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## Rail authority, Ellis & Eastern plan repairs on local track

### *Nobles and Rock county delegates to lobby feds for grant*

**By Mavis Fodness**

Members of the Buffalo Ridge Regional Rail Authority (BRRRA) will travel to Washington, D.C., next month to lobby for improvements on the short line railroad.

The local rail authority, comprised of Rock and Nobles county commissioners, applied for a $14.4 million grant from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to upgrade the 41-mile rail line between Manley in Rock County and Worthington in Nobles County.

**Rail needs $33.9 million in repairs; Ellis and Eastern will pay $19.5 million**

Ellis and Eastern (EE) of Sioux Falls leases the rail line from the local rail authority and transports ethanol, liquid livestock feed and other products to the Union Pacific Railroad near Worthington for final destination delivery.

Ellis and Eastern also plans to rehab the rail line that extends into South Dakota and connects with the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. That portion of the track is currently unusable.

Ellis and Eastern representative Dan Kippley said the railroad, which dates back to 1905, needs $33.9 million in improvements.

EE and other sources are matching 58 percent of the project's total costs or $19.5 million.

Paired with the $14.4 million

**Railroad repairs**/see page 5



Mavis Fodness photo/0116 Burnt 52 Bridge Update

A cement abutment and piling are complete Jan. 9 on the south side of the new County Road 52 bridge over the railroad tracks. Days before, workers moved the large crane into place to construct the piling and abutment for the north side. The new bridge will span the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, replacing the wooden bridge destroyed by fire in July 2017. The bridge replaces the one that was accidentally burned in July 2017.

## County Road 52 railroad bridge construction resumes

**By Mavis Fodness**

After another construction delay, work has resumed on the County 52 bridge near Beaver Creek.

The project was recently delayed eight weeks while contractors waited for Burlington Northern Santa Fe officials to provide a flagman for the project.

Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr placed the request in early October for an expected November start on the new bridge. BNSF complied with the request in December.

Regulations stipulate that anytime work is completed in the railroad right of way, a railroad flagman must be on site.

During the delay, county workers delivered gravel to the bridge construction site southwest of Beaver Creek in Martin Township, to be used on bridge approaches.

Prahm Construction of Slayton is the contractor for the $1.292 million bridge project.

In the past four weeks, workers have completed the south side cement abutment and pilings and have moved equipment last week to complete the same work on the north side.

"They have tried to work every day," Sehr said.

Some weather delays have occurred due to the temperatures becoming too cold to pour concrete.

Pending more weather delays, the bridge will be open to traffic in March.

**County 52 railroad bridge work**/see page 5




LEDA and LIFT worked with Media One Advertising and Marketing to produce a series of video and print ads to promote Luverne.

## Advertorials promote Luverne to prospective businesses, residents

**By Lori Sorenson**

City and community leaders recently released a series of videos and print advertisements to promote Luverne to potential businesses and residents.

At Monday morning's meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority, the board viewed the videos and images produced by the Sioux Falls agency Media One Advertising and Marketing.

They were created over the past nine months with outside imagery captured during spring and summer weather when the outdoors was green and crabapple trees were flowering.

The ad campaign promotes Luverne with two messages, one geared for business recruitment and the other for "lifestyle" residential recruitment, both highlighting Luverne's assets.

The business video features local leaders discussing the business climate and local economy.

"From starting a business to expanding a business or taking a job in Luverne, the testimonies give a glimpse of what it means to be part of a community that supports and encourages each other," EDA director Holly Sammons shared in her report.

"It also gives tips and pointers on where to start — the city, EDA, Chamber and LIFT — and is a great example of the collaborative efforts that make our community unique."

**Luverne advertorials**/see page 15

## *Discovery Time preschoolers enjoy front-row seat to school construction*

### Work moves indoors when temperatures drop; crews prepare to frame commons and performing arts

**By Mavis Fodness**

Since September, Debbie Mitchell's Discovery Time Preschool students have pressed their noses to classroom windows watching the Luverne Middle-High School construction unfold.

They've lost interest in the past two months, however, when outdoor activity stalled.

Cold temperatures slowed progress for Gil Haugan Construction workers in their efforts to pour concrete footings and lay groundwork for the central commons and performing arts center between buildings.

Meanwhile, workers turned their attention to projects inside, and another transition is coming up for the $30 million project, which means work will soon resume outside the preschool window.

"Steel should start going up at the end of this week or next week, so things will look different very soon," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

A large crane between the elementary and middle-high school buildings will be used to lift the steel beams into place for the building.

"Once the steel is in place, the

**School construction**/see page 2



Mavis Fodness photo/0116 School Build

Discovery Time Preschool students (from left) Sean Bonilla Soto, Kayedence Cink, Olivia Rigney, Wesley Kracht, Emrik Syndergaard and Mary Waddington enjoy snack time Friday while construction workers carry on outside at the Luverne Schools construction site.

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# Community calendar

## Meetings

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

**MS Support Group** will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 with questions.

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Center, Luverne. Call A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota Rock County at 507-283-5064 with questions.

**Battle Plain Township Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the home of Mark Vander Pol.

**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.

**Alanon** will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays in the Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. Call 507-449-1246 with questions.

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

## Generations has afternoon activities

Generations will now be open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with activities and refreshments.

Planned for Tueday, Jan. 21, is a presentation by Mary Petersen about wigs, and Thursday, Jan. 23, is the game Fast Track with Roger and Vikki Henderson.

Generations encourages people to come and socialize and enjoy other games as well.

## Senior Nutrition Assistance Program offered Jan. 16

The Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 3-4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Generations. Call Linda at 283-5064 with questions.

## Free food giveaway Jan. 16

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Generations building at 319 East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 507-283-4366.

## Figure skating classic this weekend

The Blue Mound Ice Arena will host the 2020 Ice Crystal Classic Friday through Sunday, Jan. 17-19.

More than 100 skaters representing nine different rinks are expected to be on hand for the event.

The Friday evening skating times are from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday skating begins at 8 a.m. and continues until 6:30 p.m., and Sunday times are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The eleventh annual event is open and free to the public.

## Red Cross hosts area blood drives

The American Red Cross will host two area blood drives in January:

•Adrian: Adrian High School from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.

•Luverne: Grace Lutheran Church from 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20.

The Red Cross has a critical need for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O.

To make an appointment use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

## Compassionate Friends meets Jan. 20

The first meeting of Compassionate Friends will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in the Coffey Contemporary Arts building on Main Street, Luverne. Especially invited are those family members who have dealt with the loss of a child or grandchild. (Teenage siblings or older are also welcome.)

The group will meet the third Monday of every month. Contact Pat Saum at email: Psaum@iw.net with questions.

## Free meal at UMC Jan. 22

A free meal open to the public will be served at the United Methodist Church in Luverne at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22. Call the church at 507-283-4529 with questions.



Lori Sorenson photo/0116 School Build crane

Over Christmas break, workers with Gil Haugen Construction of Sioux Falls moved in the large crane that will lift steel beams into place for the new commons and performing arts center between the middle-high school and elementary school buildings.

## Luverne school construction project/continued from page 1

(concrete) panels will go up next," Oftedahl said. "The preschool students should have quite a show for several days."

Progress outside will depend on weather and finishing of the footings, and inside workers are finishing the centrally located nurse's office.

The new weight room (former band and choir rooms) will be a transition area for the district office and some teaching spaces while the first floor west wing is renovated, Oftedahl said.

Renovations were completed last fall on several classrooms on the second floor of the west wing. These new classrooms are currently in use.

Moving of the district office and affected classroom is expected between Jan. 20-31.

Workers have also enclosed the six-classroom two-story addition on the school's north wing.

Next steps will be removing the outside walls to incorporate the new addition into the existing building.



Mavis Fodness photos/0116 School Build Former Band Hallway

New door and window frames are on the outside of the former band and choir rooms at the middle-high school. The view is looking east toward the former band doors. **(Pictured below)** The view facing west in this image shows level floors all the way through the band room, instrument storage area, and hallway into the little gym and into the former choir room. The bump-out on the right (to the north) is what's left of the stairway leading into the small gym. The area will eventually become the new weight room and physical education classroom.




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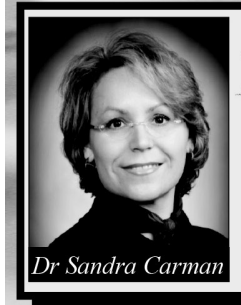


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# Beaver Creek Council accepts donation of bank building and grant for splash pad

**By Lori Sorenson**

At their Jan. 8 meeting, the Beaver Creek City Council accepted two significant donations on behalf of the community — a $50,000 grant and the historic bank building.

**$50,000 for a splash pad**

The council accepted a $50,000 grant from the Frank Boon Trust for a community splash pad that was proposed for the city park on the southeast side of town.

Rough drawings call for a 20-by-40-foot oval splash pad surrounded by an 8-foot-wide observation deck attached to a wider cement deck between the splash pad and the picnic shelter.

A cement pad would house a fenced outdoor pump, which would save the expense of an equipment shed and prevent corrosion associated with trapped indoor moisture. Its fence would share the baseball diamond backfield fence.

Splash pad pumps, which aren't much louder than air-conditioning units, activate water spray jets for 10, 15 or 20 minutes at a time with the press of a button, similar to a public hot tub.

The water jets would operate on a timer that allows their use between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

In July the council voted to proceed with plans for the park not to exceed $100,000, but later discussion considered amenities that would bring it closer to $200,000.

With the Frank Boon grant in the bank, the council will resume discussion at future meetings.

"We're still looking for grants and donations, but this is a good start," Mayor Josh Teune said at the Jan. 8 meeting. "We said if we got this grant,

**Beaver Creek**/see page 8

# Winter Crops & Soils Day in Luverne Feb. 6 features U of M research on southwest Minnesota

The University of Minnesota Southwest Research and Outreach Center and Extension will host a Winter Crops & Soils Day from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the $40 registration fee includes refreshments, handouts and lunch. Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registration is encouraged.

This public event highlights current U of M research specific to southwestern Minnesota on ways to improve agriculture and answers questions related to local challenges.

Presentations and speakers include:

•"Pest Management in a Changing Economic and Biological Landscape," by Bruce Potter, IPM specialist.

•"Long-term Influence of Available Soil Water, Precipitation, Temperature and Tillage on Corn and Soybean Yield," by Jeff Strock, soil scientist.

•"How Much Nitrogen is Rainfall and Snowfall Contributing to Crop Needs?" by Paulo Pagliari, nutrient management specialist.

•"Matching Cover Crops to Your Goals," by Axel Garcia y Garcia, cropping systems specialist.

•"Emerging Farm Financial and Profitability Trends for Southwest Minnesota," by Garen Paulson, Extension Educator in ag business management.

•"Bioreactors as a Management Practice for Nutrient Removal in the Upper Mississippi River Basin," by Andry Ranaivoson, SWROC researcher.

The same program will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lamberton on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center, 23669 130th Street.

A webinar broadcast of the Feb. 5 program will be available for those who cannot attend in person. Registration for the webinar costs $25 and must be completed online.

To register online for an in-person program or the webinar visit z.umn.edu/swroc-wcsd.

Continuing education units for certified crop advisers have been applied for.

Winter Crops & Soils Day is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Southwest Research & Outreach Center, College of Food, Agricultural & Natural Resource Sciences, and Extension. Call 507-752-5063 with questions.



Mavis Fodness photo/0116 CEO Subzero Extravaganza

Students in the 2019-20 CEO class work Tuesday morning in the Edgerton Emergency Management Services building on Sunday's CEO Subzero Extravaganza in Luverne. From left are Rylee Gee, Bryn Mongeau, Lindsey Truijilo, Brenna Henning, Regan Feit, Isabel Smeins, Cade Wenninger, Colby Crabtree, Nathan Nekali, Austin Taylor and Jonathan Eisma.

# CEO students to host 'Subzero Extravanganza'

**By Mavis Fodness**

At Sunday's CEO Subzero Extravaganza in Luverne, students in the 2019-20 Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities class will showcase what they have learned.

Activities begin at 12:30 p.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. at The Lake with mini golf, sleigh rides, a bonfire and team events of kickball and dodge ball tournaments.

Students Isabel Smeins, Cade Wenninger and Nathan Nekali organized the game activities.

"We just selected games that were easy to learn and play," said Wenninger, a junior at Luverne High School.

Hot chocolate and Plinko/Bingo activities will be available in The Lake warming house.

The extravaganza concludes with a banquet Sunday night at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

"The banquet is casual dress," said Nekali, an LHS senior. "So people from other communities don't have to go home and change clothes. Just come as you are from The Lake."

The banquet begins after The Lake activities wrap up, and the meal starts at 5:30 p.m., featuring Tony's Catering with a choice of two meats, potatoes, vegetable, bun and a dessert.

"We wanted it to feel like a personal experience, like you're sitting down with your family," said Hills-Beaver Creek High School senior Bryn Mongeau.

As of Monday's meal reservation deadline, the students are expecting 300 people to be at the Sunday night event.

High school jazz bands from Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian will provide the entertainment.

Proceeds from Sunday's event will be used to cover activity and program expenses as well as provide seed money for the 15 students as they move from the group activity planning to developing their own businesses.

The CEO program allows students from Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian, Southwest Minnesota Christian, Edgerton, Ellsworth and Pipestone an immersing experience into real life business opportunities. CEO adviser Katie Baustian said the students have visited 40 businesses this school year with presenters sharing tips and expertise from their professional fields.

The students are taking that advice and applying it to Sunday's event planning and implementation.

"This is completely theirs," Baustian said. "They have done this on their own."

Students gathered sponsorships and spoke to potential donors one-on-one.

"It was outside our comfort zone," said LHS junior Rylee Gee. "The first stop was the scariest."

As they completed more presentations for sponsorships, the more comfortable they became.

This year's CEO class consists of the following students: •Edgerton: Brinna Bloemendaal, Teagen Leusink. •Adrian: Brenna Henning, Austin Taylor. •Hills-Beaver Creek: Bryn Mongeau. •Pipestone: Scott Nolan, Lindsey Truijilo. •Luverne: Quinn Buss, Rylee Gee, Colby Crabtree, Jonathan Eisma, Regan Feit, Nathan Nekali, Isabel Smeins and Cade Wenninger.

There is a cost to participate in Sunday's activities at The Lake. A minimum of six players is needed for the kickball and dodge ball teams. The team events cost $7 per team. Teams can register the day of the event.

A few tickets are still available for the banquet at $30 each. Contact Baustian at facilitator@southwestminnesotaceo.com for ticket information.

# County approves third housing tax abatement

**By Mavis Fodness**

Commissioners approved a third property tax abatement request under the county's new home initiative program at their first 2020 meeting on Jan. 7.

Jason and Sheila Steinhoff are building a new home at 942 21st St. in Clinton Township near Steen. The new estimated market value with the improvements is $229,300.

The abated taxes are on the improved property value of $164,800, and only the county's portion of the property taxes will be abated.

The Steinhoffs will receive a county property tax abatement of $141.89 for the next five years.

The amount was approved during the public hearing for the proposed abatement. No one from the public attended the hearing.

The Rock County Home Initiative began Sept. 1, 2019, to encourage the replacement of dilapidated housing structures in Rock County.

**In other business, the commissioners:**

•elected vice chairman Gary Overgaard to serve as chairman for 2020. Stan Williamson is the new vice chair.

•adopted an annual housekeeping resolution with the one change of a half-cent increase in the mileage reimbursement to 57.5 cents per mile.

