricity into the new residential area.

Midwest Dry Cast subdivision approved

In other business Feb. 28, the council approved a resolution allowing the recording and subdivision of

Golf cart, electric

vehicle clarification

has requested the Star Herald

publish a clarification about

the difference between a "golf

cart" and a "neighborhood

the Luverne City Council

repealing its ATV ordinance

made the assertion that "only

state-permitted and licensed

side-by-side utility vehicles

and licensed golf carts are

state cannot license a golf

cart, whereas a "neighbor-

hood electric vehicle" can be

ed to the Rock County Motor

Vehicle Registration Office at

In fact, by statute the

Questions can be direct-

allowed" in the city.

licensed by the state.

507-283-5024.

A Feb. 22 story about

electric vehicle."

The Rock County office of the motor vehicle registration property just south of Luverne city limits.

Ron Fick is selling 17.95 acres of land to Midwest Dry Cast Company, which plans to build a new facility on the parcel that will be accessed by an easement and/or a future parcel of property that the company could purchase as a "right of first refusal."

The property is accessed by South Highway 75 and 101st Street(west of Rock Veterinary Clinic).

The property is not in city limits but will be served by the city's electrical department, Rock County Rural Water, and a septic system.

The area and parcel are fully developed with access to utilities, roads, and all aspects of property planning and zoning.

County State Aid highway maintenance agreement.

At their Feb. 27 meeting council members approved a newCountyStateAidHighway Maintenance Agreement that covers almost nine miles of streets in the city limits.

The city maintains the streets in town that are owned by the county.

The general five-year maintenance agreement covers sweeping, snow removal, patching, mowing, tree trimming and more.

The county reimburses the city for an amount not to exceed \$74,108 in 2018 with 2 percent escalators through

There is also an annual fixed sum of \$37,500 for the five-year period, on top of the annual payments, to account for the significant number of construction and infrastructure improvements passed within the city during the term of this contract.

The new agreement also includes a 1.1-mile section of Koehn Ave that will be built this year to County Road 4.

GRAVEL BIDS:

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meeting

Beaver Creek, MN 56116

Township Clerk

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Sealed bids will be expected

~ Kathy King

Bids may be sent to:

Notice:

Students of Luverne High School Take Notice

The Scholarship Committee of the A.R. Wood Educational Trust is currently accepting applications for initial or renewal scholarships from seniors and previous graduates of Luverne High School.

To be eligible for consideration candidates must:

- 1. Be graduates of Luverne High School
- 2. Rank in the upper fifteenth percent (15%) of his/her graduating class; and
- 3. Have maintained a 3.0 GPA or better grade point average.

Requests for applications should be directed to: First Bank & Trust

Wealth Management Services Attn: A.R. Wood Educational Trust P.O. Box 1347 Sioux Falls, SD 57101-1347

All requests for applications must be received by First Bank & Trust no later than May 1, 2018. All completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to First

Bank & Trust by June 1, 2018.

In accordance with the A.R. Wood Educational Trust, decisions regarding recipients, amounts and number of awards will be made at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.



March is in (to work) like a lamb at vet clinic



Area residents were greeted with seasonally mild temperatures March 1 when highs reached the mid-30s, a weather pattern that began the previous week.

Employees at Rock Veterinary Clinic south of Luverne already had an inkling of the lamblike, mild temperature due to the bottle lambs in their care.

Pictured above, Dr. Erin deKoning (right) feeds Adam, a Merino-Jacob-Shetland lamb, held by Tracy Boelman. With a belly full of milk, Adam plays in the clinic's garage area and takes a walk with Boelman in the clinic hallway (pictured below).

At left Veterinary technician Sue Stueven watches Lucy, a Hampshire-Suffolk lamb, from her desk.









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Rock County Courthouse

PIPESTONE COUNTY TILLABLE FARM LAND FOR RENT

Howard De Weerd Estate

Sealed Bids: Shall be submitted to Brian De Weerd at 605 6th Ave. Edgerton, MN 56128. The deadline for mailing or delivery of bid is March 23, 2018 by 5 PM and we will respond to the successful bidder on March 26, 2018 by 5 PM. Winning bid will be responsible to pay for fall tillage on 100.84 Acres which is \$1836.00. Also, winning bid will be responsible to pay \$9,240.00 for 385,000 gallons of cattle manure applied at 3500 gallons per acre. Manure was analyzed at 61/25/34 per 1000 gallons which comes to 213#N, 87#P, and 119#K per acre fertilizer value. The manure fertilizer is valued at 25% discount below commercial fertilizer price.

Land Location: Section 1 TWP-105 N R-44 W Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) less East 1,800" of North 484 Osborne Township, Pipestone County Minnesota. This parcel of ground would have a total of 100.84 tillable acres. Also, Section 21 TWP-105 N R-44 W North 1,287" of West Half (W1/2) of Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) & East Half (E1/2) of Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) except the south 1,352" Osborne Township, Pipestone County Minnesota. This parcel of ground would have a total of 61.66 tillable acres. Total tillable acres for rent between the two farms will be 162.50 acres.

Lease Date: This is an 11 month lease that starts the first day of April, 2018 and ends last day of February 2019 with the understanding that the future of the land beyond February 2019 is yet to be determined. The lease shall be payable in one installment at contract signing. Successful bidder shall enter a written lease agreement by March 31, 2018. The owners retain the right to reject any or all bids and waive any irregularities. Questions can be directed to Doug Jasper at (605)929-3918, djasper@redrockholdingsinc.com, or text, pertaining to the land tile, sediment basins, land maps, and Crop Productivity Ratings (CPI) on the tillable acres can be requested.

Star Herald PINION



Tiny and I first met circa 1974.

Appreciation for horses grew through a heifer named Tiny

Ask any little girl if she'd like to own a pony and you will get a resounding "yes."

I, too,

was one of those little girls who dreamed of owning a Flicka, Black Beauty or the Black Stallion.

Books about these fictional horses definitely fueled my desire own an elegant four-legged animal and ride every day.

For the majority of my adult life, I have been lucky enough to be a horse owner.

It's a huge commitment to properly feed, house and care for the 1,000-pound animals. I don't mind because those

child-like dreams of owning a pony are still fresh. It was through a childhood

desire that I grew to appreciate another farm animal. My first mount was not a

horse or pony. It was a Hereford heifer named Tiny.

The mid-1970 memories of Tiny have faded a bit, but what the bovine lacked in stature, she more than made up for with her large, kind heart.

I suspect Tiny was a bottle calf my dad took under his wing from our stock cow herd.

Forty years ago our small family farm outside of Luverne had stock cattle as well as dairy

My job was to round up the dairy cows from the pasture to the barn for the evening milking.

While the stock cows summered at a different pasture from the farm, the milk cows grazed in an area a half-mile from the barn. If the cows were in the far north corner, the walk could be as long as a mile.

Those walks often brought on those dreams of owning a horse. Saddling up and riding to get the cows would make the chore less work.

Tiny was placed with the mature dairy cows and she went where they went.

I'm sure it was during one of those walks to get the cows that I got the idea to let Tiny do the walking and me do the

I was younger than 10 according to the snapshots of me

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

To this day I admire the Herefords shown at the Rock County Fair. I smile when I look into their bright white faces and big brown eyes. I see Tiny in each and every one of them.

sitting on that red and white

I constructed a "saddle" out of carpet odds and ends, old belts and handles from broken grain shovels, and with an old snaffle bit and several strands of twine, I fashioned a bridle for my mount.

Poor cow. I can only imagine what she was thinking.

On the back of Tiny I reenacted the running of the Kentucky Derby. I told her my deepest, darkest secrets and the dream of one day owning a real pony.

That dream came true when I turned 11.

Peaches, the pony, was a young girl's dream come true, but Tiny the Hereford heifer forever captured my heart.

To this day I admire the Herefords shown at the Rock County Fair. I smile when I look into their bright white faces and big brown eyes. I see Tiny in each and every one of them.

They remind me of my life on the family farm and those long ago dreams of youth.

Wanna be in the know?

Hang out with the people who are making it happen

The annual meeting of LIFT — Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow — is at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, in Grand Prairie Events.

The event is a fundraiser for LIFT, with tickets going for \$40 per person to support ongoing projects to improve the community.

The cost of admission isn't cheap, but it's a bargain, considering what's planned for the night.

In addition to a Bluestem catered meal, attendees will get firsthand information from movers and shakers in town about all the latest community projects.

•trü Shrimp's Jon Knochenmus will speak on the upcoming construction and development of Luverne's harbor and hatchery.

•Ann Dybsetter of the Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership will discuss the partnership of the University of Minnesota Extension and U of M professional schools in the development of a downtown plaza concept

•Rick Peterson, local committee chair, will discuss the 2018 Governor's Pheasant Opener in Luverne.

•Luverne Superintendent Craig Oftedahl will share information

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Annual meeting of LIFT is set for March 16; ticket deadline is Monday, March 12

about the school's upcoming building project approved by voters.

•Roger Brooks' Community Assessmentfinal report will be reviewed •Holly Sammons will offer an

•Clark Meyer from Eastern Ellis will talk about local plans for the

update on community wayfinding

For those who don't remember, LIFT was established in 2010 as a collaboration of public and private sectors brainstorming about how to improve the Luverne community.

Some real fruits of this organizationinclude the Grand Stay Hotel, W-2 Quality Meats, Take 16 Brewery and other tangible investments.

