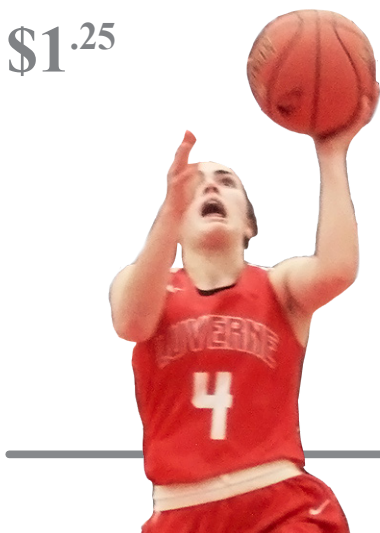




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State fields questions about solar at hearing

Information will be used in process of permitting Magnolia Elk Creek Solar, LLC

By Mavis Fodness

Several questions arose during a Jan. 13 public meeting about the proposed Elk Creek Solar Project near Magnolia.

Representatives from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Minnesota Commerce Department conducted the meeting at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

Questions raised by residents at the meeting and possible answers may be included in the required state environmental assessment report.

"Nobody knows your neighborhood like you do," said Michael Kaluzniak, an energy facilities planner with the PUC.

The report is the first step in Geronimo Energy's request for a certificate of need and site permit for the proposed 976-acre solar farm in Vienna Township.

Kaluzniak outlined the almost yearlong process each renewable energy project must complete in Minnesota.

Geronimo Energy filed the application for the proposed solar farm in September with the PUC accepting the application as complete in December.

The Jan. 13 public meeting followed to encourage local input in the process.

Twenty-two people attended the meeting with three people asking questions that were recorded by a court reporter.

Commerce department officials will later answer those questions and include them in the completed environmental assessment report.

Seven topics help PUC commissioners balance project requirements and public needs before determining whether a project may go forward.

For the certificate of need to be approved, a project must:

- meet future adequacy, reliability or efficiency of energy supply;
- be compatible with protecting human health and the natural and socioeconomic environments;
- examine reasonable and prudent alternatives;
- and compare relative policies, rules and regulations of other local, state and federal governments.

Site permit considerations are

Elk Creek Solar/see page 3



Lori Sorenson photos/0123 storm plow

Rock County digs out after two-day blizzard

Beaver Creek Township plow driver Stan Steensma takes several swipes at a big drift Sunday morning in Beaver Creek Township where he's responsible for 54 miles of gravel roads. This township road, 50th Street, is similar to many across the region where travel was made treacherous by blizzard conditions Friday and Saturday. Roughly a half foot of snow and 40-mph winds combined with subzero temperatures for dangerous blizzard conditions that canceled dozens of weekend events and activities and caused nearly 30 crashes and vehicles off the road in southwest Minnesota.



Lori Sorenson photos/0123 storm car

This car was found buried in the ditch of Highway 23 south of Jasper Sunday morning. It was later confirmed that the driver was unhurt.

When skies cleared and the winds died down Sunday morning, the arduous task of snow removal began in earnest across the region by any and all means available, ranging from snow shovels and ATVs with blades to farm machinery and powerful municipal equipment.

Pictured at right, workers Brian Vinslauski (right) and Jason Lanpher from Ellis & Eastern clear the railroad tracks east of Luverne Monday morning as the area continues to recover from a severe winter storm that brought arctic cold, high winds and several inches of snow to the area Friday and Saturday.

Mavis Fodness photo/0123 Snow Pictures Railroad



'Community call to action'

Human trafficking has rural victims; how do we protect our most vulnerable?

By Lori Sorenson

Human traffickers continue to victimize young people, and the most vulnerable are often rural teens who have been lured by social media predators.

Southwest Crisis Center's Allan Bakke will return to Luverne this weekend with heartbreaking stories of victims and to urge local awareness and prevention.

"Putting an end to human trafficking starts with acknowledging its existence," Bakke said.

"It happens worldwide. It happens here. It touches every community, including cities, suburbs, and rural towns."

He and trafficking survivor Danielle Freitag will be in Luverne from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the American Reformed Church to share information.

"We will focus on a firsthand experience by Danielle of how it happens to 'regular' people, the journey through it, and what communities can do to prevent exploitation and trafficking," Bakke said.

"This event focuses on a call to action that communities can do that is geared toward prevention and action."

Freitag is co-founder of

Human trafficking/see page 3

City, Golla swap land on former Sharkee's lot

By Lori Sorenson

The city of Luverne and Gary Golla are swapping land near the former Sharkee's lot to clean up property lines and make the area more marketable.

At their Jan. 14 meeting, council members adopted an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real estate from the city to Golla, also known as G-Three Enterprises.

It involves a parcel, locally known as the former CHS property, in the Farm Store area and also a small sliver of adjacent land that was once a railroad easement.

That piece is being conveyed to Golla in exchange for two other properties Golla owns on the north edge of the former Sharkee's and Mert's lot.

With the trade, both the city and Golla will have easier access to their properties and will be better served

"The city owns the property that is on the south side of this block, and the property trade gives a logical east-west property line that is squared off."

— Luverne City Administrator John Call

for future development, according to City Administrator John Call.

"The city owns the property that is on the south side of this block, and the property trade gives a logical east-west property line that is squared off," Call said.

As part of the deal, City Attorney Ben Vander Kooi also "cleaned up" former railroad property easements.

"Let's just say this has been a long time coming," Vander Kooi said. "It's taken three years to get old railroad

easements to get vacated and cleared up on the property. ... It's going to make it much more marketable."

Council member Caroline Thorson indicated the process has been good for everyone involved.

"It will just open it up and square it all off, and everyone comes out better," she said. "It does clean it up quite a bit. It makes those lines a little neater."

The city already owns the parcel

City, Golla land swap/see page 5



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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.

Rock County Township Association annual meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the basement meeting room of the Rock County Community Library, Luverne.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at The Bluestem, with bingo at 1:15 p.m. at the Veterans Home. Call Connie, 283-8470, for reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 5.

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

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

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

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 offers afternoon activities

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

Planned for Thursday, Jan. 23, is a replay of "Marlene and Darlene perform 'The Nutcracker,'" at 1:15 p.m. On Tuesday, Jan. 28, will be a bead bracelet craft and games, and Thursday, Jan. 30, will be a '50s music birthday gala/games. Monday Feb. 3 is the Generations membership meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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

KFC free throw contest Jan. 26

The St. Catherine Knights of Columbus will sponsor a free throw championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of Jan. 1, 2020) from 4-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the Luverne Cardinal Gym. Registration is at the door 15 minutes prior to the start of the free event. Make-up date is Feb. 9.

Human trafficking event Jan. 26

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@mnsbcc.org for details.

Dental health clinic Feb. 5

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.

'A Matter of Balance' classes begin Feb. 4

A series of eight classes to develop better balance and reduce the fear of falling will be offered from 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays during February beginning Feb. 4 in the Rock County Library basement (accessible by elevator). For information or to register, contact Linda Wenzel at 507-283-5064 or email ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us.

Free tax help starting Feb. 10

Free tax preparation for all low-income and the elderly will be available at the Rock County Library starting Feb. 10 through April 15. Call 507-449-5040 for appointments.

Community Ed

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.

Paul and Bertha Thompson Trust gives \$15,000 annually to Hills firefighters

By Mavis Fodness

The Hills Volunteer Fire Department received the first of many \$15,000 checks from the Paul and Bertha Thompson Trust.

Rod Bonander is one of three trustees for the late couple, who were life-long Hills residents.

Bonander presented the check to the fire department at the Jan. 14 Hills City Council meeting.

"He (Paul) was big at keeping his money in the area and helping area organizations," Bonander told council members. "He recognized that the fire department was one of those areas."

The department will receive \$15,000 each year from the trust for an indefinite period of time.

"A request that we make, however, is not to trim that amount from the fire department budget," Bonander said. "Paul is trying to make a better fire department not reduce the taxes for residents."

Currently the department has a yearly budget of \$50,000.

The trust money will be put to good use, according to assistant fire chief Derek Bundesen. "We can definitely update some items that are outdated," he said.

Money from the trust could be saved up for larger, more expensive purchases such as a fire truck or upgrades to the fire station, Bonander said.

Council members offered to put the money in a separate account with a yearly bal-



Mavis Fodness photo/0123 Hills FD Donation

ance update provided to the trustees. They have no surviving children. Their only child, Roger, died in 1986.

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In addition to Bonander, Dean Goettsch and Eric Hoyme are also trustees for the Thompson trust.

Paul and Mary Thompson married in 1950 and farmed near Hills until their retirement in 1976. They lived in Hills and later became residents of the Tuff Memorial Home.

They have no surviving

children. Their only child, Roger, died in 1986.

Bertha died in 2018 at the age of 102. Paul died in 2009.

The city of Hills City Council and the Martin Township Board of Supervisors oversee operation of the Hills Fire Department.

During the budget setting session in February, the group will develop a priority list of department needs for the Thompson trust donation.

Grant allows update of Jaws of Life equipment

In related business at the Jan. 14 Hills City Council meeting, Hills Fire Department Chief Jared Rozeboom told council members the department was selected to receive a \$21,000 grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

The grant allowed the department to update its vehicle extraction tool to a battery-operated model.

Out with two-year mayor, in with four-year term; Out with 'alderman' title, in with 'council member'

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne mayor will now serve four-year terms, rather than two, and elected leaders on the Luverne City Council are now known as "council members" rather than "aldermen."

These were two changes recommended by the Luverne's Charter Commission following their annual meeting, and City Council members unanimously approved them at their meeting Jan. 14.

The alderman name change is effective immediately, and the mayor's term changes with the 2020 election cycle.

Four-year mayor discussion

According to discussion at the meeting, reasons for changing the mayoral term include legislative continuity, long term planning and budgeting.

"Honestly, as a council member, I think everybody here knows your first two years are for learning, and the same is true for the mayor," said Mayor Pat Baustian, who proposed the change for the

Charter Commission.

"You really don't know how things operate until at least two years."

He said a longer mayoral term makes sense, considering most planning, like capital improvement budgets and economic development, for example, are discussed in terms of five to 10 years.

"With a four-year mayor, it will ensure stability within our planned long-term growth. It helps to achieve our council and mayor goals for our community," Baustian said.

"Everybody up here knows that our economic development projects don't happen overnight, and with a four-year mayor, that creates better continuity."

Retirements are on the horizon in the next three to five years for city finance director Barb Berghorst, water and wastewater supervisor Al Lais and City Administrator John Call.

"It helps to have a four-year mayor in place for succession planning," Baustian said.

He added that most cities the size of Luverne operate

their own municipal utilities typically have four-year mayors.

"We're running a \$21 million billable business with our water, sewer and electric utilities," Baustian said. "Having a two-year mayor... that doesn't serve our city well."

He pointed out that a four-year term won't give the Luverne any more decision-making power on the council.

"We'll still have a weak mayor, whether it's two years or four," he said.

"Right now, the only time the mayor votes is in a tie-breaker, and I can tell you in the past nine years I've been mayor, I've voted once on a tie issue."