•were informed that the legal age to purchase tobacco products in Rock County was increased from 18 to 21 years of age.

The new age will be used by Southwest Health and Human Services, which conducts retail compliance checks for permitted businesses selling tobacco in the county.

# Luverne government students study issues surrounding U.S. Census

**By Lori Sorenson**

With the 2020 Census coming on April 1, teacher David Rysdam used the timely topic as an assignment in his Luverne High School government class.

"In many ways the census is more important and has a potentially greater effect on local communities than any legislation passed in the federal government," Rysdam said.

He invited Luverne City Clerk Jessica Mead to the classroom to share information from her perspective as chairwoman of the city's Complete Count Committee.

"I hope the students that took part in this exercise will go home and tell their parents and guardians what they learned about the census and why it is important," Mead said.

As a follow-up to Mead's presentation, students wrote short essays about what they'd learned.

"What I learned from this unit was that the census is an essential part of our country," wrote junior Martin Anderson.

"I used to think it was only about counting people, but now I know better. The true essence of the census is helping people. It allows us to tailor how we get aid to the people who need it."

Junior Kameron Keene echoed that sentiment in his report.

"The process in the end really focuses on where to put the money," he wrote.

"This is the government's and organizations and private businesses money we're talking about. Knowing who's who and where they are, businesses are better suited to know where to put their money."

Junior Hunter Baker said he now recognizes the importance of census data for public planning.

"It helps with knowing where roads may need to be put in. The census is important to determine how many kids are in each district," he wrote. "Without the census, the U.S. wouldn't know how many citizens it has and would be a lot less organized."

Students also learned the important fact that census data is kept private and confidential.

"The information given is kept safe, and no one else can see it," said junior Eduardo Godine.

"It'll help us all grow together."

Mead thanked Rysdam for inviting her to his classroom and said she was encouraged after reading the student essays.

"I see they understood and retained the information," Mead said.

"I am extremely happy with the outcome and hope they are able to share what they know with others this year and every 10 years that Census Day comes around."

Rysdam said teaching students about the impact of the census is an important lesson in civics and government.

"A head count of the nation's population seems like a small thing; however, it has far-reaching ramifications that affect absolutely everyone," Rysdam said.

"If we do the census right and everyone that can be counted is counted, we can better meet the needs of people in industry, in public goods, in representation."

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## Observation of people: 'There's a lot of psychology in that'



**IN OTHER WORDS**

**By Jason Berghorst, reporter**

"There's a lot of psychology in that."

That's one of my favorite and most used sayings, at least according to my students and the coworkers that I eat lunch with.

Paul Harvey had "the rest of the story."

Al Roker has "here's what's happening in your neck of the woods."

My signature saying, it seems, is "there's a lot of psychology in that."

I've been teaching psychology for quite a few years now and applying psychological principles and concepts to various situations and conversations, whether invited to do so or not — one of my hobbies.

And often my observations and applications start with my favorite phrase.

Psychology is the study of human behavior and mental processes. As any people-watcher will tell you, there's always plenty to observe and comment on.

My excuse for doing so in class is that I like to connect everyday life to the subject matter we are studying.

When it comes to lunchroom conversations, social gatherings, committee meetings or family dinners, I don't really have an excuse for doing this. It's just fun for me.

And often someone will respond with pleasure or interest when they see a concept applied to life. That just makes me want to share more. There's a lot of psychology in that.

I suppose it was only a matter of time until I worked my psychology observations into a column.

Maybe you'll even start noticing some yourself.

Here we go.

I stop at Casey's before work for a breakfast sandwich too many mornings. Based on the always-full parking lot and often too long line, I'm not the only one with this morning habit.

I often ask the cashier for a bag to carry my purchases in. After only a few days of making the same request of the same overworked cashier, I noticed something I had to share with my students, and now you.

As soon as she was done helping the customer ahead of me in line, before I even got to the register or said anything at all, the cashier reached for a bag. There is definitely a lot of psychology in that — classical conditioning, to be exact.

Have you ever checked your speed or tapped your brakes when you meet a brown car that looks like a state trooper on the highway?

Or maybe you've been at church in the evening and still said "Good morning" to people because that's what you're used to saying in that setting?

Perhaps you've noticed that you're hungry for turkey at Thanksgiving or lefse at Christmas, when you otherwise never crave those foods.

And does JJ's food taste better the first time in March than it does in September after many summer visits?

Yes, all of these random observations are psychology concepts in action.

I'm sure you can think of many others too. Or at least now you might be looking for them.

There's a lot of psychology in that.

## 'Vision 2020' will guide Republicans in policy work for upcoming state legislative session

**STAR HERALD OPINION**

On Monday, Minnesota Senate Republicans announced their agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

Known as "Vision 2020," it will guide public policy work during the 2020 legislative session, which is expected to include capital investment bill, a supplemental budget, tax relief, health care, public safety, roads and bridges, public infrastructure and more.

Sen. Bill Weber, Luverne, shares his thoughts on the agenda:

*In 2019, with significant bipartisan support, we passed the largest biennial budget in state history that cut the costs of health care, provided significant tax relief, and made needed changes to the way government delivers services.*

*Our vision for 2020 is about building on that positive, bipartisan work done as the only split legislature in the nation.*

*My constituents expect us to reign in the bureaucracy, work on tax relief, and be voices of reason when it comes to agricultural policy. The voices of my constituents are what matters — and those are the voices to which I'll listen in St. Paul."*

*With a budget surplus of around $1.3 billion, we must be careful not to think we can go back to St. Paul and add a whole new round of substantial spending. The budget surplus does not belong to bureaucrats; it belongs to Minnesota taxpayers.*

*And whether it's in the form of full Section 179 conformity, middle-income tax cuts, or paying cash for some of the state's many capital needs, I expect there to be a robust discussion on how we can best use the surplus for the benefit of the taxpayer.*

*I'm looking forward to more bipartisan success for the people of Minnesota.*

The full agenda can be found on the Minnesota Senate Republicans website. The 2020 legislative session begins on Feb. 11.

Weber represents communities in Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, and Rock counties in the Minnesota Senate. He serves as chair of the Senate Agriculture, Housing, and Rural Development Policy Committee.

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## Bold, optimistic 2019 outlook fell flat



**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**

**By Rick Peterson, General Manager Tollefson Publishing**

Before I closed the book on the past year, I went back and checked my first column of 2019 to see what words of wisdom I may have jotted down.

As it turns out, I came up short in the wisdom category. My bold and optimistic look at 2019 included four major construction projects that would be well underway by year's end.

The four included tru Shrimp, Premium Iowa Pork, the National Guard Armory and the old Sharkee's site. I was hoping for a better result than one out of four.

Premium Iowa Pork, now Minnesota Premium Pork, has its project well underway and the plant is expected to start operation this year.

The Armory project should see some activity as well this year. Tru-Shrimp ... well, that ship has sailed elsewhere. The Sharkee's site development is anybody's guess.

**Bucket list for 2020 ...**

Moving on to this year, we're just three weeks into the New Year and so far nothing has been checked off my 2020 bucket list. I am not the least bit concerned about my slow start. I've got 49 weeks to go.

I am pleasantly surprised at some of the reactions I have received with regard to my list.

The bucket list item about attending at least one Sunday service at 12 different churches in Luverne throughout the year has been the topic of conversation the most often.

Some find it interesting and may try it themselves, while others are placing bets on the number of services I actually attend.

In case you contemplate getting in on the action, the over/under is four. Who knows? Maybe I'll see you in church next Sunday.

**Greeting cards for deployed service members**

I want to give a shout out to everyone who sent in or dropped off greeting cards for deployed veterans.

We ended up distributing over 600 cards, so thank you very much.

## *Question arises about for-profit ambulance company licenses*

**ASK A TROOPER**

**By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol**

**Question:** What allows private for-profit ambulance companies to run tax-exempt license plates on their vehicles?

**Answer:** Vehicles owned by ambulance services specifically intended for emergency response or providing ambulance services are exempt under the Minnesota State statutes.

All services must have a valid license issued by the board. The license shall specify the base of operations, the primary service area, and the type or types of ambulance service for which the licensee is licensed.

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# On the record

## Dispatch report

**Jan. 3**

•Complainant on E. Crawford Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on N. Oakley Street reported drug use.

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported someone rifled through a vehicle.

•Complainant on Lindale Street found a woman's ring.

•Assisted another department at W. Mead Court.

•Deputy conducted a warrant check on N. Cedar Street.

•Faribault police arrested subject on Rock County warrant.

**Jan. 4**

•Complainant reported a runaway.

•Deputy conducted a warrant check on N. Cedar Street.

**Jan. 5**

•Deputy assisted another agency on W. Dodge Street.

•Complainant on County Road 4 near ethanol plant reported accident.

**Jan. 6**

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue reported a vehicle break-in.

•Complainant on N. Estey reported a burglary.

•Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported a sudden death.

•Complainant in St. Cloud reported subject with Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on 40th Avenue, Hills, reported suspicious activity.

•Deputy conducted a warrant check on N. Cedar Street.

•Subject with Rock County warrant in Sioux Falls.

**Jan. 7**

•Subject in Sioux Falls with Rock County warrant.

•Complainant on S. Donaldson Street requested a deputy for an accident.

•Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue and E. Brown Street reported a car ran the bus arm.

•Complainant at S. Kniss Avenue business reported three guys in the store grabbing stuff.

•Austin police department arrested subject on Rock County warrant.

**Jan. 8**

•Water was reported on roadway at location of Harrison and Kniss.

•Complainant on W. Lincoln Street requested deputy assistance.

•Debris was reported in roadway at location of Kniss and Gabrielson.

•Report of subject with Rock County warrant at S. Kniss Avenue location.

•Law enforcement assisted another department on Interstate 90, mile marker 19, Magnolia.

**Jan. 9**

•Deputy assisted Minnesota State Patrol on Lincoln Street and Freeman Street.

•Complainant requested background check for employment.

•Theft was reported at location on E. Christensen Drive.

•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported subject with warrant.

•Assisted another department.

•Complainant on E. Main Street reported issue with deposit station at bank.

**Jan. 10**

•Report of subject with Rock County warrant in Worthington.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street reported an open door.

•Suspicious vehicle was reported on N. Kniss Avenue.

In addition, officers responded to 2 deer accidents, 3 transports, 7 escorts, 27 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 31 burn permits, 2 log/alarm sheets, 8 purchase and carry permits, 1 stalled vehicle, 11 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, and 4 welfare checks.



Mavis Fodness photo/0116 Burnt 52 Bridge Update

Workers with Prahm Construction of Slayton pound a bridge piling on the north side of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Jan. 9 on County Road 52 southwest of Beaver Creek. The bridge was destroyed by fire in July 2017, and after delays in funding, contractors, and railway supervision, work is back on track for an expected March completion, weather permitting.

## County Road 52 bridge work continues/continued from page 1

The original woodpile bridge was destroyed in a July 2017 fire and has been closed to traffic ever since.

Sehr first applied for an emergency state grant in 2018 to replace the bridge, but funds were awarded to a higher priority project.

The amount of $1.15 million was approved for the project in 2019.

Commissioners approved $388,000 from reserves in January 2019.

The county is responsible for cost of the new bridge grade and the supervision costs for the rail line.

The new bridge design will be two lanes with a 10-ton vehicle carrying capacity. The bridge is also larger than the previous span at 29 feet wide and 106 feet long.

The previous wooden bridge had weight restrictions against multi-axle vehicle use.

The first bid letting in May 2019 produced no bids because contractors weren't available until fall. The Aug. 19 re-bid garnered four bids, with Prahm Construction submitting the lowest replacement amount.

## Local delegates to lobby for railroad repairs/continued from page 1

grant, the rehab project would be totally complete.

"We are looking at a 100-year investment," Kippley said. "Once we get it up to where we need to get it, we will be rock solid for a long time. ... long past our lifetimes."

Ellis and Eastern began leasing the rail line from the BRRRA in 2017.

In three years it has increased traffic on the line, but future growth is capped due to the rail line's poor conditions that limit the speed and number of cars its engines can pull in a day.

"Our line went from very light usage to they roll every day now," said Commissioner Jody Reisch. "It's nice to have in our economic development house ... a viable rail system, something that is being invested in."

**BRRRA seeks support from Congressman Hagedorn**

At their Jan. 9 meeting members of the BRRRA selected delegates to lobby in Washington. The group includes two Rock County commissioners, two Nobles County commissioners and Rock County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

They will attend the National County Legislative Conference Feb. 28-March 4. March 4 is National Rail Day on Capitol Hill. No local taxpayer dollars are earmarked for the rehab project. BRRRA will pay for the delegation's trip to Washington, D.C.

The decision to send lobbyists came after Rock County commissioners discussed the rail line at their Jan. 7 meeting with Neal Breitbarth, who serves as Congressman Jim Hagedorn's deputy district director.

"The congressman is very interested — he talks about that a lot — we need more money for infrastructure in the United States," Breitbarth said. "There are so many things that need to be fixed — rail, bridges."

Local Rock County leaders asked Breitbarth to take the railroad improvement message back to Hagedorn for his support.

"We are asking for guidance. This is Rock County's first substantial ask to the federal government," Oldre said.

BRRRA is looking at the future of the more than 100-year-old rail line and the upgrades needed to meet current transportation standards.

Officials are determined to keep the railroad viable.

"To me the smart move is to update the line," Oldre said. "It is safer for everyone, an efficient way to move product."

FRA grant recipients will be announced this spring.

# More than 600 greetings reach military personnel following 'Love the Light' display

**By Lori Sorenson**

Luverne's "Love the Light" holiday display at the city park included a call to action for the community to send greetings to Rock County men and women serving in the military.

The Rock County Star Herald's display featured a photograph of a soldier reading mail, and it included a drop box for community members to enclose a greeting.

Since Winterfest weekend early in December, more than 600 greetings have been mailed to service men and women all over the globe.

Most were sent to Military Missions to be added to nearly 8,000 packets they send around the world to deployed service personnel.

Some families provided addresses of their loved ones stationed at military bases in the country and overseas.

These addresses received copies of the Star Herald, children's colored Santa pictures that were entered in the Star Herald coloring contest, and dozens of greeting cards by local students and residents.



Servicewoman Emmy Glaze, reached out through the Star Herald's Facebook page. "Thank you to Rock County Star Herald for sending over letters and cards to those that are currently deployed," she posted, along with a photograph.

"As we were putting together the packets for the deployed Rock County service personnel, I couldn't help but visualize in my mind their reactions as they open the packets from Luverne," said Star Herald general manager Rick Peterson, who came up with the holiday greeting idea.

One servicewoman, Emmy Glaze, reached out through the Star Herald's Facebook page.

"Thank you to Rock County Star Herald for sending over letters and cards to those that are currently deployed," she posted, along with a photograph of herself with the Star Herald.

"I can't wait to subscribe to the newspaper to stay connected with Luverne. People are truly amazing and love seeing the support that my home town shows."

Her post generated comments from others who received mail.

"This was so special for me," wrote Madi Reisdorfer.

"I got letters from the community while I was at basic. It was very heart-warming knowing people from back home were thinking about me. ... Very amazing thing to do."

## *Rock County Library lists upcoming activities*

**Contact the library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or call 507-449-5040 to register for events.**

**Adult winter reading program** is under way. Read 12 books from the library from now until March 31 to earn a prize. Sign up at the registration desk.