Annual meetings like the one planned for next week are a chance to celebrate accomplishments and review goals yet to be reached.

There are so many exciting things happening in Luverne," Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere told us last week.

"This meeting is a good opportunity to get good information about what's happening in Luverne. We hope that people can come celebrate with us."

 $A \, social \, gathering \, and \, cash \, bar \, is \,$ at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins

Bluestem-catered meal (chicken and pork) and entertainment begins at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Chamber office, 507-283-4061, or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

Reservation deadline is March 12.

Frakes questions boycotts, violence by college students involving speakers

To the Editor:

I've noticed that there are still a lot of college students boycotting, shouting down, or inciting violence against so-called conservative speakers on their campuses.

I know that they are on a much higher intellectual plane than I am, so I couldn't debate with them on anything, but I do wonder why they are paying tens of thousands of dollars for an education when they obviously know everything already.

Bill Frakes Luverne

State patrol vehicles feature unique color, 'pursuit mode'

by Sgt. Troy Christianson Minnesota State Patrol

Last week I picked up my new 2017 Ford Interceptor AWD squad car. Some of the features are listed below. Mine is a class B, which means there is not a light bar on the roof.

The State Patrol currently has approximately 650 marked squads, of which 60 percent have light bars.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report Feb. 23

•Reserved for assault investigation/charges.

 Complainant reported a car in the ditch on County Road 3. Checked it out, no one around.

 Complainant reported receiving explicit photos.

 Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about ATV on city streets.

 Complainant reported vehicle in the ditch on 200th

 Complainant reported garbage/recycling bins blocking alley on Freeman

•Complainant reported car tow on Linden Street.

 Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a gas voucher.

•Out for follow-up on a

Lyon County requested

 Complainant reported a possible suicidal student at Luverne Elementary School.

 Complainant reported a semi slid off the road in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported vehicle in ditch near radio

 Complainant reported he is getting nuisance calls.

 Complainant reported a white SUV had been parked and running for about 20

 Complainant reported someone beat up her boyfriend.Requestedambulance.

Feb. 24

 Complainant reported inmate going through detox. Requested deputy to meet at hospital.

 Complainant reported threatening communication. •Complainant turned in

found debit card. Feb. 25

 Complainant reported there is someone sitting in a running car that took an overdose. She won't come in. Requested deputy.

 Complainant reported footprints around home in

•Complainant reported neighborhood disturbances. Complainant reported

silage on fire. •Complainant called to speak with on-call children social worker.

•Complainant reported snowmobile riders on his

property on Fairview Drive. Complainant reported vehicle in ditch on County Road 17.

Feb. 26

 Complainant requested incident report for fugitive from justice prosecution. •Reserved for theft inves-

tigation/charges. •Complainant reported a

two-vehicle accident on Oak Drive. No injuries reported.

•Complainant wants to speak to deputy about city ordinance.

Complainant requested to speak to deputy.

•Complainant wants to report hit and run that occurred several weeks ago.

•Background check conducted for housing.

Deputy stood by for

•Complainant wants to report identity theft.

 Complainant requested car be removed on Lincoln

 Complainant requested welfare check on Lincoln

•Complainant reported hog barn fire on County

•Complainant reported semitrailer blocking road on County Road 17.

•Complainant reported missing child at Casev's.

Complainant reported

•Complainant called Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding fraud.

Feb. 27

 Complainant conducted traffic stop resulting in a canceled IPS arrest.

•Complainant reported noise complaint.

Complainant wanted to

pay a warrant. •Warrant check on

Spring Street. Complainant reported an order of protection viola-

 Complainant requested officer make contact with subject who may be violating

a harassment order. •Deputy released vehicle from impound.

 $\bullet Complainant \ reported \\$ problems with her daughter and ex-husband.

Feb. 28

 Complainant reported that her son is missing in Hills.

 Complainant reported possibly rolled vehicle in Hills. Did not see anyone

 Complainant reported a loud pickup on Davidson Street. Looks like there are beer cans all over.

March 1

•Dispatch followed up with questions about permit to carry.

•Deputy assisted trooper with traffic stop.

•Escort to impound to release vehicle.

•Complainant reported family custody issue.

Complainant reported

harassing communications. •Complainant reported burglar alarm on Kniss Ave.

In addition officers also responded to 2 transports, 7 $escorts, 13\,ambulance\,runs, 2$ animal complaints, 21 burn permits, 3 tests, 4 drug court tests, 6 permits to purchase/ carry, 19 traffic stops, 2 DWIs, 1 family and child incident, 1 driver's license check, 3 abandon 911 calls, 6 followups and 5 paper services.

Post offices ask customers to keep walkways clear

The U.S. Postal Service is asking customers to keep snow and ice cleared from their sidewalks, stairs and mailboxes to help postal carriers deliver the mail.

Postal customers who receive door mail delivery should ensure their sidewalks, steps and access ways are kept safely clear of snow and ice.

Customers receiving rural, curbside or centralized mailbox delivery should also pay special attention to having a safe and clear pathway to their mailbox.

Postal carriers will continue to do their best to deliver the mail, but when mailboxes and approaches to mailboxes are buried in snow and ice, it can make it difficult for carriers to make deliveries safely.

If mailboxes are blocked off and conditions are too

difficult, postal carriers must consider safety and accessibility first.

They are instructed to refrain from delivering to locations they deem too hazardous.

The USPS greatly appreciates the support of its customers in this effort.

Green Earth Players 'KOLD Radio'/continued from page 1A

Lars Knudsen (Casev McKenzie) is the host of a radio show called "Crappie Talk," devoted entirely to ice fishing for

Because it is a somewhat narrow subject, Lars has no listeners, so he loses his only advertiser, Ole's Bait Mart and Deer Petting Farm (Jim Harsma

Martha Bjorklund (Holly Anderson), Lars' unrequited love interest, hosts "Book Beat." She has all the listeners, and all the advertisers. Lars has had issues with Martha ever since she beat him in the 50-yard dash in sixth grade.

Lars' jealousy toward Martha multiplies when a fish-out-of-water Brooklyn Italian (Sal Carducci played by Nathan Taubert) comes to Whitefish Bay, buys the radio station, promotes Martha and

Lars has his work cut out for him. He needs his job, he needs his dignity, but most important, he needs Martha.

Rounding out the acting cast are Mallory Von Tersch as Sarah, DJ Luethje as Wendy, Elizabeth Ferguson (pictured at right) as Ruth, Josie Scholten as Donna and Joseph Karnoff as Sven.

Joseph Stearns is assistant director, Mike Petronek is technical director and Dianne Ossenfort is producer.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday both weekends. The second weekend includes a 7:30 p.m. show on Thursday, March 22, for a total of seven performances over the two weekends.

Tickets are available at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 102 East Main Street. The phone number is 507-283-4339.



Special education reimbursements/continued from page 1A ——

four decades ago, MSBA data shows local schools have never received more than 15 percent of their actual special education costs.

Each year the state's education commissioner is required to report the amount each school district is crosssubsidizing.

In 2016, cross-subsidies reached \$679 million, an increase of 5.6 percent from 2015. By 2021, the cross-subsidy is expected to grow to \$806

cating for a joint work commit-

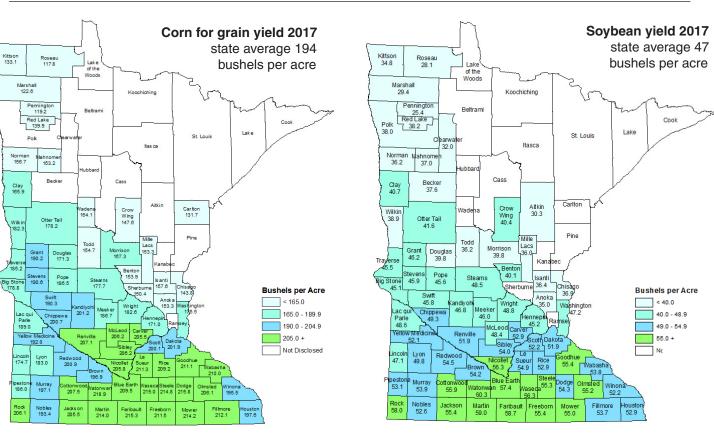
Abbott said MSBA is advo-

tee with officials to develop an adequate special education funding formula and eliminate the cross subsidy practice within districts by 2025.

As of Friday, the House **Education Innovation Policy** Committee supported forming a special education work

The same support is expected this week from the Senate E-12 Policy Committee.

MSBA is a private, nonprofit organization that provides training and support to public school boards and advocates for public education.



Rock County set a corn yield record (left) of 206.1 bushels per acre in 2017 and placed as one of 28 counties topping 200 bushels per acre. Last year was only the second time in 35 years local producers averaged more than 200 bushels per acre of corn. The first was last year at 201.2. In the graphic at right, local producers reached the state's top five in soybean yield with an average of 58 bushels per acre. Last year Rock County set its highest soybean yield average at 61.3. Graphics courtesy USDA

County has record yields, lower prices/continued from page 1A

yield with 60.3 bushels per

Cottonwood County vielded 55.9 soybean bushels per acre, followed by Jackson (55.4), Murray (53.9), Pipestone (53.1) and Nobles

The state sovbean yield average was 47 bushels per acre. Average per bushel price for corn in the state was \$3.06, according to USDA's monthly price report.