He said in his role as mayor, he sets the meeting agendas and provides guidance for the council on issues affecting the city.

Beyond that, council members have voting power, and the fact that council members serve four-year terms preserves stability.

The changes to Luverne's Home Rule Charter required the council to adopt and ap-

prove an ordinance amending the city charter, which is what happened Jan. 14.

If for any reason future councils decide these amendments aren't working, they could change them back using the same process. "It's not a permanent thing," Baustian said.

Alderman now known as 'council member'

As part of the City Charter changes, the council also voted last week to amend the title of alderman to council member.

During the Jan. 14 discussion, Luverne city leaders said most cities they work with have long ago abandoned the alderman title.

"It's antiquated," said council member Caroline Thorson.

"Especially when you're at conferences with other cities; nobody is referred to as alderman anymore."

The decision will require new nameplates in council chambers of City Hall where the Luverne City Council meets.



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Magnolia City Council to proceed with housing grant application

By Mavis Fodness

Magnolia City Council members voted Jan. 13 to proceed with a formal application for a state housing improvement grant with a few changes.

Council members supported moving forward after Magnolia's preliminary application was deemed "moderately satisfactory" by state officials.

Teresa Keifer with Developmental Service Inc. of Ivanhoe began working with city officials in August. She submitted the application to the Small City Development Program on the city's behalf.

"They are encouraging you to submit the (formal) application," she said.

Magnolia partnered with the city of Jasper to increase the chances of receiving the state grant.

The grant would assist low- to moderate-income homeowners to afford necessary repairs to their homes such as new siding, windows and/or new roof.

"Safe, reliable housing is our goal," Keifer said.

Jasper council members also approved moving forward with the application after a Jan. 14 public hearing.

Keifer said state officials recommend increasing the per-home maximum grant amount to \$25,000.

Five Magnolia homeowners would be eligible to participate in the initial round of grant applications. In Jasper, 16 residents could participate in the initial funding.

Keifer will submit the cities' formal application next month. Grant recipients are announced this fall with program implementation in 2021.

Human trafficking/

Action 169, an organization that works to end human trafficking and sexual exploitation through prayer, awareness and intervention.

After overcoming addiction and years in the commercial sex industry, Freitag earned a bachelor's degree in health science in Mankato and became a licensed alcohol and drug counselor and published author.

She now shares her story nationally and internationally and offers hope for solutions.

She joins Bakke for this year's trafficking message, "Community Call to Action," intended to engage citizens and local leaders in trafficking awareness.

"There is something each of us can do to help prevent it," Bakke said. "Join with us to learn how communities can develop their own call to action to end sexual exploitation."

He said the more com-

The Southwest Crisis Center and Action 169 will host a human trafficking awareness event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, in the American Reformed Church, Luverne

munities know about human trafficking — its causes, who's vulnerable, who's preying on young people, etc. — the more successful communities will be in preventing it and stopping it.

The event is free and open to the public. Contact Jennifer@mnsbcc.org for details.

Funding for Sunday's event is supported by Hardwick Zion Lutheran Church Women's Missionary League, which donated \$852 to the Crisis Center from proceeds raised at its annual soup supper.

Luverne students perform 'Spreading the News' on one-act stage



Photos and text by Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School One-Act Play students will perform "Spreading the News," by Lady Gregory, at the Region 3A subsection 10 Minnesota State High School League event at Pipestone High School.

The dress rehearsal will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. The public is welcome to attend.

Director Joseph Stearns chose the 1907 Irish play, adopting modern-day language and characters to suit the students.

"The play is well structured, offers a fun story for students to tell, and provides for a variable cast of actors," he said.

"The play is a comedy that contains a serious message worth considering — small-town gossip can get carried away sometimes."

In 35 minutes, students tell the story of how misunderstandings take root and lead to a false arrest for a murder that never happened.

Ten students perform in the play:

- Mia Wenzel, sheriff
- Parker Carbonneau, policeman
- Melanie Rittenhouse, Mrs. Tarpey
- Stepan Orletsky, Bartley Fallon
- Kaitlyn Jacobs, Mrs. Fallon
- Seno Chanthalangsy, Jack Smith
- Nicole Hoogland, Martha Casey
- Chance Tunnissen, Shawn Early
- Josie Golla, Mrs. Tully
- Xavier Carbonneau, James Ryan
- Burk Johnson, lights/sound

The top two teams from Saturday's event will perform at the section meet Feb. 1 in Redwood Falls.

The section champion performs at the state event Feb. 6-7 in St. Paul.

Luverne High School students will compete Saturday in the Minnesota State High School League One Act Play competition in Pipestone with their performance of "Spreading the News," by Lady Gregory. The team includes (front, from left) Melanie Rittenhouse, Parker Carbonneau, Xavier Carbonneau, (second row) Nicole Hoogland, Seno Chanthalangsy, Kaitlyn Jacobs, Stepan Orletsky, (back) Chance Tunnissen and Josie Golla. Not pictured is Mia Wenzel.

Senior Kyia Leeds paints a tree for one of the panels used for this year's One Act Play set.



One Act Play director Joseph Stearns walks students (from left, standing) Kaitlyn Jacobs, Stepan Orletsky and Melanie Rittenhouse through their lines Jan. 16 in preparation for Saturday's One Act Play competition in Pipestone. Students Josie Golla and Seno Chanthalangsy (sitting) wait for their entrance onto the scene.



Rock County Library announces upcoming events and 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 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.

DIY Flower Boxes, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, Take 16.

iPhone and iPad 101 Class, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17. Call Luverne Community Education, 507-283-4724, to register.

DIY Cassette Pencil Holder, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 26.

Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 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.

Elk Creek Solar public hearing gathers information for Magnolia permit/

whether the project:

- conserves resources and minimizes environmental impacts;

- minimizes human settlement and other land use conflicts; and

- ensures an efficient, cost-effective and secure power supply and electric transmission infrastructure.

Melissa Schmidt from Geronimo Energy spoke about the 80 MW solar energy facility.

She talked about the number of jobs the project will create (four full-time), production tax revenue generated (\$4.5 million over 25 years), how the facility harvests the

sun to make electricity and planned access roads and fences that will surround the initial 976-acre Elk Creek Solar Project.

Another project, Elk Creek II, is planned but Geronimo Energy has no immediate plans for a construction permit.

Bill Storm with the state Commerce Department will complete the environmental report.

He said the report contains the most relevant information to the proposed solar project.

Input from the public is important in the report

process.

"We need local knowledge," Storm said. "If you know there is something at that site or something that is valued, I need to include this in the report."

Questions included:

- How efficient is the solar panels in creating electrical power?

- Why would a company put a solar energy facility in Minnesota? Why not Arizona?

- Is it effective use of money to build a renewable energy facility that relies on the more conventional carbon-based energy generators as a backup?

- Why not create a more inclusive vegetation and wildlife management plan for more than just butterflies?

- Does a decommissioning plan involve all equipment components being recycled and not disposed of in community landfills?

- Where does the construction funding come from? Are overseas interests included?

The written comment period closes 4 p.m. Jan. 28.

Charley Bruce is a public advisor with the PUC and assists the public in understanding and participating in the environmental assessment process. He can be reached at

651-201-2251 or publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us.

Elk Creek Solar Project's environmental assessment report is expected to be complete in April.

A public hearing date will follow the release of the report.

The hearing conducted by an administrative law judge will occur before the judge files a separate report on the Elk Creek project.

The PUC will formerly consider the certification of need and site permit requests this fall.

If permitted, the Elk Creek Solar Project will be operational in 2021.

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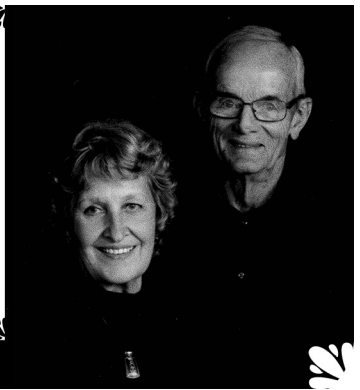
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Hockey Mom or Rookie Mom?

We look alike on the ice, but similarities end with hockey hair, stinky jerseys

My high school senior caught me off guard last fall with the announcement, “Mom, I’m playing hockey this year.”



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

This from the kid who’s never played hockey ... Not that he hasn’t wanted to; we just aren’t hockey people.

By that I mean his mother had neither the will nor the means to keep up with our hockey friends on the road and in hotel rooms.

I drove my child to open skate as often as he asked, but his yearning for competitive ice time persisted.

That’s why his senior year hockey experience has been, as he calls it, “a dream come true,” even if it’s only junior varsity.

The opportunity arose when his varsity friends needed players for a JV team and recruited a motley crew of senior-year skaters who happened to be their classmate buddies.

The pitch was too good to turn down. They were invited to play with borrowed equipment and minimal practice commitments.

Meanwhile, new recruits are reveling in the glory of senior status typically reserved for skaters who dedicated a lifetime to the ice.

... Rookie faces appear in the official “senior hockey banner” at the arena, and their poster-size portraits line the rink alongside their senior varsity teammates ... as if they’ve always been there.

Despite the same hockey hair and stinky jerseys, the similarities end there.

On the ice, the rookies perform with skills of Mini Mites, struggling to stay upright, let alone master a shot on goal. ... At the same time they’re living the dream of ice time on the official LHS team.

As a first-time hockey mom, however, I’ve had more than a few reservations about

the arrangement.

Like the senior rookies, the rookie moms have enjoyed all the benefits of senior status with none of the investment that typically goes with it.

It especially struck me last weekend at the annual Parents Day event at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. I don’t know much about hockey, but I do know that Parents Day should honor grownups who earned the recognition.

The rookie parents and I took our places in line next to the varsity parents last weekend to receive long-stem roses and thank you cards from our hockey sons.

“Shouldn’t the rookie moms have their own line?” I humbly suggested. “Maybe we’re more deserving of carnations than roses.”

In their usual spirit of inclusion, the varsity moms assured us we belonged, and I enjoyed a fleeting moment of varsity pride as my hockey player gave me a rose and a hug when our names were announced over the loud speaker.

We also received pre-printed thank you cards signed by our sons. “Thank you, Mom, for all the smelly jerseys you’ve washed late at night ... for every white knuckle drive through a raging blizzard to get me to the rink on time ... and most importantly, for believing in me when I didn’t believe in myself.”

This, I decided, deserves a public thank you note to the real hockey moms from the rookie moms. “Thank you for welcoming us into your hockey world of red-and-white camaraderie. ... and for believing in us when we didn’t think we belonged.”

Go Big Red!

Human trafficking is real. Learn about it in order to prevent it.

Attend Sunday event in Luverne

GUEST OPINION

By Allan Bakke, Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, Southwest Minnesota Crisis Center, Worthington

Learning the facts about human trafficking is the first step in preventing it.

During the month of January, advocates, organizations and individuals unite to raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking.

While movements like #MeToo have started to bring crimes like sexual harassment and sexual assault out of the shadows, human trafficking largely remains hidden. Putting an end to human trafficking starts with acknowledging its existence.