**Mah Jongg** is from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays.

**Evening Story Time**, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 21 to March 31.

**Winter Story Time**, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 24 to April 10.

**DIY Egg Carton Flowers**, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.

**Book Versus Movie: A Winter Book/Film Club**, "Wonder" 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23; "The Outsiders" 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20; and "Everything Everything" 6 p.m., March 19.

**Trivia Night**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, Take 16.

*Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

### Rock County 4-H "Fruit & More" Sale

Rock County 4-H'ers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears, grapefuit; along with cheeses, beef sticks, pickled herring, Puffins, PuffCrust Pizza and a variety of frozen foods. Here's your chance to eat healthy and support local youth. Contact a 4-H'er in your neighborhood or call the Rock County Extension Office (283-1302) from January 13 to February 2 to order. Delivery is March 13.




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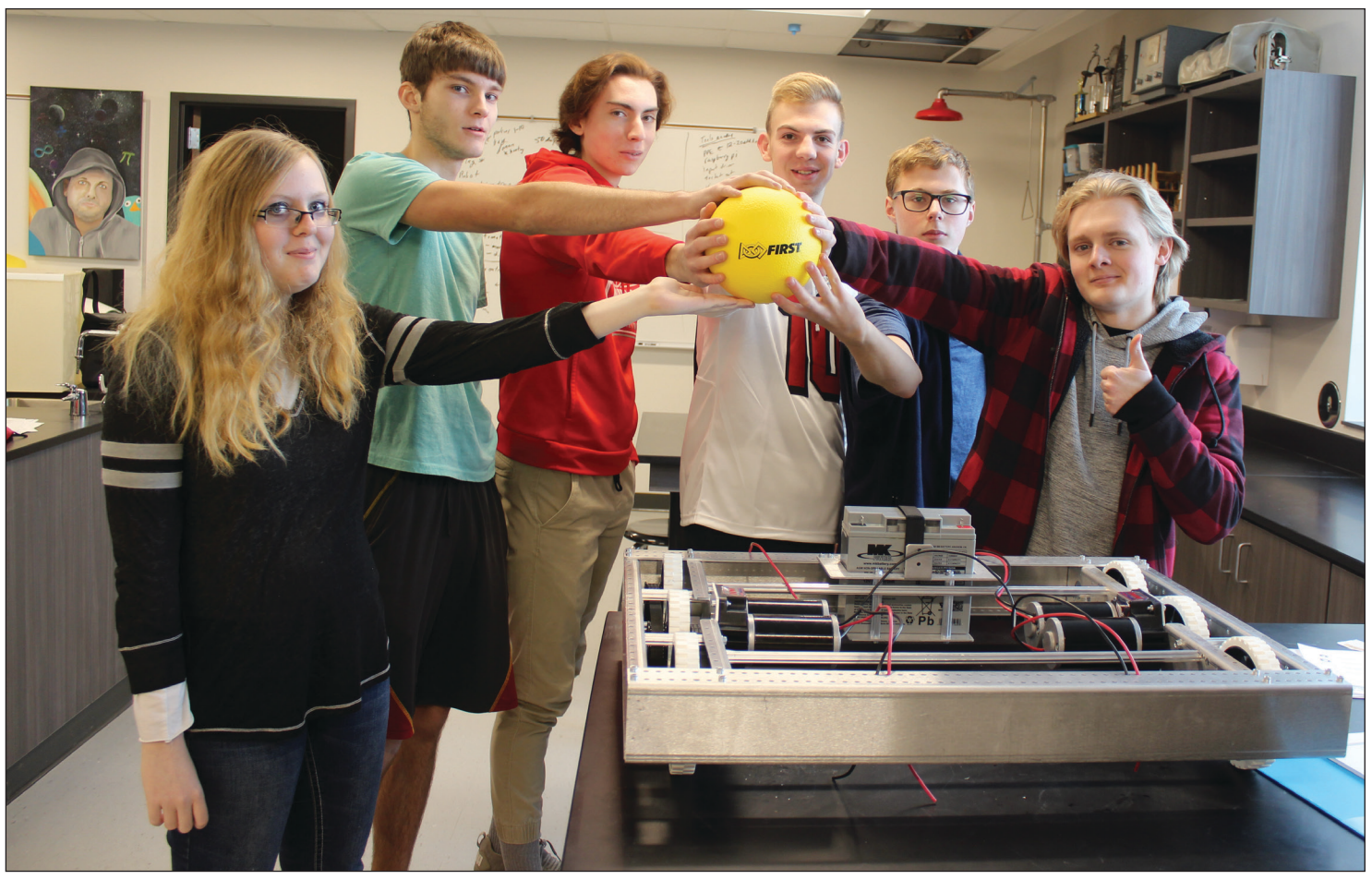
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Mavis Fodness photo/0116 Robotics Team 2020

Luverne High School seniors Melanie Rittenhouse (left), Jonah Friedrichsen, Nicholas Rogers, Graham Cunningham, Marshal Oakes and Martin Anderson hold the First Robotics Competition ball over the robot the students are currently building. The robot will be built with the ability to toss the ball into a hoop on the competition field.

# Competition is next step for first Luverne High School robotics team

**By Mavis Fodness**

With $9,900 in hand, the Luverne High School robotics team is setting its sights on the first competition in late February.

Adviser Aaron Perkins and students hosted the team's first parent information meeting Jan. 8 with an eye on the calendar.

"We have 51 days and this is Day 2," he said. "We have a lot of work."

First on the work docket is for the 25-member team to build the 125- pound robot.

"Our initial role is to play defense," Perkins said.

The robotic competition requires Luverne to pair with two other high school teams on the 26-by-52-foot playing field. They will work together to achieve various robotic tasks around the Star Wars-themed field against three other teams.

Luverne hopes to get in the way of the other teams' robotic maneuvers as Luverne's more experienced partners can more easily move their robots through various tasks to earn points.

To prepare, local students have been divided into five teams of five, each assigned a different task to get the robot up and running.

"We are just doing what needs to be done," said senior Martin Anderson.

And there is a lot to do.

Senior Melanie Rittenhouse said she likes the variety of science, technology, engineering and math skills robotics offers for students to experience.

"Having that knowledge is great because it can be applied to other things," she said.

Rittenhouse worked on the team's website, www.frc8298.com.

The site outlines sponsors, team members, mentors, outreach, and safety messages the team is required to complete.

They selected a memorable name — Mighty Morphing Banana Slugs — for their team identity.

With the robot and assorted equipment purchased, fundraising continues for the fledging robotics program.

The $9,900 represents about half of the $20,000 the program needs for upcoming entry fees, hotel and travel expenses.

Students are focused on their first competition in Grand Forks, North Dakota, but adviser Perkins and assistant Randy Berghorst challenged them to also reach for "Best Rookie Team" at the Minnesota FIRST Robotics State Championship in May.

The Best Rookie Team goes on to a national competition. There are currently three rookie teams for the 2020 season.

"I would love it if we had that opportunity," Perkins said.



Nicholas Rogers assembles the wheels Jan. 8 on the newly received robot for the Luverne High School robotics team. A week later the team completed the industrial-sized robot base.

## Celebrations

### Card showers

**Bud Clark** will celebrate his 90th birthday on Thursday, Jan. 16. Greetings may be sent to him at 216 N. McKenzie Street Apt. 301, Luverne, MN 56156.

**Cecilia "Butch" Galagan** will celebrate her 95th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 19. Greetings may be sent to her at Good Sam Luther Manor, 1500 W. 38th St. #305; Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

**Elmer Wieneke** will celebrate his 80th birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 22. Greetings may be sent to him at 379 1st Ave. South, Lismore, MN 56155.

## Menu

**Monday, Jan. 20:** Egg bake with sausage, oven baked potatoes, apricots, bread, coffee cake.

Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

**Tuesday, Jan. 21:** Barbecue porkriblet on a bun, potato salad, broccoli florets, fruit cocktail, chef's choice dessert.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank. 1-4 p.m. Open for "Wig Mania" with Mary Petersen.

**Wednesday, Jan. 22:** Cubed beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cinnamon apples, dinner roll.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

**Thursday, Jan. 23:** Spaghetti and meat sauce, lettuce salad, pineapple chunks, garlic breadstick, pudding.

Program: Half-Price Day by anonymous sponsor. 1-4 p.m. Fast Track with Roger and Vikki Henderson.

**Friday, Jan. 24:** Baked ham, macaroni and cheese, green peas, tropical fruit salad, bar.

9 a.m. Bone Builders.

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

## College News

### Lonneman named to Mount Marty dean's list

Mitchell Lonneman, Adrian, has been named to the Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, Fall 2019 dean's list. To be eligible, full-time students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

### LATI announces dean's list

The Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, South Dakota, has announced the Fall 2019 president's list. Students with a 3.5 GPA or higher with a minimum of 12 graded credits are eligible. Students with a 4.0 GPA are noted with an asterisk.

Kristoffer Severtson, Kenneth, and William Stegenga*, Luverne, were named to the list.

### Van Belle named to dean's list at Ridgewater College

Teresa Van Belle, Beaver Creek, was named to the Fall 2019 dean's list at Ridgewater College in Willmar. To be

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Rick Peterson photos/0116 sunshine food shelf donation

## *Generous shoppers, generous grocers*



Sunshine Foods of Luverne delivered 100 cases of food valued at roughly $1,000 to the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf last week at the close of the local grocery store's holiday food pantry promotion. **At left:** pictured are (from left) Steve Barjenbruch, Sunshine manager Jason Oye and food shelf volunteer John Oksness. Sunshine shoppers purchased breakfast, lunch and dinner packages for the food shelf during the promotion, and Sunshine added nearly 30 additional cases of product on top of what customers purchased to fill a van with donations.

**Above:** Wyatt Sprecher (right) and Billy DeBates unload a van full of food donations in the alley behind the United Methodist Church, which houses the food shelf.

## 1905: Public cordially invited to Woodmen's annual dance



## Bits by Betty

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

*The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on January 13, 1905.*

The committee in charge of the Modern Woodmen's annual dance which is to be given next Thursday, January 19, have completed all arrangements in a very satisfactory manner and the indications are that the dance will be one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the kind ever given by the lodge.

As previously announced the dance will be held in Union hall; Odd Fellows' ball will be used for cards and other games, and supper will be served in the Arcade building.

The lodge has secured Prof. Ainsworth's orchestra of Mason City, which has no equal in the entire northwest.

As announced in these columns a few weeks ago, the lodge this year will not send out invitations except to neighboring lodges as a whole, and to the members of their own lodge. This action is taken to avoid the possibility of missing some whom the lodge would like to have attend, a result which it is practically impossible to avoid in sending out a large number of invitations.

Therefore, to the general public, they extend through the columns of the Herald, a cordial invitation to attend. All are invited and all will be made as welcome as they have ever been at any previous party given by this hospitable lodge.

The price of tickets for the dance will be $1, which will include supper for two. No admission will be charged to the card rooms. A charge of 25 cents per plate will be made for supper to all who do not dance, and also to those holding dance tickets who bring more than one lady to supper with them.

*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.*

# Obituaries

## Marvin Kroontje



Marvin Walter Kroontje, 77, Magnolia, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at his home.

A funeral service was Saturday, Jan. 11, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. Burial followed in the Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Marvin Kroontje was born to Wilbur and Susie (Tilstra) Kroontje on May 4, 1942, near Rock Rapids, Iowa. In 1948 he moved with his parents to a farm near Magnolia, where Marvin attended the Magnolia School. Upon completion of his education, he worked for several Rock County farmers.

Marvin married Vivian Steinfeldt in 1960. Following their marriage they lived in Magnolia where Marvin continued working on area farms. In 1963 they moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Marvin worked for a water and sewer company and then Peers Bottling Company, selling and delivering Dr. Pepper and Royal Crown pop. He also worked at Gage Brothers Cement Company making prestressed bridge girders for the building of Interstate 90 through this area. In 1964 they moved to a farm near Magnolia and farmed for two years with his father and then for two years with a brother. In 1971 Marvin and Joyce divorced. Marvin then became employed at Iowa Beef Processors near Luverne.

On June 7, 1973, Marvin married Janice Tousley at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Following their marriage, they lived in Magnolia. Marvin continued to work at IBP where he lugged beef for 10 years and spent 20 years loading beef, rolling on yield grade and sawing rib eye until his retirement in 1998. Janice preceded him in death on Feb. 8, 2016.

Marvin was a member of the First Baptist churches in Adrian and Luverne, where he served as trustee, song leader, and Sunday School teacher. He enjoyed fishing and gardening, and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Marvin is survived by his six children, Mark (Sue) Kroontje of Herreid, South Dakota, Vivian (John) Kroontje-Yurkin of Winona Lake, Indiana, William (Brenda) Kroontje of Ashton, Iowa, Trudy Schneidermann of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Darcy (Dougie) Lensing of Comfrey, and Robert (Becca) Kroontje of St. Paul; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Gerrit and Harriet Kroontje of Leota and John Kroontje of Kenneth; and a sister, Dorothy Ricehill of Luverne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice; his parents; a grandson, Casey Schneidermann; a brother, Willie Kroontje; and a sister, Katherine Vastenhout.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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## David Jauert



David Jauert, 70, Duluth, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth.

A memorial service was Jan. 10, 2020, at Anchor Point Church in Duluth.

David Jauert was born on Oct. 9, 1949, to Donald and Vernice Jauert in Luverne. He grew up and attended school in Luverne. Following graduation from the University of Minnesota Duluth, he worked as a carpenter and then owned and operated the Eagles Nest Resort from 1986 to 2014.

David enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He was known as a kind, considerate, thoughtful man with a good sense of humor.

David is survived by his wife, Jolene; children Wes (Lynn) Jauert, Lindsay (Chris) Tritabaugh and Jason (Katie) Jauert; grandchildren Olive, Penny, Edwin, Lily and Adam; siblings Lorna Schoeneman, Lynette Jauert, Darwin (Marge) Jauert and Lowell (Diane) Jauert; stepchildren Dave Hedin, Layton (Ashley) Cadence, Lydia; nieces and nephews; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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## Audrey Gabrielson



Audrey Jean Gabrielson, 94, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A memorial service was Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A private family committal of cremains preceded the service.

Audrey Luethje was born April 5, 1925, to Albert and Irene "Babe" Luethje in Hartley, Iowa. At the age of three months, she was brought to Luverne by her parents, where she grew up, attended school and graduated from Luverne High School in 1943. After graduation, she worked in Minneapolis at Honeywell, in Denver, Colorado, at the Nay Company, and at Nelson Brothers in Luverne.

Audrey married John R. Gabrielson on March 12, 1946. The couple farmed in the Luverne area for fourteen years. Audrey worked for the J.C. Penney Company in Luverne and later in the Penney stores in the Phoenix, Arizona, area, where they relocated in 1972. Audrey was a store trainer and customer service supervisor for the Paradise Valley store when she retired from the company in 1988 after thirty years of service. Audrey and John moved back to Luverne in 1999.

Audrey was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, sang in the choir for many years, belonged to Couples Club, Graduation Club, Red Hat Society, RSVP and several card clubs.

She enjoyed her family, time at the family cabin in northern Minnesota and the outdoors, camping, nature, bird watching, flowers, swimming, bicycling, singing, beading, and jig-saw puzzles.

Audrey is survived by three children, Kent (Gail) Gabrielson, Buckeye, Arizona, Mark (Reverend Mari) Gabrielson, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, and Sue Radell, Menahga; five grandchildren, Tari (Rob) Hayden, Jason (Anita) Gabrielson, Kori Radell, Devin Radell and Denae Kayser; three step grandchildren, John Henke, Holly Henke and Wendy Howell; seven great-grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren; one brother, Keith (Betty) Luethje, Luverne; and many cousins, nephew and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, John, on July 3, 2004.

