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Two down, one to go for Luverne Loop construction

City seeks grant for Phase 3; traffic counts show completed path is popular with users

By Lori Sorenson

With two-thirds of the Luverne Loop hiking and biking path finished, it appears to be popular with local users, according to discussion at Monday morning's meeting of the Luverne Economic Development Authority Jan. 14.

EDA director Holly Sammons shared results of a recent bicycle/pedestrian count that showed an average daily use of more than 60 people on the finished portion of the Loop that extends from the Blue Mound Trail on Blue Mound Avenue along the north and west edges of the city.

"These are excellent numbers, and in a year or two we'll do it again," Sammons said.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation placed the "Eco-Visio" counter just west of Highway 75 at the crossing by the Veterans Home.

It counted path traffic from July 17 to Aug. 9, 2018, and registered 1,516 users with a daily average of 63.

The busiest day was July 30 at 103 users and the lightest trail traffic counted 38 people on Aug. 5, which was a rainy, stormy day. The data also showed that the Loop was busiest in the evening, in the after-supper hour of 7 to 8 p.m.

Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere shared the trail counts with Sammons in a Dec. 28 email.

"Take into account the days of rain and bad weather, I would say that the citizens of Luverne have embraced the Loop," Lanphere said in her email. "Special thanks to the city of Luverne for making the Loop a reality."

City Administrator John Call said the numbers show how popular the Loop is, even though it's not completely finished.

"It's definitely a well-accepted and well-utilized trail," Call said.

A ribbon-cutting event last fall celebrated the Phase 2 completion and the launch of the bike sharing program, "Ride On Luverne," but an event this spring will formally celebrate Phase 2 with more community participation under more favorable weather conditions.

Loop grant funds/see back page



Mavis Fodness photo/0124 Ellsworth Fire Follow Up

Flames can still be seen inside the Ellsworth City Hall as icicles hang from ledges Wednesday morning, Jan. 16, the day after the two-story brick structure was destroyed by fire. Electricity is believed to have started the fire. Now, city workers sift through the rubble for anything salvageable.

Dealing with the aftermath

Ellsworth city leaders and staff sift through rubble after city hall fire Jan. 15

By Mavis Fodness

Ellsworth officials continue to move forward after a Jan. 15 fire destroyed the 115-year-old city hall.

Last week as workmen removed debris from the former two-story wood and brick structure, city clerk Dawn Huisman was busy trying to reestablish her office and assess what was lost to the fire while city officials plan for the future.

Plans are to rebuild city hall, possibly at the same corner location of South Broadway Street and East Fourth Avenue.

"You need a place for people to come, for vendors to come," Huisman said Friday. "I feel

it's a focal point of the city."

Temporarily, a city office opened Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the Zion Presbyterian Church, located a block south of the former city hall location on Broadway Street.

Since the fire, Huisman said work to reestablish a city hall has been chaotic and overwhelming.

In the days since the fire, she and Mayor Tasha Domeyer met with insurance adjusters and the Minnesota State Fire Marshal as they decide immediate needs to reopening the office.

At the temporary location, new office equipment and supplies are being ordered

as telephone and Internet services are being reconnected.

Access to technology will determine if stored service information was damaged in the fire.

The digital signal that records residential water meters comes from equipment attached to the water tower. "I am hoping that we can get the signal to where I am at," Huisman said.

Historic city seal recovered unharmed

One item that won't need replacing is the antique metal embossing seal Huisman used for

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Computer distribution is first link in Internet access project

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Library moved forward with its broadband education initiative by giving away computers.

Library director Calla Jarvie, along with members of the broadband education steering committee, unloaded 53 personal computers.

Distribution took place Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the law enforcement center with the extras delivered to the library

on Main Street Luverne where they are being stored.

Twenty-five families in the Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school districts received personal computers for home use.

"Nowadays so many things you have to do, you have to do online," she said.

Employment applications, medical records, bank transactions and

schoolwork are among the common tasks now performed regularly on computers using the Internet.

The Rock County Library was one of four entities chosen last year for the Blandin Foundation 2018-20 Broadband Communities Grant.

The library's main goal is to increase broadband Internet use across all sectors including agriculture, education, health, private business

and private use.

Other goals include closing gaps in available services, conducting business locally and generally making people's lives easier through the use of technology.

The computer delivery from PCs for People was the first major event completed with the \$75,000 grant.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0124 Snow Storm Friday

Winter returns with bitter cold, snow

Luverne and surrounding schools canceled classes and after-school activities Friday as a winter storm rolled through the area bringing with it single digit highs, below-zero wind chills and varying snow accumulations by mid morning. According to the National Weather Service in Sioux Falls, Friday's snowstorm produced significant heavy snow in some areas and little to no snow for others. More than 10 inches of snow was recorded three miles east of Hardwick and just 3.2 inches in Hills. The bitterly cold temperatures were a drastic change from the previous mild weather of Jan. 7-12 when highs generally reached the 20s and 30s with lows in the upper teens to low 20s.

Wanted: images and artifacts to tell county's farming history

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Historical Society is seeking help from the community for filling new displays at the History Center.

Volunteers and staff are changing out the displays in the showroom to develop a story line about agriculture in Rock County from the 1860s through the late 1930s.

In addition to items they already have, they're asking members of the public to loan their personal family artifacts, stories, photos, etc. for the exhibit.

"One of the things we really want to do is to develop a power point video featuring all the Century Farms in Rock County," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, who is assisting with the project.

"For that video, we would particularly like some of the early pictures and/or pictures showing then and now. Those stories would be appropriate through today."



Rock County residents or those with ties to Rock County are encouraged to call the Chamber office, 507-283-4061, for information about how to contribute to the displays.

"We would take these items on loan, if appropriate," Lanphere said.

The information can be dropped off to the Chamber office near the courthouse or at the History Center on East Main Street.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the Rock County Community Library. Program: Learn to make iron carrier. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the new townhall.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the township hall in Beaver Creek. Call 507-755-6107 for info.

Rose Dell Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the township hall. 605-595-3258.

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

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

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

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

KFC free throw contest Sunday, Jan. 27

St. Catherine’s Knights of Columbus will sponsor boys’ and girls’ free throw championships from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Luverne Cardinal Gym. The free event is open to boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1-1-19). Register at the door 15 minutes before the event. Call Mike at 605-864-1148 with questions. Make-up date is Feb. 10.

Pub Theology hosts SDSU coach

The group “Pub Theology” will host guest speaker SDSU Coach John Stiegelmeier Monday, Feb. 4, at Take 16 Brewery banquet room beginning with a 6:30 social, with the presentation “Faith and Football” at 7 p.m. Call Don Dinger at 507-993-1747 or Cary Radisewitz at 507-227-0466 to reserve a “free” ticket.

‘Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby’ Feb. 9

The “Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby” is planned for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at The Lake in Luverne. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with concessions available from 11 a.m. by Boy Scouts Troop #32. Cost is \$15 for adults (two for \$25) and \$10 for youth (two for \$15).

Prizes will be awarded, and free rods and reels will be given to youth until gone. Temporary and permanent ice houses are allowed. Weather date is Feb. 16. Call the Chamber at 283-4061.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Monday, Feb. 11. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available.

The service is free through April 15 for any private individual with a simple tax format. It’s not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.

Community Ed

Contact Luverne Community Education at C.Arends@isd2184.net or 507-283-4724.

Luverne School students in grades 8 and older -- register now for **Student Driver Education class with the payment of \$335.** Class begins February 4. Out-of-district students may register for open spots on Jan. 28.

Mike Frisch School of Fish will teach anglers grades 3 and older about ice fishing on Feb. 2. For \$30 each child leaves ready to fish with a new rod and reel with tackle. Each child can invite one adult at no extra cost.

Track Those Creatures on Jan. 24 is for children ages 5 through grade 3 who want to learn how to identify animal tracks around their yards. Fee is \$5.

Snowballs and Snowmen Kids in the Kitchen class for students grades K-6 will be Jan. 28. Fee is \$18.

Pottery Wheel Throwing, an intro class, will be four Mondays beginning Feb. 4. Fee is \$40, plus a \$10 material fee.

Register for **summer K-12 T-ball, Baseball, Softball** by March 29. After that the fee will be \$50 higher and *registrations are accepted only if there are openings.*

Softball Pitching Camp for grades 3-8 will be four Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 5. Fee is \$20.

Pottery Wheel Throwing introductory class will be offered four Mondays beginning Feb. 4. Fee is \$40 plus a \$10 materials fee.

Ellsworth assesses city hall losses/continued from page 1

official city documents.

The 10-inch tall, 4-inch wide embosser sat on Huisman’s desk since she began as clerk 27 years ago.

“It’s what they’ve used for years,” she said.

Fortunately the embosser was found in the building rubble the day after the fire.

“That was like finding a needle in a haystack,” Huisman said.

Computer towers and several file cabinets were removed from the office located at the building’s west end.

The computers and accompanying zip drive are being checked for smoke and water damage.

The rest of the items inside Huisman’s vehicle will wait for sorting as items are taken to the temporary office.

All was not saved

Unlike the city embossing seal, several historical items stored at the city hall were destroyed in the fire.

Among the early losses are the paper maps that hung on the office wall for easy reference.

Maps detailed the city’s sewer and water lines, residential and business plats as well as watershed and wellhead maps.

Also gone in the fire was a historic theater curtain that was stored in the second floor stage and basketball court.

The curtain was decorated



Mavis Fodness photo/0124 Ellsworth Fire Follow Up

Smoke continues to billow from the former Ellsworth City Hall building Wednesday morning, Jan. 16, the day after a fire started in the 115-year-old building. **In the inset** is a 10-inch by 4-inch metal seal embosser found in the rubble a day after fire destroyed the Ellsworth city clerk’s office.

with a cityscape and imprinted with advertising logos.

“It’s a shame it was lost,” Huisman said.

Historic pictures and other items given to the city and stored at city hall were also destroyed along with plastic totes of retained city

records.

As Huisman takes a thorough inventory of what was saved from the fire, she said she hopes those items include check blanks and meeting minutes. “We’ve started to piece things back together,” she said.

Cause undetermined

“We are not 100 percent sure how the fire started and we probably will never know,” Mayor Domeyer said. “We’re assuming it’s electrical.”

The council has the option to rebuild at the former city hall site at the corner of Minnesota 91 and East Fourth Avenue, under the water tower, but it hasn’t made any official decisions on rebuilding, instead focusing on setting up a temporary city hall.

Domeyer shared her thoughts about the Jan. 15 fire on the city of Ellsworth Facebook site.

“It’s been a long and sad couple of days, but we have again made it through a rough situation,” she wrote. “I’m blessed to live here.”

As nine area fire departments spent the morning in Ellsworth, local businesses opened their doors and offered food, water and rest-room use to firefighters.

Domeyer said since she became mayor four years ago, the community has suffered a major event in each of her previous two terms.

In 2014 an ice storm went through the area, and last year’s straight-line winds knocked out power to the city for several days.

“I cannot begin to thank this community enough for always pulling together and being #ellsworthstrong,” Domeyer wrote.

Rock County budget ends year in the black

By Mavis Fodness

Fiscal year 2018 ended positively for Rock County with much of the \$1.6 million rolling over into the 2019 budget.

The county ended last year with revenues of \$17.772 million. Expenditures totaled \$16.154 million.

The county highway department had the most carryover funds due to a late December 2018 allocation from the state of Minnesota. The \$909,588 is already earmarked for use in the highway department for 2019.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre presented the year-end report, reviewing each department with commissioners at their Jan. 8 meeting.

The review stopped for discussions about building maintenance, district court costs and bank interest accrued by county funds.

The building maintenance budget was overspent by \$82,550 in 2018.

Majority of the overage was the \$70,000 elevator repair for the courthouse. The upgrade pushed the building maintenance expenditures to \$317,518 for the year.

“Buildings end up costing us a lot of money,” Oldre said.

“Like our own houses, we have to maintain (them).”

In the next five years, building expenditures are expected to climb.

Later this year the county building committee will consider a five-year maintenance plan.

The current building maintenance contractor is recommending \$250,000 to \$500,000 in mechanical upgrades in order for the equipment to stay covered under a warranty agreement.

“Otherwise the equipment will be dropped off the maintenance list,” Oldre said.