Victims of sex trafficking and labor trafficking include all genders, ages, races, socioeconomic statuses and communities. It happens worldwide. It happens here. It touches every community, including cities, suburbs and rural towns.

While human trafficking can happen to anyone, people who are already in vulnerable situations — such as people experiencing homelessness, mental health issues, poverty — may be more likely to be targeted.

Learning the facts about human trafficking is the first step in prevent-

ing it.

From there, communities can develop a comprehensive response to address exploitation and to prevent trafficking from happening in their community.

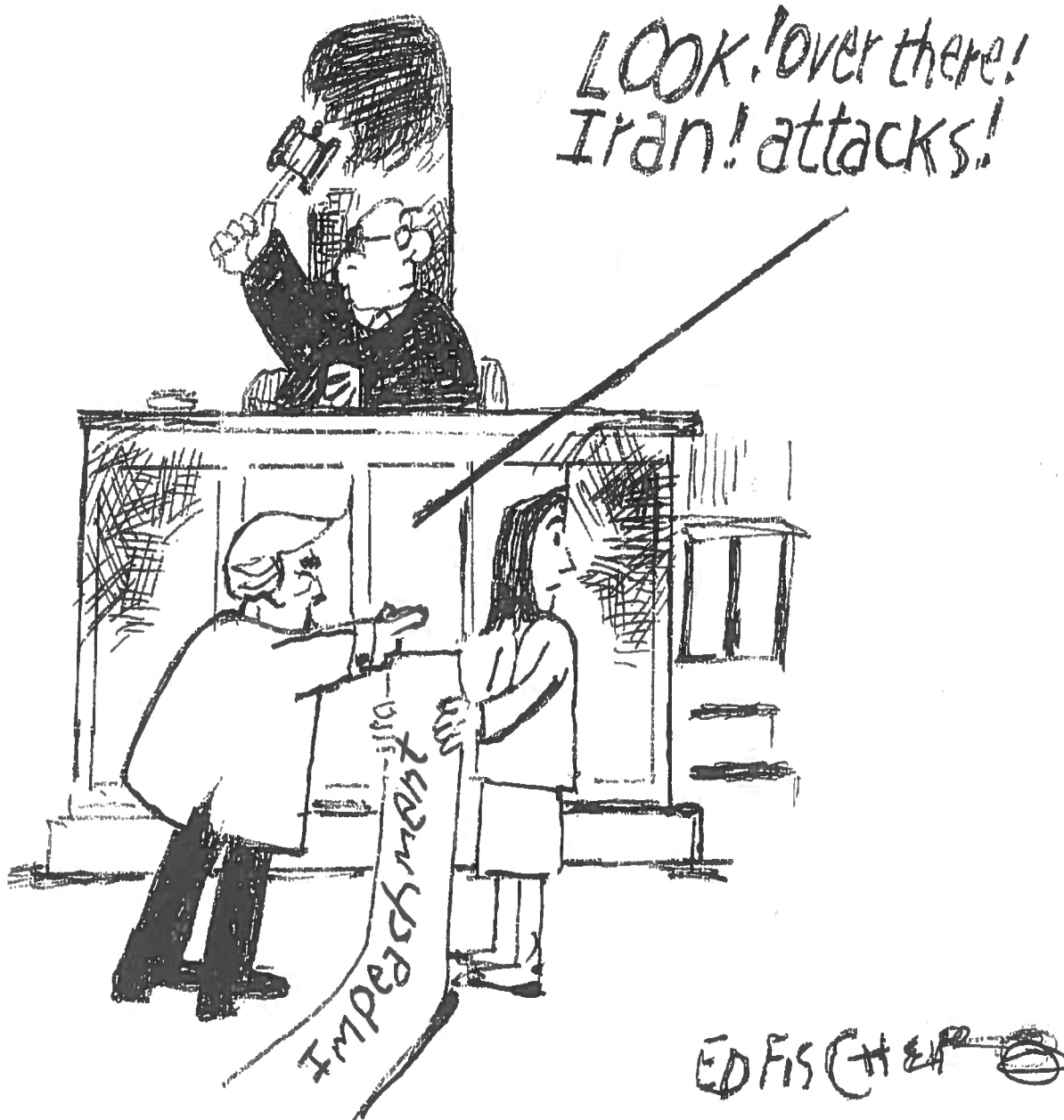
That’s what a number of organizations, congregations and individuals are working on for Luverne and surrounding communities.

This weekend, the Southwest Crisis Center and Action 169, a survivor-led, faith-based organiza-

tion in southwest Minnesota, will engage the community in building awareness about sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

The event will provide resources for individuals, organizations and communities to develop their own unique community action plan to end human trafficking in southwest Minnesota.

Join us from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.



Attached or original? Which headlights should plow truck have on during use?

Question: I have a question regarding the auxiliary headlights on a truck with a plow. Are they a requirement? I purchased a plow for my truck recently and the lights that came with are not nearly as bright as the stock lights on my truck. My stock headlights actually work perfectly fine over the top of the plow without any glare back at me. Are the auxiliary headlights I always see on plow trucks actually something that are required to be there or can I take them off since my stock truck lights work better?

Answer: Most pickup plow trucks that I see on the road have lights that are attached to the plow and are used



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

instead of the original headlights.

You can remove headlights on a plow if they do not obstruct or interfere with your stock headlights. When using snowplow headlights,

vehicle may be equipped with a flashing amber lamp approved by the commissioner of public safety.

The law also states that service vehicles shall not display a lighted flashing amber lamp when traveling or at any other time except at the scene of a disabled vehicle or while engaged in snow removal or road maintenance. It is important for snow removal companies displaying amber flashing lights to turn them off when traveling on the roadway to help motorists distinguish between emergency vehicles and service vehicles.

Remember that other traffic on

the main roadway will have the right of way, so be sure to pay attention and use due care when plowing snow.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us).

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 10
•SubjectwithRockCounty warrant in Worthington.
•Report of a suspicious vehicle on N. Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant on E. Main Street had drug related questions.
•Complainant lost a red wallet.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about some legal issues.
•Complainant on W. Virginia Street reported a gas smell in home.
•Minnesota State Patrol requests deputy for lights on scene on Interstate 90, mile marker 16.
Jan. 11
•Complainant on Kniss Avenue and W. Main Street reported stoplight malfunction.
Jan. 12
•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 1, near Beaver Creek, reported an accident.
•Complainant on S. West Park Street and Main Street reported an accident.
Jan. 13
•Complainant on E. Luverne Street reported a disorderly subject.
•Complainant requested assistance from another department.
•Complainant at S. Kniss Avenue reported fraud at location.
•Railroad sign damaged at location on County Road 6 and County Road 4, near Beaver Creek.
Jan. 14
•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 9 reported a rollover.
•Complainant requested records check.
•A driving complaint was reported on S. Kniss Avenue.
•Deputies conducted a warrant check at location on W. Warren Street.
•State patrol requested Rock County sheriff's office assistance on Interstate 90,

mile marker 20.
Jan. 15
•Complainant on Interstate 90, mile marker 3, near Beaver Creek, reported a tipped semi.
•Report of a VETSA 911 outage.
•ERU training was conducted in Fairmont.
•Complainanton N. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy for a disorderly patient.
•Complainant on S. Freeman Avenue reported she is renting a house and is locked out.
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested for property owner to be contacted.
•Complainant on McKenzie and Maple reported an abandoned vehicle.
Jan. 16
•Complainant on Highway 75 and 201st Street, Hardwick, reported a two-vehicle accident.
•Complainanton N. Kniss Avenue requested a deputy for an unruly student.
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported an accident.
•Complainant on County Road 4 and 90th Avenue reported a piece of firewood on the road.
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue and W. Luverne Street reported an electrical box has been damaged.
•Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported a dark blue pickup ran the stop arm on the bus.
•Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported theft.
•Pipestone County arrested subject on our warrant.
In addition, officers responded to 1 vehicle in ditch, 3 transports, 7 escorts, 35 ambulance runs, 4 animal complaints, 10 paper services, 1 fingerprint request, 12 burn permits, 2 log/alarm sheets, 2 purchase and carry permits, 5 stalled vehicles, 15 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 3 welfare checks and 1 report of cattle out.



The city is trading the former CHS property with two parcels owned by Gary Golla on the former Sharkee's lot.

Golla, city swap land on former Sharkee's lot/from page 1

between the two Golla lots, having bought it from Gary Hassebroek, who has until August to remove the old structures that are still there.

Towne Square project still on track for development
Late in December, the city finished utility improvements on the former Sharkee's lot to prepare it for development. The property became eligible for

Opportunity Zone incentives through the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, and paperwork stalled shortly after when the government shut down.
Now Luverne developer Don Jahnke is working with investors and their lenders to finalize financing to qualify for federal Opportunity Zone incentives.
The overall plan is to transform the entire six-acre area over the next five years into a commercial and housing

neighborhood known as the Towne Square Addition.
Property will be sold off as it is developed into housing and commercial property in the mixed-use development.
Because of the more immediate need for housing, Jahnke and investors will first build a 27-unit, one- and two-bedroom apartment building at Highway 75 and Hatting Street.

Students tackle issues of trade and tariffs

By Lori Sorenson
Luverne High School students in David Rysdam's government class recently wrapped up a segment on tariffs and their effects on local economies.
After reading local and regional news stories and surveying community members, students invited Rep. Joe Schomacker to the classroom to discuss the tariffs and the trade war with China.

Rysdam read and graded student papers before the Christmas break and said it appears the message hit home.
"Based off of the writings I received, I would say that the students as a group have a firm grasp on the situation and its effects locally as well as nationally, which is the goal," Rysdam said.
He said students seemed to grasp the importance of global policy and its effect on local businesses.
"I feel that the students have a wonderful understanding of the argument, and the opinions they expressed are now backed by solid information," Rysdam said.
"They learned that regardless of federal mandate, local governments and communities have a say in their future. Collective civil action can change the formula if directed correctly."
He shared a few top responses with the Star Herald. "The reason that we researched this, I believe, was to become more aware

"... if a federal mandate directly affects the livelihoods of communities and businesses, why does the federal government not do more or entitle the states to do more to see them through? ... I fear that if no solution is met over a period of time, many small farms and small businesses will have no choice but to sell out to larger industry,"
— LHS teacher David Rysdam

of the problems that aren't just a problem nationally, but that are affecting our own local community," wrote Brynn Thier.
"We, as students, need to become more aware of the problems that those in our community and nation are facing to be able to be an active and functioning citizen. Many people are very uneducated on current events, and I think that this project was a way to help get more people in the loop with at least one current event occurring in our nation."
Solveig Tofteland wrote, "Although tariffs were once and still are necessary, they are placing continued strain on many industries and people within the United States."
She mentioned falling prices of goods, job loss and farms and businesses going bankrupt, but said that she learned why tariffs are often necessary and beneficial.