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

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## Arlene Monahan



Arlene Esther Monahan, 82, Nisswa, formerly of Owatonna, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Baxter.

A memorial service will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Interment will be in the Owatonna Memorial Gardens in Owatonna. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Michaelson Funeral Home and from 8-9 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association or to donor's choice.

Arlene Hemme was born April 17, 1937, to Herbert and Esther (Mohr) Hemme in Luverne. She was raised on a farm near Hardwick and graduated from Luverne High School.

On Dec. 27, 1958, Arlene married Robert Monahan in Hardwick. The couple made a few moves for Robert's work before settling in Owatonna. Arlene was the bookkeeper for Cedarview Nursing Home for over 20 years. In 2013 Arlene and Robert moved to Nisswa.

Arlene was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and later Cross Lake Lutheran Church. She loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events. Arlene enjoyed traveling, was a great cook, enjoyed baking and was an excellent host.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Mark) Mukomela of Lakeville; her son, Michael (Shari) Monahan of Breezy Point; grandchildren Karli Monahan and Ryan Monahan; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, brothers Arlo Hemme and Gene Hemme, and an infant daughter.

Arrangements were provided by Michaelson Funeral Home of Owatonna. michaelsonfuneral.com.

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## Jamie Mohr



Jamie Allen "Lurch" Mohr, 59, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, after a courageous six-month battle with kidney cancer.

A memorial visitation was Tuesday, Jan. 14, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls.

Jamie Mohr was born on July 3, 1960, to Robert and Phyllis (Petersen) Mohr in Luverne. He spent the first 10 years of his life living on a farm across the road from his grandparents, where he developed a love for the outdoors and a strong work ethic. His family then moved to Hardwick. Jamie attended school in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 1978. Following high school Jamie began his over 42-year career working for MidAmerican Energy Company in Sioux Falls.

On June 19, 1993, Jamie married Theresa Kafka-Button and her nine-year old son, Jacob, in Yankton, South Dakota. The family lived in Luverne until 2004 when they made their home in Sioux Falls.

Jamie was blessed with a great sense of humor and a quick wit. He enjoyed making people laugh, playing jokes on his friends and family, and changing lyrics to popular songs. He loved spending time on the farm, especially during harvest season, cheering on the Minnesota Vikings, playing cribbage and pinochle, listening to NPR programs, fishing, craft beer, gas station cookies, dark chocolate and his dogs. Above all Jamie loved his family, traveling with Theresa all over the United States and visiting their favorite lighthouse in Duluth, and his father/son campouts with Jake.

Jamie is survived by his wife, Theresa Mohr, of Sioux Falls; one son, Jacob Button of Kansas City, Missouri; his mother, Phyllis Mohr of Luverne; two sisters, Valerie (Clayton) Klumper of Pipestone, and Felicia (Jack) Hanson of Luverne; his mother-in-law, Delores Kafka of Yankton, South Dakota; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Mohr; his father-in-law, William T. Kafka; and his grandparents, Merten and Mattie Petersen and Marie Mohr.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com.

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## John Schoep



John H. Schoep, 87, Luverne, formerly of Pipestone, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A memorial service was Monday, Jan. 13, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial preceded the funeral at the Beaver Creek Cemetery.

John Schoep was born on Jan. 30, 1932, to Gerrit and Ettie (Feekes) Schoep on a farm northwest of Sioux Center, Iowa. In 1936 a tornado destroyed the entire farm, and the family moved to Carmel, Iowa, where John attended school. He volunteered for the draft in 1953 and entered the United States Army on April 9 of that year.

John married Lucille Wesselink on Aug. 4, 1953. The couple lived off post until John was honorably discharged on April 1, 1955. They then farmed in Hull and Inwood, Iowa, before moving to a farm south of Luverne in 1971. They moved to Beaver Creek in 1988. John drove truck for over 16 years, moving wide load trailers and office trailers. He then hauled grain before retiring in 1994. Lucille died in February of 1993.

John married Maria Gorter in 1994. The couple moved to Pipestone. Maria died in December of 2019.

John was a member of the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. He enjoyed woodworking, making Ole Bollen, fishing, camping and telling a good story.

John is survived by his three children, Lora Lynn (Steve) Wynia, Luverne, Gene (Nadine) Schoep, Edgerton, and Bonita Schoep, St. Paul; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; a grandson, Nathan Wynia; and two sisters, Wilmina Kleene and Katherine Huyser.

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

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# Remember when

## 10 years ago (2010)

•Luverne native Amber Top has been closely watching the news about the Jan. 12 earthquake devastation in Haiti.

Top, now of Brandon, traveled here in February 2009 for a two-week mission trip that she now describes as a life-changing experience.

During her mission work, Top said she made lasting human connections with Haitian residents whose lives are now in danger.

"Knowing all of the amazing people I met in Haiti, it was very difficult to hear the horrible news about the earthquake," Top said.

"Seeing the pictures on television is even more difficult when you are watching for the eyes of people who have already touched your life and I feel so helpless being so many miles away." ...

Top said now, more than ever, the two organizations she served will need help in order to provide relief to Haitian earthquake victims.

## 25 years ago (1995)

•Girls' fast-pitch will be added as a sports option at Luverne High School this spring, following action by the Luverne School Board Thursday.

Robert Wedl, Assistant Commissioner of Education, notified the district Nov. 22 that it wasn't complying with requirements for gender equity in sports. Other area districts, such as Pipestone, received similar notices.

To comply, the board voted to phase in the sport over a two-year period. During spring 1995 the schedule will be limited, with a six-week season and four games. No uniforms will be purchased during the first year. In 1996 the team will play 10 games and, by 1997, softball will be a full-fledged Minnesota High School League sport.

... Cost for 1995 is budgeted at $4,946, and a full season is estimated to cost $10,126. The estimated cost per participant is $202.52.

The team will use the city diamonds, and softball will be a non-revenue sport. Possible competitors include about 16 schools in southern and southwest Minnesota. ...

"I think it will be a major success," Superintendent Norm Miller said. He agreed it might have an impact on participation in other spring sports, but he thinks the participation will balance out because it will take time for students to develop skills in fast-pitch softball.

## 50 years ago (1970)

•Magnolia's Bulldogs Friday night became the first team to defeat the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots on their home floor in four years. The game was decided in the last two minutes of the game, and when the buzzer sounded, the scoreboard showed Magnolia 75, Hills-Beaver Creek 72. It was Magnolia's fifth conference win against one loss.

## 75 years ago (1945)

•An excellent business year for the Rock County bank was reported by Henry C. Wuertz, president at the annual meeting held last Wednesday.

"The Rock County bank had an excellent year," said Mr. Wuertz. "We increased our surplus by $7,500 to a total now of $35,000. We increased our reserves for contingencies by $10,935.

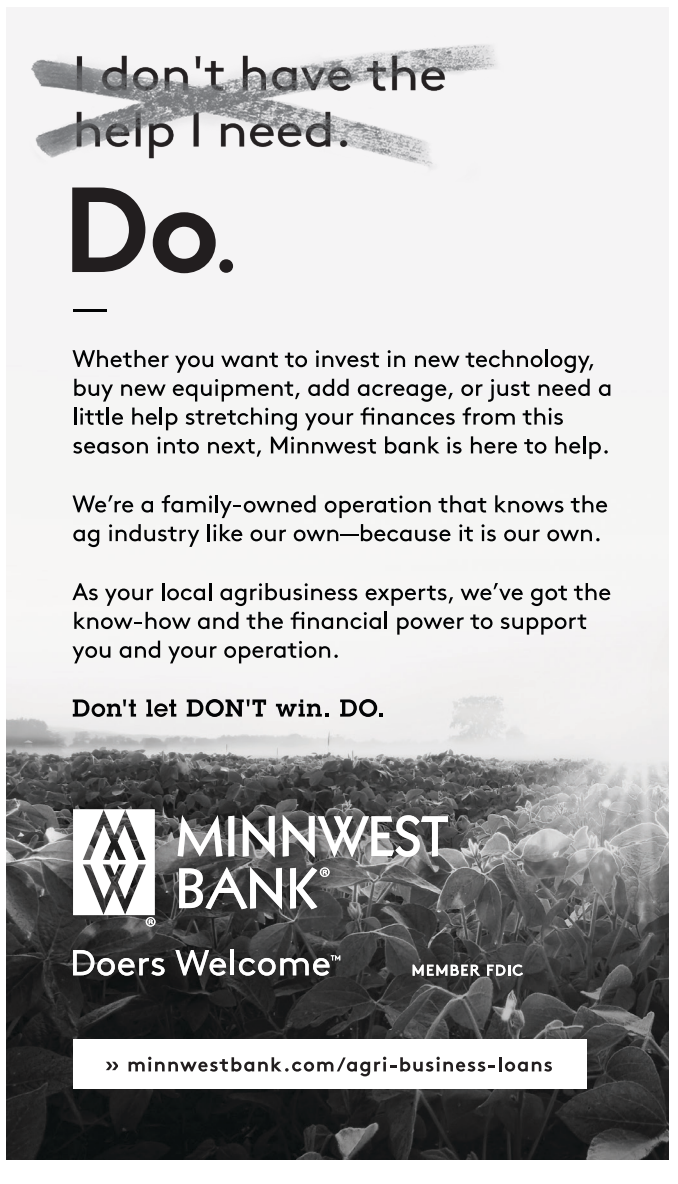
"Granted favorable growing conditions, Rock county farmers should, despite manpower and machinery shortages, look forward with confidence to a sound, profitable 1945."

All officers were re-elected as follows: Henry C. Wuertz, president; W. H. Griffen, vice-president; R. A. Sherman, cashier; H. R. Cleland on leave of absence while serving in the armed forces, assistant cashier; G. M. Elden, assistant cashier; Mort B Skewes, G. V. Carstens, Henry C. Wuertz, W. H. Griffen and R. A. Sherman comprise the board of directors.

## 100 years ago (1920)

•Rock county will have exceeded its quote by at least thirty-three per cent in the purchase of Red Cross Christmas seals, according to the latest estimates of H. C. Bell, county chairman of the campaign.

The county's quota was fixed at $1,000 on the basis of ten cents per capita, and on January 8th, which was the official time for all county chairmen to submit their final reports, Mr. Bell had received $1,145.13. But since that time returns have continued to pour in, and up to Monday evening the total receipts had increased to $1,330, with a few remittances still to be received.







Hadley Roozenboom, 3, heads into the movie theater with her free box of popcorn from the LEA members.

Mavis Fodness photos/ 0116 LEA Movies

# Luverne teachers give special treat at 10th annual Bank Nite

Luverne Education Association members hand out free boxes of popcorn to all moviegoers Thursday night as a way for the teachers to give back to the community.

Thursday night's movie opened the 10th year of Bank Nite, which brought back the free showing of a family-friendly movie on the first Thursday of the month as was done years ago in Luverne. A cash drawing takes place at the conclusion of the show. The next Bank Nite is Feb. 6.

**Above**: Luverne preschool teacher Rebecca Runnoe (right) hands Lindsay Meyeraan and her daughter, Ava, free boxes of popcorn.

**At right**: Piper Meinerts (right) gives Luverne Middle School teacher Gavin Folkestad (left) a big smile for the free box of popcorn as her grandmother, Barbie Meinerts, watches.



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named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

### MSU Moorhead releases dean's list

Minnesota State University Moorhead has released the dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum of a 3.25 GPA with 12 graded credits.

Named to the dean's list are Riley Boese, Moorhead, communication studies; Grace Holthaus, Hills, speech/language/ hearing science; and Bailey Swan, Hills, speech/ language/hearing science.

### Students named to Southeast Tech president's list

Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has named several Luverne students to the president's list for the Fall 2019 semester. To be eligible, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Those who were named include Haley Pap, Kaden Ericson, Mary-Frances Ladd and Melissa Wood, all of Luverne.

### Gustavus Adolphus releases dean's list

Tatiana Gust, Toby Sengvongxay and Kristen Ziegler, all of Luverne, were named to the Fall 2019 dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter. To make the list, students must earn a 3.7 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

## Beaver Creek/continued from page 3

the city would go forward with the splash pad."

**Minnwest Bank building**

Beaver Creek City Council also accepted the historic bank building as a donation from Minnwest, which announced last fall its Beaver Creek branch will close Jan. 31.

A letter to customers signed by Minnwest Bank president Isaac DeBoer said the Beaver Creek office "... with its limited hours, personnel and infrastructure cannot provide the level of service and delivery that our customers deserve ..."

The two full-time employees in Beaver Creek will be employed at the Luverne locations.

Minnwest Bank has served Beaver Creek and surrounding communities since 1987, according to DeBoer's letter, but the Beaver Creek location has a long history of ownership changes dating back to its start as First National Bank.

The historic structure was built at 304 East First Avenue around 1917 of brick, stone and concrete, according to Carl Kahler's book, "Roaring Beaver, a Story of a Prairie Village."

"Two pillars and pilasters in classic Greek style are topped by four kasotas (limestone). Stone capitals that support a massive frieze are carved with 'The First National Bank.'"




Beaver Creek City Council members accepted ownership the MinnWest historic bank building, which closed Jan. 31.

The book goes on to describe the interior of the building, which is now listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

"The floor of the bank is Tennessee marble and the interior of the bank is Rosetto marble. Interior trim is quarter-sawed oak. The materials in the bank are, and were, the very best obtainable."

When Minnwest closes its Beaver Creek branch Jan. 31, it will mark the first time in over a century that the building will be empty.

The city accepted the donation of the building with no immediate plans for it, except to maintain control over future entities that might buy it.

"It's a beautiful building, and we would have the final say about who and what goes in there," Mayor Teune said at the Jan. 8 meeting.

Council members have toured the building and said they're pleased about its condition and amenities.

For example, the roof was redone in 2013, the furnace dates back to the mid 1990s, the electrical wiring is current and working Internet connections are in place.

**In other business at the Jan. 8 meeting, council members:**

•agreed to participate in Rock County's 150th celebration next year with walking tours of the community that offer history of the town.

•approved 4-percent salary increases for part-time city clerk Jane Blank (now at $15,287) and full-time city maintenance worker Travis Helgeson (now at $41,230).

•approved the 2019 firefighter payroll at $2,630 for 529 hours in 2019.

# *USDA commodity loans available to Minnesota producers*

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Minnesota Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Eva Kramer reminds producers that Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) are available to help producers through periods of low market prices. MALs and LDPs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains, soybeans and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool and honey.

"With market prices above average the last few years, there hasn't been a demand for commodity loans," said Kramer. "However, with prices approaching harvest-time lows this year, it's important that producers consider their options. FSA is now accepting requests for MALs and LDPs for all eligible commodities after harvest."

MALs provide interim financing and allow producers to delay the sale of the commodity until more favorable market conditions occur. A producer who is eligible to obtain a loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP.

To be eligible, producers must have and retain beneficial interest in the commodity — having control or a title of the commodity — until the MAL is repaid or the Commodity Credit Corporation takes title to the commodity. Before MAL repayments and LDP disbursements can be made, producers must meet the requirements of actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant and member contribution.

To schedule an appointment to apply for a commodity loan or for more information on eligibility requirements, please visit your local FSA office. Visit https://www.farmers.gov to find your local office.