The price was 8 cents above December but 15 cents below last year's average price per bushel of \$3.21.

The state's average soybean price was \$9.13 per bushel, up 15 cents from December but down 25 cents from last year's price of \$9.38 per bushel.



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Each of Heidi Schacht's kindergartners wore "Cat in the Hat" character hats to the book-reading in the elementary media center including Cali Syndergaard.









'You look like Dr. Seuss'

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl (above) reads Dr. Seuss'book "Green Eggs and Ham" to Luverne Elementary kindergartners Friday in honor of the late author's birthday and National Education Association's Read Across America Day. The annual reading motivational and awareness day began in 1998. Exclaimed one kindergartner to Oftedahl, "You look like Dr. Seuss."

Before he began another Seuss book, "Horton Hears a Who" below, Oftedahl asked students if they would enjoy eating green eggs and ham. Kindergartener Max Fick (far left) reacts with a thumbs-up while classmate Devin Sengvongxag (left) reacts with a look of disgust.

Above middle: Kindergarten teacher Heidi Schacht dresses in a tall red-and-white-striped hat like the character in "The Cat in the Hat." Her T-shirt depicts another Dr. Seuss character who said, "Reading is My Thing."

Mavis Fodness photos/0308 Read America 2018



CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house bridal shower for Meranda Fick, bride-to-be of John Kramer, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 17, at the Luverne Presbyterian Church. Guests are requested to bring a recipe to share.

Menu

Monday, March 12: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, pineapple.

Program: Jump into Spring Party; pinochle.

Tuesday, March 13: Honey mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by First Farmers and Merchants Bank.

10 a.m. New Ulm Site Manager Meeting.

Wednesday, March 14: Lasagna, California blend vegetables, garlic bread, pears, cookie.

Thursday, March 15: Pork loin, potatoes, buttered cabbage, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Program: Food Give-Friday, March 16: Lem-

on pepper fish, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, bread, pie.

Program: Birthday party with Kitchen Band. Wear Senior Dining offers well-

balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are avail-

able at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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

School News

Vajgrt named to St. Olaf dean's list

Jonathon Vajgrt, Luverne, was named to the St. Olaf College, Northfield, dean's list for the Fall 2017 semester. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.75 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

Vajgrt, a chemistry major, is the son of Terry and Michelle Vajgrt, Luverne.

1962: Survey of Rock County public fallout shelters follows nationwide effort

The following article is from the Feb. 8, 1962, edition of the Rock County Star Herald.

Initial Survey Of Fallout Shelters to Begin Next Week

An initial survey of facilities for public fallout shelters in Rock county will begin Tuesday.

Magnus Christensen, Rock county civil defense director, said a representative of a private firm will conduct the survey (Cerney Associates) beginning Tuesday.

Shelters which would be suitable to hold a minimum of 50 persons will be considered for marking and for location of emergency food supplies.

Before a shelter is designated, the owner of the structure will be asked to give his permission in

Christensen said that at least part of the emergency food supplies for fallout shelters will arrive in the next couple weeks. He said the city will receive about 420 feet of the packaged supplies. Much of it can be stored in the basement of



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president **Rock County Historical Society**

the city hall until shelters are designated.

Meeting Held Here

Local civil defense directors from Rock and Pipestone counties attend a meeting here Monday. Roy V. Aune, assistant director of Minnesota civil defense, outlined the fallout shelter program survey.

The survey for and designation of fallout shelters in Rock county is part of a nation-wide effort.

The federal government has appropriated \$93 million to make the survey and \$58.8 million for stocking shelters during fiscal 1962. Supplies include food, water, medical and dosimeters.

Rock county has considered a fallout shelter for a control center. It would likely be located at the court house.

The federal government would pay half the cost. Christensen, Commissioner Ray Fick and Bill Mohr, Luverne city engineer, attended a meeting on this at New Brighton Tuesday.

Christensen said no definite plans have been made.

But he said the control center could be built as a windowless basement under the present parking lot at the court house.

Later, an annex to the court house could be built over the basement.

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

MN 56156. Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Adrian Knowledge Bowl teams take second

The Adrian Senior High Knowledge Bowl team competed at the Sub-Regional Knowledge Bowl meet at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Jackson on

Friday, March 2. There were 10 schools competing, with a total of 32 teams. Adrian had seven teams participate at the

meet. Adrian placed second overall and has two teams advancing to the Regional Tournament in Marshall on Thursday, March 8.

Students moving on are Austin Metz, Maritza Beltran, Blake Madison, Nathan Varley, Tristan Thier, Skylar Polzine, Dustin John and Alexia Kemper.

The top three teams at the regional meet will move on to the state competition



The team of Maritza Beltran (left), Austin Metz, Nathan Varley and Blake Madison placed second at Knowledge Bowl subsection competition and will move on to regional competition.

in Brainerd on April 12 and

Adrian had 33 kids out

for Knowledge Bowl this year in grades 9 -12. The team is coached by Robert Remme.

BUSINESS NEWS

Buffalo Ridge Agency receives outstanding service honor

The Buffalo Ridge Insurance Agency of Luverne has been named to the President's Club of the Midwest Family Mutual Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa, and Minneapolis

for 11 consecutive years.

The award recognizes outstanding continued service to customers and community as well as superior performance. Employees of the Luverne

agency are Cory Bloemendaal, Marilyn Bloemendaal, Pam Haakenson, Steve Smedsrud, Lorie Gruis, Katelyn Thornock and Spencer Riphagen.



Submitted photo

Twenty-two Luverne High School speech team members earned medals and ribbons during their invitational Saturday. Pictured are (from left) Chance Tunnissen, Grace Sweeney, Melanie Rittenhouse, Naomi Ring, Nicole Hoogland, Rebecca Austin, Sage Ver Steeg, Josie Golla, Alexa Chesley, Courtney Wendland, Luke Thorson, Julia Ferguson, Jonah Louwagie, Solveig Tofteland, John Miller, Seno Chanthalangsy, Xavier Carbonneau, Parker Carbonneau, Shane Berning, Ross Bergman and Cameron Wessels. Not pictured is Cassie Flanigan.

Local students compete at home speech tournament

The Luverne High School speech team played double duty Saturday during their own speech invitational.

"Not only do they compete, but they, as hosts, welcome their fellow competitors and help them find rooms and answer any questions they have," said speech coach Caroline Thorson. "They represented our school and community very well."

Fifteen schools and 220 competitors participated in the Luverne speech tournament. As hosts, however, LHS competed only for individual honors.

Twenty-two Cardinal speakers earned medals for

placing first- through sixth-place.

Blue ribbons were given to speakers one place out of the finals and red ribbons for two places out of the finals. Individual results in-

cluded:
•Creative expression:

Cameron Wessels, fifth.
•Discussion: Alexa Ches-

ley, second, and Melanie Rittenhouse, fourth.

•Duo interpretation: Solveig Tofteland and Seno Chanthalangsy, second.

•Extemp reading: Courtney Wendland, fourth, and Nicole Hoogland, sixth.

•Extemp speaking: Shane Berning, first; Chance Tunnissen, third; Parker Carbonneau, fourth; Ross Bergman, fifth.

•Humorous: Luke Thorson, first, and John Miller, red ribbon.

•Informative: Rebecca Austin, blue ribbon; Cassie Flanigan, red ribbon.

•Poetry: Naomi Ring, fourth, and Grace Sweeney, fifth. •Prose: Sage Ver Steeg, second, and Josie Golla, fourth.

•Storytelling: Julia Ferguson, fourth; Jonah Louwagie, blue ribbon; Xavier Carbonneau, red ribbon.

The team's next competition is Saturday, March 10, in Montevideo.

OBITUARIES

Edward DeBates -

Edward Arvin DeBates, 90, Luverne, formerly of Adrian, died Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A time of fellowship will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian. A memorial service will be

at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors provided by the Adrian American Legion will be at the St. Adrian Cemetery.

Edward DeBates was born Aug. 21, 1927, to Charles and Amanda (Donth) DeBates in Jasper. He attended school in Adrian. He served his country from 1952 to 1954 in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, achieving the rank of staff sergeant.

After Eddie married Esther Woltjer, the couple lived in Adrian. To this union three children were born, Peggy, Steven and Douglas.

Eddie married Dianne Berger on Dec. 16, 1978, in Las Vegas, Nevada. After their marriage the couple lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Earlier, Eddie worked as shift manager at Safeway in Adrian for over 18 years. He also owned and operated Eddie's Standard and Eddie's Amoco in Adrian.

He was a member of the Sioux Falls VFW. He enjoyed

delivering the Sioux Falls Argus

Leader in bulk to various cities and working at the Holiday Park in Sioux Falls.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Dianne DeBates, Luverne; two children, Peggy (Jeff) Carrier, Adrian, and Steve (Lori) De-Bates, Marshall; five stepchildren, Tammy

Ransier, Sioux Falls, Cindy (Doug) Archer, Adrian, Barb (Mike) Mallette, Burlington, Iowa, Roxy (Bob) Vandendries, Canistota, South Dakota, and Mark (Julie) Berger, Las Vegas; two grandchildren, Dan (Leah) DeBates and Shelby (Brandon) Coens; five great-grandchildren, Kalsee (Vincent) Kohs, Brady, Linkcoln and Tucker Brouwer, and Kaylee DeBates; one greatgreat-grandson, Grayson Brouwer; six stepgrandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Robert DeBates, Adrian; a sister, Lorraine Mc-Cormick, Minnetonka; many nieces and nephews; and a special niece, Barbra Irrgang.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son Douglas DeBates in 1964; a grandson, Jesse Carrier, in 2001; his ex-wife, Esther; and two sisters, Elaine Vogt and Therese Manley.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, dingmannandsons.com

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Marjorie Prunty

Marjorie "Marj" (Tirrel)
Prunty, 83, Sioux
Falls, South Dakota,
formerly of Brookings, South Dakota,
died unexpectedly
Sunday, Feb. 25,
2018.