District court fees continued to rise for the county in 2018.

The county paid \$71,887, surpassing the budgeted \$25,000 by \$46,887.

The district court budget was increased to \$50,000 for 2019. A noticeable increase in revenue was noted for the county in 2018.

Interest accrued over the 12-month period was more than double the county estimate.

The auditor-treasurer estimated \$60,000 in potential interest. By the end of 2018, more than \$152,000 in interest was realized.

Commissioners opted in 2016 to consolidate five checking accounts and two savings accounts to one bank.

The contract with Security Savings Bank, Luverne, provides a no-fee structure plus interest on all the county accounts.

Library announces schedule

Contact the Rock County Library at rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com or 507-449-5040 for more information or to register for events.

The **2019 Winter Reading Program** is underway and operates until March 31. Prizes are earned by participants who read/listen to 12 books over the three-month timeframe. Reading logs/punch cards can be picked up anytime during the program period at the circulation desk.

Mah Jongg at the library takes place Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Anyone is welcome to learn to play the Chinese game played with tiles printed with various symbols.

Winter Story Time is each Friday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. through April 12.

Evening Story Time takes place from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12 and 26, for story reading, craft making and singing of songs.

Trivia Night at Take 16 begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the brewing company on East Main Street in Luverne.

‘Paws to Read’ photo contest runs from Feb. 11-24. Send photos of pets reading books to rocklibrarystaff@gmail.com. Vote for your favorite pet photo from Feb. 25-March 3.

Bad Art Night at Take 16 is at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Take 16 Brewing Company. A competition will be conducted to see who can make the worst piece of art with the provided materials. Registration required.

Learn How to Swing Dance is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Bring a partner to learn the basic steps and work up to basic spins and dips. Registration required.

DIY book page banner is at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21. Use old books to choose a word or phrase to make a banner with the supplies provided. Registration required.

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.



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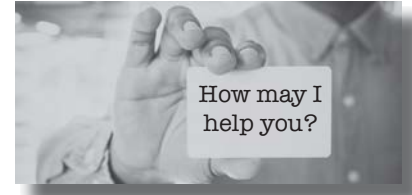
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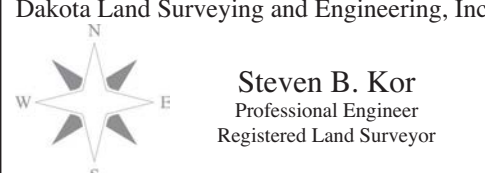
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County approves \$250,000 for bridge near Beaver Creek

State picks up majority of estimated \$1.15 million to replace railroad overpass bridge destroyed by fire

By Mavis Fodness

The timber railroad overpass bridge southwest of Beaver Creek will be replaced with a concrete structure this summer, two years after fireworks caused a blaze that destroyed it.

At their first meeting of 2019 on Jan. 8, Rock County commissioners approved spending \$250,000 toward the estimated \$1.15 million bridge replacement project.

The majority of expense is covered by state funds.

"Since it is a county road and not a state aid road, the money for grading and other items that are not bridge-related must be borne by the county and local dollars," said county highway engineer Mark Sehr.

Other costs include an estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, over which the bridge will expand.

"Anytime we are working over or on the right of way, they have to have a person there," Sehr said.

"If we have equipment set up next to their right of way, that could potentially tip over and hit the tracks. They need someone there — which is going to be the majority of the time of the bridge project."

Construction is expected to begin this summer and take 10 to 12 weeks to complete.

The call for bids will occur this spring, once all the paperwork is completed with BNSF officials.

The bridge design includes two lanes with a 10-ton vehicle carrying capacity. It will be 30 feet wide and span 106 feet over the railroad tracks. (BNSF officials requested the longer length to accommodate the railroad's future plans.)

"It will be a big improve-

ment over what it was," said Commissioner Gary Overgaard.

The previous bridge, built in 1971 was constructed out of wood with weight restrictions against multi-axle vehicle use.

The bridge fire resulted in a Sioux Falls, South Dakota, man facing charges for setting a negligent fire with a property value of \$2,500 or more.

The case is still open, but county attorney Jeff Haubrich informed commissioners that compensation for the bridge damage is not likely.

Funds for the county's share of the bridge replacement will be taken from the road and bridge investment fund, which currently has a balance of over \$860,000.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre said the investment fund was established decades ago for employee-compensated absences and other ongoing costs. The certificates of deposit had been rolled over each year.

"We have had some pretty ugly events over the last 25 to 30 years and we have never touched that money," Oldre said. "Through disaster or whatever the case we have been fortunate."

The road and bridge reserve is one of six investment funds the county currently maintains. There is more than \$4.5 million between the funds including \$1.6 million in county revenue.

Commissioners unanimously authorized the county auditor-treasurer to monitor the upcoming CD renewal and withdraw no more than \$250,000 for repairs of the County 52 bridge.

"It's much cheaper to borrow from ourselves than somebody else," said Commissioner Greg Burger.



One of Kathie Hendricks's favorite pages in 'Walleyes and Watermelons' tells the story of arrow head hunting at Big Stone Lake near Clinton.

'Walleyes and Watermelon: the Story of Summer at the Lake'

Luverne children's book author puts childhood memories into storybook format

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

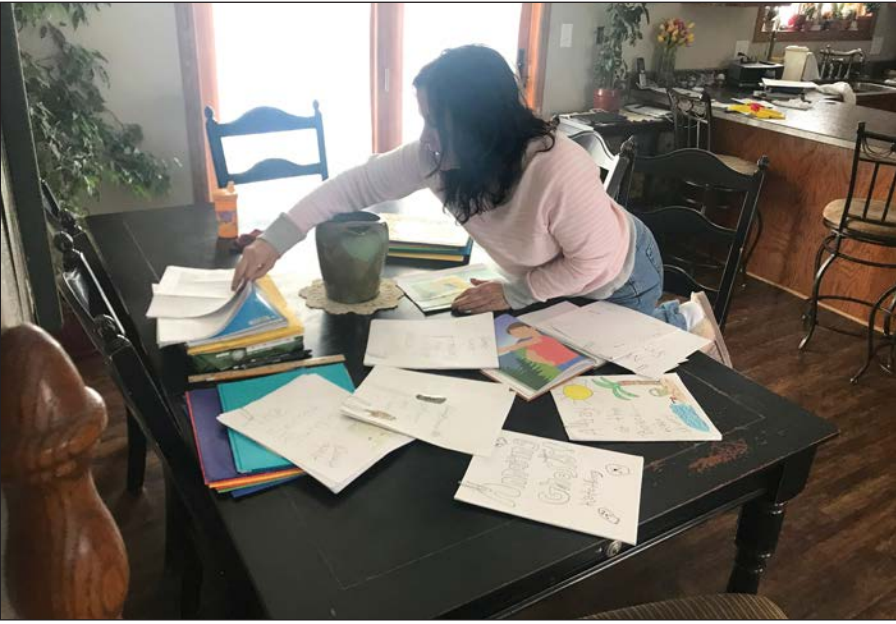
Luverne's Kathie Hendricks has fond childhood memories of summers at her grandparents' lake cabin, and she's captured those moments in a children's book, "Walleyes and Watermelon: the Story of Summer at the Lake."

Written under the pen name "Kate Henry," the book was picked up by Christian Faith Publishing in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and is for sale at Barnes and Noble in bookstores and online.

Hendricks, a licensed in-home child care provider, said she's long dreamed of writing a children's book, but it wasn't until she had back surgery in 2017 that she found the time and motivation to do it.

"I was down for 10 weeks after back surgery, and my son, Jake, said, 'Mom, you should write a book; you're always writing, and now you have time,'" Hendricks said.

"He was right. I enjoy sending



Luverne's Kathie Hendricks has one book published, another on the way and eight more manuscripts ready for her publisher in Pennsylvania.

handwritten notes and cards, so writing a book wasn't that hard."

And coming up with topics wasn't hard either, especially with the lake story.

"It was probably the happiest time in my childhood," Hendricks said about the summers of her grade school years.

The cabin was on Big Stone Lake near the town of Clinton, and the book centers around the adventures of Bean (Kathleen) and her brother, Tommy.

They enjoy swimming, fishing and hunting for arrow heads and find themselves in occasional troubles with fish hooks and other

mishaps.

"Everything that happened in this book happened at the lake. It's listed as fiction, but it's about what we did."

In a matter of days, writing a few hours here and there, the manuscript for "Walleyes and Watermelon" was complete.

But she didn't stop there.

By the end of her 10-week recuperation, Hendricks had written nine more children's books, all neatly recorded in a stack of manuscripts ready to share with her publisher.

Hendricks childrens books/see p. 8

City pay raises go into effect with new year

By Lori Sorenson

As part of approving the 2019 budget, the council authorized a 2-percent increase for union and non-union staff, including administrative and department heads.

A three-year labor agreement signed in 2016 called for a 3-percent increase in 2017, 2.5-percent increase in 2018 and 2 percent in 2019.

The increases include step and lane changes and account for additional duties where applicable.

City Administrator John Call's salary increases from \$123,576 to \$127,275.

City Clerk Jessica Mead from \$66,830 to \$70,220;

Finance Director Barb Berghorst from \$104,686 to \$107,827.

Accountant Candy Reese \$74,588 to \$76,086.

Deputy Finance Clerk Robyn Wessels from \$64,750 to \$70,220.

EDA Director Holly Sammons from \$65,832 to \$69,201.

Building Official Chad McClure from \$71,593 to \$74,048.

Public Works Supervisor John Stoffel from \$80,579 to \$83,220.

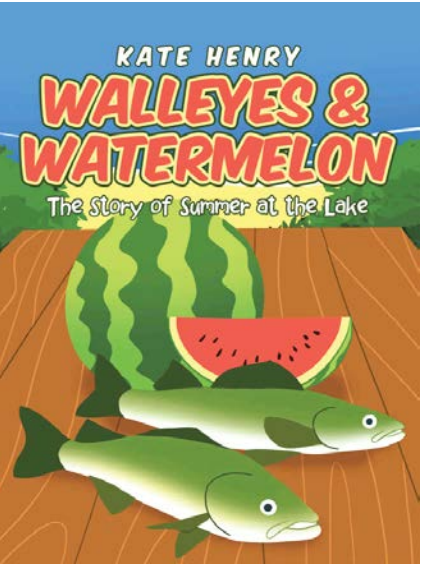
Water/Wastewater Supervisor Al Lais from \$88,566 to \$91,374.

Pool Manager Sam Honerman from \$67,828 to \$70,220.

Assistant Pool Manager Michelle DeKam from \$45,011 to \$46,924.

Liquor Store Manager Kenny Rolling from \$66,830 to \$68,182.

Electric department salaries are paid from the city's \$475,000 contract with Missouri River Energy Services. Those workers — Brian Remme, Mike Gangstad Dakota Olson and Jeff Bechthold — are MRES employees, and their salary information is not public.



Rock County 4-H "Fruit & More" Sale
Rock County 4-Hers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit, along with cheese, beef sticks, pickled herring, Potlins, PuffCrust Pizza and a variety of frozen foods. Here's your chance to eat healthy and support local youth. Contact a 4-H'er in your neighborhood or call the Rock County Extension Office (283-1302) from January 14 to February 3 to order. Delivery is March 15.

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It's 'tru' Cows are better than shrimp

I don't like shrimp that much anyway.

I'm more of a cow-girl. I don't think there is a prettier sight in the world than a pasture full of mama cows and baby calves grazing under a blue prairie sky.

I understand cows. They have curiosity and listen intently when you sing to them. Ever tried singing to a shrimp? I doubt it.

When the cows get out, you open the gate, dump a little silage in the bunk and they run back in. What happens when the shrimp get out? No one knows.

You can pet a cow. If you scratch her behind the ear just right, she'll lean into it and let you know how much she appreciates it. Would a shrimp do that? Probably not.

Baby cows are happy little creatures. They run and buck across the pasture on summer evenings and tear around together until their mamas call them back. What do baby shrimp do? And could we know if they were doing it? Beats me.

Cows are pretty. There are black cows and red cows and brown cows with all kinds of markings. Some have horns. Some are polled. What makes a shrimp pretty? Nothing.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Cows smell good – like alfalfa and silage and grass. How do shrimp smell? I don't know ...