# Community Education Classes

**Register by e-mailing C.Arends@isd2184.net or calling 507-283-4724.**

Luverne School students in grade 8 and older may register now for the Feb. 3 **Student Driver Education** class. The fee is $335. If openings remain in the class on Jan. 27, out-of-district students may register.

**Defensive Driving refresher classes** will be Jan. 27, March 26 and March 30.

**Defensive Driving first-time class**, an 8-hour class, will be offered in two sessions, April 20 and 27, four hours each evening.

**Yoga** class is at 6 p.m. Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 24, March 2. Cost is $49.

**Pickleball** has made it to Luverne! **Learn the Game** on Jan. 25 for $5 fee. **Play the Game** during the week – Mon/Wed/Fri mornings and/or Thursday evenings. Fee is $20 for four months of play.

**Pizza Pizza, Pizza** on Jan. 27 is for kids in grades 1-5 who want to learn how to make a pizza from the pros. Class will be held at Pizza Ranch. Fee of $15 covers pizza, pop, and an apron to take home.

**Grades 5-6 Invitational Basketball Tournament** will be Saturday, Jan. 25. Registration of girls' and boys' teams is now open. Forms are online on the Luverne Schools website under Community Ed current events.

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A REMINDER FROM THE CITY OF Luverne STREET DEPARTMENT

It is the responsibility of all motorists to arrange for off-street parking so the Public Works Department can plow the city streets.

Please remove all vehicles from the street if it's snowing or snow is in the forecast.



Vehicles not removed from the street may be ticketed.

# Community Calendar

### Human trafficking awareness event Jan. 26 at American Reformed Church, Luverne

The Southwest Crisis Center will host Danielle Freitag from Action 169, a survivor-led faith-based organization, to speak on human trafficking in southwest Minnesota. The event is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the American Reformed Church, Luverne. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Jennifer@mnswcc.org for details.

### Dental health clinic Feb. 5 at Rock County Health and Human Services

A dental health clinic for ages 0-26 will be at Rock County Health and Human Services at 2 Roundwind Road in Luverne on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Call 612-746-1530 to schedule an appointment, or stop at Rock County Health and Human Services for assistance in scheduling. Exams, X-rays, cleanings and more will be provided. All forms of insurance are accepted.

**St. Catherine Catholic Church**
**203 E. Brown St., Luverne**
**St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org**
Friday, Jan. 17: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Saturday, Jan. 18: 9 a.m. First Reconciliation. 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home Bingo. 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 19: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Children's Liturgy. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. 3 p.m. RCIA at St. Leo. Monday, Jan. 20: 10 a.m. Book Bunch. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study.

**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, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Monday, Jan. 20: 9 a.m. Perk-Up at Oasis. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. Youth Group.

**First Baptist Church**
**1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne**
**Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org**
**Walt Moser, Pastor**
Thursday, Jan. 16: 6 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 2 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home birthday party. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 18: 10 a.m. Baby shower for Katie and June Bruynes at FBC. Sunday, Jan. 19: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 7 a.m. Men's Bible study. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 6:30 p.m. Awana night. Thursday, Jan. 23: 6 a.m. Men's Bible study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 8 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 / Ann Zastrow, Associate Pastor**
Thursday, Jan. 16: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9 a.m. Pastor's conference meeting in chapel/library. Friday, Jan. 17: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 19: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, Jan. 20: Grace Notes deadline. 1-7 p.m. Bloodmobile. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ride and Dine. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal; Grades 6-9 confirmation/mentor night. Thursday, Jan. 23: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Helen Laabs.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**
**720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne**
**Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834**
**pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com**
Sunday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Jan. 20: 7 p.m. Voters meeting and open forum. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

**American Reformed Church**
**304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne**
**Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org**
Thursday, Jan. 16: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Jan. 17: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 7 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 1:30 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home and Poplar Creek services. Tuesday, Jan. 21: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 4:30 p.m. Multipurpose room reserved; REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle. Thursday, Jan. 23: 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**
Thursday, Jan. 16: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 18: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 20: Messenger deadline. 5:30-8 p.m. 4-H in Fellowship Hall. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 5:30 p.m. Community meal. 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

**First Presbyterian Church**
**201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek**
**Ph. 507-935-5025**
**email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com**
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

**First Presbyterian Church**
**302 Central Lane, Luverne**
**Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com**
Thursday, Jan. 16: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Monday, Jan. 20: 9 a.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 4 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Jan. 23: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

**St. John Lutheran Church**
**803 N. Cedar St., Luverne**
**Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net**
**www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org**
Thursday, Jan. 16: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. Saturday, Jan. 18: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday-Thursday, Jan. 20-23: Little Lambs conferences. Monday-Friday, Jan. 20-24: No Little Lambs classes. Monday, Jan. 20: February newsletter deadline. 1 p.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 2 p.m. Deborah Circle. 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 23: 9 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at Christian Reformed Church.

**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 Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

**First Lutheran Church**
**300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.**
**Ph. (605) 757-6662**
**Laura Phillips, Pastor**
Saturday, Jan. 18: First Lutheran and Palisade Lutheran serve noon meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 9:45 a.m. Annual meeting.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**
**211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.**
**Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net**
**Laura Phillips, Pastor**
Saturday, Jan. 18: First Lutheran and Palisade Lutheran serve noon meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, Jan. 19: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran.

**Magnolia United Methodist Church**
**501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia**
**Pastor Nancy Manning**
**Ph. 605-215-3429**
**email: magnoliamnumc@gmail.com**
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Bible study.

**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**
Sunday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 23: 7 p.m. Game night in Bethlehem Church basement.

**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.

# A magical wonderland, or a bucket of yuck?

## Built on a Rock

**By Associate Pastor Ann Zastrow, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne**

Earlier this week I came across a two-panel cartoon. The first panel showed a pretty Christmas tree, filled with glowing lights and shiny ornaments, with a bright star on top. Next to the tree was a rotund snowman with sticks for arms, a smiling face out of coal or stones, complete with a carrot nose and winter hat. It was snowing lightly, and there was a character in a red Santa hat standing between them, singing "Fa-la-la-la-laaa!" Above the panel was the caption, "December: A Magical Wonderland of Lights!"

The second panel showed the same tree, this time just broken twigs, with a few pine needles strewing the ground beneath it. The snowman's head was lying, noseless and hatless, next to its body, which was now lumpy and thin. Instead of falling snow, there was wind blowing over a gray background, with the character now decked out in a hat with earflaps and a winter coat, shivering out "F-f-f-f-f..." Above the panel was the caption, "January -- Spring: A Cold, Gray, Bucket of Yuck."

Here we are, mid-January. Christmas, with all of the twinkling lights, special food, family time, gifts, warm and tender stories, and the babe in the manger has passed. The Wise Men have come and gone. We are now stuck in the reality of long days of winter darkness, gray skies and moods, flu and cold season, chilly temperatures which often makes being outside unpleasant, strong winds howling over the expanse of the prairie, and not a whole lot to look forward to. Valentine's Day may be a blip to some, non-existent to others. The same goes for St. Patrick's Day. April's springtime and Easter seem SO far away at this point! We can more easily identify with the resignation or hopelessness of the second cartoon panel.

But we don't have to. For Christmas was just a beginning, the beginning of the earthly life of the Savior, Jesus the Christ, the Messiah. He, too, knew the ups and downs that we experience in life. We have just celebrated his birth as a baby, but throughout the year we weekly glean useful life nuggets from the teachings of this man, and we see examples through Jesus' interactions with the beloved people of God. We learn more about his life and love, and how to live faithfully as his followers. We learn how to treat one another, and how to care for creation.

The weather outside may be gray and cold, but there is no reason our faith life, our family life, our work life, or our school life has to be the same. Let's keep the brightness and warmth of Christ and his birth alive in our lives as we live through the grayness of winter, being a bright spot of hope and life for those around us as we live out our faith in our daily lives.

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# Cards split league contests

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne girls' basketball team broke even when they played two Big South Conference contests last week.

The Cardinals fell by 32 points in Marshall Jan. 7 before besting Windom by eight points Friday in Luverne.

Luverne, 7-6 overall, hosts JCC Thursday.

**LHS 72, Windom 64**

The Cardinals evened their conference record at 3-3 with Friday's eight-point home win over the Eagles.

Luverne rolled to a 12-point lead in the first half and thwarted some late challenges from Windom to collect the victory.

The Cardinals scored the first eight points of the game as a part of a 13-2 run that ended with Mallory Thorson canning a field goal at the 14:07 mark of the opening half.

Luverne's lead swelled to 14 points (27-13) when Thorson drained a three-point shot with 6:19 remaining in the stanza.

Windom did trim the difference to eight points late in the first half, but LHS sported a comfortable 37-25 advantage at the intermission.

The Eagles scored the first four points of the second half to make it a 37-29 game, but the Cards were able to answer the challenge.

LHS put together a 15-6 run to open a 52-35 lead when Thorson turned a steal into a layup with 11:32 left to play.



John Rittenhouse photo/0116 lgb 7

Luverne senior Mallory Thorson burned the nets for 33 points during a 72-64 home victory over the Windom Eagles. The win evens Luverne's BSC record to 3-3.

To their credit, the Eagles didn't give up the fight.

Windom closed the margin to five points (62-57) with 3:33 remaining before facing another five-point deficit (68-

**Cards/continued on page 12**

# Patriot girls take first loss Saturday

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team received its first loss of the season Saturday at the Dakota State University Shootout in Madison, South Dakota.

H-BC notched its 10th consecutive win by defeating Red Rock Central by 11 points Thursday in Hills before falling by 23 points to Flandreau, South Dakota, Saturday.

The 10-1 Patriots host Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday before traveling to Adrian Saturday.

**Flandreau 56, H-BC 33**

The Patriots fell from basketball's unbeaten ranks during the Dakota State University Shootout in Madison Saturday.

H-BC played with the Fliers in the game's first half, but a big second half by Flandreau saddled the Patriots with their first loss of the season.

Flandreau led 23-19 at halftime before outscoring H-BC 33-14 in the second half to win by 23 points.

Taryn Rauk led the Patriots in scoring with 12 points.

Kenadie Fick and Abby Knobloch secured nine rebounds each.

**Box score**
**Fick 1 1 0-0 5, Rauk 1 3 1-2 12, Birger 0 1 0-0 3, Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 1 2 1-2 9, Van Maanen 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 0 0 0-0 0.**

**Team statistics**
**H-BC: 12 of 43 field goals (28 percent), two of four free throws (50 percent), 32 rebounds.**
**Flandreau: 15 of 59 field goals (32 percent), 10 of 17 free throws (59 percent), 43 rebounds.**

**H-BC 60, RRC 49**

The Patriots ran their Red Rock Conference record to 7-0 with an 11-point home win over the Falcons Thursday.

The game was a competitive contest, but H-BC sported scoring advantages in both halves of the contest.

H-BC led 27-21 at the intermission before outscoring the Falcons 33-28 in the second half to remain unbeaten.

Fick (16 points and six rebounds), Rauk (15 points and five rebounds) and Knobloch (11 points, eight rebounds, three steals and three assists) turned in strong efforts for the Patriots.

Whitney Elbers (10 rebounds and nine blocked shots), Sam Moser (five rebounds) and Joslyn Birger (five rebounds) made key contributions as well.

**Box score**
**Fick 2 4 0-0 16, Rauk 5 0 5-7 15, Birger 1 0 0-0 2, Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 2 1 4-4 11, Moser 1 0 4-5 6, Deelstra 0 0 2-2 2, Elbers 4 0 0-0 8.**

**Team statistics**
**H-BC: 20 of 53 field goals (38 percent), 15 of 18 free throws (83 percent), 40 rebounds, 22 turnovers.**
**RRC: 18 field goals made, 10 of 18 free throws (56 percent), 24 rebounds, 20 turnovers.**

# H-BC evens score with A-E Friday

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team evened the score with Red Rock Conference rival Adrian-Ellsworth when the teams squared off in Ellsworth Friday.

A-E topped the Patriots 65-53 when the teams met in Hills one week earlier, but H-BC extracted its revenge by saddling the Dragons with a 59-56 setback in overtime during Friday's rematch.

The contest was a tight battle from beginning to end.

A-E played well in the first half to sport a 27-23 lead at the intermission.

H-BC fought back to outscore the Dragons 29-25 in the second half to send the game to overtime.

The Patriots trailed 52-50 late in the game, but an inbounds play underneath their offensive basket with 2.1 seconds left resulted in a field goal by Jax Wysong that knotted the score at 52.

H-BC canned all three of its field goals in overtime, when the Patriots outscored A-E 7-4 to win the game by three points.

Wysong (16 points and five rebounds) and Oliver Deelstra (13 points and five rebounds) played strong games for H-BC.

Kyle Kueter added 14 points to the cause for the 3-5 Patriots, who snapped a five-game losing skid.

Grant Jansma tossed in a team-high 15 points for the Dragons, who also received strong games from Noah Reyne (13 points and three steals) and Payton Lewis (13 points and five rebounds.

Lance Luettel grabbed 10 rebounds and Nathan Rahe charted three assists for the 6-5 Dragons.

**Box score**
**H-BC**
**G.Wysong 3 0 2-6 8, Harnack 1 2 0-0 8, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 5 0 3-4 13, Baker 0 0 0-0 0, Z.Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, J.Wysong 6 0 4-6 16, Kueter 7 0 0-3 14.**
**A-E**
**Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Vortherms 0 0 1-2 1, Reyne 4 0 5-6 13, Schnoor 1 0 0-0 2, Jansma 3 3 0-0 15, Lewis 6 0 1-4 13, Lenz 0 0 0-0 0, Nave 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 4 0 1-4 9.**

**Team statistics**
**H-BC: 22 of 49 field goals (49 percent), nine of 19 free throws (47 percent), 23 rebounds, seven turnovers.**
**A-E: 22 of 52 field goals (42 percent), eight of 16 free throws (50 percent), 23 rebounds, 10 turnovers.**



John Rittenhouse photo/0116 lw reisch

Jaden Reisch squares off against R-RV's Jaxon Lang during Thursday's home triangular.

# Dragon matmen win six of eight

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian-Ellsworth wrestling team compiled a 6-2 record during a three-event week.

The Dragons split matches at a triangular in Pipestone Jan. 7 before sweeping the field at a quadrangular meet in Adrian Thursday.

A-E went 2-1 at the Wabasso-Red Rock Central Quadrangular Saturday in Wabasso.

The 9-3 Dragons wrestle at a tournament in Tracy Saturday.

**W-RRC Quadrangular**

A-E went 2-1 as a team during Saturday's quadrangular in Wabasso.

The Dragons defeated W-RRC (37-33) and Mankato East (54-17), and they took a 53-18 setback from Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City.

A-E's Brayan Anaya (113), Logan Taylor (145 and 152) and Preston Nelson (170) went 3-0 at the event.

Anaya posted a 7-2 victory over A-C-GC's Jayden Kragenbring and registered pins against W-RRC's Zak Zimmerman (3:10) and ME's Ray Wicks (3:13).

Along with drawing a forfeit from ME, Taylor pinned A-C-GC's Logan Straumann (4:50) and notched an 11-3 victory over W-RRC's Zander Mathiowetz.

Nelson pinned ME's Carl Willaert in 1:30 and secured wins over A-C-GC's Jesus Cardenas (3-1) and W-RRC's Damian Osland (5-3).