A funeral service was Saturday, March 3, at Eidsness Funeral Homein Brookings, with buriel following

with burial following the service at Greenwood Cemetery in Brookings.

Marjorie Tirrel was born on Dec. 24, 1934, to Steinus and Martha Tirrel in White, South Dakota. She attended school at Argo District #24 and White High School. She married Raymond

Phares in Hendricks on Nov. 12, 1953. They divorced in 1964. Marjorie married Homer Prunty on July 22, 1966, in Brookings, South Dakota. She was a member of the Methodist Church, Hospital

Methodist Church, Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer Service Bank, Brookings Activity Center, bridge clubs, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, traveling, volunteering, playing bridge and spending time with her family and friends.

Marj is survived by one daughter, Karen Phares (Mark) Sandager, Hills; four grandchildren, Alicia Sandager (Walter Balser) of St. Petersburg, Florida, Ian (Anna) Sandager of Hills,

Tatiana Kucera, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mark (Micah) Sandager of Hills; seven greatgrandchildren: Isabella, Mariana, Sol, Bridget, Clara, Ingrid, and Emery; two sisters, Thelma Peters of Little Rock, Iowa, and Dorothy Sletten,

of Custer, South Dakota; four brothers, Glen (Betty) Tirrel, of Toronto, South Dakota, John (Genie) Tirrel, of Norfolk, Nebraska, Stanley (Janice) Tirrel of White, and Robert(Sherrie) Tirrel of Rush, Colorado; and a sister-in-law, Penny Tirrel, of Cornell, Wisconsin.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Homer; her former husband, Raymond Phares; an infant son, Dale Phares; her parents; a sister, Frances Kracke; two brothers, James Tirrel and David Tirrel; a sister-in-law, Stella Tirrel; two brothers-in-law, Denton Peters and Leslie Sletten; and five nephews.

Memorials are preferred to Greenwood Cemetery in Brookings, South Dakota, and Fairview Cemetery in Tularosa, New Mexico.

Arrangements were provided by Eidsness Funeral Home of Brookings, South Dakota.

(0308 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Scott Fey —

Scott W. Fey, 55, Edgerton, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at his home.

A funeral service was Saturday, March 3, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in Edgerton.

Arrangements were provided by Colonial Funeral Chapel in Edgerton.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Community Ed contact info: C.Arends@isd2184.

Learn how to make delicious meals in minutes at Cooking Under Pressure on March 10. Fee is \$24 and includes sampling foods that are prepared in class.

Interact with the residents at the Poplar Creek while you build a **Fairy House Night Light** on March 10. Fee is \$16.

Kids in the Kitchen (grades K-6) will cook up treats in time for **St. Patrick's Day** on March 15. Fee is \$18 or sign up with a friend and pay \$28.

Whitney Lafrenz will share information on wraps

at **Babywearing 101** to be held on March 12. Sibling care offered—request at time of registration. No fee, but registration required.

The full 8-hour **defensive driving class** in two 4-hour evening sessions from 5:30-9:30 p.m. March 19 and March 26 for anyone 55 years of age or older who wants to qualify for a 10-percent car insurance premium discount. After attending both evenings, you will receive a certificate to present to your insurance company for an insurance discount for the next three years.

All students in grades K-12 who want to play **base-ball** or **softball** in the summer community recreation program need to register by March 19 at the Community Education Office. Registration forms and details are available on the Luverne School website at www. isd2184.net under Community Education, or call 507-283-2413.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

 A city employee has been terminated for theft of public funds, according to documents filed at Luverne City Hall.

Jesse Frey, a five-year employee of the water and wastewater department, was terminated Thursday, Feb. 28.

In a letter to Frey, dated Feb. 28, City Administrator John Call wrote, "It is believed that your conduct in misappropriating city property and/or fund violated city policy and the public's trust."

By law, the city is required to report such evidence of theft to the state Auditor's Office. That letter, also dated Feb. 28, states that Frey used the city gas control card to put gasoline into his personal vehicle.

"He was caught in the act and admitted to similar activity on other occasions," the letter said.

25 years ago (1993)

•Recent reports of the assault of a seven-year-old boy in Magnolia have raised the issue of children's safety.

Nowhere is it more of a concern than in Magnolia and particularly with Superintendent Jan Nuffer.

When the school staff heard a child was in the hospital, Nuffer and the teachers met with their students in three groups. She explained what they knew and didn't know. She talked about how harmful rumors can be and told them the Rock County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

"We told the students 'If someone is in danger of being hurt, you need to tell someone," Nuffer said.

50 years ago (1968)

•Paulson Dehydrated Products Company, owned by H.A. Paulson for the past 22 years, has been sold and the new company will be known as the Luverne Dehydrated Products Co., Inc.

Roger Achterhof, a native of Sioux Center, but who recently moved here from Duluth, will be the new manager of the firm. Lawrence Achterhof of Sioux Center is president, Henry Wynia, Rock Valley, vice president, and Floyd Achterhof, Sioux Center, secretary. The business transaction was effective Friday, March 1.

H.A. (Adrian) Paulson will still call his old office "home" and will be available to assist the new manager and customers as he did before, Achterhof said.

In the past 22 years Paulson has shipped and processed over 150,000 tons of alfalfa out of the Luverne community and into the feed trade. "It was a lot different 22 years ago when I started than it is now. We used to do almost everything by hand at the plant and now just about everything is automatic." Paulson stated. The plant, located at the south edge of Luverne, now handles about 1,000 acres of alfalfa a year.

75 years ago (1943)

•R.V. Hansen, editor and publisher of the Hills Crescent announced Thursday that the publication of that paper would be suspended with that issue.

Hansen, who several months ago was appointed rural mail carrier at Hills, has been unable either to sell or lease the paper, and since his appointment, it has been carried on as a community

enterprise with the hope that someone could be obtained to take over operation of the plant.

According to Mr. Hansen, this week will be the first week that the Crescent has not been printed since it was founded Aug. 11, 1893, by F. M. Bailey and Orrie Haislet. For three years, it was printed on an old Ramage press, which reputedly had once been used by Benjamin Franklin, and later for printing the "Decorah Posten" at Decorah, Ia.

100 years ago (1918)

•Miss Nettie Willers on Saturday tendered her resignation as teacher in school district 59, Mound township, after charges of pro-German teachings had been filed against her with County Supt. Edia A. Headley.

Miss Willers gave her reason for resigning that she wished to engage in other work, but incorrigibility of the pupils is said to have a bearing on the case.

For several weeks conditions in this district have been the source of much comment because of alleged strong pro-German sentiment among members of the school board and some of the patrons of the school. It is claimed that two of the three members of the school board have pronounced pro-German leanings, and there is much friction among patrons of the school.

As a result of the growing dissension, practically all of the pupils, it is said left school during study hours Friday, and this is believed to have had considerable bearing on the teacher's resignation.



Luverne Mock Trial makes fourth consecutive state appearance



Oldre, Alexa Chesley, Lauren VerSteeg, Solveig Tofteland, Elise Jarchow, Seno Chanthalangsy, and Kaitlyn Anderson.

Mavis Fodness photo/0308 Mock Trial Pep Fest

Students in grades 6-12 and the pep band filled the Luverne High School gymnasium Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 28, to show their support for the school's Mock Trial team, whose appearance at the March 1-2 state event is the team's fourth consecutive.

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Member

LHS team places 12th out of 16 teams in Minneapolis

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School Mock Trial team competed in the state tournament March 1-2 at the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Minneapolis.

It was the fourth consecutive year the Cardinals qualified for state competition.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, native David Lillehaug presided over Luverne's Round 3 match against Apple Valley.

Lillehaug is currently a Minnesota Supreme Court justice.

The state competition features three rounds with the two scoring teams facing offin the championship round.

Luverne finished 12th out of the 16 teams competing. Nova Classical Academy, St. Paul, won the state tournament and will compete at the national event.

First-year LHS coach Jason Berghorst said this year's state tournament was a positive experience for the team.

"The competition is at a whole different level, and we learned a lot by seeing how the metro schools do things,"

"These students met their goal of returning to the state tournament for the fourth year in a row, even with an inexperienced teacher coach. This program has a tradition of strong

— Jason Berghorst, LHS coach

student leadership

and that was very

evident this year."

Berghorst said. "I was especially pleased with our performance versus Breck."

Breck School is a preschool-12th grade private school in Golden Valley. They've won the state mock trial title four times.

Luverne faced Breck in the second round. Luverne presented the defense side of the case, State of Minnesota versus Cameron "Skeeter" Farris. Farris was driving a semi pulling a belly dump trailer when he failed to stop at a

state competition in Minneapolis March 1 and 2.

highway intersection. He struck a car, killing the driver. Prosecutors argued that Farris operated the truck in a negligent matter. While the prosecution

tries to convict Farris, the defense tries to create reasonable doubt on Farris' negligence.