You can buy a cow at the sale barn while sitting by your dad having a BBQ. Do they sell shrimp at the sale barn? No.

Cows lay in rows of straw at the fair. What would a row of shrimp be like? Boring.

You can sleep by your cow at the fair. Can you sleep by your shrimp and would you admit it if you did? Unlikely.

You can look a cow in the eye and she'll look right back at'cha. Do shrimp even have eyes? Can't tell.

Cows have names like Bessy, Nell, #47 and Patches. What would you name a shrimp? You wouldn't, that's what.

Cows smell good – like alfalfa and silage and grass. How do shrimp smell? I don't know ... maybe a little bit fishy?

January is Poverty Awareness Month

Did you know?
•The percentage of people in Rock County who are currently living at or below the federal poverty guidelines is 920.

•A single adult wage earner with two children needs to make \$53,832 annually to meet the basic-needs cost of living in Rock County.

•During the 2016-17 school year, the percentage of children in Rock County who qualified for free and reduced lunch was 30.3 percent.

•The median income in Rock County is \$55,462.

•The percentage of Rock County residents who are paying 30 percent or more of their income for housing is 17 percent.

During the 2017-18 school year the Blandin Foundation Leaders Partnering to End Poverty (LPEP) trainers came to Luverne once a month to educate us on the definition of poverty.

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Marie Atkinson Smeins, Luverne, on behalf of #Luv1LuvAll

We listened to educational speaker Jodi Pfarr. She shared her life experience to educate us on poverty and its effects.

There were community conversations events, a poverty dinner theater, and in the spring of 2018 nearly 100 of us participated in a poverty simulation to get a glimpse of what a month in poverty might be like. These events were great experiences for everyone involved.

As a result of the Blandin Foundation's Leaders Partnering to End Poverty training, #Luv1LuvAll emerged

in June of 2018.

This organization is addressing six key issues within our community (brain health, access to affordable and safe housing, access to oral health, access to food resources for senior citizens, access and a central location for available resources, and access to health care).

#Luv1LuvAll meets bi-monthly. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, at 8 a.m. in the Human Services Building. Anyone interested is invited to attend these meetings and to follow us on Facebook.



Outdoor Heritage Fund: why should we care about it?

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

A few weeks ago I wrote a multi-part series on the most recent land acquisition in Rock County named Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Pheasants Forever used funds from the Outdoor Heritage Fund to purchase this land to establish the WMA.

So just what is the Outdoor Heritage Fund?

It started more than 20 years ago when Minnesota was ranked 41st out of 50 states in the amount of general fund dollars that were used to manage and protect state natural resources.

Duck hunters rallied on the Capitol steps to bring about a consistent funding source for Minnesota's game, fish and wildlife and their habitat. The state had occasionally dedicated money from the state bonding bill for new public lands for hunters and wildlife, but it was a hit-or-miss proposition.

As the rally for dedicated funding (that couldn't be diverted by the legislature to other needs) became stronger, it became known as the three-eighths movement.

Sportsmen wanted the state to dedicate three-eighths of 1 percent of the state's sales taxes to wildlife funding.

In the end, after 15 years of effort, it made it on the November ballot in 2008 and voters approved the Minnesota constitutional amendment that raised the state's sales tax three-eighths of 1 percent.

Funds were to be split as follows:

•one third to the Outdoor Heritage Fund for game, fish and wildlife projects.

•one-third to the Clean Water efforts in Minnesota and

•one-third to parks and trails of regional significance and something called Arts and Cultural Heritage.

It took the addition of the Arts portion to gain enough support to pass. This amendment passed by the greatest margin of any state constitutional amendment overall and it also passed by the greatest margin of any tax-raising amendment in the history of the United States.

Minnesotans wanted more money for the things they loved.

The legislation required a citizens' council to oversee the spending of the wildlife portion of the funds, because sportsmen were not happy with the way those dollars were being allocated in the past.

They cited the State Lottery as the reason why. The Minnesota Lottery was passed around 1986 and reaffirmed some 20 years later and those funds were being diverted and the decisions being made by only a handful of legislators.

The state's conservationists did not want this new fund to go about business in the same way.

A citizen's council, called the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, was created to hear proposals and forward on the best of those to the legislature for final decisions.

It was made up of four citizens appointed by the governor, one citizen member named by the Minnesota House and one public member named by the Minnesota Senate. There are four legis-

lators, two who serve as Environment Committee chairs and two additional representatives.

This fund receives about \$100 million each year to fund critical game, fish and wildlife projects, and the legislature typically agrees with the council on how to spend that money.

I was honored to be named to this council in late 2008 by then Republican Gov. Pawlenty for a staggered two-year term. I was later re-appointed by DFL Gov. Mark Dayton for an additional four years.

This is a volunteer job and in the early years required 30-plus trips a year to the state capital. They now meet about eight times per year.

We are nearly halfway through the 25-year term of the amendment, and Minnesota is now the envy of the nation in terms of natural resource funding. Other states are trying to pass their own dedicated funding mechanisms like ours.

Without this Outdoor Heritage Fund, the Rooster Ridge WMA by Beaver Creek would not exist in Rock County.

If you get a chance, you should stop there to see the legacy funds at work in your county and to experience a preserved piece of habitat everyone can be very proud of.

Next column I will cover some of the many other great projects this fund has made a reality.

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

Team effort cleans crash sites

Question: Who is responsible for making sure the roadway is cleaned up and free from spilled liquids, glass and other car parts from a crash?

Answer: I have noticed that responding agencies and tow companies usually work as a team to treat the injured, direct traffic, investigate the crash and clear the scene as soon as possible for everyone's safety. This is especially important on roadways with higher speed limits.

Below is a general list of responsibilities at a crash scene, although each scene differs as to the crash severity and what is needed.

Law enforcement general responsibilities:

- Secure the incident scene.
- Assist disabled vehicles.
- Provide medical aid until help arrives.
- Serve as incident commander along with Fire/Rescue.

- Direct traffic.
- Conduct crash investigation.
- Supervise scene clearance.

Fire/Rescue/EMS general responsibilities:

- Protect the incident scene.
- Provide medical care.
- Provide initial HAZMAT response and containment.
- Suppress fire.
- Rescue crash victims from

vehicles.

- Arrange transportation for the injured.

- Provide advance emergency medical care.

- Determine destination and transportation for the injured.

- Coordinate evacuation with fire, police and ambulance/airlift.

- Remove medical waste from scene.

- Assist in incident clearance.

Towing companies general responsibilities:

- Remove vehicles from scene.

- Protect victims' property and vehicles.

- Provide transportation for uninjured vehicle occupants.

- Remove debris from roadway (scene).

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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Forever stamps increase to 55 cents Jan. 27

By Lori Sorenson

Postal service patrons are advised to stock up on Forever Stamps in the coming weeks before the price increases from 50 cents to 55 cents.

Metered letters will increase from 47 cents to 50 cents with the rate change that will take effect on Jan. 27.

Prices for mailing services increase by about 2.5 percent overall in what is being called the largest postal price increase since 1991 as the U.S. Postal Service faces continued revenue shortfall.

Shipping price increases will vary by product. For example, Priority Mail Express will increase 3.9 percent and Priority Mail will increase 5.9 percent.

Although mailing services price increases are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), shipping service prices are primarily adjusted according to market conditions.

The single-piece additional ounce price will be reduced to 15 cents, so a 2-ounce stamped letter, such as a typical wedding invitation, will cost less to mail, decreasing from 71 cents to 70 cents.

Domestic Mailing:

The First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) rate for postage purchased at the post office will increase by five cents to 55 cents from 50 cents.

Each additional ounce for a First Class Mail letter will cost 15 cents, a decrease

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Letters	Post Office/Retail Rates	
	2019 Postage Rates	2018 Postage Rates
First-Class Mail letter (1 oz.)	\$0.55	\$0.50
First-Class Mail letter - each additional ounce	\$0.15	\$0.21
First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope (1 oz.)	\$1.00	\$1.00
First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope - each additional ounce	\$0.15	\$0.21
Postcard	\$0.35	\$0.35

from 21 cents.

“Metered Mail” rates for First Class Mail letters (1 oz.), which includes online postage providers and postage meters, will increase from 47 cents to 50 cents. Each additional ounce will cost 15 cents.

The five-cent “Metered Mail” rate discount for a First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) compared to the post office rate represents a savings of 9 percent.

First Class Mail flats/large envelopes (1 oz.) rates will not increase and will remain at \$1. Each additional ounce will cost 15 cents.

Domestic Shipping:

Priority Mail Express will see an overall rate increase of 3.9 percent in 2019. Commercial Base (online post-

age) rates will start at \$22.68 (previously \$21.98).

Priority Mail will see an average rate increase of 5.9 percent in 2019. Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$6.95 (previously \$6.55).

First Class Package Service will see an average rate increase of 11.9 percent in 2019. Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$2.66.

First Class Package Service will move to zone-based pricing in 2019.

Parcel Select Ground will see an average rate decrease of 1.3 percent in 2019. Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$6.85 (previously \$6.55).

Media Mail rates will increase by 2.9 percent in

2019. Rates will start at \$2.75 (previously \$2.66).

International shipping:

Priority Mail Express International will see an average rate increase of 3.9 percent in 2019. Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$42.00 (previously \$40.38).

Priority Mail International will see an average rate increase of 6.2 percent in 2019.

Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$39.71 (previously \$38.29).

First Class Package International Service will see an average rate increase of 3.9 percent in 2019.

Commercial Base (online postage) rates will start at \$9.98 (previously \$9.50).

Erwin’s Towing cash till stolen

By Lori Sorenson

The Rock County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a Tuesday morning theft at Erwin’s Service and Towing in Hills.

According to Rock County investigator Jeff Wieneke, the Hills service station called around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, to report that someone had taken the cash register from the business.

With owner Mark DeBoer out on a tow call and employee Bill Kroon working in the back

of the business, the theft became a crime of opportunity.

“When they came back, they noticed the cash register was missing,” Wieneke said.

For now, he said there are no witnesses, no suspects and no leads, and the amount of cash in the till at the time of the theft is undetermined.

Anyone with information about the theft is encouraged to call the non-emergency number at the Sheriff’s Office, 507-283-5000.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 11
•Complainant reported flames on the outside of the house on 80th Avenue.

•Complainant reported someone is threatening his son.

•Complainant reported his son sold a car to the subject on West Warren Street and he didn’t pay for it.

•Complainant reported finding a crack pipe.

•Complainant reported officer out with vehicle at the tow yard.

•Complainant reported the faint smell of marijuana from an apartment on West Hatting Street.

•Complainant reported his car is on fire on westbound I-90, mile marker 15.

Jan. 12
•Complainant in Hardwick reported someone is trespassing.

•Deputies served a warrant on East Main Street.

•Complainant reported a stopped car in the westbound lane of I-90, mile marker 5.

•Complainant reported a Rock County order for protection violation in Sioux Falls.

Jan. 13
•Complainant requested a residence check on North Blue Mound Avenue.

•Complainant reported subject is driving with a suspended license in Steen.

•Complainant reported something dark on the ice at the Veterans Pond.

•Complainant reported a vehicle tried to run him off the road by the Luverne High School.

•Complainant reported a vehicle is following her on South Estey Street.

•Complainant reported a welfare check in Hardwick.

Jan. 14
•Fatal accident reported on Hwy. 23 near 201st Street.

•Complainant requested deputy escort to retrieve vehicle.

•Complainant requested a welfare check.

Jan. 15
•Emergency response unit call out for search warrant from Spirit Lake.

•Mutual aid requested for a structure fire in Ellsworth.

•Complainant requested assistance with warrant execution in Magnolia.

•Warrant arrest in Magnolia.

•Complainant reported a vehicle parked on the sidewalk on North Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant reported an accident on North River Road.

•Complainant reported a revoked driver on North Blue Mound Avenue.

Jan. 16
•Deputy reported emergency response unit training in Fairmont.

•Complainant requested an explosives permit.

•Complainant requested help on West Main Street with getting a child to school.

•Complainant reported a gas drive-off on South Kniss.

•Complainant reported something on fire two miles south and two east of Jasper.

•Complainant reported someone broke out his window with a baseball bat.