**Match wrap-ups**
**A-C-GC 53, A-E 18**
**106 (G) Williams pins D.Anaya.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya 7-2 Kragenbring.**
**120 (G) Holien pins Morrison.**
**126 (G) Ponce t.f. Hieronimus.**
**132 (G) Holien pins Heidebrink.**
**138 (G) Straumann 5-0 Sherer.**
**145 (A) Taylor pins Straumann.**
**152 (G) Mortensen pins Martinez.**
**160 (G) Behm pins Wolf.**
**170 (A) Nelson 3-1 Cardenas.**
**182 (G) Fester pins Wieneke.**
**195 (G) Renne 7-0 Winselman.**
**220 (A) B.Bullerman by forfeit.**
**285 (G) Berghuis by forfeit.**

**A-E 37, W-RRC 33**
**106 (W) Tietz pins D.Anaya.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya pins Zimmerman.**
**120 (A) Morrison pins Remiger.**
**126 (A) Hieronimus by forfeit.**
**132 (W) Irlbeck 8-4 Heidebrink.**
**138 (W) Irlbeck 7-6 Sherer.**
**145 (A) I.Bullerman pins Holmen.**
**152 (A) Taylor 11-3 Mathiowetz.**
**160 (W) Determan 7-3 Wolf.**
**170 (A) Nelson 5-3 Osland.**
**182 (W) Bliss pins Wieneke.**
**195 (W) Wagner pins Winselman.**
**220 (W) Werner pins B.Bullerman.**
**285 (A) Edwards pins Anderson.**

**A-E 54, Mankato East 17**
**106 (M) Sholtes t.f. D.Anaya.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya pins Wicks.**
**120 (A) Morrison by forfeit.**
**126 (A) Hieronimus pins Glogowski.**
**132 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.**
**138 (A) Sherer 12-6 Ruedy.**
**145 (M) Hendel 12-6 I.Bullerman.**
**152 (A) Taylor by forfeit.**
**160 (A) Wolf 8-6 Thilges.**
**170 (A) Nelson pins Willaert.**

**Dragon/continued on page 12**

# Wrestlers make home debut

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team competed in a pair of events to open the 2020 portion of its schedule.

The Cardinals dropped a pair of matches during a home triangular Thursday before attending the annual Big South Conference Tournament in Worthington Saturday.

Luverne, 1-6 overall, wrestles at a quadrangular Thursday in Rock Valley, Iowa.

**BSC tourney**

The Cardinals made an appearance at the annual BSC Tournament Saturday in Worthington.

With four wrestlers entered in varsity competition, LHS scored 12.5 points to cap a 13-team field.

Fairmont-Martin County West claimed the team championship with 232 points.

LHS junior Riley Cowell had a big day by placing fifth at 113 pounds with a 3-1 record.

After dropping a 4-1 decision to Waseca eventual champion Mason Gehloff, Cowell bounced back to notch three consecutive wins.

He won by technical fall over Blue Earth Area's Carson Sturtz, he prevailed by injury default against Pipestone's J.J. Martens and he pinned Windom-Mountain Lake Area's Tucker Renquest in 3:55 during the fifth-place match.

Noah Mehlhaff (120), Braydon Ripka (126) and Zach Bradley (152) went 0-2 for LHS.

**LHS triangular**

The Cardinals slipped to 0-4 in Big South Conference competition during the home triangular Thursday.

**Debut/continued on page 11**

# Luverne hockey boys dispose of Willmar, Fairmont to reach 11-win mark

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne boys' hockey team upped its record to 11-4 by posting a pair of wins last week.

The Cardinals rolled to an eight-goal victory in Fairmont Jan. 7 before nipping Willmar by one goal Saturday in Luverne.

LHS skates in Redwood Falls Thursday.

**LHS 4, Willmar 3**

A pair of late goals by senior Colby Crabtree lifted the Cardinals to a one-goal win over Willmar Saturday in Luverne.

The score was tied at two entering the third period, when Crabtree took over by netting goals at the 8:06 and 1:00 marks to give the Cards a 4-2 cushion.

Willmar's Elbridge DeKrall netted the final goal of the contest with 25 seconds remaining.

Luverne's Easton Braun opened the scoring with 1:40 remaining in the first period before Brock Behrend made it a 2-0 game 2:47 into the second period.

Willmar knotted the score at two with goals from Carter Schow (13:37) and Ashton Gregory (3:32) as the second period progressed.

LHS, which sported a 32-28 advantage in shots on goal, received a 25-save effort from Colton Schutz.

Jacob Von Tersch recorded a pair of assists for the Cards, while Crabtree, Nathan Nekali and Tyler Roberts pitched in one assist each to the winning effort.

**LHS 8, Fairmont 0**

The Cardinals raised their Big South Conference record to 6-2 with an eight-goal victory in Fairmont Jan. 7.

LHS goalie Shaid Shearer recorded a 12-save shutout in goal and Nekali and Roberts netted two goals each to lead the Cardinals to victory.

Nekali scored twice in a span of 14 seconds to give the Cards a 2-0 cushion 2:49 into the game.

Zach Kruse added a goal with 2:13 remaining in the opening stanza to make it 3-0.

LHS scored three goals in the first 7:22 of the second period to double (6-0) their advantage.

Roberts, Ethan Langseth and Crabtree netted second-period goals for the Cards.

Roberts capped his two-goal effort with 4:10 remaining in the third period and Braun added a tally with 2:20 left in the game.

Braun and Cooper Arends registered two assists in the game for the winners, while Kruse and Austin Watts-Boll added one assist each.

LHS sported a 47-12 advantage in shots on goal during the contest.

# Make a difference



## Outdoors

**By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist**

This is a time of year my phone rings frequently with calls from folks who want to get their hands on some corn to feed wildlife — pheasants in particular. So, is feeding pheasants a worthwhile endeavor? The answer is that it really depends.

Pheasants during winter periods will feed primarily on waste grains left in crop fields scavenging for corn, beans, small grains, weed seeds and grit. More than 50 years of the science shows that pheasants rarely ever starve to death.

They feed two times each day, right after sunrise and then again about 4 p.m. They leave the safety of good cover to wander across the wind-blown ag lands of our area.

They have the ability to dig through the snow to find food and often do. When there is a sheet of ice covering that snow, it is a lot harder for them to get to. It is during these times that you often see birds out in the middle of the day, which is a bad sign.

It means that they started in the early morning and are still hunting for food to fill their crop, a transparent sack located under their skin on their neck.

They fill this sack with food as fast as they can and then it's back to cover. They slowly empty their crop and digest its contents over the course of a day. As I mentioned earlier, they fill that crop again in late afternoon and digest those calories overnight.

Even in the severest of winters some pheasants manage to find food and survive without our help till spring. Most of the pheasants that do die do so from exposure caused by not enough quality winter habitat.

When marginal habitats fill with snow, birds are forced to move or make the best of it where they are. During big storm events in poor habitat, (meaning they cannot get out of the wind) their nostrils will freeze over and they die.

Feeding pheasants makes the feeder feel good. That person can make a small difference in their little postage stamp spot of Minnesota habitat. Humans would not be able to feed pheasants in a broad enough area to ever make a measurable difference in overall pheasant populations statewide.

So, if you are going to feed pheasants, there are few things you need to do:

•Don't feed pheasants on the shoulder of the road. Ninety percent of the corn used to feed pheasants is distributed this way, but it's a poor choice. Feeding on the road shoulder requires the birds to fly back and forth every time a car goes by. They can actually use up more energy fleeing and then returning over and over than the energy they could take in from a crop full of corn.

•If you start feeding, you need to keep feeding. The birds will come to rely on your food source and not seek out foraging locations. Put the feed where the wind won't bury it with each new inch of snow. I finally got tracks on my Polaris Ranger, and this allows me to put food away from the road and near good habitat. Place feed near quality cover. This requires a short walk or flight and an easy return with a full crop.

•It does no good to feed pheasants in an area full of deer, which will eat every kernel. I have seen it over and over.

Pheasants are very tenacious, but if you really want to have the greatest beneficial impact for pheasants, increase the quality and quantity of their natural habitats. Mother Nature will do the rest.

*Scott Rall, Worthington, is a habitat conservationist, avid hunting and fishing enthusiast and is president of Nobles County Pheasants Forever. He can be reached at scottarall@gmail.com. or on Twitter @habitat champion.*

## Sports brief

### Ice event

The Blue Mound Ice Arena hosts the 2020 Ice Crystal Classic Friday through Sunday.

More than 100 skaters representing nine different rinks are expected to be on hand for the event.

The Friday evening skating times are from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday skating begins at 8 a.m. and continues until 6:30 p.m., and Sunday times are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The eleventh annual event is open and free to the public.

# Luverne girls down Cardinals, Storm

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne girls' hockey team upped its record 15-3-1 with a pair of wins last week.

The Cardinals posted a three-goal victory in Fairmont Jan. 7 before skating to a nine-goal rout of Morris-Benson Thursday in Luverne.

Luverne hosts Mankato West Thursday.

**Luverne 9, M-B 0**

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in disposing of the Storm Thursday at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne scored three goals in all three periods and outshot M-B 48-14 to defeat the Storm by nine goals for the second time this season.

Reghan Bork led the offensive charge by netting four goals, while Mallory Von Tersch anchored the defense by turning in a 14-save shutout in net.

Bork and Kamryn Van Batavia scored one goal each in the first 2:06 of the game to give the Cards an early 2-0 lead.

Anika Boll scored with 10:11 remaining in the period to make it 3-0.

LHS registered three unassisted goals in the second period to double (6-0) its lead.

Bork and Brynn Thier found the net at 14:53 and 10:53 respectively, while Shelby Kracht capped the scoring in the period with 4:14 remaining.

Bork's second unassisted goal of the game came 4:25 into the third period and it completed a hat trick for the sophomore defenseman.

Claire Baustian scored for LHS 3:34 later to make it 8-0 before Bork capped her four-goal effort with 5:11 left to play.

Rozilyn Oye and Rylee Gee registered two assists each for the winners, while Baustian, Van Batavia and Regan Feit notched one assist.

**LHS 4, Fairmont 1**

A strong performance from Van Batavia led the Cardinals to their eighth Big South Conference win of the season Jan. 7 in Fairmont.

Van Batavia accounted for all four of Luverne's goals during a three-goal victory over FHS.

The LHS freshman registered a hat trick in the first 12:32 of the game.

Van Batavia netted unassisted tallies at the 2:46 and 11:02 marks of the opening period before scoring a power-play goal with 4:08 remaining in the stanza.

Van Batavia capped her four-goal effort with a tally that came with 9:53 remaining in the second period.

Fairmont, which was outshot 40-17 in the game, avoided a shutout when Emily Sokoloski scored with 6:36 remaining in the third period.

Bork led the Cards with two assists, while Gee registered one assist.

Cheyenne Schutz stopped 16 of the 17 shots she faced in net.



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Luverne eighth-grader Anika Boll netted one of the team's nine goals during a 9-0 victory over the Morris-Benson Storm at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

**Debut**/continued from page 10

Luverne came up on the short end of a 55-21 decision against Redwood-River Valley in the opening match before falling 78-4 against Jackson County Central.

Braydon Ripka, who drew a forfeit against R-RV, went 2-0 for the night when he posted 12-3 major decision against JCC's Dylan Withers.

Ripka's conquest was Luverne's lone victory against the Huskies.

LHS won three matches along with Ripka drawing his forfeit against R-RV.

Riley Cowell (over Austin Ourada) and Jacob Stroh (over Harley Raley Raney) pinned their opponents from R-RV.

Luverne's Noah Mehlhaff secured an 8-4 victory over Damico Arredondo during the opening match.

**Match wrap-ups**
**106 (R) Brandt by forfeit.**
**113 (R) Ourada by forfeit.**
**120 (L) Cowell pins Ourada.**
**126 (L) Mehlhaff 8-4 Arredondo.**
**132 (L) Ripka by forfeit.**
**138 (R) Millhausen 8-5 Janiszeski.**
**145 (R) Lang pins Reisch.**
**152 (L) Stroh pins Raney.**
**160 (R) Zeug 17-4 Bradley.**
**170 (R) Altman by forfeit.**
**182 (R) Fischer by forfeit.**
**195 (R) Bommersbach by forfeit.**
**220 (R) Evans pins Akkerman.**
**285 (R) Haase by forfeit.**

**JCC 78, Luverne 4**
**106 (J) Anderson by forfeit.**
**113 (J) Andrews by forfeit.**
**120 (J) Butzon pins Cowell.**
**126 (J) Rossow pins Mehlhaff.**
**132 (L) Ripka 12-3 Withers.**
**138 (J) Boyum pins Janiszeski.**
**145 (J) Handevidt by forfeit.**
**152 (J) Rodriguez by forfeit.**
**160 (J) Hendrickson pins Bradley.**
**170 (J) Freking by forfeit.**
**182 (J) Michelson by forfeit.**
**195 (J) Dunker by forfeit.**
**220 (J) Drahota by forfeit.**
**285 (J) Buhl by forfeit.**



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Junior Riley Cowell split matches at 120 pounds during the Luverne Triangular Thursday. LHS dropped a pair of matches. Cowell placed fifth at the BSC tourney in Worthington Saturday.

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63) with 1:12 left.

The Cardinals canned four free throws in the final 1:03 to lock up their third league win.

Thorson burned the nets for a career-high 33 points.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg and Elizabeth Wagner added 14 and 11 points respectively to the winning cause.

**Box score**
**C.Wagner 2 0 0-1 4, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 4 1 3-5 14, Sehr 1 1 0-2 5, E.Wagner 3 0 5-8 11, Thorson 8 4 5-6 33, Hart 2 0 1-2 5, Nath 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0.**

**Team statistics**
**Luverne: 26 field goals made, 14 of 24 free throws (58 percent).**
**Windom: 20 field goals made, 14 of 31 free throws (45 percent).**



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Luverne freshman Elizabeth Wagner netted 11 points during Friday's 72-64 home basketball win over the Windom Eagles. The victory upped Luverne's season record to 7-6.

**Marshall 56, LHS 24**

The Cardinals took their first loss in 2020 when they tangled with the Tigers in Marshall Jan. 7.

Marshall limited the Cardinals to 12 points in both halves of a 32-point victory.

The Tigers got off to a strong start by rolling to a 37-12 lead in the first half.

MHS used a 19-12 scoring cushion to complete the victory in the second half.

Christina Wagner and Ver Steeg netted six points each to lead the Cards offensively.

**Box score**
**C.Wagner 2 0 2-3 6, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 3 0 0-1 6, Sehr 1 0 0-0 2, E.Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Thorson 1 0 2-3 4, Hart 1 0 0-1 2, Nath 0 1 1-2 4, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0.**

**Team statistics**
**Luverne: nine field goals made, five of 10 free throws (50 percent).**
**Marshall: 22 field goals made, seven of nine free throws (78 percent).**

# Gymnasts return to action with events

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne gymnastics team opened the 2020 portion of its schedule by competing twice last week.

The Cardinals lost a six-plus point decision in Hendricks Jan. 7 before placing third at the Fairmont-Martin County Area Invitational Saturday in Welcome.

The 7-6 Cardinals took on Windom Tuesday (Jan. 14) in Windom.

**F-MCA invite**

The Cardinals placed third in a five-team field during Saturday's invitational in Welcome.

LHS posted a 129.25 tally to top Waseca (125.3) and Blue Earth Area (122.95) at the event.

Jackson County Central and F-MCA placed first and second with respective 132.85 and 132.6 tallies.

Meghan Witte and Ella Reisdorfer led the Cards to their third-place finish.