"Our lawyers and witnesses held their own and had some real successes against a very good team," Berghorst

Round 1 was against Sartell High School. The presiding judge prosecuted the original case and re-wrote the trial for the mock competition.

The students are looking forward to next year.

"These students met their goal of returning to the state tournament for the fourth year in a row, even with an inexperienced teacher coach," Berghorst said.

"This program has a tradition of strong student leadership and that was very evident this year."

Seniors are Hans Bakken, Michael Rahm, Megan Rogers and Emma Verbrugge.

Verbrugge earned All-State witness honors for the second consecutive year.

All-State awards were given to the top ten witnesses out of the 96 witnesses who performed at the state tour-



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Star Herald PORTS

Pierce, Witte grace roster of 2017-18 All-BSC gym squad

By John Rittenhouse

Two Luverne High School athletes grace the roster of the 2017-18 All-Big South Conference Western Division Gymnastics team.

LHS senior Samantha Pierce and sophomore Meghan Witte locked up two of the 15 positions on the league's honorary roster.

Jackson County Central, Windom and Worthington placed three individuals each on the allconference squad.

By John Rittenhouse

went 1-2 at the event.

the quarterfinals.

his 25-7 season.

in St. Paul Friday and Saturday.

Orlando went on to win the state title.

petition, lost his lone match in St. Paul.

handed Taylor an 8-2 setback in the opening round.

quarterfinals, Taylor's 27-7 season was complete.

Seniors Abby Schneekloth and Brooklyn Schuett and junior Hailey Handevidt represent JCC, while senior



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Adrian's Edwards, Taylor

wrap up wrestling season

at state tournament

A pair of Adrian High School sophomores wrapped up their

Adrian's Scot Edwards and Logan Taylor posted a combined

Edwards, who captured the Section 3A title at heavyweight,

Edwards pinned Sibley East's Austin Streich in 35 seconds

in the opening round before losing by fall (2:43) to Bertha-

Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie sophomore Craig Orlando in

Badger-Greenbush-Middle River sophomore Zach Evans

Taylor, who placed second at 113 pounds during section com-

Frazee senior Mike Miller, who placed fifth at the state event,

When Miller lost an 11-6 match to Blackduck-Cass Lake-Bena's

Trevor Janssen (who eventually placed second at 113) in the

pinned Edwards in 1:56 during consolation competition, ending

1-3 record without placing in their respective weight classes.

seasons at the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Championships

Maria Contreras, sophomore Gracia Elias and eighth-grader Abby Bristow made the team for Worthington.

Windom's team members include junior Mareah Carlson, sophomore Katelyn Nichols and eighth-grader Brooklyn Paulson.

MarshallandRedwood Valley matched Luverne by landing two all-conference selections.

Sophomore Emma Stevenson and freshman Riley Franklin represent RWV, while junior Tailya Mc-Farquahr and eighth-grader Saphi McFarquahr cracked

the list for Marshall.



Luverne senior defenseman Jim Erickson passes the puck to a teammate as he is being badgered by Litchfield-Dassell-Cokato sophomore forward Jackson Bakeberg during the Section 3A Boys' Hockey Tournament championship game in St. Peter.

L-D-C goalie handcuffs LHS

By John Rittenhouse

A trip to the Minnesota State Class A boys' hockey tournament for the Luverne Cardinals was denied by a freshman goalie Wednesday night in St. Peter.

Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato net-minder Darby Halonen could well have been the smallest player on the ice during the Section 3A Championship game.

When the contest was complete, it was Halonen who cast the biggest shadow on the playing surface.

The freshman sensation stopped 35 of the 36 shots in goaltoleadthe second-seeded Dragons to a 4-1 victory over top-seeded Luverne.

The Cardinals end the season with a 20-7 record.

LHS may not have been particularly sharp as it could have been during the title tilt, but Halonen was dialed in.

Halonen made 11 saves in the first and second periods of the game and stopped 13 of 14 $\,$ shots in a thrilling third period to lead the Dragons to the win.

Largely due to his efforts in goal, L-D-C never faced a deficit in a game that included the Dragons sporting a 38-36 advantage in shots on goal.

Luverne outshot the Dragons 11-8 during the game's first period, but neither team could produce a goal in the first 17 minutes of play.

The situation changed with 7:45 remaining in the second period, when Dragon senior defenseman Corey Benda gained control of a rebound created by a shot from junior forward Caleb Keith before lifting the puck into the net to give L-D-C a 1-0 lead.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw over the final 7:45 of the second period, creating a situation where the game's

next goal would be very important.

L-D-C registered the meaningful tally when senior defen $seman\,Orrin\,Grang roth\,netted$ an unassisted goal 44 seconds into the final stanza to make it a 2-0 game.

Luverne's fate changed after L-D-C senior defenseman Matthew Wedin was whistled for a two-minute roughing penalty 1:11 after the Dragons scored their second goal.

The infraction gave the Cardinals their third power-play opportunity of the game, and they cashed in on the situation.

After receiving the puck from senior defenseman Jim Erickson, senior forward Kaysn Kruse peppered a shot on goal that was blocked by Halonen and caromed to the left side of the goal.

Junior Gaige Nath grabbed the rebound and lifted the puck into an open net to trim

the difference to one goal (2-1) with 13:26 left to play.

The score remained the same over the next nine minutes before L-D-C regained control of the contest with 4:24 remaining.

Benda unleashed a shot from the point that was deflected into the net by sophomore forward Blake Johnson, giving the Dragons a 3-1 advantage.

With the situation calling for desperate measures, LHS pulled senior goalie Daniel Tofteland out of the net in favor of an extra skater in the final minutes.

L-D-CjuniorforwardBrandt Pedersen took advantage of the situation by registering an unassisted goal into an empty net with 47 seconds left to ice the win.

Tofteland saved 34 of the 37 shots he faced in goal for the Cards.



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Luverne junior guard Brayden Jacobsma puts up a one-handed shot during Saturday's Section 3AA Boys' Basketball Tournament game in Windom. Windom ended Luverne's 9-17 season.

Eagles rally in second half to eliminate Luverne boys

By John Rittenhouse

Arough second halfkept the Luverne boys' basketball team from advancing to the second round of the South Section 3AA Tournament Saturday in Windom.

Luverne, the tournament's fifth seed, led by as many as 12 points in a first half that ended with a seven-point advantage over the Windom Eagles.

No. 4 Windom, however, owned the second half.

The Eagles outscored the Cardinals 39-20 in the final 18 minutes of play to register a 73-61 victory.

The loss ends Luverne's 9-17

Both teams sported three-

point leads during the game's first five minutes.

The score was knotted at 16 when Luverne went on a 9-0 run ending with a field goal from Derek Lundgren to open a 25-16 lead at the 8:43 mark of the first half.

Windom registered five consecutive points to make it a four-point (25-21) game 1:17 later, but the Cards responded by putting together a 12-4 push that gave them a 37-25 lead when Mark Robinson buried a three-point shot at the 4:35 mark.

The Eagles battled back to outscore LHS9-4 the rest of the half that ended with the Cards boasting a 41-34 advantage.

LHS simply couldn't get things rolling offensively in the second half.

Windom scored the first three points of the stanza and trailed by four (49-45) before reeling off seven consecutive points to gain a 52-49 lead with 7:12 left to play.

After Luverne's Eli Haugom converted a field goal to make it a one-point game (52-51), the Eagles netted six consecutive points to open a 58-51 lead with 5:01 remaining.

Luverne trimmed the difference to three points (60-57) when Lundgren drained a three-point shot with four

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SWC spoils H-BC's first appearance in title game since 2004

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team was in a position to win its first postseason tournament championship since 1991 Friday in Marshall.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, they couldn't complete the task when they squared off against Southwest Christian for the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament at Southwest Minnesota State University.

Second-seeded H-BCled by as many as eight points in the second half and sported a seven-point advantage with 8:41 left to play, but the top-seeded Eagles rallied to outscore the Patriots 22-7 the rest of the night to secure a 74-66 victory.

The loss ends a 21-6 season for H-BC, which was playing in its first postseason title game since 2004.

H-BC turned a six-point halftime advantage into a 41-33 lead when Kourtney Rozeboom converted a field goal 34 seconds into the second stanza.

SWC countered with a 16-8 run to knot the score at 48 with 12:36 remaining, but the Patriots withstood the challenge.

H-BC put together a 10-3 spurt to open a seven-point (59-52) lead with 8:41 left after Sidney Fick cashed in on a pair of charity shots.

 $The\,E\text{-}Gals\,responded\,to\,the$ situation by battling back to knot the score at 63 with 5:13 remaining. SWC's rally continued as a

16-4 run left the E-Gals sporting a 68-63 lead with 1:28 left to play.

H-BC, which experienced a 4:48 stretch of scoreless basketball, did make it a two-point game (68-66) when Grace Bundesen converted a threepoint play with 59 seconds left.

SWC, however, outscored H-BC 6-0 the rest of the night to prevail by eight points. The game's first half was

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Hills-Beaver Creek's Grace Bundesen scored 16 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and charted seven assists during Friday's season-ending loss to Southwest Christian in Marshall.

equally as competitive.