"It has shown how crucial foreign policy is to every part of the country," Tofteland wrote.
"I believe that tariffs are necessary and their effects, both negative and positive, have widespread impact."
Xavier Carbonneau said it was satisfying to research and better understand a complex issue.
"The reason that this is important to us is that it is a complicated issue with both benefits and drawbacks that affect us at anywhere from a local to national level," he wrote.
"Tariffs aren't going away anytime soon, and as such, it's vital that we understand what they are and how they influence us."
Matt Sehr, as did other students, said he learned about the pros and cons of tariffs as a trade tool.
"They can either be looked at as an economic tactic for the government to get more money, or it can be used to destroy the com-

mon man's economic value," Sehr wrote.
"This is the main reason why we decided to look further into this issue. Tariffs have had a detrimental effect on this nation's people and especially this nation's farmers. ... Tariffs can affect a lot more than just what they are intended to affect. A tariff on soybeans could in part destroy whole communities and states for that matter if given enough time and resources. I hope that the United States federal government will soon change the tariff rate with China so that it is an equal trade both ways and going."
For his part, Rysdam said the class exercise raised even more questions in his mind.
"Why do the small farm and small business face the greatest risk due to tariffs and lack of federal support?" he said.
"This is to say that if a federal mandate directly affects the livelihoods of communities and businesses, why does the federal government not do more or entitle the states to do more to see them through?"
He pondered the long-term ramifications of a continued trade war.
"I fear that if no solution is met over a period of time, many small farms and small businesses will have no choice but to sell out to larger industry," Rysdam said.
"This would amount to a big win for corporate farms who have the resources to weather such a storm."

Extension seeks farmers' help with corn and soybean planting survey

By Lizabeth Stahl, crops educator University of Minnesota Extension
The extremely wet conditions of 2019 in Minnesota led to planting delays and unprecedented levels of prevent plant acres.
Where planting delays continued late into the growing season, farmers needed to decide whether or not to plant a crop during or after the late planting date for crop insurance.
Historical planting date information was helpful but limited for planting dates in June (corn for grain) and July (corn for silage and soybean).
University of Minnesota Extension is asking farmers to share their experiences from 2019 to increase the knowledge base about the impacts of late planting and other weather-related factors on yield and grain moisture in corn and soybean.
This information will be used to help fill knowledge gaps in the decision-making progress if/when we are faced

with a late-planting situation in the future.
This information may also be used to help identify future research needs.
Information requested includes corn or soybean maturity, planting and harvest dates, yield, moisture, test weight, conditions at planting, and conditions following planting.
Information is requested from as many fields as farmers wish to report on and planting dates ranging from the earliest to the latest planted crops.
Results will be shared with researchers in Illinois and Ohio who are conducting a similar survey.
If you planted corn or soybeans in Minnesota in 2019, please see z.umn.edu/plantingdatesurvey for details and to participate in the survey.
Participation is completely voluntary and information provided will remain anonymous.
Data will be collected until March 6.

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CEO event warms up Sunday with activities



Luverne High School Jazz Band

Subzero Extraganza moves indoors

By Lori Sorenson

Subzero temperatures prompted CEO students to move their Subzero Extraganza indoors Sunday afternoon following a two-day blizzard.

CEO stands for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities and provides an avenue for students from area schools — Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian, Southwest Minnesota Christian, Edgerton, Ellsworth and Pipestone — to immerse in real-life business opportunities.

This school year students and their adviser Katie Baus-tian have visited 40 busi-nesses that shared tips and expertise from their profes-sional fields.

Sunday’s “extraganza” allowed students to show-case what they’ve learned and raise money to cover ex-penses associated with their real-life business startups.

At Sunday night’s ban-quet in Grand Prairie Events, high school jazz bands from Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek and Adrian provided enter-tainment.

This year’s CEO class consists of the following students:

- Edgerton: Brinna Bloemendaal, Teagen Le-usink.
- Southwest Christian: Jonathan Eisma
- Adrian: Brenna Hen-ning, Austin Taylor.
- Hills-Beaver Creek: Bryn Mongeau.
- Pipestone: Scott Nolan, Lindsey Truijilo.
- Luverne: Quinn Buss, Rylee Gee, Colby Crabtree,



Hills-Beaver Creek High School Jazz Band



Adrian High School Jazz Band

Regan Feit, Nathan Nekali, Isabel Smeins and Cade Wenninger.

Proceeds from Sun-

day’s event will be used to cover activity and program expenses as well as pro-vide seed money for the 15

students as they move from the group activity planning to developing their own businesses.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Leah Suzanne, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born Thursday, Dec. 26, 1919, to **Zach and Sarah Brands**

of Slayton. She joins two brothers, Noah and Micah. Grandparents are Mike and JanetNath, Luverne, and Allen Brands, Edgerton.

MENU

Monday, Jan. 27: Pulled pork on a bun, squash, lettuce salad, cookie.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Jan. 28: Bar-becued meatballs, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, pie.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Main Street Financial. 9 a.m. Generations Board Meeting. 1-4 p.m. open for jewelry making (small fee).

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Lemon pepper fish, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, corn muf-fin, apple brown Betty.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Jan. 30: Beef

tips, mashed potatoes, but-tered beets, dinner roll, bar.

Program: Half-Price Day by anonymous sponsor. 1-4 p.m. Birthday Bash 50’s Dance.

Friday, Jan. 31: Biscuits and sausage gravy, hashbrown patty, cinnamon apples. 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

LSS Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmo-sphere.

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make dining reser-vations or for home-delivered meals.

Gift certificates are avail-able at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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.

Think summer! Students in grades K-12 sign up by March 27 for **Summer Comm Ed softball, baseball, T-ball teams**. After March 27, registrations will be accepted only if there are open-ings, and a late fee of \$50 will be applied.

Join the **ECFE classes** – a time for parents to create memories with their children ages 0-5.

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.

Discovery Time Preschool classes have openings this winter.

COLLEGE NEWS

Sawtelle named to UW-Stout dean’s list

Kammon Sawtelle, Luverne, has been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin,

Fall Semester 2019 dean’s list.

To be eligible, full-time students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•The Luverne National Guard Armory was home to roughly 50 stranded motorists Monday night. And that number seemed to be climbing as of 8:30 p.m.

The group included travelers from as far away as Duluth and the Twin Cities and as near as Worthington.

They all found themselves in Luverne when they were unable to drive farther, or they had gotten stuck or were in an accident on nearby roadways.

25 years ago (1995)

•The Rock County Board of Commissioners took a step closer to making a secure detention center in Magnolia a reality.

At their meeting Tuesday, they joined Nobles County Commissioners in approving a resolution which would seek money from the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections to build a secure detention and treatment facility at the Magnolia school location.

Maurice Crowley, owner of Pinnacle Programs Inc., is currently transforming the existing building into a non-secure long-term residential treatment facility for troubled youth. It’s his goal to build a secure, short-term detention center on the premises but he is waiting to see how recent legislation on the construction of juvenile detention centers will affect the south-west Minnesota Fifth Judicial District.

50 years ago (1970)

•Sioux Falls Weather Bureau called Monday the coldest day of the century.

And Luverne’s official temperature was one degree colder than that recorded in Sioux Falls, a mighty frigid 37 degrees below

zero, according to Darrell Strassburg, who keeps readings here for the Weather Bureau.

Whether this is a record low for Luverne or not is not known, because records aren’t available for every day, dating back to the beginning of the town’s history.

It’s definitely colder than it was at any time last year. Record set in 1969 was -25 on January 4.

Sioux Falls Weather Bureau repots the lowest temperature ever recorded there was -42 on Feb.9, 1899. A check through Star-Herald files resulted in the finding of a news story referring to a 40 degree below zero reading here — and at Ash-creek — on that day.

75 years ago (1945)

•Rock county farmers will be paid \$5 per acre up to the acreage goal set for their farm for all flax raised during 1945, according to information received by Leonard A. Arp, county AAA chairman.

In order to increase flax production, the raising of which is vital to the war effort, the government has offered incentive payments of \$5 per acre on goals which will be fixed at approxi-mately the same figure that prevailed during 1943. At that time, about 32,000 acres were planted to flax.

During 1944, the acreage dropped to about 11,000, the decrease being attributed in part to the adverse weather condi-tions last spring.

Mr. Arp cautions that because of the shortage of good seed, farmers contemplating raising flax this year should make ar-rangements to obtain their needs as soon as possible.

100 years ago (1920)

Hockey girls best Minnesota River, Mankato West

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team is riding a run of three consecutive wins after posting a pair victories. The Cardinals downed Mankato West by four goals in Luverne Thursday before besting Minnesota River by six goals Monday in Le Sueur. Luverne, 17-3-1 overall, skates in New Ulm Thursday.

Luverne 7, MR 1

The Cardinals upped their Big South Conference record to 9-1 with a six-goal victory against the Bulldogs Monday in Le Sueur. LHS outshot MR 38-16 and received two goals each from Rozilyn Oye, Rylee Gee and Kamryn Van Batavia to highlight the conquest. Oye netted a power-play goal with 58 seconds remaining to account for the lone tally of the opening period. Gee scored 3:11 into the second period and Reghan Bork registered a power-play tally eight seconds later to make it 3-0. Van Batavia and Gee added goals 2:28 apart to up the lead to 5-0 before MR's Karina Leske snapped Luverne's five-goal run with 1:37 remaining in the second period. Oye scored 12 seconds into the third period and Van Batavia registered the game's final goal 2:17 later to seal the victory. Van Batavia, Shelby Kracht and Anika Boll recorded one assist each for the Cards. Cheyenne Schutz stopped 15 of the 16 shots she faced in goal for Luverne.

Luverne 4, MW 0

The Cardinals remained unbeaten against Section 3A competition when they topped the Scarlets by four goals Thursday in Luverne. Van Batavia recorded a hat trick and Schutz recorded a 14-save shutout in goal to highlight the victory. Van Batavia scored Luverne's first three goals of the game. She opened the scoring 8:37 into the second period before making it a 2-0 game with 5:56 remaining in the stanza. Van Batavia completed her hat trick 2:26 into the third period. Bork registered a power-play goal with 10:27 remaining to cap the scoring in the game. Kracht recorded two assists for an LHS squad that outshot the Scarlets 41-14 in the game. Claire Baustian, Regan Feit and Oye recorded one assist each.



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Luverne freshman forward Lauren Hansen releases a shot in front of Jackson County Central's Sophia Lovell during Thursday's Big South Conference basketball game in Luverne. The Cardinals posted an 87-67 win.

Cards take down Huskies, EHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team posted a pair of wins to up its season record to 9-6. The Cardinals coasted to a 20-point home victory over Jackson County Central Thursday before posting a 21-point victory at Edgerton Public School Monday. Luverne goes for its fourth

consecutive win Thursday in Garretson, S.D.

LHS 58, Edgerton 22

The Cardinals nailed down their third consecutive win when they topped the Flying Dutchmen by 21 points Monday in Edgerton. LHS got off to a good start by opening a 35-22 cushion

in the first half.

The Cardinals went on to outscore EHS 23-15 in the second half to win handily. Brooklynn Ver Steeg (24 points and five rebounds) and Mallory Thorson (14 points) paced the Cards offensively. Christina Wagner, Emma Beyer and Jocelyn Hart added five rebounds each to the win-

ning effort.