Witte, who finished fifth all-around (32.725) and sixth on the vault (8.7), claimed the bars title with an 8.425 effort.

Reisdorfer placed second on the floor (9.15) and third all-around (33.25).

F-MCA's Sabrina Segar captured the all-around (35.175) and floor (9.35) titles and shared first place with JCC's Carson Schneekloth on the beam with an 8.775 effort.

JCC's Jordann Schneekloth claimed the vault crown with an 8.9.

**Individual scores**
**Vault: Witte, 8.7; Reisdorfer, 8.65; Amira Cowell, 8.5; Meghan Mollberg, 8.45; Madigan Flom, 8.45.**
**Bars: Witte, 8.45; Reisdorfer, 8.15; Cowell, 7.65; Anna Huisman, 7.325; Flom, 6.7.**
**Beam: Cowell, 7.9; Witte, 7.3; Reisdorfer, 7.3; Flom, 7.225; Huisman, 7.2.**
**Floor: Reisdorfer, 9.15; Witte, 8.3; Huisman, 8.275; Cowell, 7.95; Mollberg, 7.95.**

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**182 (M) Miller 10-7 Wieneke.**
**195 (A) Winselman by forfeit.**
**220 (W) Baier pins B.Bullerman.**
**285 (A) Edwards pins Fleming.**

**A-E Quadrangular**

The Dragons dominated the scene during their home quadrangular Thursday.

A-E posted three consecutive wins and had seven wrestlers post 3-0 records during the evening.

The Dragons topped West Central (61-16), Sibley-Ocheyedan (57-17) and Tri-Valley (73-6).

Isaac Bullerman and Logan Taylor won three battles on the mat.

Bullerman recorded pins over WC's Elliot Carney (26 seconds) and S-O's Brock Ackerman (1:07) and posted a 6-2 win over T-V's Carson Norgaard, while Taylor stuck T-V's Nathan Rombough (1:30) and posted wins over WC's Jace Mulder (13-6) and S-O's Garrett Sarringar (5-3).

Scot Edwards registered pins over WC's Noah Jansma (44 seconds) and T-V's Ethan Nehlich (2:18) along with drawing one forfeit, while Brayan Anaya collected pins against S-O's Mario Cuadros (1:56) and T-V's Aerin Geary (5:01) and drew one forfeit.

Preston Nelson and Breyer Hieronimus won two matches and drew one forfeit each.

Nelson pinned T-V's Isaac Nehlich (1:08) and secured a 10-1 victory over WC's Karson VanderZiel, while Hieronimus pinned WC's Skyler Mullinex and notched a 9-1 win against T-V's Tyler Groenwold.

David Anaya drew a pair of forfeits and pinned WC's Braden Spronk in 2:22.

**Match wrap-ups**
**A-E 61, WC 16**
**106 (A) D.Anaya pins Spronk.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya by forfeit.**
**120 (A) Morrison by forfeit.**
**126 (A) Hieronimus pins Mullinex.**
**132 (A) Heidebrink pins Van Surksum.**
**138 (A) Sherer by forfeit.**
**145 (A) Taylor 13-6 Mulder.**
**152 (A) I.Bullerman pins Carney.**
**160 (A) Martinez by forfeit.**
**170 (W) Mulder 8-0 Wieneke.**
**182 (A) Nelson 10-1 Vander Ziel.**
**195 (W) Van Ginkel pins Winselman.**
**220 (W) Vanden Bos pins B.Bullerman.**
**285 (A) Edwards pins Jansma.**

**A-E 51, S-O 17**
**106 (A) D.Anaya by forfeit.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya pins Cuadros.**
**120 (A) Morrison by forfeit.**
**126 (A) Hieronimus by forfeit.**
**132 (S) Paca 7-6 Heidebrink.**
**138 (S) Schuck 12-1 Sherer.**
**145 (A) I.Bullerman pins Ackerman.**
**152 (A) Taylor 5-3 Sarringar.**
**160 (A) Wolf pins Molendorp.**
**170 (S) DeJong 16-4 Wieneke.**
**182 (A) Nelson by forfeit.**
**195 (A) Winselman by forfeit.**
**220 (S) Ortiz pins B.Bullerman.**
**285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.**

**A-E 73, T-V 6**
**106 (A) D.Anaya by forfeit.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya pins Geary.**
**120 (T) Louiseau pins Morrison.**
**126 (A) Hieronimus 9-1 Groenewold.**
**132 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.**
**138 (A) Sherer pins Jensen.**
**145 (A) I.Bullerman 6-2 Norgaard.**
**152 (A) Taylor pins Rombough.**
**160 (A) Wolf pins Hendrickson.**
**170 (A) Wieneke pins Anderson.**
**182 (A) Nelson pins Nehlich.**
**195 (A) Hernandez by forfeit.**
**220 (A) B.Bullerman by forfeit.**
**285 (A) Edwards pins Nehlich.**

**Pipestone Triangular**

The Dragons split a pair of matches at a triangular meet in Pipestone Jan. 7.

A-E posted a 52-24 win over Pipestone and took a 46-39 setback from Tracy-Milroy-Balaton.

Five Dragons posted perfect 2-0 records at the event.

Logan Sherer pinned Pipestone's Rogen Smidt (1:45) and T-M-B's Sawyer Otto (5:52).

Brayan Anaya posted a 4-1 win over Pipestone's J.J. Martens and pinned T-M-B's Alex Schuh in 1:27.

Logan Taylor notched a 9-4 victory over Pipestone's Grant Budden and pinned T-M-B's Blaine Peterson in 2:42.

Preston Nelson secured a 12-3 win over Pipestone's Mason Krakow and pinned T-M-B's Ethan Martinez in 3:30.

Scot Edwards, who drew a forfeit from T-M-B, pinned Pipestone's Caden Miller in 25 seconds.

**Match wrap-ups**
**A-E 52, Pipestone 24**
**106 (P) Burnett pins Farinella.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya 4-1 Martens.**
**120 (A) Morrison pins Budden.**
**126 (P) Bobendrier by forfeit.**
**132 (A) Hieronimus pins Wixon.**
**138 (A) Sherer pins Smidt.**
**145 (A) Taylor 9-4 Budden.**
**152 (P) Lange pins I.Bullerman.**
**160 (A) Wolf pins Campos.**
**170 (A) Wieneke pins Hach.**
**182 (A) Nelson 12-3 Krakow.**
**195 (P) Hoss pins Winselman.**
**220 (A) B.Bullerman pins DeGroot.**
**285 (A) Edwards pins Miller.**

**T-M-B 46, A-E 29**
**106 (T) Carter pins D.Anaya.**
**113 (A) B.Anaya pins Schuh.**
**120 (T) Torgerson 12-2 Morrison.**
**126 (T) Horner pins Hieronimus.**
**132 (T) Elli by forfeit.**
**138 (A) Sherer pins Otto.**
**145 (A) Taylor pins Peterson.**
**152 (T) Johnson 4-0 I.Bullerman.**
**160 (T) Schwartz pins Martinez.**
**170 (T) Krick 14-8 Wieneke.**
**182 (T) Paplow by forfeit.**
**195 (A) Nelson pins Martinez.**
**220 (T) Eisfeld pins B.Bullerman.**
**285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.**

# Coyotes down Dragons

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys' basketball team took its first loss of 2020 in Okabena Jan. 7.

The Dragons faced Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda in a Red Rock Conference clash.

A-E fell into an 11-point hole early in the game and couldn't recover during what ended as a 66-57 setback.

The Coyotes gained the upper hand early by opening a 35-24 lead in the game's first half.

A-E sported a 33-31 scoring edge in the second half, leaving the Dragons with a nine-point loss at game's end.

Noah Reyne tossed in 20 points to lead the Dragons in scoring.

Payton Lewis netted 14 points and collected five rebounds, while Ian Stamer chipped in 10 points.

**Box score**
**Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 5 2 4-8 20, Vortherms 0 1 0-0 3, Stamer 5 0 0-0 10, Lewis 6 0 2-3 14, Jansma 1 0 0-0 2, Lenz 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 4 0 0-0 8.**

**Team statistics**
**A-E: 24 of 45 field goals (53 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 20 rebounds, 13 turnovers.**
**HL-O-F: 27 of 46 field goals (59 percent), four of 11 free throws (36 percent), 18 rebounds, eight turnovers.**

# Rebels best H-BC boys

**By John Rittenhouse**

A slumping Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team dropped its fifth consecutive game Thursday in Slayton.

Taking on Murray County Central in a Red Rock Conference clash, H-BC came up on the short end of a 43-37 tally in a low-scoring contest.

MCC sported a 20-18 scoring edge in the first half before using a 23-19 advantage in the second half to prevail by six points.

Oliver Deelstra (11 points and eight rebounds) and Kyle Kueter (10 points and seven rebounds) led H-BC statistically.

Zander Wysong collected five caroms for the Patriots.

**Box score**
**G.Wysong 1 0 0-0 2, Harnack 1 0 0-0 2, Gehrke 2 0 0-0 4, Deelstra 4 1 0-0 11, Z.Wysong 0 0 1-2 1, J.Wysong 2 0 3-4 7, Kueter 4 0 2-6 10.**

**Team statistics**
**H-BC: 15 of 46 field goals (33 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 35 rebounds, 16 turnovers.**
**MCC: 18 of 65 field goals (28 percent), two of two free throws (100 percent), 42 rebounds, 13 turnovers.**


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# Friday produces memorable night of LHS hoops



## From the sidelines

**By John Rittenhouse, sports editor**

There's a lot of season left, but last Friday proved to be the most entertaining night of the winter for this sports scribe.

I simply love taking in Big South Conference basketball twin bills at this time of year, and the Cardinal teams didn't disappoint me in any way, shape or form when they squared off against Windom that evening.

Part of the pleasure for me comes from the venue.

The Classic Gym, which is located in the high school, provides the perfect atmosphere for such a set.

The lighting in the Classic Gym is much more photographer-friendly compared with the Cardinal Gym in the elementary school.

Not only that, the Classic Gym provides a much more intimate setting with its lower seating capacity compared with the Cardinal Gym, which seats more than twice as many fans.

I wouldn't say the stands were packed on Friday, but it sure seemed like it to me.

That's what made the night special for me, along with the very competitive games that unfolded before my eyes.

I was expecting a tight battle between the Cardinal and Eagle girls, but LHS senior Mallory Thorson made sure it wasn't a nail-biter.

Thorson was simply sensational, burning the nets for 33 points during a spectacular showing.

She hit a three-point shot to give the Cards their biggest lead of the first half at 27-13, and Thorson left LHS sporting its biggest lead of the game (52-35) when she turned a steal into a layup with 11:32 remaining in the second half.

Windom did make things interesting by closing the margin to five points with 3:33 left to play, but Thorson and her teammates answered the challenge to win by eight points.

I was projecting a double-figure win for the LHS boys in Game 2, but some other fans I talked to prior to the contest thought I was crazy.

It looked like those fans were right when Windom led 30-26 with less than six minutes remaining in the first half, but the Cardinal boys made my projection come true in the game's final 24 minutes.

Senior Isaiah Bartels hit a buzzer-beating three-point shot to give the Cards a 45-35 halftime lead.

With freshman standout Gannon Ahrendt (whe scored a team-high 26 points) doing a lot of the heavy lifting in the second half, LHS outscored the Eagles 42-39 in the second half to secure an 87-74 victory.

In my mind, the doubleheader sweep was the perfect end to the perfect night.

The good news is LHS basketball fans won't have to wait long for a potential repeat performance.

The Cardinal teams host JCC for another twin bill in the same venue Friday, and I can't wait to see how those games turn out.

# Cards post second conference victory

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne boys' basketball team split a pair of Big South Conference contests last week.

The Cardinals took a 50-point setback in Marshall Jan. 7 before posting a 13-point home win over Windom Friday.

Luverne, 5-6 overall, hosts Jackson County Central Thursday.



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Luverne senior Nick Feit turned in a 16-point performance to help the Cardinal basketball team secure an 87-74 home win over the Windom Eagles Friday. It was Luverne's second league win.

**LHS 87, Windom 74**

The Cardinals notched their second conference win of the season when they topped the Eagles by 13 points Friday in Luverne.

Luverne led by 10 points after 18 minutes of play and outscored Windom 42-39 in the second half to up its league record to 2-4.

The score was tied at eight early in the first half when the Cardinals went on a 12-4 run ending with a three-point shot from Nick Feit to open a 20-12 advantage at the 11:08 mark.

Windom controlled play over the next seven minutes.

The Eagles put together an 18-6 surge to move in front 30-26 with 5:38 remaining in the stanza.

LHS regained its form in the final five minutes of the stanza, when the Cards outscored the Eagles 19-5 to sport a 45-35 lead after Isaiah Bartels canned a three-point shot as time expired.

Windom trimmed the difference to six points (47-41) 1:17 into the second half, but that proved to be as close at the Eagles would come to catching the Cards.

Luverne responded to the challenge by going on a 16-3 run capped by a three-point shot from Feit that gave the Cards a 19-point (63-44) lead with 12:36 left to play.

Windom did close the margin to eight points (71-63) with 7:28 remaining.

Luverne, however, put the game away with a 16-6 surge ending with a field goal from Gannon Ahrendt with one minute left that gave the Cards an 87-69 advantage.

Ahrendt tossed in 26 points and pulled down eight rebounds for the Cards, who received a 19-point, 11-rebound effort from Bartels.

Feit netted 16 points for the winners, while Bailey Cowell and Matt Sehr chipped in 10 points each.

Cowell also collected five rebounds.

**Box score**
**Cowell 2 2, 0-0 10, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 5 0 0-0 10, Bartels 7 1 2-2 19, Ahrendt 9 2 2-4 26, Feit 2 4 0-0 16, DeSollar 1 0 1-1 3, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0 0-0 0, Jarchow 0 0 0-1 0, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 0 0 0-0 0, Dohlmann 0 0 0-0 0.**

**Team statistics**
**Luverne: 35 of 66 field goals (53 percent), five of eight free throws (63 percent), 32 rebounds.**
**Windom: 28 field goals made, two of six free throws (33 percent).**

**Marshall 93, LHS 43**

The Cardinals experienced a rough night when they took on the Tigers in Marshall Jan. 7.

Marshall, the only team in the BSC without a league loss at this point of the season, rolled to a 50-point win over Luverne.

The Tigers gained control of the game by opening a 52-30 lead in the first half.

MHS outscored the Cards 41-13 in the second half to complete a lopsided victory.

Luverne received a 16-point effort from Feit.

**Box score**
**Cowell 1 0 1-2 3, DeBates 1 0 0-0 2, Sehr 0 1 0-0 3, Bartels 0 1 0-0 3, Ahrendt 0 1 0-0 3, Feit 3 2 4-4 16, DeSollar 1 1 1-2 6, Rops 3 0 1-2 7.**

**Team statistics**
**Luverne: 16 field goals made, seven of 10 free throws (70 percent).**
**Marshall: 39 field goals made, seven of seven free throws (100 percent).**

# A-E girls pad streak to six straight wins

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls' basketball team extended its winning streak to six consecutive games by posting three victories in a seven-day span.

The Dragons posted road wins in Westbrook (39 points), Edgerton (33 points) and Mountain Lake (three points) to surpass the .500 mark with their 7-6 record.

A-E plays Murray County Central in Ellsworth Thursday.

**A-E 53, MLA 50**

The Dragons staged a second-half rally to pull out a three-point win in Mountain Lake Monday.