H-BC scored the first three points of the contest and led 5-1 when Bundesen hit a field goal at the 16:05 mark.

The Patriots still led by four (15-11) when SWC reeled off seven consecutive points to move in front 18-15 at 7:58.

The teams proceeded to exchange the lead for the better part of the next six minutes before H-BC put together an 8-1 surge capped by Whitney Elbers hitting a pair of free throws with less than one second left that gave the Patriots

a 39-33 halftime lead.

Fick (26 points), Bundesen (16 points, 17 rebounds and seven assists), Elbers (11 points and six rebounds) and Rozeboom (5 rebounds) led H-BC statistically.

Box score Tilstra 1 0 0-0 2, Spath 0 0 1-2 1, Knobloch 0 1 1-2 4, Fick 9 2 2-3 26, Bundesen 6 0 4-6 16, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 4 0

Team statistics H-BC: 26 of 52 field goals (50 percent),

3-4 11, Rozeboom 3 0 0-0 6.

11 of 17 free throws (65 percent), 37 rebounds, 18 turnovers. SWC: 25 of 64 field goals (39 percent), 18 of 25 free throws (72 percent), 30 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

Luverne junior Derek Lundgren led the Cardinals with 15 points

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minutes left to play.

Windom, however, registered the next six points as a part of a 13-4 run that gave the Eagles a 12-point victory at game's end.

Lundgren (15 points and eight rebounds), Haugom (13 points) and Robinson (10 points) sparked LHS offensively.

Brayden Jacobsma registered three assists for the Cards.

Robinson 2 2 0-1 10, Lundgren 3 3 0-0 15, Bartels 1 0 0-0 2, Claussen 2 0 0-0 4, Terry 3 0 0-2 6, Jacobsma 0 1 0-0 3, Siebenahler 022-28, Haugom 601-213.

Team statistics Luverne: 25 of 43 field goals (58 percent), three of seven free throws (43

percent), 20 rebounds, seven turnovers.

Dragons split pair of tourney games

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team completed a 13-14 season by splitting a pair of games during the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament last

The Dragons defeated Edgerton by 23 points during an opening round game staged in Adrian Thursday.

Southwest Christian saddled AHS with an 18-point setback during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

SWC 74, Adrian 56

The Dragons wrapped up the 2017-18 campaign by dropping an 18-point decision to the Eagles during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

Third-seeded SWC outscored the No. 6 Dragons in both halves of the contest to win the game handily.

AHS sported a 5-4 edge when Christian Weidert converted a three-point play 3:22 into the game and the Dragons led by two (8-6) when Brady Henning canned a three-point shot at the 13:33 mark of the first half.

Unfortunately for AHS, the rest of the game belonged to

A 16-3 run gave the Eagles a 22-11 lead with 6:07 remaining in the first half.

Adrian trimmed the difference to five points (24-19) when Ryan Wieneke hit a three-point shot at the 3:32 mark, but SWC countered with a 12-4 run to end the half and sport a 36-23 advantage at the intermission.

Adrian's Skylar Polzine sank one free throw early in the second half to make it a 36-24 game, but that proved to be as close as AHS would come to catching the Eagles.

SWC went on a 14-4 run to open a 22-point (50-28) advantage with 9:52 remaining

Adrian junior guard Christian Weidert drives past a Southwest Christian defender during Saturday's South Section 3A Tournament game in Worthington. SWC topped AHS 74-56.

in the game.

Adrian never trailed by less than 16 points over the final nine minutes.

Wieneke (24 points, six rebounds and four assists) and Polzine (10 points) paced AHS statistically.

Lance Luettel grabbed six rebounds for the Dragons.

Weidert 1 0 3-5 5, John 0 0 1-2 1, Wieneke 8 2 2-2 24, Ross 0 0 0-0 0, Henning 0 1 0-0 3, Veld 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 1 0 3-4 5, Stamer 1 0 0-2 2, Polzine 4 0 2-4 10,

Team statistics Adrian: 19 of 54 field goals (35 percent), 15 of 25 free throws (60 percent), 24 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

SWC: 26 of 59 field goals (44 percent), 18 of 26 free throws (69 percent), 36

Adrian 78, Edgerton 55

The Dragons passed their first test in postseason play by disposing of the Flying Dutchmen by 23 points in Adrian Thursday.

Sixth-seeded AHS gained control of the contest by open $ing\,a\,40$ -16 halftime advantage against No. 11 Edgerton.

EHS sported a 39-38 scoring edge in the second half, making it a 23-point difference at game's end.

Wieneke (19 points, six rebounds, four blocked shots and three assists), Ian Stamer (16 points and four assists) and Polzine (12 points and five rebounds) carried the scoring load for the Dragons.

Weidert (six rebounds), Mitchell Veld (seven rebounds), Luettel (five rebounds) and Dakota John (three assists) also made key contributions to the winning cause.

Box score

Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, Weidert 4 0 0-1 8, John 0 1 0-0 3,Wilson 0 1 0-0 3,Wieneke 7 1 2-2 19, Ross 0 0 0-0 0, Henning 1 0 0-0 2, Veld 0 3 0-0 9, Reyne 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 5 1 3-5 16, Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Polzine 6 0 0-0 12, Luettel 2 0 2-8 6.

Team statistics

Adrian: 32 of 61 field goals (52 percent), seven of 16 free throws (44 percent), 36 rebounds, seven turnovers.

Edgerton: 20 of 61 field goals (33 percent), four of eight free throws (50 percent), 22 rebounds, eight turnovers



By John Rittenhouse The Hills-Beaver Creek boys

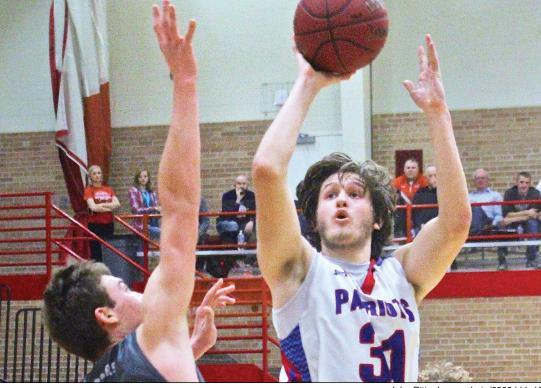
bowed out of the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

Seventh-seeded H-BC remained in contention to upset No. 2 Westbrook-Walnut Grove in the game's first half, but the Chargers pulled away in the second half to secure a 95-74 win.

The Patriots end the season with an 11-15 record.

H-BC's Josh Kueter opened the scoring 17 seconds into the

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Luverne

Baseball

Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore forward Jax Wysong scored 14 points and collected seven rebounds during Saturday's season-ending loss to W-WG in Worthington.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League March 1 Games won: Those Girls 4;

Troublemakers 3; Real Guys 3; Stooges 1; Rock-Stars 1; Those Guys 0.

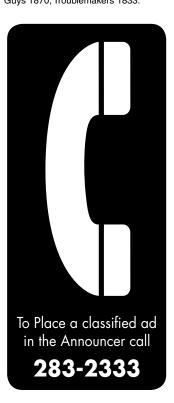
High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 225; Brian Mazza 225.

High Scratch Game Women: Marie Opheim 149; Tyra Feekes 114. High Scratch Series Men: Zach Runia 590; Jeff Runia 582.

High Scratch Series Women: Marie Opheim 402; Tyra Feekes 291. Team High Scratch Game: Real

Guys 538; Troublemakers 513. Team High Scratch Series: Real Guys 1510; Troublemakers 1473.

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Hills-Beaver Creek senior Josh Kueter tosses in two of his 12 points during Saturday's tournament loss to W-WG.

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game with a three-point shot, and the Patriots led 10-9 when Luke LaRock buried a three at the 13:29 mark of the first half.

The Patriots, however never played with a lead the rest of the game.

An 11-0 run gave W-WG a 20-10 cushion that swelled to 11 points (33-22) with 5:51 remaining in the first half.

A 9-0 run capped by a layup from H-BC's Easton Harnack trimmed the difference to two points (33-31) with 4:13 remaining, but W-WG outscored the Patriots 12-5 the remainder of the half to sport a 45-36 cushion at the break.

H-BC's Jax Wysong scored the first two points of the second half to make it a 45-38 difference before the Chargers went on a 14-5 run to open a 59-43 lead.

The Patriots did trim the difference to 11 points at two occasions between the 9:13 and 2:17 marks of the second half, but they trailed by 23 points

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(94-71) with 45 seconds left.

The final minute did prove to be a memorable one for H-BC junior Preston Wilhelmi, who needed to score 21 points in the game to reach the 1,000-point mark for his career.

Wilhelmi hit one free throw with 23.5 seconds left for his 21st and final point of the

Wysong (14 points and seven rebounds), Kueter (12 points) and Harnack (12 points) also emerged as key contributors for H-BC.

Box score

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Team statistics H-BC: 22 of 50 field goals (44 percent),

rebounds, five turnovers

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20 of 23 free throws (87 percent), 22 rebounds, 12 turnovers, W-WG: 33 of 59 field goals (56 percent), 22 of 31 free throws (71 percent), 30

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Patriot girls sideline Adrian during Tuesday's quarterfinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketballteamaccomplished something no other Patriots squad has in 14 years Feb. 27.