Box score
C.Wagner 3 0 1-2 7, Beyer 0 0 2-3 2, Ver Steeg 7 2 4-5 24, Sehr 2 0 0-2 4, E.Wagner 1 0 0-2 2, Thorson 3 1 5-7 14, Hart 0 0 1-4 1, Ferrell 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Luverne: 21 of 58 field goals (36 percent), 13 of 25 free throws (52 percent),

Cards/continued on page 10



John Rittenhouse photo/0123 lbb 2

Luverne senior Matt Sehr puts up a shot in traffic during Thursday's home game against Jackson County Central. Sehr scored 13 points during an 86-64 loss to the Huskies.

LHS boys take league lumps

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team slipped to 2-6 in Big South Conference play after taking a pair of league losses last week. The Cardinals fell by 21 points in Pipestone Jan. 14 before falling by 22 points to Jackson County Central Thursday in Luverne. LHS, 5-8 overall, plays Thursday in Garretson, South Dakota. **JCC 86, Luverne 64** The visiting Huskies completed a sweep of their season series with the Cardinals by topping LHS by 22 points Thursday in Luverne. The Cardinals led by six points early in the contest, but the Huskies outscored LHS 65-46 in the final 26:30 to win the game handily.

JCC led 4-0 when the Cardinals went on a 12-2 run ending with Bailey Cowell turning a steal into a layup at the 13:07 mark of the first half to give the hosts a six-point (12-6) lead. The Huskies countered with a 15-2 run to open a 21-14 cushion with 10:37 remaining in the stanza. Luverne trimmed the difference to three points (21-18) when Gannon Ahrendt tapped in the ball on a missed shot with 8:30 left. JCC responded by going on a 17-6 run to open a 38-24 lead before settling with a 12-point (42-30) advantage at the intermission. The Huskies scored the first five points of the second stanza to gain a 47-30 lead. Luverne trimmed the difference to 11 (51-40) with a field goal from Matt Sehr with 13:22

remaining, but that proved to be as close as the Cards would come to catching the Huskies. JCC outscored the hosts 35-24 the rest of night and led by as many as 27 points before prevailing by 22 at game's end. Cowell tossed in a team-high 15 points for the Cards. Sehr and Ahrendt chipped in 13 points each. **Pipestone 72, LHS 51** A chance to win consecutive **LHS/continued on page 11**

Patriots regain winning form

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team posted a pair of convincing victories last week. The Patriots rolled to a 20-point win in Canton, South Dakota, Jan. 14 before routing Westbrook-Walnut Grove by 43 points Thursday in Hills. H-BC sported a 12-1 record after the set. **H-BC 78, W-WG 35** The Patriots experienced little trouble in disposing of the Chargers Thursday in Hills. H-BC outscored W-WG by convincing margins in both halves of a 43-point conquest. The Patriots opened a 47-17 cushion in the first half and outscored W-WG 33-18 in the second half to win handily. Taryn Rauk (21 points and seven steals), Kenadie Fick (13 points, three steals and three

assists) and Whitney Elbers (12 points and four blocked shots) paced H-BC's offense. Abby Knobloch grabbed five rebounds and Joslyn Birger charted three steals for the winners. **Box score**
Fick 1 3 2-2 13, Rauk 8 0 5-6 21, Birger 1 1 0-0 5, Voss 2 0 0-0 4, Knobloch 2 1 0-0 7, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Van Maanen 0 0 0-0 0, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 1 0 0-0 2, Deelstra 2 0 1-2 5, LaRock 2 0 0-0 4, W.Wibers 6 0 0-0 12, L.Elbers 0 0 2-2 2. **Team statistics**
H-BC: 31 of 59 field goals (53 percent), 10 of 12 free throws (83 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers. W-WG: 13 of 37 field goals (35 percent), three of four free throws (75 percent), 15 rebounds, 26 turnovers. **H-BC 64, Canton 44** The Patriots bounced back from their first loss of the season Jan. 11 by posting a 20-point victory Jan. 14 in Canton, South Dakota. H-BC got off to a good start

by outscoring the hosts 31-13 in the first half. The Patriots used a 33-31 scoring edge in the second half to complete a 20-point conquest. Rauk (18 points and five steals), Knobloch (16 points and four steals) and Elbers (16 points, seven blocked shots, five rebounds and three assists) played strong games for H-BC. Fick grabbed seven rebounds and recorded four steals for the Patriots. **Box score**
Fick 1 2 0-0 8, Rauk 3 1 9-12 18, Birger 0 0 2-2 2, Knobloch 3 2 4-4 16, Moser 0 0 1-2 1, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 3-4 3, Elbers 7 0 2-3 16. **Team statistics**
H-BC: 19 of 47 field goals (40 percent), 21 of 27 free throws (78 percent), 25 rebounds, 21 turnovers. Canton: 15 of 50 field goals (30 percent), 10 of 12 free throws (83 percent), 11 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

A-E runs streak to eight

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls' basketball team ran its winning streak to eight games by registering a pair of home wins in Adrian. The Dragons stopped Murray County Central by 15 points Thursday before nipping Sibley-Ocheyedan (Iowa) by four points Monday. A-E, 9-6 overall, plays Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Friday in Fulda. **A-E 49, S-O 45** The Dragons staged a second-half rally to increase their winning streak Monday in Adrian. S-O never trailed in the first half and sported a 26-24 edge at halftime. A-E went on to outscore the Generals 25-19 in the second half to secure a six-point victory. The Dragons went on a 10-4 run ending with a three-point shot from Jayden Zebe at the 13:34 mark of the second half to gain a 34-30 lead. A-E increased its lead to six points (40-34) when Bailey Lonneman hit a field goal with 9:03 left to play, but the Gener-



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A-E guard Kallie Chapa releases a contested shot during Monday's 49-45 win over Sibley-Ocheyedan in Adrian.

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Midwestern winters are nothing for the snow bunting

I get asked all the time how I come up with topics for weekly columns I have been writing for over 17 years (about two years for the Rock County Star Herald). The answer is curiosity. Many times I will see or hear about this bird or that animal, and I want to find out for myself what they are all about.



I started about two years ago making calls to different game and non-game wildlife professionals and other bird watchers before I found out the name of this week's creature.

I always called them shoulder birds. I never see them any other time except in the winter and they gather in large groups to be flushed off the road shoulder as I drive by. It does not matter how cold it is or if the wind is blowing 40 mph. They are on the road shoulder doing what they do.

These creatures are called snow buntings. As for cold weather, what we have around here is nothing to a snow bunting. This is a bird that nests in the high arctic. The very high arctic. They migrate to lower Canada and into the United States during winter non-breeding months.

They make it to southern Iowa but are rarely ever seen south of there. When they get to Minnesota, this is like a robin making it to Mexico.

The snow bunting makes its nests in the rocky cliffs of the high arctic. The males make the trip far earlier than the females in order to get the best nesting spots.

They do this searching when temps are normally about 25 degrees below zero at night. The females get to take their time and arrive about three to five weeks later. That's a good gig if you are a female snow bunting.

Because the rocks are so cold, the pair lines it with feathers and down and the female is required to sit on the nest almost continuously to ensure the eggs remain at the necessary temperature. This requires the male to feed her every 15 minutes for the entire incubation period.

The color of their plumage changes from

OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

bright white during the breeding season to a brownish-gray hue for the rest of the year.

They do not grow different feathers when their plumage colors change. The birds rub their bodies, heads and wings in the snow and it removes the duller pigments leaving the bright white feathers beneath.

Nature is amazing in so many ways. Birds that fly into a frigid Minnesota winter and think they made it to the southern temperate vacation spot are quite a feat.

They, like almost all other birds in farm country of the upper Midwest, feed on seeds and waste grain to fill their diet. I can only imagine how they find it. I always see them on road shoulders where the snow plow has scratched the grass. Finding enough calories in these small spots makes them survival champions in my book.

The oldest snow bunting on record was 8 years and 9 months old when he was recaptured during a banding event in Alaska. With the guys doing the heavy lifting during pre-nesting activities and then feeding her every 15 minutes while incubating gives these little guys more than enough to keep them busy. Foraging in winter must seem easy by comparison.

I have never seen just one. When I see one, I see 50 to 100. They are just one of thousands of birds that migrate through Minnesota, but they are the only ones I know of that are coming here when every other bird is leaving.

If you see something unusual that you want to know more about, drop me an email at scottarall@gmail.com and maybe it will be the subject of a future column. Together we will all become more wildlife savvy and you just might learn about a species you wondered about for many years.

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Adrian-Ellsworth eighth-grader Jaren Winselman tangles with Minneota's Hudson Scholten during a Jan. 14 triangular in Adrian.

Dragons split during home triangular

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth wrestling team broke even when the Dragons hosted a triangular in Adrian Jan. 14.

A-E lost a late lead during a 34-33 loss to Minneota to open the night, but the Dragons bounced back to saddle Windom-Mountain Lake Area with a 51-23 setback in the finale.

Five Dragons posted perfect 2-0 records including Brayan Anaya, who pinned both of his opponents.

Anaya disposed of Minneota's Ezequiel Munzon in 3:39 before covering W-MLA's Noah Holmberg in 3:35.

A-E's Logan Sherer nipped Minneota's Kade Lozinski 4-2 before pinning W-MLA's Trenton Renquist in 4:07.

Dragons Cameron Wieneke, Preston Nelson and Scot Edwards drew one forfeit each during their 2-0 showings.

Wieneke pinned Minneota's Connor Sik in 3:16, Nelson

pinned Minneota's Tyler Gronke in 1:51 and Edwards posted an 11-6 win over W-MLA's Eli Mutz.

The 10-4 Dragons wrestle in Jackson Friday.

Match wrap-ups
Minneota 34, A-E 33
106 (M) Van Keulen pins D.Anaya.
113 (A) B.Anaya pins Munzon.
119 (M) Gillund 12-2 Morrison.
126 (M) Carrasco by forfeit.
132 (M) Fier 4-0 Hieronimus.
138 (A) Sherer 4-2 Lozinski.
145 (A) Taylor pins Depestel.
152 (M) Gruenes 10-3 I.Bullerman.
160 (M) Reiss 9-3 Wolf.
170 (A) Wieneke pins Sik.
182 (A) Nelson pins Gronke.
195 (M) Scholten 7-4 Winselman.
220 (M) Esping pins B.Bullerman.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

A-E 51, W-MLA 23
106 (W) Renquist t.f. D.Anaya.
113 (A) B.Anaya pins Holmberg.
120 (W) Swodoba pins Morrison.
126 (A) Hieronimus pins Ekstrom.
132 (W) Sammons pins Heidebrink.
138 (A) Sherer pins Renquist.
145 (W) Willaby 7-2 Taylor.
152 (W) Holmberg 4-2 I.Bullerman.
160 (A) Wolf by forfeit.
170 (A) Wieneke by forfeit.
182 (A) Nelson by forfeit.
195 (A) Winselman pins Swenson.
220 (A) B.Bullerman pins Altmann.
285 (A) Edwards 11-6 Mutz.