•Complainant reported threats.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on her kids in Hardwick.

•Complainant reported subject with a Rock County warrant is in custody.

•Complainant requested cops come to Beaver Creek on a 911 only number.

•Complainant requested a welfare check.

•Deputy requested assistance on a traffic stop near Beaver Creek.

•Complainant on Fairway Dr reported a large road kill.

•Complainant reported a vandalism disturbance on West Hatting Street.

Jan. 17
•Complainant requested to speak to the sheriff.

•Subject was arrested on a warrant.

•Reserve for warrant arrest.

•Complainant reported that someone cut her off at the Luverne High School.

•Deputy assisted Minnesota State Patrol on I-90.

In addition officers responded to 1 vehicle in the ditch, 2 transports, 8 escorts, 30 ambulance runs, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 24 burn permits, 5 drug court tests, 6 permit to purchase/carry requests, 15 traffic stops, 7 abandon 911 calls, 5 paper service attempts and 1 test.

PCs for People encourage broadband use/continued from page 1

PCs for People is a non-profit organization that provides low-cost computers and affordable broadband Internet into homes of low-income individuals.

The St. Paul company recycles unusable computers and refurbishes them for reuse.

Helping the local library with its project falls into the organization’s mission to provide access to computers to everyone.

Abbey Dibble is the warehouse and production supervisor for PCs for People.

Normally Dibble works in the office, but the Jan. 15 trip to Luverne with driver Matt Alley was a rare opportunity to see where the computers she inventories every day ultimately end up.

“I was begging to go on a distribution event,” she said. “Doing this job I see how important computers are.”

Besides families with school-aged children, two of the computers were delivered to the Blue Mound Towers for use by its residents, one computer went to the Rock County History Center, six computers are reserved for the new Rock County Senior Center and three are extras in case they are needed.

Fifteen computers are still available at the library for eligible families or organizations.



Mavis Fodness photo/0117 PCs for People Blandin

Volunteers help bring 15 refurbished computers into the Rock County Library. Eligible families and organizations can inquire at the library for possible distribution of the remaining computers through PCs for People based in St. Paul. The group delivered 53 computers in Rock County.

Broadband Internet access became available to all premises in Rock County in late 2016 through the Rock County Broadband Alliance.

Last week’s computer distribution is the first of a series of events intended to provide residents with resources to better use the Internet.

“We’ve got a lot of things in

the works,” Jarvie said.

Activities being planned include:

•technology days or special training sessions targeted toward groups such as farmers.

•Wi-Fi connections on school buses.

•a Wi-Fi wagon for use at community events.

The Broadband Alliance

will produce a series of educational “How To” videos.

Jarvie said the task force is open to any suggestions to fill resource gaps to fully use the Internet.

Contact Jarvie at the Rock County Library in Luverne at 507-449-5040 for more information about the Blandin community project.

Papik picks of the week...

2016 Chevrolet Silverado 2LT Z71
21K • Stock #364124U **Save \$3,000**
Was \$33,990 Now \$30,990

2018 Ford Edge
22K • Stock #416807 **Save \$2,000**
Was \$28,990 Now \$26,990

2014 Dodge Durango
98K • Stock #441724H **Save \$2,000**
Was \$19,990 Now \$17,990

2015 Buick Encore
66K • Stock #131974U **Save \$3,000**
Was \$24,990 Now \$21,990

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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

An open house baby shower for **Ashley (Opitz) Benson** will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, in the gathering space at St. Catherine Church in Luverne.

Card showers

Bonnie Scherff will celebrate her 80th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Greetings may be sent to her at 605 W. Lawn Park Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Jan. 28: Chili, lettuce with dressing, cheese sandwich, crackers, sherbet. Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Jan. 29: Egg bake with sausage/ham, oven-baked potatoes, fruit cocktail, coffeecake.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Creamed chicken, biscuit, mixed vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Thursday, Jan. 31: Meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, lemon

sponge cake.

Program: Half-Price Day.

Friday, Feb. 1: Ham boil dinner (ham, cabbage, potatoes, carrots), peaches, cornbread, bar.

Program: Joke Day.

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

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Alexandria Technical releases dean's list

Aiden Bartels and Erica DeBoer, both of Luverne, have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Alexandria Technical and Community College. To be named, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Lonneman named to dean's list

Mitchell Lonneman, Adrian, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota. To be eligible, students must be full time with at least a 3.5 GPA.

UMD names honor students

The University of Minnesota Duluth has announced the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester.

The following area students were named to the list:

From Luverne: Marisol Hartshorn, freshman, exercise science; Hanna Honerman, sophomore, elementary and special education; Mark Robinson, freshman, statistics and actuarial science; Lexie Severtson, senior, biology; Brandon Winter, sophomore, civil engineering.

From Jasper: Samantha Ykema, sophomore, biology.

SDSU dean's list

The dean's list for Fall 2018 semester at South Dakota State University in Brookings appeared in the Jan. 10 Star Herald, but the college since then shared another name, Jazmine Maria Aakriti Olson, Luverne, that hadn't been included in the school's first list. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum of 12 credits with a 3.5 GPA.

Lake Area announces president's list

Jared Jose, Luverne, and Kristoffer Severtson*, Kenneth, were named to the Fall 2018 semester president's list at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, South Dakota. To be eligible, students must be full-time and earn a 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students with a 4.0 have been designated with an asterisk.

Local student is finalist in design

Tessa Klarenbeek has been selected as a semifinalist in the national Steelcase Student Design Competition through the South Dakota State University, Brookings, Interior Design Program. Her project was selected from over 900 entries nationwide.

Klarenbeek will present her project in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in February, and all five of the semifinalist projects will be shared on the Steelcase Education website after the winner is announced Feb. 15. She is the daughter of Vonda and Dennis Klarenbeek, Luverne, and is a 2016 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School.



A hair-raising lesson

Cheyenne Hoag looks in the mirror at how static electricity generated by touching the Van De Graaff generator affects his hair. "Co-ops in the Classroom" was presented to Luverne Elementary fifth-graders Thursday afternoon, Jan. 17.

Cooperative lesson on electricity leaves fifth-graders with important messages

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Lessons were a little hair-raising and shocking Thursday afternoon, Jan. 17, at Luverne Elementary School.

For the past two weeks, Jennifer Gross with East River Electric Cooperative in Madison, South Dakota, has traveled to area schools to talk about electricity.

She takes along a Van De Graaff generator and a bicycle to bring the electricity lessons to life.

Accompanying Gross was Lori George from Sioux Valley Electric Cooperative, Pipestone.

"We want them to have an understanding of how we make it, transmit it, use it safely and how to conserve it," Gross said.

Students learned the difference between natural and manmade electricity and how electricity moves from one place to another.

"It's always trying to get into the ground," Gross stressed.

A little fun was had using naturally occurring static electricity created by the Van De Graaff generator.

The placement of hands on the generator's medal dome caused students' hair to stand on end if another student came close; a loud snap from the static electricity reaching the ground was heard.

Bits of paper were also lifted in the air by the charged electrons from the static electricity.

Students learned about materials that are insulators or conductors of electricity.

While static electricity is harmless, the manmade electricity used in homes is deadly.

"Manmade electricity could stop your heart," Gross said.

The stationary bike was able to generate electricity when pedaled.

Gross showed students the different types of light bulbs and how hard a



Jennifer Gross with East River Electric in Madison, South Dakota, uses a fan powered by electricity generated by fifth-grader Ava Sieve as she pedals the stationary bike.

student had to pedal to make the less energy-efficient bulbs light up.

Students pedaled even faster to power lights plus items plugged into the electrical socket.

Gross cautioned students not to be "energy hogs" and to unplug items or shut lights off when not in use.

Students were also cautioned against touching bare electrical wires in their homes and not to leave a vehicle if an electrical line rests across it after an accident. Instead, they were instructed to call 911 for help.

She demonstrated the proper way to get out of a vehicle if an electrical wire is resting on the vehicle so that occupants don't become a path to the ground for the deadly electricity to travel.

Gross wrapped her arms around



Vitaly Anderson's hair rises and bits of paper are lifted from his hand during a static electricity lesson.

her body in a hug and placed her knees together.

"Then hop off or shuffle away — at least 40 feet — then run or walk away," she said.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•The Chamber office is moving this week to the newly renovated Galleries on the Rock County Courthouse Square.

The historic quartzite building has been under construction for the past year, and for Chamber Director Jane Wilsong Lanphere, this week's move is important for several reasons.

"This is an exciting move to bring a new resource to the community," Lanphere said. "Without the work of many people this wouldn't have happened."

Transforming the old jail into a tastefully renovated community center has been a group effort involving dozens of local individuals.

25 years ago (1994)

•After more than an hour of spinning their wheels, members of the Joint Law Study Commission decided to table some sensitive issues until a later date.

The committee was assigned earlier this year to study the feasibility of combining the county sheriff's department and the city police department.

The city and county are considering a combination for a number of reasons. They hope to save money by eliminating duplication of administrative services and training. Also, they feel combining the departments would allow more flexibility in scheduling and a specialization of skills. The two departments already function under the same roof and share dispatch services.

50 years ago (1969)

•Two break-ins at Hills late Wednesday night or early Thursday resulted in the theft of \$95 cash, and a quantity of cigarettes. Reporting the theft to Sheriff Ole Hommen and Deputy Sheriff Dean BeBooy who investigated, was Constable Vernon Danielson.

A front door padlock was broken so that entry could be made into Orv's Skelly Service, operated by Orville Sundem. There about \$85 in small bills and change were taken from a cash register, and an undetermined number of cigarettes were stolen.

At the coin laundry, owned and operated by Alvin "Bud" Hoogeveen, entry was made by prying open the rear door, possibly with a large screw driver, and coin boxes on a pop machine and soap dispenser were broken. An estimated \$10 to \$12 in coins were taken there.

This is the second time in two months that Hills has been hit by burglaries. A break-in at the Hills Liquor Store Nov. 11 resulted in the theft of about \$150 worth of liquor.

75 years ago (1944)

•A grass fire, thought to have been started by some boys near the site of the old quarry at the east edge of the Mounds, swept over an area of about two square miles Sunday night. The glow of flames could be seen for miles and reminded early settlers of the county of the prairie fires of long ago.

The fire, first noticed about 6 p.m., spread in a north-north-westerly direction and was brought under control about 10:30

p.m. with the help of a few volunteer workmen and the Luverne rural fire department. By that time, it had almost reached Mound Springs park.

No serious damage resulted except that the grass was burned off. There was no livestock or buildings in the path of the blaze it was said.

100 years ago (1919)

•Luverne's newest business concern, The Traffic Audit Co., under the management of A.L. Getman, is now ready for business, with headquarters in the suite of office rooms formerly occupied by the late A.J. Daley.

The organization of the company was completed the first of this month, but the opening of business headquarters was delayed. Mr. Getman was unable to sever his relations with the Rock Island system as traveling agent for the freight claims department until the 15th, but is now able to give his undivided attention to the audit company's business.

As announced in a previous issue of the Herald the Traffic Audit Co. will specialize in auditing freight and express bills for the business interests of the city, and in collecting refunds and damage claims where due in a systematic and prompt manner. The need of such services has long been apparent, and has recently become more pronounced though the tendency of wholesale shippers to discontinue the maintenance of traffic departments to look after the interests of their customers.

Snow Week kicks off Jan. 28 for week of activities for Luverne students

By Mavis Fodness

A little bit of fun in the middle of winter is planned for Luverne middle and high school students as their respective student councils plan Snow Week activities.

Snow Week is similar to Homecoming week complete with dress-up days, crowned royalty and winter-themed activities.

Unlike Homecoming royalty whose candidates are nominated by students, teachers nominate the Snow Week royalty. They nominate five students based on academic success, leadership and involvement in the school and community.

The top five male and female nominees comprise the 10-member Snow Week Winter Court.

From the nominees, teachers select a king and a queen to reign over Winter Week festivities.

Nominees for king include Jackson Golla, Derek Lundgren, Nathan Overgaard, Eric Thorson and Austin Winter.

Queen nominees included Jadyn Anderson, Carissa Cunningham, Jacinda Hustoft, Mackenzie Petersen and Emilie Staeffler.

Coronation takes place at 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28, in the middle-high school auditorium during Day 1 of the Snow Week activities.