By defeating the Adrian Dragons 55-36 in the semifinal round of the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament in Worthington, the 2017-18 Patriots qualified for the event's championship game for the first time since the 2003-2004

Second-seeded H-BC had their way with the sixth $see ded \, Dragons \, as \, the \, Patriots \,$ outscored AHS in both halves of a 19-point win.

Adrian did sport a 4-3 lead when Avery Balster sank a pair of free throws at the 13:49 mark of the first half, but H-BC moved in front 8-4 when Sidney Fick canned a three-point shot at 12:43.

AHS trimmed the difference to one point (9-8) when Paige Bullerman converted a field goal at 10:56, and the Dragons trailed 11-10 after a field goal from Bailey Lonneman with less than 10 minutes remaining in the opening stanza.

H-BC, however, dominated play the rest of the night.

A 12-0 run in the final 4:30 of the first half ending with a fieldgoal from Grace Bundesen gave the Patriots a 29-14 lead at the intermission.

H-BC put the game away by going on a 10-2 run ending with a field goal from Abby Knobloch 4:17 into the second that left the Patriots sporting a 23-point (39-16) advantage.

Adrian closed the gap to 18 points at three different occasions in the final eight minutes of the game, but H-BC ended up winning the game handily.

Fick (28 points and five rebounds) and Whitney Elbers (10 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots) led H-BC offensively.

Grace Bundesen (11 rebounds and three assists) and Kourtney Rozeboom (eight rebounds) also played well for H-BC.

Adrian, which finishes the season with an 11-15 record, received a 10-point, five rebound effort from Lonneman.

Bullerman led the Dragons with six rebounds and Balster charted four steals.

Adrian

Kemper 1 1 0-0 5, H-Bullerman 2 0 3-4 7, M.Bullerman 0 0 0-0 0, Balster 2 0 2-4 6, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Preuss 0 0 0-0 0, Lonnerman 4 0 2-2 10, Cauwels 0 0 0-0 0, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 0 0 0-0 0, P.Bullerman 4 0 0-0 8.

Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 1-2 1, Knobloch 1 0 0-0 2, Fick 7 3 5-7 28, Bundesen 1 0 2-2 4, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 1 0-0 3, Elbers 4 0 2-2 10, Rozeboom 3 0 1-4 7.

Team statistics Adrian: 14 of 45 field goals (31 percent), seven of 10 free throws (70 percent), 19 rebounds, 14 turnovers H-BC: 19 of 47 field goals (40 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent), 38



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H-BC's Sidney Fick draws contact from Adrian's Lexi Slater during a Feb. 27 tournament game in Worthington.

H-BC boys end Ellsworth's season Thursday in Hills

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of teams from the Star Herald coverage area squared off in an opening round game of the South Section 3A Boys' Basketball Tournament Thursday in Hills.

No. 7 Hills-Beaver Creek entertained No. 10 Ellsworth for a chance to advance to Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

The Patriots moved on by knocking off the Panthers 62-58.

Ellsworth gained its lone lead (4-2) of the contest when Grant Jansma drained a threepoint shot 2:20 into the game.

H-BC countered with a 25-10 run ending with a threepoint play by Bailey Susie to open a 27-14 lead with 7:19 remaining in the first half.

The Panthers rallied to close the gap to six points (29-23) when Zach Buntjer turned an offensive rebound into a field goal with 3:41 remaining, but the Patriots outscored EHS 5-3 the rest of the half to sport a 34-26 lead at the break.

Ellsworth went on a 10-5 run ending with a three-point play from Buntjer at 14:42 to make it a three-point (39-36) difference in the second half.

EHS trailed by two (47-45) when Jansma canned a pair of charity shots with 9:34 left to play, but that proved to be as close as the Panthers would come to catching H-BC.

A 7-0 spurt ending with Preston Wilhelmi sinking a pair of free throws gave the Patriots a 61-51 cushion with 1:14 remaining.

 $EHS\, closed\, \check{t}he\, gap\, to\, three$ points (61-58) when Noah Kruse converted a field goal



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Hills-Beaver Creek junior guard Preston Wilhelmi lifts a one-handed shot over Ellsworth's Noah Kruse during Thursday's tournament game in Hills. H-BC posted a 62-58 victory.

with 16 seconds left, but the Patriots netted the game's final point to win by four.

Wilhelmi led the Patriots to victory with a 32-point, threesteal effort.

Wyatt Westrum (seven rebounds), Susie (seven rebounds and three blocked shots), Hunter Bork (five rebounds) and Jax Wysong (three assists) also played key

roles in the win.

Buntjer (18 points, 10 rebounds and four assists), Brandon Kramer (15 points and three assists) and Jansma (14 points) led the Panthers statistically. They end the season with a 2-22 record.

Ellsworth

Kruse 2 0 2-2 6, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, K.Bolties 0 0 0-0 0. Jansma 0 4 2-2 14. S.Kramer 1 0 0-0 2, Boyenga 0 1 0-0 3, B.Kramer 5 0 5-6 15, Buntjer 7 0 4-5 18. H-BC

G.Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Harnack 2 0 1-2 5, Westrum 2 0 2-2 6, Wilhelmi 3 6 8-9 32, Kueter 2 0 0-0 4, LaRock 1 0 0-0 2, Susie 3 0 1-1 7, J.Wysong 3 0 0-2 6.

Team statistics

Ellsworth: 20 of 50 field goals (40 percent), 13 of 15 free throws (87 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

H-BC: 20 of 51 field goals (39 percent), 14 of 21 free throws (67 percent), 29 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

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Thursday, March 8: 9 a.m. Head Start. 2:30 p.m. Mass at Tuff Home. 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass.; Soulful Art. Friday, March 9: 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper. 6 p.m. St. Catherine Stations. Saturday, March 10: 5-11:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Boys Night. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, March 11: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. CRS Collection. 7 p.m. RCIA. Monday, March 12: Serve at The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Tuesday, March 13: 9:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine FC. JRCL at Hill. Wednesday, March 14: 1 p.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 5-7 p.m. First Eucharist Learning Centers. 5:30 p.m. PHC. 7 p.m. St. Mary's Voting Meeting. Thursday, March 15: 9 a.m. Head Start. 4 p.m. Soulful Art.

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

Sunday, March 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. Noon Church Potluck. 6:30 p.m. Worship service. Monday, March 11: 9 a.m. Perk-up in Hills. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, March 13: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday. March 14: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. Youth Group Supper/Fundraiser.

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

Thursday, March 8: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, March 11: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, March 12: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Tuesday, March 13: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacons Meeting. Wednesday, March 14: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Green Night. Thursday, March 15: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, March 8: 8:30 a.m. MIA. Friday, March 9: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, March 11: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship; Fourth-grade Milestone. 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study; Fellowship and coffee/treats. 10:10 a.m. Fifth-grade First Communion class with parents. Monday, March 12: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, March 13:9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW Executive Board Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, March 14: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lenten Meal, 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service. 7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. 8:45 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, March 15: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9 a.m. Shetek Conference Leaders Meeting at Grace Lutheran.

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

Sunday, March 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, March 12: ELS Pastors' Meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, March 14: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers.

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

Thursday, March 8: 9 a.m. Spring Classis Meeting in Clara City. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, March 9: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, March 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF. Tuesday, March 13: 10 a.m. Staff Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday March 14: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, March 15: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church 1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

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

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

Thursday, March 8: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. LPEP. 1-3 p.m. Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry. Friday, March 9: Manny Olson — Conference. Saturday, March 10: Manny Olson — Conference.8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, March 11:9:30 a.m. Pancake CMA Breakfast; Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service with Communion. Prayer Warriors meet after service. 6 p.m. Youth Group meets with Pastor Dorie and Manny at conference. Monday, March 12: 6:15 p.m. Worship and Music Meeting. 7 p.m. Sanctuary Care Meeting. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, March 13: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Teachers Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Meeting. Wednesday, March 14:6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at First Presbyterian; lunch following service. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, March 15: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Schwartz Scholarship Meeting

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com

Thursday, March 8: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, March 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. 3:30 p.m. Senior Highs to Stampede. 7 p.m. Beacons to Lord Grizzly Gallery. Tuesday, March 13:10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Home Communion. Wednesday. March 14: 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6:30 p.m. High School Fellowship. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at First Presbyterian. 8 p.m. Session. Thursday, March 15: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@iw.net -- www.stjohnlutheranluverne.orgGary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, March 8: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. Noon DCE meeting at Burnsville. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Saturday, March 10: 9 a.m. Spring LWML Delegate Board Meeting in Pipestone. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion 6:30 p.m. Supper and Bingo night. Sunday, March 11:9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. 5:30 p.m. Summer Missions Meeting. Monday, March 12: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, March 13: 2:30 p.m. Communions at Hills. 6 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, March 14: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Lent worship service. 6:30 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. KFC/Catechism; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. Thursday, March 15: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge Meeting at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church 110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com Thursday, March 8: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, March 9: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 10: 9 a.m. LWML Delegate Board Meeting at Pipestone. Sunday, March 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, March 12: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, March 6: 6 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, March 13: 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, March 14: 7 p.m. Lenten Worship Service – Rev. Richard Luttmann. Bars and coffee in the Parish Hall following the

Ben Clare United Methodist Church 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net

service, 7 p.m. Confirmation at St. John's. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. Thursday, March 15:

3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

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

Sunday, March 11 (daylight saving time): 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, March 14: 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Palisade Lutheran with Guest Pastor Dave Lund.