Adrian-Ellsworth junior Logan Sherer won both of his matches during a triangular event staged in Adrian Jan. 14.

H-BC Patriot boys post win in South Dakota

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team broke even when it played a pair of games last week.

The Patriots fell by 21 points to Mountain Lake Area Jan. 14 in Hills before securing a three-point win Thursday in Canton, South Dakota.

H-BC, 4-6 overall, hosts Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Thursday.

H-BC 55, Canton 52

The Patriots pulled out a tightly contested three-point win when they challenged the C-Hawks in Canton Thursday.

H-BC sported a three-point lead (25-22) and made a free throw with eight seconds remaining in regulation play to sport a 55-52 advantage.

Canton had an opportunity to send the game to overtime, but the C-Hawks missed a three-point attempt.

Jax Wysong led the Patriots to victory with a 27-point, 10-rebound effort.

Kyle Kueter pulled down 11 rebounds and Zander Wysong notched three assists.

Box score
Deelstra 2 0 1-2 5, Z.Wysong 0 2 1-2 7, J.Wysong 8 1 8-9 27, Kueter 4 0 0-1 8, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, G.Wysong 0 1 2-3 5, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Baker 1 0 1-2 3.

Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 50 field goals (38 percent), 10 of 13 free throws (77 percent), 40 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
Canton: 19 of 62 field goals (31 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 36 rebounds, seven turnovers.

MLA 61, H-BC 40

A rough offensive night for the Patriots set the stage for defeat when they challenged the Wolverines Jan. 14 in Hills.

H-BC was limited to 23 percent shooting from the field and was outscored in both halves of a 21-point setback.

MLA rolled to a 36-17 lead in the first half before using a 25-23 scoring edge in the second half to complete the win.

Jax Wysong tossed in 12 points and charted three assists for the Patriots.

Kueter (12 rebounds and six blocked shots) and Easton Harnack (three assists) also made contributions for H-BC.

Box score
G.Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Harnack 1 0 0-0 2, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 1-2 1, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 1 1 2-2 7, Baker 0 0 1-2 1, Z.Wysong 3 1 0-0 9, Erickson 0 0 0-0 0, J.Wysong 3 1 3-3 12, Kueter 4 0 0-3 8, Steensma 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 15 of 65 field goals (23 percent), seven of 12 free throws (58 percent), 24 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
MLA: 25 of 68 field goals (37 percent), two of five free throws (40 percent), 23 rebounds, six turnovers.

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Cardinal girls are turning some heads

What was expected to be a learning season for the Luverne girls' basketball team has turned into a pretty impressive campaign for the Cardinals.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

LHS coach T.J. Newgard has what largely was an inexperienced group of players at the beginning of the year playing at a high level.

I'm not so sure the coach was sold on the prospect back in November, but Newgard and the Cardinals have put themselves in a position to sport a winning record at season's end for the third consecutive year.

A victory in Edgerton Monday night upped Luverne's record to 9-6 overall.

Considering the Cardinals had a 4-5 mark when play in November and December was complete, that's a pretty impressive situation to be in.

LHS has won four of its five games so far in January, and the Cardinals find themselves situated in the No. 3 position in the Big South Conference's Western Division with a 4-3 mark.

What's even more impressive is the fact the Cards and Windom, a team LHS beat 72-64 in Luverne Jan. 10, currently have the best section records of 4-2 in Section 3AA South at this point in time.

That's an eye-popping achievement for a team that started the year with two established players.

Senior Mallory Thorson and sophomore Brooklynn Ver Steeg are the lone returning starters returning from Luverne's 2018-19 squad, and they have played the game at an extremely high level.

Thorson clearly is the senior leader of the team, and she led by example during the win over Windom by scoring a career-

high 33 points.

Thorson played another strong game when LHS avenged an early-season loss to Jackson County Central Thursday in Luverne, but it was Ver Steeg who stole the show by turning in a 33-point performance of her own.

As important as Thorson and Ver Steeg have been to Luverne's success as a team this winter, some of the largely untested players at the beginning of the season are starting to find their groove.

Freshman Averill Sehr seems to be benefiting from the limited varsity experience last winter as she's emerging as the team's No. 3 scoring threat.

Freshmen twin sisters Christina and Elizabeth Wagner seem to be getting better with every game, and I believe they will continue to improve throughout the season as their confidence grows.

Junior guard Autumn Nath seems to bring a calming presence to the court when she enters the game as a reserve, and freshman forward Jocelyn Hart comes off the bench to give the Cardinals quality minutes in the paint.

With improved consistency, I believe sophomore Elise Ferrell and freshman Emma Beyer have the potential to emerge as key contributors as well.

It's way to early to say how the rest of the season turns out for LHS, but I do know this.

What Newgard thought could be a sneaky good team at the end of the year is playing pretty impressive basketball right now.

That should make the rest of the season interesting for players and fans.

Hockey boys top RWV

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team notched its seventh Big South Conference win of the season when the Cardinals skated to a 7-1 victory in Redwood Falls Thursday.

Luverne netted at least two goals in all three periods and received a 35-save effort from Colton Schutz to best RWV.

Colby Crabtree registered a hat trick for the winners.

The Cards gained the upper hand late in the first period when Marshal Dammann and Crabtree scored goals in the

final 2:45 to the stanza to give LHS a 2-0 lead.

LHS upped the advantage to 5-0 with a three-goal second period.

Easton Braun ignited the rally at the 11:41 mark before Crabtree netted a short-handed tally with 9:18 remaining to make it 4-0.

Mason Steensma scored the final goal of the second period with 4:49 left.

RWV snapped Luverne's five-goal run when Tyson

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32 rebounds, four turnovers. Edgerton: 13 of 37 field goals (35 percent), eight of 21 free throws (38 percent), 38 rebounds, three turnovers.

Luverne 87, JCC 67

The Cardinals moved above the .500 mark (4-3) in Big South Conference play with a convincing home win over the Huskies Thursday.

JCC nipped the Cards by two points (63-61) when the teams met in Jackson Dec. 10, but LHS dominated the action in the rematch.

Luverne opened a 20-point lead in the first half and went on to win by 10 after matching JCC's scoring output of 41 points in the second half.

The Huskies scored the first two points of the night before LHS took over the game after putting together a 23-8 run ending with a field goal from Thorson to open a 13-point lead (23-10) at the 11:59 mark of the first half.

JCC scored the next five points to make it a 23-15 game, but the Cards didn't blink.

Ver Steeg buried a pair of free throws with 1.6 seconds remaining to cap a 23-11 run and give the Cards a 46-26 advantage at the intermission.

JCC was unable to challenge the Cardinals in the second half.



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Luverne freshman Elizabeth Wagner beats JCC's Alaina Wolff down the court before putting up a shot during Thursday's 87-67 victory over the Huskies in Luverne.

Luverne scored the first eight points of the second half as a part of a 13-2 run ending with a three-point play by Hart that gave the Cards a 59-28 lead.

JCC did trim the difference to 13 points (80-67) with 1:49 remaining before the Cards scored the final seven points of the night to win by 20.

Ver Steeg (33 points, 11 rebounds and four assists), Thorson (16 points and 10 rebounds), Sehr (12 points) and Hart (12 points) led LHS offensively.

Christina Wagner added 11 rebounds and five steals to the winning effort.

Box score
C.Wagner 4 0 1-3 9, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0,

Ver Steeg 11 0 11-14 33, Sehr 4 0 4-9 12, E.Wagner 0 0 0-4 0, Thorson 6 0 4-6 16, Hart 5 0 2-3 12, Van Groothest 0 0 0-0 0, Nath 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 0 1 0-0 3, Hansen 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 32 of 53 field goals (60 percent), 22 of 39 free throws (56 percent), 44 rebounds, five turnovers.
JCC: 22 of 61 field goals (36 percent), 15 of 22 free throws (68 percent), 28 rebounds, eight turnovers.

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als trimmed the difference to two points (46-44) with 1:08 left to play.

A-E received two free throws from Moriah Bullerman and one more from Ashlyn Meester in the final 23 seconds to ice a four-point victory.

A-E overcame a 12-3 deficit early in the first half to knot the score at 14 when Marisa Lehnhoff converted a field goal with 6:35 left in the stanza.

S-O used a 12-10 scoring edge the rest of the half to lead 26-24 at the intermission.

Meester (18 points and nine rebounds) and Bullerman (10 points and four assists) led the Dragons to victory.

Bailey Lonneman and Kalie Chapa added nine and five rebounds respectively to the winning cause.



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Adrian-Ellsworth senior guard Ashlyn Meester scored a team-high 18 points during Monday's 49-45 victory over Sibley-Ocheyedan in Adrian. It was the eighth consecutive win for the Dragons.

seventh consecutive victory when they upended the Rebels by 15 points Thursday in Adrian.

The game was up for grabs when A-E sported a 28-25 edge at the end of 18 minutes of play.

A-E, however, outscored MCC 35-23 in the second half to win the contest handily.

Lonneman tossed in 16 points to lead the Dragons in scoring.

Chapa (12 points and eight rebounds) and Meester (10 points, eight rebounds and three assists) played strong games for the Dragons as well.

Box score
Zebe 4 0 0-0 8, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Dreesen

0 0 1-2 1, Chapa 2 2 2-2 12, Meester 1 1 5-6 10, Rogers 0 0 2-2 2, M.Bullerman 0 1 0-0 3, J.Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Preuss 0 0 1-2 1, Lonneman 7 0 2-3 16, Cauwels 0 0 0-0 0, Lehnhoff 3 0 2-3 8.

Team statistics
A-E: 22 of 62 field goals (35 percent), 15 of 20 free throws (75 percent), 47 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
MCC: 18 of 66 field goals (27 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 31 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

A-E 63, MCC 48

The Dragons notched their

Gymnasts even Big South Conference mark

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team evened its Big South Conference record at 2-2 with a 130.7-125-45 victory in Windom Jan. 14.

Luverne athletes claimed three of the four individual event titles and fielded the all-around champion to highlight

the win.

The night was a big one for LHS senior Meghan Witte, who claimed the vault (8.8), bars (8.35) and all-around (34.3) championships along with placing second on the floor with an 8.5.

Along with placing second on the bars (8.075) and third

on the beam (8.425), Luverne's Ella Reisdorfer secured the floor crown with a score of 8.95.

LHS also received place-earning efforts from Tiana Lais (tied for second on the vault with an 8.65) and Madigan Flom (fourth on the beam with an 8.3).

The 8-6 Cardinals chal-

lenged Jackson County Central Tuesday (Jan. 21) in Jackson.

Individual scores
Vault: Witte, 8.8; Lais, 8.65; Meghan Mollberg, 8.55; Reisdorfer, 8.5; Amira Cowell, 8.275.
Bars: Witte, 8.35; Reisdorfer, 8.075; Cowell, 7.2; Anna Huisman, 6.8; Flom, 6.4.
Beam: Witte, 8.65; Reisdorfer, 8.435; Flom, 8.3; Cowell, 7.2; Huisman, 6.7.
Floor: Reisdorfer, 8.95; Witte, 8.5; Cowell, 8.1; Mollberg, 7.65; Huisman, 7.5.