Monday also marks the beginning of dress-up days when middle and high school students celebrate Pajama Day.

Tuesday is Beach Day in both schools.

Wednesday is Winter Wear Day for the high school and Disney Character Day for the middle school.

Wednesday also is Ride Your Snowmobile to School Day for high school students.

Wednesday afternoon Snow Week class activities include freshmen and sophomores watching a movie in the auditorium, juniors skating at the Luverne Ice Arena, and seniors sledding on school grounds.

Thursday is Camo/Blaze Orange Day for high school students, and the middle school celebrates Minnesota Day.

Friday is Flannel Day in the high school and Winter Wear Day in the middle school.

Middle school students spend Friday at Great Bear Recreation Park near Sioux Falls, and high school students attend a 2 p.m. Winter Pepfest in the middle-high school gymnasium.

This is the fourth year for the annual event.



Submitted photo

Ten students comprise the 2019 Royalty Court for the upcoming Snow Week at Luverne High School. Candidates for queen and king of Snow Week include (front row, from left) Emilie Staeffler, Mackenzie Petersen, Jadyn Anderson, Jacinda Hustoft, Carissa Cunningham, (back) Derek Lundgren, Jackson Golla, Austin Winter, Nathan Overgaard and Eric Thorson.

OBITUARIES

Glenn Hawes

Glenn Arthur Hawes, 89, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, in Lebanon, Oregon.

A joint memorial service for Glenn and Joyce Hawes will be this spring at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Interment will follow at the Jasper Cemetery in Jasper.



Glenn Hawes was born on March 20, 1929, to Floyd and Nina Hawes in Rose Dell Township of Rock County. He attended the District 45 School until he began working full time on the family farm.

In 1949 Glenn married Joyce Kleine in Pipestone, and from 1949-1993 he and Joyce farmed south of Jasper where they raised their two children.

Beginning in 1980, Glenn and Joyce wintered in Alamo, Texas, and later in Mission, Texas. They became full-time Mission residents in 2015. In 2017 Glenn moved to The Oaks of Lebanon in Lebanon, Oregon.

An active member of Jasper United Methodist Church, Glenn chaired the Board of Trustees for 20 years. He also worshipped at the San Juan Texas United Methodist Church where he helped maintain the church property. For 22 years Glenn volunteered at the SJUMC Market where he repaired and refurbished appliances and machines for resale at the market to benefit missions. Glenn and Joyce were selected Outstanding Winter Texans at SJUMC in 1997 and 2004. With Hands of Hope, Glenn

helped build 100 homes for the poor outside Reynosa, Mexico, and he worked on 39 Habitat for Humanity homes in the Rio Grande Valley.

In retirement Glenn enjoyed restoring windmills with Terry Rodman. He loved waterskiing, playing pool, taking

drives and motorcycle rides in the country, and sharing coffee and stories with friends.

Glenn is survived by his children, Gary (Tessie) Hawes of Lebanon, Oregon, and Cathy (Jerry) Wentworth of Jasper, Georgia; sisters and brothers Marvin (Sharon) Hawes, Luverne, Shirley (David) Haraldson, Clive, Iowa, Marvel (Bert) Phillips, Lakeville, Lloyd (Carol) Hawes, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, Arlen (Marla) Hawes, Crooks, South Dakota, and Sharon (Steven) Gilb, Mountain Lake; sisters-in-law Mildred (John) Steece, Luverne, Mary (Floyd) Kraetsch, Luverne, Janis Glapa, Menomonie, Wisconsin, and Lois Kleine, Luverne; brothers-in-law Dallas Kleine, Bullhead City, Arizona, and Thomas (Penny) Kleine, Summerville, South Carolina; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, on Nov. 5, 2018; his parents; his sisters Rosella Murphy, Marilyn Eustice and Betty Lane; and an infant brother, Norman Hawes.

Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0124 F)

Ann Petersen

Ann Kathleen Petersen, 73, Hardwick, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at the Pipestone County Medical Center in Pipestone.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 21, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Ann Mortland was born on April 10, 1945, to James and Berniece (Hind) Mortland in Tyler. She grew up on a farm outside of Lake Benton and attended District 10 country school before graduating from Lake Benton High School. Following her education she moved to Pipestone, where she worked at Sturdevants, Marigold Dairy and the Hiawatha Roller Rink.

On June 4, 1966, Ann married Henry Petersen at the Lake Benton Methodist Church. The couple settled in Hardwick, where they farmed and raised their family. Ann helped on the farm and loved being home with their children. When the kids became older, she started working various jobs at Kroggie's Kegger in Hardwick, testing cows with the Pipestone County DHIA, KJ's Bar and then at Nobles Rock Public Health Service until her retirement.

Ann was a member of the

First Presbyterian Church in Edgerton. She always enjoyed work outside, whether that be yard work, tending to her flower gardens or raising their chickens, turkeys and peacocks. In her later years, Ann enjoyed keeping in touch with friends and family on her computer. Her children and grandchildren will remember all the cakes she baked and decorated for special occasions.

Ann is survived by her husband, Henry; her children, Beth (Terry) Kalass of Luverne, Hope (Lowell) Schelhaas of Hardwick, and Heath (Keri) Petersen of Edgerton; seven grandchildren, Spenser Kalass (special friend, Marni DeBoer), Jasmine Kalass, Jenna and Nicole Schelhaas, and Kenzi, Hank and Huck Petersen; and siblings, Virginia Yearous of Balaton, Dan (Priscilla) Mortland of Chicago, Illinois, and Bill (Rita) Doyscher of Tyler.

She was preceded in death by her son, Hank; her parents; siblings Lorraine Doyscher and Dean Mortland; parents-in-law George and Elnora Petersen; and sisters-in-law Louise Van Huevelen and Marilyn Mortland.

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Helen Kruger

Helen Eldora Kruger, 95, Luverne, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Helen Tobiason was born to Peter and Inga (Lee) Tobiason on Aug. 21, 1923, on a farm near Kenneth. She attended country school in District 55 in Battle Plain Township and later graduated from Luverne High School in Luverne. Following her schooling, she remained living and helping on the family farm.

On April 18, 1945, Helen married Alvin Kruger at First Baptist Church in Luverne. The couple then lived near Jasper, Beaver Creek, Sibley, Iowa, and Kenneth, where Helen helped on the farm and raised their children. While raising her family, Helen worked at the Blue Mound Inn and at the Magnolia Steak House. In 1983 they moved to Magnolia. Alvin preceded her in death in 1995. After his death, Helen continued to live in Magnolia until 1999, when she then moved to Luverne. In April 2014 Helen became a resident at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown



Home in Luverne.

Helen was a member of the First Baptist Church in Luverne. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Luverne Senior Focus and the Hardwick Servicemen's Mothers Club. Helen's goal in life was to be a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker. She loved her farm life, making and having meals with the farm laborers, and entertaining for her family's special occasions. She enjoyed trips and various hobbies.

She is survived by four children, Janice Flowers of Lake Crystal, Karen (Gene) Rosenberg of Luverne, Judy Kruger of Luverne, and Eldon (Becky) Kruger of Magnolia; a daughter-in-law, Deb Kruger of Worthington; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvin; two sons, Loren Kruger and Dale Kruger; a son-in-law, Don Flowers; two brothers, Alfred Tobiason and Gordon Tobiason; and two sisters, Mabel Oldre and Ida Enger.

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(0124 F)

1954: March on Polio solicits donations for paralysis fund

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on January 28, 1954

Mothers' March On Polio To Be Held Here Tonight

Will Canvass Business Area Today, Friday

Turn on your porch light early tonight, you're going to have a visitor.

This is the night for Luverne's "Mothers' March on Polio," when dozens of mothers in all sections of the city will make a house to house canvass to obtain contributions in the county infantile paralysis fund.

This "mothers' march" is not the only one. Throughout the nation, some 3,000,000 mothers will be doing the same thing, some of them on foot, on snowshoes, on horseback and in automobiles, according to reports coming from the National Foundation.

This Drive Important

This year's march, too, is considered one of the most important in the foundation's history, as never before has science been so close to discovering a cause and cure for the dreaded disease. Funds collected this year will be used in conducting an extensive vaccine test that could spell the end to polio. These tests, together with the expanded use of temporary protection through the use of gamma globulin, will cost the National Foundation \$26,500,000.

Lester U. Tollefson, county March of Dimes fund drive chairman, said that from information he has been able to obtain, the vaccine tests will not be given in Rock county. However, it is possible that Minnesota will be included among the states where the inoculations are tried, but it has not yet been definitely announced that it will be. March of Dimes funds will still continue to be used for medical aid for persons stricken with the disease as it has in the past.

Eight Aided in 1953



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

During 1953, eight Rock countyians received assistance from the local chapter.

Since the first outbreak of polio here several years ago, all funds from the local treasury have been used for that purpose, and in addition, some \$49,000 has been borrowed by the local organization from the National Foundation.

That is why it is so important that everyone give generously, Tollefson pointed out.

Following the Mothers' March tonight, all mothers are invited to enjoy coffee and refreshments at the American Legion rooms, and at the same time, they may bring the contributions they have received to Howard C. Nelson, treasurer of the local chapter.

To Solicit Business Men

Today and tomorrow, there will be a solicitation in the business district of business and professional men, with Matt Schlader, Karl Heiden, Norman Larsen, Keith Connell, Larry Brinkman, Don Storaker, Roger Wiese, Elmer Piepgras, Dr. R. W. Keitel and Bob Wildung serving as solicitors.

Proceeds from the regular Saturday night Bingo party sponsored by the American Legion at the Legion Club rooms will also go to the March of Dimes.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

DEATH NOTICE

Malcolm Pegram Jr.

Malcolm C. Pegram Jr., 54, Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com.

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Eric Sammons

Eric Sammons, 42, Luverne, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral Mass was Monday, Jan. 21, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

Eric Sammons was born on June 21, 1976, to Mike and Mary (Padilla) Sammons in Luverne, where he was raised. He attended school and graduated from Luverne High School in 1995. While in high school, Eric was involved in sports and worked at McDonald's. He then moved to the Twin Cities and attended school at Brown Institute, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design in 1998. During this time, Eric worked at Xerox.

Following graduation, Eric's field of education took him to Hallendale, Florida. He eventually became a cook at Chili's restaurant. In January 2004 Eric returned to Luverne and worked as a cook at the Howling Dog Saloon and then as a service technician at Papik Motors, along with playing

baseball for the hometown Luverne Redbirds team.

He moved to Brownsville, Texas, to work for the Panasonic company in 2009. Due to his health concerns, Eric returned to Luverne in July 2011.

Eric was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne where he was baptized and confirmed. He loved attending his nieces' and nephews' activities; he was always their "Big Buddy." Eric was very artistic and was big into gaming.

Eric is survived by his daughter, Ferynn Sammons of Harlingen, Texas; his mother, Mary (Mike) McLaughlin of Luverne; his father, Mike Sammons of Round Lake; three siblings, Chad (Sara) Sammons of New Ulm, Angela (Robert) Sneller of Luverne, and Lindsay (Thomas) Jennings of Ellsworth; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Lilly Ann Sammons.

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Hendricks pens children’s books as Kate Henry/

from page 3

“Once I get an idea in my head, it doesn’t take very long to write,” she said. “It’s not a novel; children’s books are 20 pages or less.”

“Walleyes and Watermelon” was released last year, and her second book, “Here Come the Leprechauns,” is set to come out in February or March.

It’s based on a game she and her husband, Bruce, played with their own children when they were little.

“In the book, leprechauns sneak into the Irish homes and make a mess and leave their treats,” said Hendricks who is half Irish.

“Bean and Tommy want to stay up late before St. Patrick’s Day because they know the leprechauns are coming.”

Her children’s books are all based on experiences from her own childhood and from those with her children and grandchildren.

For example, one future release is about her daugh-



“It’s a dream come true to be a published author.”

— Kathie Hendricks, whose second book titled “Here Come the Leprechauns” is scheduled for release next month.

ter’s imaginary friend, “Andee,” during the Hendricks family’s move to Luverne from Breckenridge in 1994.

In the story — as it was in real life — Andee was a clear and present friend for little Stephanie until after the family arrived in Luverne.