Mountain Lake Area played well early to sport a 29-21 lead at the intermission.

The Dragons turned things around in the second half when they outscored the Wolverines 32-21 to secure their sixth consecutive victory.

A-E's Ashlyn Meester tossed in 18 points and passed for three assists.

Moriah Bullerman (five assists and three steals) and Jayden Zebe (nine rebounds and three assists) tuned in productive nights as well.

**Box score**
**Zebe 3 1 0-0 9, Dreesen 0 1 0-0 3, Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, Meester 4 3 1-1 18, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, M.Bullerman 3 0 1-2 7, J.Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Preuss 0 0 0-0 0, Lonneman 1 0 2-2 4, Cauwels 1 0 0-0 2, Lehnhoff 3 0 0-0 6.**

**Team statistics**
**A-E: 22 of 59 field goals (37 percent), four of five free throws (80 percent), 29 rebounds, 11 turnovers.**
**MLA: 22 of 51 field goals (43 percent), five of 13 free throws (38 percent), 23 rebounds, 12 turnovers.**

**A-E 74, Edgerton 41**

The Dragons notched their fifth consecutive victory when they routed the Flying Dutchmen by 33 points in Edgerton Friday.

With A-E controlling the boards by outrebounding Edgerton 45-21, the stage was set for the Dragons to outscore the Flying Dutchmen in both halves of the game.

A-E led 42-24 after 18 minutes of play before using a 32-17 scoring cushion in the second half to win handily.

Bailey Lonneman (12 points and eight rebounds), Zebe (11 points) and Marisa Lehnhoff (10 points) led the Dragons offensively.

Kristina Cauwels (seven rebounds and three assists), Julia Bullerman (eight rebounds), Meester (six rebounds) and Moriah Bullerman (six assists) turned in key contributions to the cause as well.

**Box score**
**Zebe 4 1 0-1 11, Dreesen 3 0 1-1 7, Chapa 0 1 0-0 3, Meester 3 0 3-4 9, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, M.Bullerman 2 0 2-2 6, J.Bullerman 3 0 2-2 8, Preuss 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 5 0 2-4 12, Cauwels 2 0 2-4 6, Lehnhoff 5 0 0-0 10.**

**Team statistics**
**A-E: 30 of 74 field goals (41 percent), 12 of 18 free throws (67 percent), 45 rebounds, 15 turnovers.**
**Edgerton: 15 of 33 field goals (28 percent), eight of 15 free throws (53 percent), 21 rebounds, 22 turnovers.**

**A-E 75, W-WG 36**

The Dragons started a stretch of playing three conference games in seven days by rolling to a 39-point win over the Chargers Jan. 7 in Westbrook.

A-E gained control of the contest by doubling (40-20) W-WG's point production in the first half.

The Dragons outscored the Chargers 35-16 in the second half to complete the rout.

Meester (16 points and six rebounds), Kallie Chapa (11 points, six rebounds and four steals), Moriah Bullerman (10 points and three assists) and Zebe (10 points) carried the offensive load for A-E.

Lonneman added nine rebounds to the winning effort.

**Box score**
**Zebe 2 2 0-0 10, Dreesen 3 0 0-0 6, Chapa 4 1 0-0 11, Meester 4 1 5-8 16, Rogers 0 0 1-2 1, M.Bullerman 1 2 2-2 10, J.Bullerman 4 0 0-2 8, Preuss 1 0 1-2 3, Lonneman 4 0 0-1 8, Cauwels 1 0 0-2 2, Lehnhoff 0 0 0-0 0.**

**Team statistics**
**A-E: 30 of 77 field goals (39 percent), nine of 19 free throws (47 percent), 37 rebounds, 17 turnovers.**
**W-WG: 16 of 42 field goals (38 percent), four of seven free throws (57 percent), 15 rebounds, 24 turnovers.**

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**H-E 130.75, LHS 124.275**

The Cardinal gymnastics returned to action after a three-week layoff by traveling to Hendricks for a meet Jan. 7.

Hendricks-Estelline controlled the competition by having athletes win all four individual event titles to highlight a six-plus point win.

Meghan Witte and Ella Reisdorfer turned in strong efforts for the Cardinals.

Reisdorfer placed third on the bars (7.95) and floor (8.25) and finished fourth in the all-around competition with a 32.15 tally.

Witte tied for second place in the vault (8.85), finished third on the beam (8.05) and tied for fourth place on the floor (8.0).

Luverne's Amira Cowell finished fourth on the vault with an 8.825.

Sophie Johnson led H-E by claiming the all-around (34.575), floor (9.1) and beam (8.6) titles.

Sadie Johnson secured the bars title with an 8.1 for Hendricks, while Cora Hofer took top honors on the vault with a 9.05.

**Individual scores**
**Vault: Witte, 8.85; Cowell, 8.825; Reisdorfer, 8.7; Meghan Mollberg, 8.4; Anna Huisman, 8.15.**
**Bars: Reisdorfer, 7.95; Cowell, 6.9; Witte, 6.75; Huisman, 6.575; Madigan Flom, 7.05.**
**Beam: Witte, 8.5; Reisdorfer, 7.25; Huisman, 7.2; Flom, 7.175; Cowell, 7.05.**
**Floor: Reisdorfer, 8.25; Witte, 8.0; Huisman, 7.7; Mollberg, 7.7; Cowell, 7.075.**

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# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 12

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 26, 2016

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $148,755.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jeremia Carson, single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., acting solely as nominee for Plains Commerce Bank

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MIN#: 1005210-0808022408-3 SERVICER: Flagstar Bank

LENDER: Plains Commerce Bank.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Rock County Minnesota, Recorder, on August 29, 2016, as Document No. 189021.

ASSIGNED TO: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/16/2019 and recorded on 09/18/2019 as Document No. 195597.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A tract of land in the East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 10 in Township 103 North of Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 10 in Township 103 North of Range 46 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 34 seconds East along the East line of said Southeast quarter a distance of 1170.22 feet to the point of beginning, thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 564.78 feet; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 519.84 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 388.87 feet; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 34 seconds West a distance of 218.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 26 seconds East a distance of 175.90 feet to the East line of said Southeast quarter; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 34 seconds West along said line a distance of 301.22 feet to the point of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1733 70TH AVE, JASPER, MN 56144 PROPERTY I.D: 11-0030-000 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: One Hundred Forty Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight and 21/100 ($140,378.21) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; 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: 10:00 A.M. on March 12, 2020

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on September 12, 2020, or the next business day if September 12, 2020 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 16, 2020

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Marjorie J. Holsten, #0185899

Randall S. Miller and Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee

Edinburgh Executive Office Center,

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# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 6

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE:December 15, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Chad M. Gruis, single.

MORTGAGEE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 16, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 175211.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated December 15, 2010 Recorded December 16, 2010, as Document No. 175212.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: First Farmers & Merchants National Bank

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 811 North Spring Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20-0286-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The S. 7 feet of Lot 2 and the N. 65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 6 in Barck, Adams & Howe's Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $78,963.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $67,615.70

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' 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 unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on August 6, 2020, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: December 4, 2019

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300

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# Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 6

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE:April 21, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Bradley G Moss and Dawn M Moss, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 26, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 173571.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Central Mortgage Company. Dated April 21, 2010 Recorded April 26, 2010, as Document No. 173572. And thereafter assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Dated October 19, 2015 Recorded October 26, 2015, as Document No. 187187. And thereafter assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated August 29, 2019 Recorded August 30, 2019, as Document No. 195483.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank N.A.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 14, Township 103 North, Range 46 West of the 5th P.M. Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest Corner or the NW 1/4, then east along the North Line of said Section a distance of 2,345 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing east along the North Line of said NW 1/4 a distance of 295 feet; thence south and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet; thence west and parallel to the North Line of said Section a distance of 295 feet; thence north and parallel to the West Line of said Section a distance of 375 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $180,000.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: $175,549.36

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' 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 unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on August 6, 2020, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: December 5, 2019

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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# LIFT and LEDA collaborate on advertorials to recruit businesses, residents/continued from page 1



Phographs on this page are still images captured from video produced by Media One Advertising and Marketing, Sioux Falls

Luverne's Cody and Nicole Henrichs speak of Luverne residential living as less expensive and better quality with lower real estate taxes than other areas and better educational opportunities. "Our public education in Luverne rivals private education anywhere," Cody says. Superintendent Craig Oftedahl talks about LHS student success after graduation and about the current building project. Others mention Dollars for Scholars money and college credits available in Luverne.

In the lifestyle video, residents from all walks of life describe why they "Love the Life" in Luverne.

"This video showcases the variety of civic and cultural opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds and interests," Sammons said in her report.

"It is intended to show what life looks and feels like in Luverne in a very authentic, genuine way. There's no doubt that the Luverne community has a lot to offer."

Strategic messaging

Sammons said working with the Chamber and Media One, the voices for the "advertorials" were chosen strategically with an eye for including the right mix of older and younger voices from a variety of backgrounds and professions.

For example, Dr. Nicole Woodley talks about the advantage of Luverne's family amenities — The Lake, the bike path, parks, etc. — located in the same town where she works.

"I can be on call and be five minutes away from the hospital and still be at The Lake with my kids," Woodley says in the video.

Retiree Mary Lutmer in the video talks about reasons Luverne is a good place to retire, such as not having to leave town for health care and its quiet, clean neighborhoods.

"It's a good city to retire in," she said. "I wouldn't move to any other place."

Business owners Mark Ommen (Jaycox) and Kevin Aaker (Luverne Body Shop) appear in the video talking about Luverne's support for business growth and progressive momentum.

Other voices, like Cody and Nicole Henrichs, speak of Luverne residential living as less expensive and better quality with lower real estate taxes than other areas and better educational opportunities.

"Our public education in Luverne rivals private education anywhere," Cody said.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl talks about LHS student success after graduation and about the current building project.

Others mention Dollars for Scholars money and college credits available in Luverne.

A drone camera captures video of lush green school grounds with students on the football field and children playing soccer on the west side.

"We didn't stage that," Sammons said. "We don't have to make this up, because this is what happens in real life. This is what's going on in Luverne."

The business video provides information about Luverne's industrial park and its recent infrastructure investments. "We have lots ready and we're willing and able to accommodate anyone's specific needs," Sammons says in the video.



Dr. Nicole Woodley talks in the video about the advantage of Luverne's family amenities like The Lake that are located in the same town where she works. "I can be on call and be five minutes away from the hospital and still be at The Lake with my kids," Woodley says in the video.

**Investment in promotion**

After viewing the videos Monday morning, LEDA board members said they were impressed by the production.

"We sometimes forget how much there is here in Luverne," EDA board member Mike Engesser said.

The print ad campaign was created using still images from the video and from interviews and testimonials.

The print ads promote residential lot sales, unique community amenities, quality of life, business development and employee recruitment.

The print ads will appear in the Sioux Falls magazine, Etc. for Her, which targets area women in the 30- to 60-year-old cohort.

Half-page Luverne ads will run for $450 per month for nine months.

For the past five years, the EDA has promoted Luverne in the magazine, which prints more than 15,000 copies that are distributed at more than 150 sites across the region.

The print ads will also appear in the 10,000-circulation Luverne Announcer shopper and Rock County Star Herald subscription paper, in addition to social media sites.

**Public-private effort**

The EDA collaborated on the project with LIFT (Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow). The EDA's portion of the Media One production bill was $5,242.

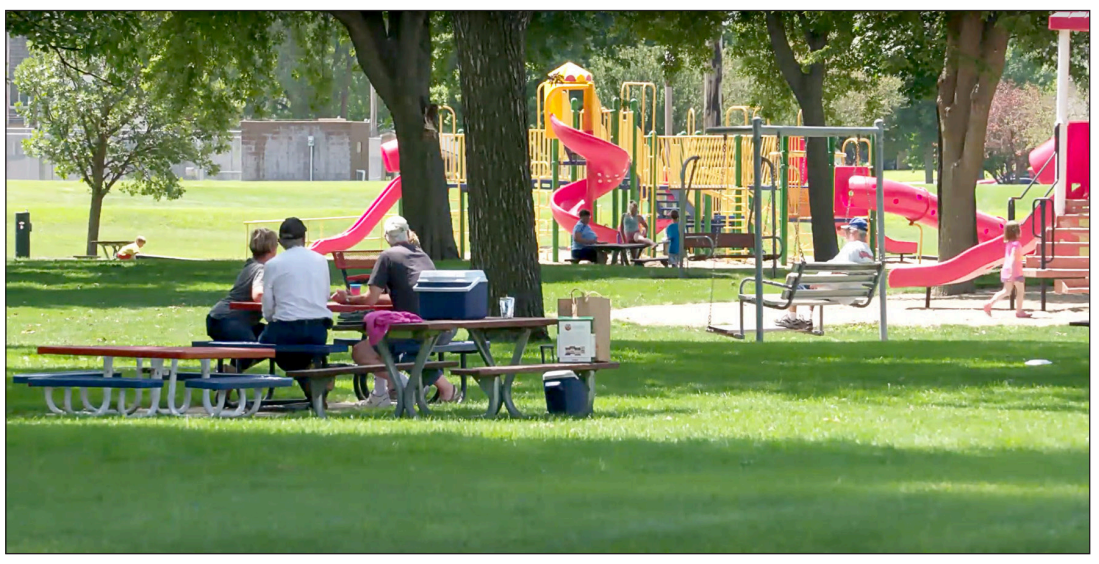
At Monday's meeting, the EDA board agreed it was money well spent and a successful public-private collaboration.

"On the private side, we have people who care about the community and want to move it forward, and there's the mechanical arm of the EDA, which has resources to advertise," Sammons said. "We all win when we all work together."

The lifestyle video link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8ImMTfsExk&feature=youtu.be and the business recruitment link is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4b3ZfqmmU8&feature=youtu.be.

They can both be found on the city's website, www.cityofluverne.org.





The video advertorials mention Luverne amenities like a vibrant downtown (above) numerous community parks (right), an active sportsman's group at the gun club (below left) and an industrial park ready for new businesses.











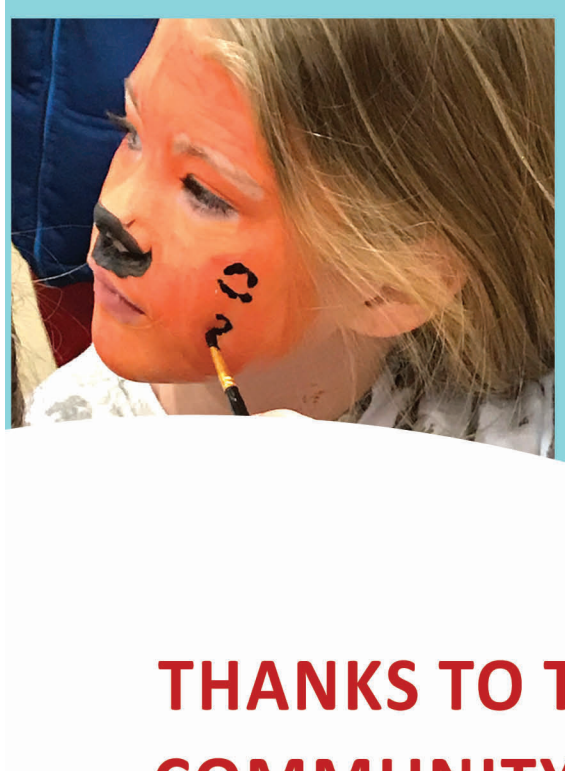
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