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Dragon boys win two of three tilts

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian-Ellsworth boys' basketball team padded its record to 8-6 by winning two of three games.
The Dragons lost a road game to Southwest Christian (52 points) Jan. 14 before posting a four-point win at Edgerton Public School Thursday.
A-E entertained Sibley-Ocheyedan (Iowa) in Adrian Monday, where the Dragons registered an 11-point win.
A-E hosts Red Rock Central Thursday.

A-E 71, S-O 60
The Dragons never faced a deficit in the process of posting their second consecutive win Monday in Adrian.

A-E scored the first nine points of the game and never lost the lead during an 11-point victory over the Generals.
Noah Reyne popped a three-point shot 2:08 into the game to give the Dragons a 9-0 lead.
The Dragons extended the advantage to 14 points (16-2) with a three-point shot from Peyton Lewis at the 11:06 mark of the first half before S-O countered with an 18-9 run to trim the difference to five points (25-20).

Another 9-0 run ending with a three-point shot from Ian Stamer gave A-E a 34-20 advantage late in first half that ended with the Dragons sporting a 38-27 cushion.

The Generals trimmed the difference to eight points twice in the opening minute of the second half, but that proved to be as close as they would come to catching A-E.

A 7-0 spurt capped by a three-point shot from Grant Jansma gave the Dragons a 15-point cushion (47-32) with 15:52 left to play.

A-E led by 21 points (65-44) when Stamer recorded a field goal at the 5:24 mark, but the



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Adrian-Ellsworth guard Nathan Rahe puts up a shot in the paint during Monday's home win over the S-O Generals.

Generals outscored the Dragons 16-6 the rest of the night.

Reyne (21 points, seven rebounds and three steals), Lewis (19 points and eight rebounds), Jansma (11 points) and Lance Luettel (11 points and five rebounds) turned in productive offensive nights for A-E.

Brandon Schnoor collected seven rebounds for the hosts.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 5 2 5-8 21, Vorthers 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 2 1 2-4 9, Lewis 5 2 3-4 19, Jansma 0 3 2-4 11, Lenz 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-1 0, Luettel 5 0

1-2 11, Nave 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
A-E: 25 of 51 field goals (49 percent), 13 of 25 free throws (57 percent), 34 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
S-O: 22 of 63 field goals (35 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent), 31 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

A-E 61, Edgerton 57
The Dragons snapped a three-game skid by besting the Flying Dutchmen in a tight game staged in Edgerton Thursday.

A-E sported a 37-34 lead after 18 minutes of play and used a 24-23 scoring edge in

the second half to secure a four-point win.

Reyne (19 points, seven rebounds and three steals), Jansma (17 points), Lewis (15 points and eight rebounds) and Luettel (10 points and nine rebounds) played key of-fensive games for the Dragons.

Schnoor grabbed five rebounds for A-E, while Nathan Rahe registered four steals and three assists.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 7 1 2-6 19, Vorthers 0 0 0-0 0, Lewis 6 0 3-6 15, Jansma 1 5 0-0 17, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 2 0 6-8 10, Nave 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
A-E: 22 of 64 field goals (34 percent), 11 of 20 free throws (55 percent), 39 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
Edgerton: 23 of 46 field goals (50 percent), five of seven free throws (71 percent), 23 rebounds, nine turnovers.

SWC 97, A-E 45
The Dragons couldn't compete with a relentless SWC squad when the teams met for a game in Edgerton Jan. 14.

The Eagles dominated play on their home court by outscoring A-E by decisive margins in both halves of the game.

SWC led 56-19 after 18 minutes of play before completing a 52-point victory outscoring the Dragons 41-26 in the second half.

Reyne turned in an 11-point, six-rebound effort for the Dragons.

Lewis netted 10 points and Jansma recorded three assists and three steals for A-E.

Box score
Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Reyne 4 1 0-0 11, Vorthers 0 1 0-0 3, Wolford 0 0 0-0 0, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Bossert 0 0 0-0 0, Lewis 5 0 0-1 10, Jansma 1 0 2-2 4, Heidebrink 1 0 0-0 2, Lenz 2 0 0-1 4, Schnoor 0 0 0-2 0, Luettel 3 0 0-0 6, Nave 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
A-E: 20 of 42 field goals (48 percent), two of six free throws (33 percent), 16 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
SWC: 36 of 56 field goals (64 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 24 rebounds, nine turnovers.

Match wrap-ups
Ortonville 39, LHS 30
106 (O) Conrad pins Hernandez.
113 (O) Eustice by forfeit.
120 (L) Cowell pins Klefsaas.
126 (O) Boots pins Mehlhaff.
132 (L) Ripka pins Satter.
138 (O) Eastman 2-0 Janiszkeski.
145 (L) Bonnett by forfeit.
152 (O) Eustice pins Reisch.
160 (L) Bradley by forfeit.
170 (L) Madison by forfeit.
182 (O-L) open.
195 (O-L) open.
220 (O) Ehrenberg by forfeit.
285 (O) Conrad pins Akkerman.

Osakis 54, LHS 24
106 (O) Taplin pins Hernandez.
113 (O) Grove by forfeit.
120 (L) Cowell by forfeit.
126 (L) Mehlhaff pins Cimbura.
132 (L) Ripka pins Manders.
138 (O) Jacobson pins Janiszkeski.
145 (O) Kulzer by forfeit.
152 (O) Drevlow pins Reisch.
160 (O) Helberg pins Madison.
170 (L) Bradley pins Milhausen.
182 (O) Neihaus by forfeit.
195 (O-L) open.
220 (O) Bjerk by forfeit.
285 (O) Winkle pins Akkerman.

Wrestlers slip to 1-11 with setbacks in Ortonville, Iowa

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team dropped five matches last week.
The Cardinals fell twice at the Ortonville Triangular Jan. 14 before going 0-3 at the Boyden-Hull-Rock Valley Quadrangular Thursday in Rock Valley, Iowa.
Luverne took a 1-11 record into a home triangular Tuesday, Jan. 21.

B-H-RV Quadrangular
The Cardinals lost three consecutive matches during Thursday's quadrangular in Rock Valley.
Central Lyon-George-Little Rock (60-19), Boyden-Hull-Rock Valley (54-26) and Sioux Falls Washington (67-12) handed the Cardinals setbacks.
Riley Cowell turned in a strong showing by winning all three of his matches.
Cowell topped CL-G-LR's Donovan Morales (9-1) and B-H-RV's Julian Palma (11-1)

along with pinning SFW's Elijah Taniah in 4:24.
Noah Mehlhaff, Braydon Ripka and Jaden Reisch all went 2-1 for LHS, while Camden Janiszkeski went 1-1.
Uriel Hernandez (1-2), Maysyn Akkerman (0-1) and Chris Rosin (0-3) also wrestled for the Cards.

Match wrap-ups
CL-G-LR 60, LHS 19
106 (C) Borman pins Hernandez.
113 (C) Pyleski by forfeit.
120 (L) Cowell 9-1 Morales.
126 (L) Mehlhaff pins Klarenbeek.
132 (L) Ripka 6-4 DeGroot.
138 (C) Schriever by forfeit.
145 (L) Reisch pins Weiler.
152 (C) Van Beek by forfeit.
160 (C) Meyer by forfeit.
170 (C) Van Berkum pins Rosin.
182 (C) Vande Weerd by forfeit.
195 (C) Winkel by forfeit.
220 (C) Riibe by forfeit.
285 (C) Moore by forfeit.

B-H-RV 54, LHS 26
138 (L) Janiszkeski 10-2 Elbers.
145 (L) Reisch pins Islas.
152 (B) Vande Stoet by forfeit.
160 (B) Maassen by forfeit.
170 (B) Pick pins Rosin.
182 (B) White by forfeit.
195 (B) Jacobson by forfeit.
220 (B) Roemeling by forfeit.

285 (B) Vander Brink by forfeit.
106 (L) Hernandez by forfeit.
113 (B) Muniz by forfeit.
120 (L) Cowell 11-1 Palma.
126 (B) Rozeboom pins Mehlhaff.
132 (L) Ripka pins Strubbe.

SFW 67, LHS 12
132 (S) Taniah 5-3 Ripka.
138 (S) Eldem 16-2 Janiszkeski.
145 (S) George pins Reisch.
152 (S) McCubbin by forfeit.
160 (S) Randall by forfeit.
170 (S) Johnson pins Rosin.
182 (S) Sagness by forfeit.
195 (S) Johnson by forfeit.
220 (S) Vroman pins Akkerman.
285 (S) Petrovic by forfeit.
106 (S) Knutson pins Hernandez.
113 (S) Parsons by forfeit.
120 (L) Cowell pins Taniah.
126 (L) Mehlhaff pins Eidem.

Ortonville Triangular
The Cardinals dropped a pair of matches at a triangular meet in Ortonville Jan. 14.
Luverne took a 54-24 setback from Osakis before falling 39-30 to the host team.
Three Cardinals went 2-0 for the night.
Ripka registered pins against Ortonville's Brayden Satter and Osakis' Ryan Manders.
Cowell pinned Ortonville's



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Luverne junior Kaden DeSollar puts up a one-handed shot as he drives to the basket during a home loss to JCC Thursday.

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conference games slipped away from the Cardinals when they took on the Arrows in Pipestone Jan. 14.

Four days after defeating Windom in Luverne, the Cardinals couldn't overcome a rough first half when they took on the Arrows on the road.

Pipestone coasted to a 41-17 advantage in the first 18 minutes of play.

LHS sported a 34-31 scoring edge in the second half, making it a 21-point difference at

game's end.
Ahrendt and Cowell tossed in 20 and 15 points respectively for the Cardinals.

Box score
Cowell 3 2 3-5 15, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 0 0 0-2 0, Ahrendt 8 0 4-4 20, Feit 2 0 0-1 4, DeSollar 1 0 2-3 4, Beyer 1 0 0-0 2, Smith 1 0 2-2 4, Dohlmann 1 0 0-0 2, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 field goals made, 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent).
Pipestone: 28 field goals made, seven of 10 free throws (70 percent).

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Clark recorded a power-play goal 7:06 into the third period.

LHS iced the win with a goal from Crabtree and a power-play goal from Cade Wenninger in the game's final 3:30.

Luverne, which sported a 47-36 advantage in shots on goal, received two-assist ef-

forts from Jacob Von Tersch and Tyler Roberts.

Carlton Oftedahl, Braun, Dammann and Wenninger added one assist each to the winning cause.

The 12-4 Cardinals play in Waseca Thursday.