“I remember asking Stephanie where Andee was, because I hadn’t heard her mentioned in awhile,” Hendricks said.

“She told me, ‘Andee didn’t

come along to Luverne, because she moved to New York.’ ... And that’s what happens in the book.”

Another Kate Henry book, “The Secret Jungle,” is about her kids’ descriptions of playing in the alfalfa field across the street from their house on Veterans Drive when they first moved to Luverne.

Another book about ghosts is inspired by her grandchildren’s experiences

with imaginary beings.

The publishing company provides artwork for the books, following guidance from the author.

“I’ve been really pleased with what they’ve done,” Hendricks said about the book illustrations.

“We had to make a correction, though, on one of the beach pages at the lake because they had palm trees on the shoreline, and I had to explain that we don’t have palm trees in northern Minnesota.”

The corrected version portrays pine trees and northern woods on rolling landscapes.

Hendricks downplays the work she’s put into her books, but said being printed and promoted by a national publisher is certainly rewarding.

“It’s a dream come true to be a published author,” Hendricks said.

Farm tariff aid application deadline extended

Due to the federal government shutdown and closure of the local Farm Service Agency offices, the application deadline for the Market Facilitation Program (MFP) has been extended.

Producers had until Jan. 15 to make application for the direct payments as part of the \$12 billion Trade Retaliation Mitigation aid package.

The aid package was made available to help offset the financial impacts on

farmers that was created by ongoing global trade disruptions.

Local FSA offices have been closed since Dec. 28.

The MFP application deadline will be extended for the length of time that is equal to the number of business days that the FSA is closed.

The application form, fact sheet and program tips are available at the USDA website, www.farmers.gov/MFP.

Cox Realty joins Weichert franchise

Cox Realty & Land Service, LLC in Adrian has joined the national franchise system Weichert Real Estate Affiliates Inc.

The Cox office is now known as Weichert, Realtors — The 507 Agency, and is an independently owned and operated Weichert affiliate run by Owners Alan and Cindy Cox.

“We’re excited to take advantage of all the resources and support that Weichert can provide our agents to help them achieve individual success while helping us grow our company’s local market share,” said Alan Cox.

As part of the Weichert franchise network, local agents have access to training programs and sales leads from Weichert.

“Joining a national brand like Weichert is a big move for us, but it’s definitely the right decision,” said Cindy Cox, who added that it will

help them improve services in real estate, land sales and agricultural appraisals in addition to management and consulting services.

Weichert Real Estate Affiliates Inc. President and COO Bill Scavone welcomed the Adrian affiliate in a statement released Jan. 18.

“Their office has a reputation for great customer service and they are highly regarded in Adrian and surrounding areas,” Scavone said about the Cox business.

Weichert, Realtors — The 507 Agency is a full-service real estate company that specializes in residential and farmland sales, as well as agricultural and farmland management, appraisals and consultations.

The office at 102 E. Pearl Street, Suite 103, in Adrian, serves six counties in southwest Minnesota.

Call 507-483-2218 or visit The507Agency.com.

Southwest Health and Human Services launches Quality of Life Survey

How can we get better together?

Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) is helping communities prioritize health issues and disparities, identify resources and take action.

The agency is encouraging community members to participate in the Quality of Life Survey to help develop Community Health Improvement Plans for Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood and Rock counties.

“Everyone’s input is vital to this process so that we can develop a plan customized to the needs of our community,” said Carol Biren, SWHHS Public Health Director.

Respondents are asked if they feel safe, healthy and secure in their communities, and they’re asked which health concerns are most urgent in their communities.

Surveys, which take less than two minutes to complete,

are available at www.swmhhs.com/public-health/planning-and-assessment-2.

Paper surveys are also available at Southwest Health and Human Services offices and public libraries in each county.

The survey will close Jan. 31. Results will be shared at a future time.

According to Kopperud, improving community health is a shared responsibility.

“Join in community health improvement planning today and help support our shared vision of enhancing the health and well-being for those that live, work, learn and play in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone, Redwood and Rock Counties,” Biren said.

Call 507-836-6144 ext. 2009 or email krista.kopperud@swmhhs.com.

Rotary Club to replace 82-year-old lighted sign

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne’s Rotary Club is set to unveil a new signature sign after the club’s 82-year-old vintage sign broke during the club’s Jan. 8 meeting in the Pizza Ranch restaurant.

According to Rotary Club’s assistant sergeant at arms, George McDonald, the sign has never been sturdy on its wooden stand and has had several near misses over the decades.

But last week, he said, it toppled over and broke apart, marking the end of an era for those who are nostalgic about the circular wooden symbol.

It was crafted to represent Rotary’s six-point star with light bulbs around the outside and inside of the frame.

“I’ve been a member for 44 years, and the sign is part of our heritage,” McDonald said.

He said the old sign will be retired and a new one will be unveiled at the Jan. 29 Rotary Club annual membership drive meeting at Take 16.



The vintage, handmade, lighted Rotary Club sign is pictured in 2015 with student winners of the “Four-Way Test” essay contest (from left) Ellie Hodgen, Ainslie Robinson and Elise Jarchow.

tary Club annual membership drive meeting at Take 16.

At this meeting, which is set for 5 to 7:30 p.m., the club will also honor a local member with the Paul

Harris Fellowship, a prestigious designation reserved for someone who’s done outstanding service for the community and for the Rotary Club.

Arndt named ‘Friend of Rural Water’

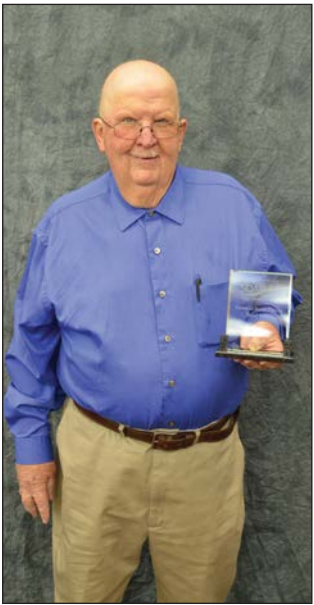
Red Arndt of Luverne received the distinguished Friend of Rural Water Award Thursday, Jan. 10, at the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems’ Annual Technical Conference in Pierre.

“Everyone at Lewis & Clark joins with me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Red on this well-deserved honor,” said Executive Director Troy Larson.

“[The award] recognizes his 29 years and counting of hard work and dedication to bring much needed water to the tri-state region,”

Arndt is an original board member of Lewis & Clark starting in January 1990. He became vice-chairman in 1994 and has served with distinction as chairman since 2006.

Arndt served as Luverne’s public utilities director for 24 years, from 1989 to 2003, and he first learned about Lewis & Clark during



Luverne’s Red Arndt received the Friend of Rural Water Award, Jan. 10 in Pierre, South Dakota.

a meeting in Sheldon, Iowa, in 1989.

“Right off the bat he believed strongly in the need for the tri-state project

and convinced his council to join when Lewis & Clark was incorporated in January 1990,” Larson said.

“Imagine him in his first year on the job and trying to convince his council to join what at the time no doubt sounded like a half-baked idea to bring water from the Vermillion area to the tri-state region.”

He said such a recommendation required leadership and vision.

“Red has been a driving force in his relentless and tenacious pursuit to bring critically needed drinking water to the tri-state region,” Larson said.

“His steadfast belief in the project goes way beyond traditional words like ‘dedication’ and ‘commitment.’ It is an all-consuming passion. Red is a visionary who understands this is a legacy-type project that will have a profound impact on the region for generations to come.”



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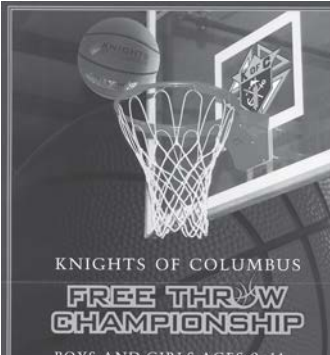
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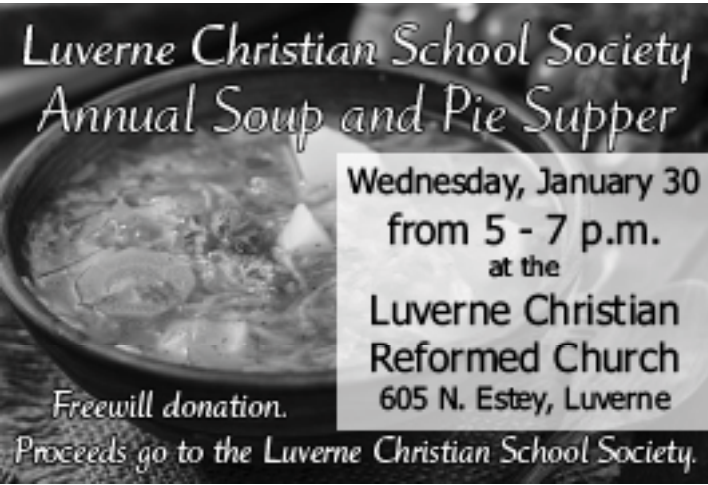
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Luverne Christian School Society Annual Soup and Pie Supper

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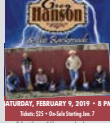
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Thursday Jan. 24 2 p.m.	 <i>Afternoon Escape Movie</i> “Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer” \$5 admission
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Saturday Feb. 9 8 p.m.	 <i>Greg Hanson & The Backroads Country Band</i> \$25 tickets on sale at the Palace Box Office or www.palacetheatre.us
Friday Mar. 8 7:30 p.m.	 <i>Superstar: The Songs, The Stories, The Carpenters</i> featuring Helen Welch \$25 tickets - Tickets on sale Jan 28 for season subscribers/ business underwriters, February 4 for the public

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Cardinal matmen complete winless conference slate

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team finished a 0-6 Big South Conference schedule at the Pipestone Triangular Jan. 15. The Cardinals mixed it up with the Arrows and Marshall during the event. LHS was outscored 126-11 during a pair of losses. Marshall rolled to a 75-0 win over the Cardinals. Pipestone topped LHS 51-11.

Two Cardinal athletes registered wins during the Pipestone matches. Riley Cowell pinned J.J. Martens at 113 pounds, while Braydon Ripka prevailed by technical fall over Allen Tubbs at 132. The 0-10 Cardinals wrestle at a triangular meet in Tracy Thursday.

Match wrap-ups
Pipestone 51, LHS 11
106 (P) Burnett pins Mehlhaff.
113 (L) Cowell pins Martens.
120 (P) Bobendrier pins Hernandez.
126 (P) Smidt pins J.Ripka.
132 (L) B.Ripka t.f. Tubbs.
138 (P) Budden by forfeit.
145 (P) Wipf 8-3 DeSollar.
152 (P) Fenton pins Rosin.
160 (P) Lange by forfeit.
170 (P) Campos by forfeit.
182 (P) Colvin pins Brown.
195 (P-L) open.
220 (P-L) open.
285 (P-L) open.

Marshall 75, LHS 0
106 (M) Louwagie pins Mehlhaff.
113 (M) Lar 9-5 Cowell.
120 (M) Eh pins Hernandez.
126 (M) Roth pins J.Ripka.
132 (M) Hodges pins Janiszkeski.
138 (M) Williams 11-9 B.Ripka.
145 (M) Jensen 10-1 DeSollar.
152 (M) Hughes t.f. Dooyema.
160 (M) Louwagie pins Rosin.
170 (M) Sterner by forfeit.
182 (M) Stahl pins Brown.
195 (M) Bahr by forfeit.
220 (M) Felcyn by forfeit.
285 (M) Felcyn by forfeit.

Luverne girls rally to earn draw Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team skated to its third draw of the season Monday in Le Sueur. The Cardinals locked horns with Minnesota River for a Big South Conference clash. The Bulldogs defeated LHS 5-3 when the teams met in Luverne Nov. 30, but a late surge by the Cardinals kept Minnesota River from sweeping the season series Monday night. The hosts led 2-0 after netting a pair of second-period goals, but LHS struck for two goals late in the third period to send the game to overtime. The Cards sported a 4-3 edge in shots on goal in the eight-minute overtime session, but neither team could put the puck in the net to snap a 2-2 deadlock. Minnesota River scored twice in the first 2:56 of the second period to gain a 2-0 cushion. Anna Pavlo scored the first goal 1:15 into the stanza, and Emma Seaver netted the second goal with 14:04 remaining in the stanza. Luverne's Kamryn Van Batavia scored twice in the final 4:37 of the third period to knot the tally. Brynn Thier set up Van Batavia's first goal that came 12:23 into the final stanza. Van Batavia tied the game at two with an assist going to Reghan Feit with 1:36 left to play. The Bulldogs sported a 31-30 edge in shots on goal in the game. Mallory Von Tersch made 29 saves for the 13-4-3 Cardinals, who host Marshall Thursday.