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

Sunday, March 11 (daylight saving time): 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, March 14: 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Palisade Lutheran with Guest Pastor Dave Lund.

First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025 Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Worship Leader Michael Blank

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 18: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesday, Feb. 21: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Adrian UMC.

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group, Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays, Wednesdays 7 p.m. Midweek.

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

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net Sunday, March 11: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Synod Conference Assembly. Tuesday, March 13: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, March 14: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6 p.m. Lent meal — Board of Trustees. 7 p.m. Lent service.

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.

View of Psalm 77

Have you ever prayed, hoping that by the time you said "Amen," God would have taken away your concerns and solved your problems? Part of growing in faith is coming to terms with the fact that God answers our prayers how and when He knows best and not according to our expectations. In other words, we learn that to pray isn't to control God, but to submit ourselves and our needs to God's good providence.

But let's be honest. When God doesn't' answer our prayers when and how we want, we may become discouraged or frustrated. This is something that the psalmist Asaph talked about in Psalm 77. If you look at this Psalm you'll see that in the opening three verses he cried out to God for help. This tells us that Asaph was in some kind of trouble. Wisely he didn't pray to man-made idols but to the true and living God.

The Hebrew word for God is Elohim. This refers to God's power. It reminds us that He is almighty. He is the Creator who upholds and governs the entire universe.

Everything God knows and plans and does is Creator-sized. By contrast, we are creatures. Everything about us, including our problems, is creaturesized. So when we pray, we lay our creature-sized concerns before the One who has Creator-sized wisdom and power and love. We agree with Psalm 46:1 which says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble!"

It's good that Asaph cried out to Elohim when he was in trouble. May we do the same. Instead of blaming God for our problems, let us look to him who is always greater than our troubles and trials. However, when Asaph prayed, his problems didn't disappear. In Psalm 77 we read that Asaph prayed late at night. Apparently he couldn't sleep because anxious thoughts kept him awake. Sound familiar? A lot of us experience this. After a difficult day, after an unresolved

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Roger Sparks, Luverne Christian **Reformed Church**

argument, or after receiving bad news, many of us have prayed, casting our cares on God. But sleep has eluded us.

What did Asaph do when he couldn't sleep? He did a couple of things. First, he remembered past times in the days of his youth and songs of praise he had sung to give thanks to God. Second, he thought about other people who had to wait for God, in His own time, to act and care for them. Asaph found himself questioning God's integrity. He asked, "Will the Lord reject us forever? Will He never show favor again? Has His unfailing love vanished? Has His promise failed?"

To overcome such doubts, Asaph thought about his ancestors who had been enslaved. For hundreds of years they suffered the indignity and oppression of slavery. Along the way they prayed, crying out to God to help them. Eventually, in the days of Moses, God revealed His power to deliver them. God put them on the road to the Promised Land.

Asaph learned that he too might have to wait and wait and wait on God's timing. But in the end, God would act. In the meantime, God had a reason for problems that didn't go away. From our vantage point, we don't just think back to the Exodus. We can think of even greater things that God did in the fullness of time. Right on schedule, God sent Son Jesus to dwell among us, to live a sinless life, to die a sacrificial death, and to rise in triumph from the grave. And right on schedule, Jesus will come again to make all things new!

That's worth thinking about, especially if we can't sleep at night. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

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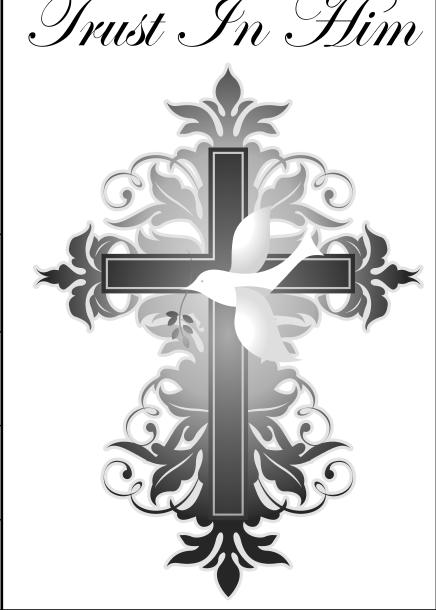
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Notice in probate of final report

Case No. 06571 ESPR036696

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE ELLEN ONGIE-HALL, Deceased.

NOTICE IN PROBATE OF FINAL REPORT

TO: LORRI K. RIPPERDA regarding the Estate of Marjorie Ellen Ongie-Hall who died on or about December 16, 2012:

YOU are hereby notified that there is now on file the Final Report of the Executor of the above-referenced Estate in the office of the Clerk of Court of Iowa District Court, in and for Linn County.

You are further notified that you may file your objections thereto in writing, if any, on or before April 6, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. with the Clerk of the Iowa District Court in the Courthouse on the Third Avenue Bridge, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa, and that unless you do so file your objections in writing you will be forever barred from making any objections thereto.

Dated this 14th day of February 2018. AASGAARD & LAWRENCE, P.L.C. BY: Janice A. Aasgaard #AT0000393 1510 Oak Ridge LN SE#2 Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 Phone: (319) 329-1264 ATTORNEYS FOR EXECUTOR Code Section 633.40(4)

(2-22, 3-1, 3-8)

City Planning Commission public hearing March 20 City Planning Commission

Public Hearing set for March 20, 2018 **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The purpose of the hearing is to rule and make recommendation to the Luverne City Council on the approval of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan can be viewed on the City of Luverne's website www.cityofluverne.org.

All persons desiring to be heard on these matters should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior to the hearing to the Building Official, PO Box 659, Luverne, MN 56156. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507)

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 2nd day of March, 2018.

> Jessica Mead City Clerk (3-8)

Quiet Title Summons IN DISTRICT

STATE OF MINNESOTA COURT **COUNTY OF ROCK** DISTRICT

FIFTH JUDICIAL

CYNTHIA L. REU, VERYL J. KNIGGE, EARL A. VANDEN BUSSCHE, JERALD L. VANDEN BUSSCHE, AND LLOYD T. VANDEN BUSSCHE

Plaintiffs.

AND

SUMMONS

EMMA VANDEN BUSSCHE; WALT VANDEN BUSSCHE; LORETTA VANDEN BUSSCHE; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, INTEREST, OR LIEN IN THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO EMMA VANDEN BUSSCHE; WALT VANDEN BUSSCHE; LORETTA VANDEN BUSSCHE; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN

AND THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: 1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiffs' Complaint against you is attached to this summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at: Vander Kooi Law Offices, P. A., 127 E Main, PO Box 746, Luverne, MN 56156.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs' Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiffs should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. This Plaintiffs' Complaint is an ACTION TO QUIET TITLE in Plaintiffs' names for the real estate which is described as follows:

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E1/2 of NE1/4) of Section Fifteen

Township One Hundred Three (103) North, Range Forty-six (46), West of

5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota.

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W1/2 of SE1/4) of Section Ten

(10), Township One Hundred Three (103) North of Range Forty-six (46) West of the 5th P.M, Rock County Minnesota.

6. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

7. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute. Dated: 2/22/2018

s/s BENJAMIN VANDER KOOI, JR. VANDER KOOI LAW OFFICES, P.A. Attorney for Plaintiffs 127 East Main, P.O. Box 746 Luverne, Minnesota 56156 (507) 283-9546 Attorney I. D. No. 112124 (3-1, 3-8, 3-15)

United Community Action Partnership public notice

United Community Action Partnership is applying for funds to begin planning for a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council which will work to improve transportation coordination in Southwest Minnesota. The planning phase of this project entails gathering input from area stakeholders to determine the best structure for a regional transportation coordination body. Comments or questions can be directed to shelly. pflaum@unitedcapmn.org.

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 22, 2002 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$70,890.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Rebecca L. Runnoe, an unmarried person

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: November 22, 2002 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 154394

Transaction Agent: Not Applicable

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: Not Applicable Lender or Broker: Heritage Bank N.A.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Heritage Bank, N.A.

Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock Property Address: 503 E Dodge St, Luverne, MN 56156-1330

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-0066-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The E.58 feet of the W.98 feet of the S.133 feet of Outlot 23 in County Auditor's Plat of Luverne Outlots in Section 2, Township 102 North, of Range 45 West, of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$47,561.17 THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action

or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described

property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave.,

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 26, 2018, or the next business day if October 26, 2018 falls on a Saturday. Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

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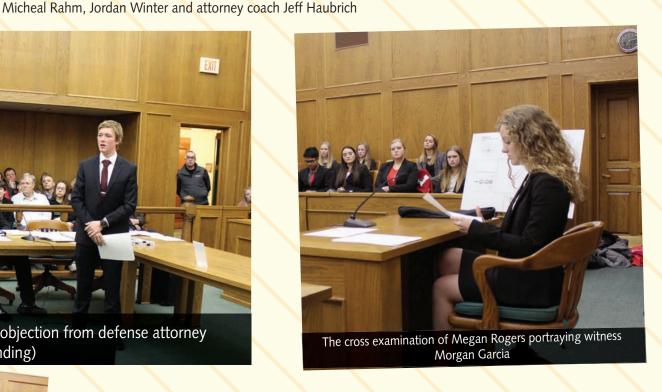
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