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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
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Friday, Jan. 24: 10 a.m. Mass at Tuff Home. Saturday, Jan. 25: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 26: 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. Tuesday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. 7:30 p.m. KC's. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 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.luvnrcrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Perk-Up in Edgerton. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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

Thursday, Jan. 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. Sunday, Jan. 26: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School with Missionary Jan van den Berg. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Noon All-church potluck and quarterly business meeting. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Jan. 30: 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. 23: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Helen Laabs. Friday, Jan. 24: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 25: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Jan. 26: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, Jan. 27: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle at Grace. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship. 7:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal; Grades 6-9 confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 30: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

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

Sunday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

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

Thursday, Jan. 23: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Jan. 24: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 8 a.m. Justice for All. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Jan. 26: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 28: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. 7 p.m. Youth room reserved. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 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
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 25: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Jan. 26: 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. 27: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Noon Homeschoolers. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 30: 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
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 23: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service and annual meeting. 11:15 a.m. Annual meeting dinner. Monday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Quilting group (rescheduled). Tuesday, Jan. 28: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 4 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir.

St. John Lutheran Church
503 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 23: 9 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at Christian Reformed Church. Saturday, Jan. 25: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. 6:30 p.m. Middle school movie night. Sunday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 1 p.m. Family bowling outing. Tuesday, Jan. 21: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Newsletter assembly. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 30: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship 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.
igtwb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran.

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

Sunday, Jan. 26: 10:30 Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. 11:15 a.m. Annual meeting and lunch at Palisade Lutheran Church.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Ph. 605-215-3429

email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com

Nancy Manning, Pastor

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
112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 23: 7 p.m. Game night in Bethlehem Church basement. Sunday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem; congregational annual meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 28: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church
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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

“Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

‘Be still and know’

Have you been busy lately?

While doing work with new Americans through Lutheran Social Services in Sioux Falls, I once heard the comment made that for many who are learning our English language, one of the first things they learn to say (because they feel that it is the “acceptable” thing to say) is “I’m so busy.” As in, “How are you doing?” “I am so busy, just so busy.”

Does that sound familiar to you?

Busy is ... a sickness. Could we even go so far to say it could be an addiction? I often find myself sometimes feeling like I am MORE productive when I have a lot to do, and a little more sluggish when I don’t.

Many are able to recognize that their stress exceeds levels that are healthy.

Then what do you suppose is the most frequent reason people give for not addressing this problem? Well, being too busy to do anything about it!

In a news article titled, “Busy is the new sick,” Dr. Suzanne Koven, who is a primary care physician and Writer in Residence at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, wrote about being busy.

“In the past few years, I’ve observed an epidemic of sorts: Patient after patient suffering from the same condition,” she wrote.

“The symptoms of this condition include fatigue, irritability, insomnia, anxiety, headaches, heartburn, bowel disturbances, back pain, and weight gain.



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Laura Phillips, Palisade Lutheran Church

There are no blood tests or x-rays diagnostic of this condition, and yet it’s easy to recognize. The condition is excessive busyness.”

Now we all know that excessive stress is simply not good for our health, but notice something. Dr. Koven did not name stress. She named busyness. And she called it an epidemic.

People are, Americans are, very busy. I wonder if we don’t sometimes wear our busyness as a badge of honor.

We can be easily and frequently distracted in our busyness, and easily and frequently distracted by the noise of life. This can make it very difficult to see God.

Yet God invites us into something better than this, into something healthier than this:

Psalm 46:10

“Be still, and know that I am God!”

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

What are the things that distract you from seeing God at work in your life and in the world? Are there ways for you to clear that clutter and “be still” with God? Where are you hearing and feeling Jesus inviting you back into his arms, where the burden is easy and the yoke is light?

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Jesse Baker, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 23: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 24: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 26: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Monday, Jan. 27: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Jan. 28: 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 30: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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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 5, 2019

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(12-19, 12-26, 01-02, 01-09, 01-16, 01-23)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 12

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 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 Edinburg Executive Office Center,

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Our File No. 19MN00253-1 A-4715138

(01-16, 01-23, 01-30, 02-06, 02-13, 02-20)

Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 3

Herreid Board Room

Rock County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, and County Attorney Jeff Haubrich. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and guests.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard to approve the December 03, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the November 19, 2019, County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. (4) Service Contracts w/Rock County Opportunities for cleaning and shredding services at various Rock County locations; effective 12/01/19 – 11/30/20.

2. 2020-2021 IV-D Child Support Cooperative Agreement

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims with Per Diems of \$2,300; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

DECEMBER 3, 2019 CLAIMS OVER

\$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC

\$2,364.36

FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR

5,904.27

LUVERNE/CITY OF

5,756.45

PEMBERTON LAW PLLP

12,693.77

REKER CONSTRUCTION & AGGREGATE LLC

34,255.86

SANDERS INC

6,350.10

W & N CONSTRUCTION INC

31,852.04

ZIEGLER INC

7,371.20

51 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000

18,162.81

\$124,710.86

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a Rock Home Initiative (RHI) application for Jason Steinhoff; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to schedule a Public Hearing to accept comments for the RHI application for Jason Steinhoff for January 07, 2020 at 9:05AM, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a tax penalty abatement request from Stegenga Management LLC; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to deny the request, declared carried on a voice vote.

Doug Bos, Land Management Office Assistant Director, reviewed changes to the One Watershed One Plan Joint Powers Agreement; after discussion, motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the One Watershed One Plan Joint Powers Agreement, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of an Open House invitation from Next Era Energy scheduled for December 5th at 4:30PM at Springbrook in Beaver Creek.

The County Board reviewed details of the upcoming AMC Annual Conference; no action was taken.

The Administrator presented a request on behalf of the Highway Department to purchase a pick-up sander for \$6,420.00 from Northern Truck Equipment; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the purchase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: City/County Liaison

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings and events: Southwest Health & Human Services, A.C.E.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Rock County Opportunities.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: City/County Liaison, Solid Waste Board, Energy Board.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southwest Health & Human Services and Southern Prairie Community Care.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

(01-23)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 13

ORDINANCE NO. 13, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE (PORTIONS OF OUTLOT SIXTEEN OF KNISS OUTLOT, CITY OF LUVERNE, ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA)

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to City Charter, Section 12.05, the City Council is authorized to sell or convey the following described real estate located in the City of Luverne, County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

That portion of Outlot Sixteen (O.L. 16) of the Kniss Outlot Annex to the City of Luverne, Minnesota and of the abandoned railroad right-of-way lying west of said O.L. 16, all within the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Eleven (Sec. 11), Township 102 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., within the incorporated limits of the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of said Section 11; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East (assumed bearing) along the south line of said SW 1/4 of said Sec. 11 for a distance of 321.16 feet; thence North 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 33.31 feet to the Southwest Corner of said O.L. 16; thence North 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds West along the west line of said O.L. 16 for a distance of 470.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 82 degrees 12 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 44.13 feet; thence North 07 degrees 53 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 225.07 feet; thence South 81 degrees 53 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 43.74 feet to the west line of said O.L. 16 and to the easterly right-of-way line of the abandoned Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Co. (CSMO RR); thence continuing South 81 degrees 53 minutes 07 seconds West for a distance of 58.50 feet to a point which lies 8.50 feet westerly (measured at

right angles) from the former centerline of said CSMO RR Spur Track No. 21; thence South 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds East, parallel with said former centerline CSMO RR Track No. 21 for a distance of 224.50 feet; thence North 82 degrees 12 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 58.50 feet to the Point of beginning, containing 23,025 square feet, of which 9882 square feet are within said O.L. 16 and 13,143 square feet are within said abandoned CSMO RR right-of-way.

Subject to easements, if any, of record or apparent.

See the one page survey attached.

That part of Outlot 16 in Kniss' Outlot Annex to the Village (now City) of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner said Outlot 16; thence North 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds West on the west line of said Outlot 16 for a distance of 364.70 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 104.00 feet to the west line of a tract described in the Warranty Deed recorded in Doc. No. 135368, Rock County Land Records Office and to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 96.00 feet to the east line of said tract; thence North 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds West on said east line for a distance of 5.30 feet to the Northeast Corner of said tract; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West on the north line of said tract for a distance of 96.00 feet to the Northwest Corner of said tract; thence South 07 degrees 47 minutes 59 seconds East on the west line of said tract for a distance of 5.30 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 504 square feet (0.01 acres).

To Gary G. Golla, d/b/a G-Three Enterprises.

SEC. 2. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute such legal documents as are necessary to accomplish this sale and are further authorized to execute and deliver a warranty deed upon complete fulfillment of all terms and conditions.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

(01-23)

H-BC School Board meets Dec. 23

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671

Minutes

December 23, 2019

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room (301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN).

Board members present were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, Rauk, and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance. Principal Schilling and Board members LaRock and Rozeboom were absent. Visitors to the meeting were Mavis Fodness and Matt Taubert.

Motion by Bosch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve the agenda. Auditor Report for District Financials Fiscal Year 2019: Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP

PATRIOT PRIDE:

•Jax Wysong scored his 1,000th point on 12/17/19 for H-BC Basketball

•4th and 5th graders singing National Anthem at Basketball Games

•6-12 Vocal and Band Music Concert on 12/16/19 - Mr. Olson and Mrs. Comp

•Soybean Producers for putting on the meal prior to the basketball game on 12/17/19

•Congratulations to the Lady Patriots for heading in Christmas break undefeated.

•Gavin Wysong--9-Man All State Football Player

•The 8th grade class won the door decorating competition.

•The 8th grade also won the middle school division of the Christmas Olympics and the juniors won the high school division.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rauk, and carried to approve minutes of last meeting, 12/09/2019.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve bills.

Motion by Wysong, second by Bosch, and carried to approve student accounts.

Motion by Bosch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve donations: \$200 from Security Savings Bank for Community Education.

Motion by Wysong, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve the findings of the District's Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Audit as presented by Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Knobloch, second by Bosch, and carried to approve accepting Amanda Rozeboom's resignation as Volleyball Coach.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve adding five hours per week to Karin Gaugler as Payroll Clerk.

Motion by Wysong, second by Rauk, and carried to approve hiring Dylan Gehrke as 9th grade basketball coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

•Committee Report: Personnel/Finance 12/9, Transportation 12/18

DATES TO REMEMBER:

•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 13 (Org. Meeting)

•Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 27

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk

(1-23)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 12

ORDINANCE NO. 12, FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA, AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA, SECTION 2.01. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION, AMENDING CITY CHARTER, SECTION 2.01. IN ITS ENTIRETY

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. Section. 2.01. Composition and Election. is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SECTION 2.01. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION.

The Council shall be composed of a Mayor and four Council Members, all of whom must be eligible to hold office under the Constitution of this State. Two Council Members shall be elected from each Ward and the Mayor shall be elected at-large. Each Council Member shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualifies. The Mayor shall serve for a term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualifies. The Council shall be judges of the election returns.

SEC. 2. The term Alderman shall be deleted and replaced with the term Council Member in all official documents of the City of Luverne, Minnesota including, but not limited to the Home Rule Charter and City Code.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect ninety (90) days after its publication.

(01-23)



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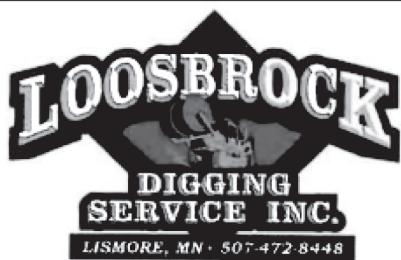
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