Boys skate to split

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team split games against Big South Conference opponents late last week. The Cardinals skated to a two-goal home win over Redwood Valley Thursday before falling by four goals in Waseca Saturday. Luverne, 7-9 overall, hosts Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato Friday.

Waseca 5, Luverne 1

The Cardinals had a run of three wins snapped when they took on the Bluejays in Waseca Saturday. Ben Priebe scored the first two goals of the game on the way to registering a hat trick for a Waseca team that never trailed in the contest. Priebe scored goals 1:30 apart in the first period to give the hosts a 2-0 lead that was sliced in half (2-1) when Luverne's Ben Serie netted a power-play tally with 11 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. Waseca went on to net a pair of goals in the second period before capping the scoring with a third-period tally. Jagger Johnson and Priebe found the net for Waseca in the second period. Ben Mathern completed the scoring in the third period. Colton Schutz made 35 saves for an LHS squad that was outshot 40-31 in the contest. Mark Sterrett and Gaige Nath charted one assist each for the Cards.



Luverne senior Mark Sterrett advances the puck into the offensive zone during Thursday's hockey game against Redwood Valley at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne 6, RWV 4

The Cardinals registered three consecutive wins for the first time this season when they topped Redwood Valley by two goals at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday. LHS trailed 2-0 after 17 minutes of play before scoring three goals in each of the second and third periods to secure a come-from-behind victory. Tyler Roberts led the comeback by recording a hat trick, while Sterrett chipped in two goals. RWV received first-period

goals from Mason Clark and Luke Ryan in the first 5:30 to gain an early advantage. Luverne moved in front with a three-goal second stanza. Colby Crabtree started the rally with an unassisted tally with 9:10 remaining in the second stanza. Roberts tied the score at two before Sterrett gave the Cards a 3-2 edge with a short-handed tally later in the period. Roberts scored early in the second period before Chad Riewer countered for RWV with 14:25 remaining to make it a 4-3 game. Roberts completed his hat

trick as the third period progressed, but RWV's Stian Vralstad scored with 4:13 left to play to trim the difference to one (5-4). Sterrett settled the issue when he registered an empty-net goal with 31 seconds remaining. Shaid Shearer made 37 saves for an LHS team that was outshot by RWV 41-33 in the contest. Serie recorded two assists for the winners, while Austin Watts-Boll, Marshall Dammann and Easton Braun added one assist each.



Hills-Beaver Creek senior Grace Bundesen puts up a shot over Adrian's Autumn Grussing during a basketball game in Hills Jan. 15. H-BC rolled to a 60-22 win over the Dragons to run its season record to 16-0.

Patriots improve to 16-0

By John Rittenhouse

A rematch of a game staged in late December finished with a similar result when the Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots entertained the Adrian Dragons for a girls' basketball clash Jan. 15 in Hills. H-BC defeated the Dragons 60-37 when the teams met in Adrian Dec. 28. The Patriots controlled play in the rematch as well by posting a 60-22 win over the Dragons. H-BC sported a 2-1 edge when the Patriots assumed control of the contest by going on a 22-5 run capped by a three-point shot from Sidney Fick that left the hosts sporting a 24-6 lead at the 4:43 mark of the half. Fick canned another three with 32 seconds left to end a 10-2 spurt that upped the lead to 29 points (37-8) before Adrian netted the final two counters of a first half that ended in H-BC's favor by a 37-10 tally. Autumn Grussing banked home a three-point shot for the Dragons to make it a 37-13 game 47 seconds into the second half, but that proved to be as close as AHS would come to catching the Patriots. H-BC limited AHS to nine points the rest of the game and

led by as many as 40 points (56-16 when Abby Knobloch registered a field goal with 5:57 remaining in the game) before settling with a 38-point victory. Fick led the Patriots with 22 points and four assists in the game, while Whitney Elbers added 13 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots to the cause. Grace Bundesen collected five caroms and charted three steals for the winners, while Kenadie Fick added three assists. Bailey Lonneman led Adrian with seven points and five rebounds. Avery Balster passed for

three assists.

Box score
Adrian
J.Zebe 1 0 0-0 2, B.Zebe 0 0 1-2 1, Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Balster 0 0 1-2 1, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Preuss 2 0 0-0 4, Lonneman 3 0 1-2 7, Cauwels 1 0 0-0 2, Lehnhoff 0 0 0-0 0, Grussing 0 1 0-0 3, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Fuerstenberg 0 0 0-0 0.
H-BC
K.Fick 2 0 0-0 4, Rauk 0 0 0-2 0, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 2 0 0-0 4, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 4 0 0-0 8, S.Fick 7 2 2-2 22, Bundesen 2 0 3-4 7, Boltjes 0 0 0-1 0, Moser 1 0 0-0 2, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 6 0 1-2 13.

Team statistics
Adrian: nine of 36 field goals (25 percent), three of six free throws (50 percent), 22 rebounds, 25 turnovers.
H-BC: 26 of 55 field goals (47 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 25 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Dragon wrestlers pick up win at weekend event in Tracy

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team went 1-3 at the Plum Creek Duals in Tracy Saturday. Adrian opened the event by losing matches to United (37-31) and New Ulm (63-18) before besting Morris Area 45-22 in the third round. Sioux Falls Roosevelt upended the Dragons 45-30 in the final round. Three Dragon wrestlers went 4-0 at the tournament. Brayan Anaya nipped United's Dain Mortenson 7-5 before pinning New Ulm's Isaiah Rieser in 35 seconds. After drawing a forfeit from Morris Area, Anaya completed his perfect day by notching a 17-7 victory over Roosevelt's Nolan Jessen. Adrian's Logan Taylor posted all four of his wins on the mat. Taylor won decisions against United's Sam Zindel (8-4) and Roosevelt's Eli Leonhardt (12-6). Taylor pinned New Ulm's Josh Liebl (1:03) and Morris Area's Toby Messner (3:18). Adrian's Preston Nelson posted decisions over United's Stone Irvine (6-2) and Morris Area's Colton Wohlers (8-6) along with pinning New Ulm's Avery Hermel in 1:33. Nelson drew a forfeit from Roosevelt. The 9-12 Dragons host Windom-Mountain Lake Area Thursday.

106 (A) Anaya 7-5 Mortenson.
113 (A) Morrison by forfeit.
120 (U) Knoshal pins Hieronimus.
126 (A) Taylor 8-4 Zindel.
132 (A) Bullerman 9-0 Wittnebel.
138 (U) Hernandez 7-5 Loosbrock.
145 (U) Johnson 12-4 Sherer.
152 (A) Wolf pins Lowry.
160 (A) Nelson 6-2 Irvine.
170 (U) Wittnebel pins Wieneke.
182 (U) Haas by forfeit.
195 (A) Lehmann pins Boehnke.
220 (U) Lehmann pins Winselman.
285 (U) Johnson by forfeit.

New Ulm 63, AHS 18
106 (A) Anaya pins Rieser.
113 (N) Brandes pins Hieronimus.
120 (N) Bode pins Heidebrink.
126 (A) Taylor pins Liebl.
132 (N) Bertrang pins Bullerman.
138 (N) Mehlihop pins Loosbrock.
145 (N) Howk pins Sherer.
152 (N) Ranweller pins Wolf.
160 (A) Nelson pins Hermel.
170 (N) Miller by forfeit.
182 (N) Drill 4-1 Wieneke.
195 (N) Hernandez pins Lehmann.
220 (N) Winselman pins Duke.
285 (N) Wenninger by forfeit.

AHS 45, Morris Area 22
106 (A) Anaya by forfeit.
113 (A) Hieronimus by forfeit.
120 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.
126 (A) Taylor pins Messner.
132 (A) Bullerman by forfeit.
138 (M) Travis 14-0 Loosbrock.
145 (M) Rose 4-0 Sherer.
152 (A) Hix by forfeit.
160 (M) Cardwell pins Wolf.
170 (A) Nelson 8-6 Wohlers.
182 (M) Rath pins Wieneke.
195 (M) Nelson 12-7 Lehmann.
220 (A) Winselman by forfeit.
285 (A-M) open.

Roosevelt 45, AHS 30
106 (A) Anaya 17-7 Jessen.
113 (A) Hieronimus by forfeit.
120 (R) Hollingshead pins Heidebrink.
126 (A) Taylor 12-6 Leonhardt.
132 (R) Motic 3-2 Bullerman.
138 (A) Loosbrock t.f. Duffy.
145 (R) Kadoun pins Hix.
152 (R) Swab pins Wolf.
160 (R) Haima pins M.Bullerman.
170 (A) Nelson by forfeit.
182 (A) Wieneke by forfeit.
195 (R) Otta pins Lehmann.
220 (R) Wilson by forfeit.
285 (R) Dage by forfeit.

Match wrap-ups
United 37, AHS 31

H-BC’s Fick nearing school’s scoring record

For a player who is on the verge of becoming Hills-Beaver Creek High School’s all-time leading scorer in basketball, senior Sidney Fick has remained true to her personality.

First and foremost, Fick is in many different ways a team-first player who has helped the Patriots get off to an impressive 16-0 start.

She leads the team by averaging 19 points per game, but Fick made it clear to Patriot coach Kale Wiertzema that scoring a bunch of points this winter wasn’t at the top of her priority list.

“She didn’t even mention that she wanted to become the all-time leading scorer,” the coach said.

“Her goals were to win a conference championship and have the team get back to Marshall and play a couple of tournament games there.”

It appears both of Fick’s preseason goals could become a reality next month, but not before she etches her name in the H-BC record book as the most prolific point-producer the school has ever seen.

Fick, who became H-BC’s leading female scorer during a game against Southwest Christian in December, has produced 1,692 career points after tossing in 22 against Adrian Jan. 15.

Halden Van Wyhe netted 1,758 points during his distinguished career that ended with him being H-BC’s leading scorer about one decade ago, which leaves Fick 66 points short of matching Van Wyhe on the list.

I wouldn’t be surprised if it happens at the end of H-BC’s upcoming stretch of three road games (in Slayton Jan. 22, in Ellsworth Thursday and in Westbrook Tuesday), but



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

I’m hoping it occurs during a home clash against Mountain Lake Area Feb. 4.

The important thing is it will happen eventually, and Wiertzema believes Fick is worthy of being the torchbearer in terms of scoring for a school with a rich basketball tradition.

“It would be a great accomplishment for her and she absolutely deserves it,” he said.

“Sidney has a tremendous work ethic and loves the game of basketball. She has grown a ton as a player and a lot as a leader this year. She has been one of our leaders for the last couple of years, but she has grown into a much more vocal leader this year.”

To her credit, Fick realizes she is just one link of a chain for a talented team that remains unbeaten to date.

This band of Patriots work together very well on the court, and the team-first priority is evident every time I watch H-BC play.

“Sidney understands that it’s important to be a great teammate. The scoring opportunities she receives don’t come from her alone. Her teammates trust her and they look to get her the ball in certain situations,” Wiertzema said.

Fick will play college basketball at Dakota State University (Madison, South Dakota) next year, but H-BC has a lot of games remaining in what has been a tremendous 2018-19 campaign.

I have no doubt that Fick and her teammates are enjoying the ride, and I believe they all can take pride in what Fick is about to accomplish at H-BC.

Cardinal boys explode in second half

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys’ basketball team ran its record to 9-5 with a 92-58 home win over Heron Lake-Okabena Monday.

The game was a competitive battle in the first half, but the Cardinals outscored the Wildcats 56-29 in the second half to coast to a 34-point conquest.

Both teams sported two-point edges in the early stages of a first half that was eventually tied at six.

The Cards gained some separation by going on a 9-0 run ending with a field goal by Matt Sehr at the 11:53 mark of the stanza that gave the hosts a 15-6 cushion, but the Wildcats answered the challenge.

HL-O went on a 14-8 surge that left the visitors facing a 23-20 deficit with less than six minutes remaining in the opening stanza.

LHS regrouped late in the half to expand the lead to nine points (36-29) when Nick Feit capped the scoring in the stanza with a field goal that came with 25 seconds left.

HL-O scored the first two points of the second half, but the Cards put the game away shortly after that.

A 14-0 run ending with a layup by Derek Lundgren gave the Cards a 50-31 cushion with 14:25 left to play.

The Cards proceeded to pad their lead the rest of the night and prevailed by 34 points when Arekel McLaughlin ended the scoring with a field goal that came with 25 seconds remaining.

Derek Lundgren (22 points), Brayden Jacobsma (17 points), Bailey Cowell (16 points) and Isaiah Bartels (10 points) turned in strong offensive efforts for LHS.

Box score
Cowell 6 1 1-1 16, Jacobsma 6 1 2-3 17, Lundgren 10 0 2-5 22, DeBates 1 0 0-2, Sehr 1 1 0-0 5, Bartels 4 0 2-3 10, Ahrendt 1 0 1-2 3, Feit 2 0 3-4 7, DeSollar 1 0 0-0 2, Cunningham 0 0 0-0 0, McLaughlin 1 0 0-0 2, Stemper 1 0-2 5, Beyer 0 0-0 0, Golla 0 0 1-4 1, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 38 field goals made, 12 of 24 free throws (50 percent), 25 rebounds. HL-O: 23 field goals made, nine of 17 free throws (53 percent).

The following LHS boys’ games were omitted from the Jan. 17 edition of the Star Herald. We regret this oversight.



John Rittenhouse photo/0124 lbb 3

Luverne sophomore Bailey Cowell scored 16 points to help the Cardinal boys post a 92-58 home win over HL-O Monday.

LHS 78, Garretson 61

A strong start led to a successful finish when the Cardinals hosted the Blue Dragons Jan 12.

Luverne assumed control of the contest by racing to a 44-26 advantage in the first 18 minutes of play.

Garretson sported a 35-34 scoring edge in the second half, but the Cards won the game handily.

Brayden Jacobmsa (17 points), Carter Stemper (14 points), Matt Sehr (13 points) and Bailey Cowell (10 points) led LHS offensively.

Isaiah Bartels pulled down nine rebounds.

Box score
Cowell 4 0 2-2 10, Jacobmsa 5 1 4-6 17, Lundgren 1 1 2-4 7, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 6 0 1-2 13, Bartels 1 0 6-8 8, Ahrendt 2 0 0-0 4, Feit 0 0 2-5 2, DeSollar 0 0 1-2 1, Cunningham 0 0 0-0 0, McLaughlin 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 1 4 0-0 14, Golla 0 0 1-2 1, Rops 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
Luverne: 26 field goals made, 20 of 33 field goals (61 percent), 27 rebounds. Garretson: 21 field goals made, 11 of 20 free throws (55 percent).

LHS 90, Windom 84

A hot-shooting LHS squad picked up its second conference basketball win of the season Jan. 17 in Windom.

Luverne, which canned 56 percent of its field goals in the game, battled the Eagles to a

draw at 37 in the first half.

The Cards went on to outscore Windom 53-47 in the second half to secure a six-point win.

Derek Lundgren (34 points), Bartels (22 points), Sehr (12 points), Bailey Cowell (11 points) and Jacobsma (11 points) reached double figures in scoring for LHS.

Lundgren, Bartels and Sehr led the Cards with 14, 12 and six rebounds respectively.

Box score
Cowell 5 0 1-2 11, Jacobsma 2 1 4-8 11, Lundgren 13 2 2-3 34, Sehr 6 0 0-0 12, Bartels 7 0 8-12 22, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 36 of 64 field goals (56 percent), 15 of 27 free throws (56 percent), 40 rebounds. Windom: 33 field goals made, four of 12 free throws (33 percent).

Marshall 74, LHS 28

The Cardinals found themselves involved in a mismatch when they entertained the Tigers in Luverne Jan. 8.

Marshall outscored LHS by comfortable margins in both halves during a 46-point victory.

Luverne sported a pair of two-point leads when Lundgren and Jacobsma converted field goals in the opening minutes of the contest.

That, unfortunately, was the highlight of the game for LHS.

Marshall went on an 18-2 run to open a 20-6 cushion at the 5:20 mark of the first half.

The Tigers outscored LHS 15-6 in the final five minutes to sport a 35-12 lead at the intermission.

Cowell buried a field goal to make it a 21-point game (35-14) 19 seconds into the second half, but that proved to be as close as the Cards would come to catching Marshall.

The Tigers led by as many as 47 points during the second stanza before prevailing by 46 points at game’s end.

Bartels led the Cards in scoring with six points.

Box score
Cowell 1 1 0-0 5, Jacobsma 2 0 0-0 4, Lundgren 2 0 0-2 4, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 1 0 0-0 2, Ahrendt 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 2 0 2-3 6, Feit 0 0 0-0 0, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Cunningham 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 1 0 0-0 2, Golla 0 1 0-0 3, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 12 field goals made, two of five free throws (40 percent). Marshall: 32 field goals made, eight of 12 free throws (67 percent).

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League Jan. 17

Games won: Don’t Know 3; Three Chumps 3; Kougarettes 2; Bam Bams 2; Three People 1; Three Hole Surprise 1.

High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 217; Ryan Fey 206.

High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 170; Marie Opheim 139.

High Scratch Series Men: Zach Runia 586; Landon Runia 561.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 414; Marie Opheim 357.

Team High Scratch Game: Don’t Know 540; Three People 466. Team High Scratch Series: Don’t Know 1534; Three Hole Surprise 1310.

Team High Handicap Game: Kougarettes 648; Don’t Know 629.

Team High Handicap Series: Don’t Know 1801; Kougarettes 1736.

Thursday.

Box score
Ver Steeg 1 0 0-0 2, Robinson 0 0 2-2 2, Anderson 3 0 2-3 8, Thorson 0 1 2-2 5, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Nath 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 2 2 0-0 10, Ferrell 2 1 2-2 9, Hadler 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 12 field goals made, eight of nine free throws (89 percent). Marshall: 16 field goals made, seven of 13 free throws (54 percent).



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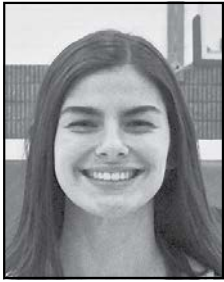
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Brayden Jacobsma

Sport: Basketball
Position: Point Guard
Parents: Nikki Verba, Mark Jacobsma
Favorite Subject: Math
Future Plans: Go to college for cyber security.



Gabrielle Ferrell

Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard
Parents: Jacqueline Johnson, James Ferrell
Favorite Subject: English
Extra Curricular Activities: Cross Country, Track, Choir, Student Council, National Honor Society, Band, Theatre
Future Plans: Attend college and travel the world.

Tom Brown

Sport: Wrestling
Parents: Mary and Miles Brown
Favorite Subject: Shop
Extra Curricular Activities: Motocross
Future Plans: Join the military.



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Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671

EXCESS PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Hills-Beaver Creek ISD #671 Board of Education has designated the following item as excess property and directed the Superintendent to place item up for sale:

- Dust Collector System

Items for Sale Description and terms:

Dust Collector System:

- 1993 Murphy Rogers Dust Collector
- Model #MRM-12-4D
- Three Phase Electric
- 12 inch inlet
- Steel Stand for discharge into 4- 55 gallon drums
- On/Off Switch Electrical Box included
- Sold as is
- Winning Party responsible for shipping of dust collector

Procedure: Individuals desiring to provide a Quote for the above listed item may request a Quote form from Glenda Kuehl, Business Manager at: g.kuehl@isd671.net , or interested individuals may stop by the District Office at 301 N. Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138 between 8 am and 3:30 pm. Quote submittal deadline 4:00 pm cst on Friday, January 25, 2019. Quotes must either be mailed to Glenda Kuehl, Attention: Dust Collector Quotes, HBC Schools PO Box 547, Hills, MN 56138 or may be hand delivered to 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138, Door #1. Quotes will be opened at a public Board Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019. Quotes submitted after the deadline will not be considered. The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations in whole or part & reserves the right to waive any formalities without cause and without explanation to any bidders.

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Dragon boys break even against conference opponents

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian boys' basketball team split a pair of Red Rock Conference games late last week.
The Dragons pulled out a three-point win over Heron Lake-Okabena in Okabena Thursday before falling by 16 points to Murray County Central in Adrian Saturday.

Adrian, 5-7 overall, plays in Hills Friday.

MCC 74, Adrian 58
A strong second-half performance by the visiting Rebels proved to be the difference in Saturday's game in Adrian. Adrian, which led by as many as five points in the first half, fell behind by four points before the intermission.

AHS trimmed the difference to four points at two different occasions in the second half, but MCC outscored the Dragons 39-25 over the final 15 minutes to secure a 16-point victory.

Ian Stamer gave AHA a 4-0 lead when he buried a three-point shot 2:13 into the contest and the Dragons led by five (12-7) when Christian Weidert converted a layup at the 12:18 mark of the first half.

The Rebels, however, put together a 21-7 run that left MCC sporting a 28-19 lead with 2:52 remaining in the stanza.

AHS scored the next seven points and trailed 28-26 when Weidert drained a pair of charity shots with 31 seconds left, but MCC scored the final two points of the half and led 30-26 at the break.

Stamer scored 22 points into the second half to make it a 30-28 game, and AHS still trailed by two (35-33) as the stanza progressed.

MCC countered by going on a 23-9 run to open a commanding 58-42 advantage with 6:52 left to play.

AHS trimmed the difference

to 11 points (66-55) when Weidert sank a pair of free throws with 2:23 remaining, but the Rebels outscored the Dragons 8-3 the rest of the way to prevail by 16.

Lance Luettel led the Dragons with 18 points, while Weidert and Stamer chipped in 16 points each.

Luettel, Noah Reyne and Weidert grabbed nine, eight and six rebounds respectively.

Box score
Reyne 0 0 2-5 2, Weidert 4 0 8-9 16, Stamer 1 3 5-6 16, Bx.Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 1 1 1-2 6, Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 0 0 0-1 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 7 0 4-6 18.

Team statistics
Adrian: 17 of 64 field goals (27 percent), 20 of 29 free throws (69 percent), 28 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
MCC: 32 of 65 field goals (49 percent), eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 35 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

Adrian 66, HL-O 63
The Dragons staged a second-half rally to pull out a three-point victory in Okabena Thursday.

Home-standing HL-O played well early and sported a 29-26 edge at the intermission.

Adrian answered the challenge in the second half, when the Dragons outscored the Wildcats 40-34 to prevail by three at game's end.

Luettel (18 points, 12 rebounds and three steals) and Weidert (12 points, 12 rebounds and five assists) played strong games for Adrian.

Reyne and Stamer chipped in 13 points each to the winning cause.

Box score
Reyne 2 2 3-3 13, Weidert 5 0 2-7 12, Stamer 4 1 2-3 13, B.Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 0 0 1-3 1, Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Frodermann 1 0 0-0 2, Schnoor 2 0 0-1 4, Luettel 7 0 4-6 18.

Team statistics
Adrian: 25 of 71 field goals (35 percent), 12 of 23 free throws (52 percent), 39 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
HL-O: 26 of 67 field goals (39 percent), five of 17 free throws (29 percent), 37 rebounds, 23 turnovers.



Adrian post Lance Luettel challenges a shot by MCC's Nate Everson during Saturday's basketball game in Adrian. Luettel scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds in a loss to the Rebels.

Panthers bow to Chargers, Wolverines

AHS girls end slide

By John Rittenhouse
The Ellsworth boys' basketball team couldn't snap what stands as an eight-game losing streak when the Panthers played a pair of games last week.

Ellsworth came up on the short end of a 26-point home decision to Mountain Lake Area Thursday before falling by 20 points to Westbrook-Walnut Grove Saturday in Westbrook.

Ellsworth, 1-8 overall, plays in Lamberton Thursday.

W-WG 65, Ellsworth 45
The Panthers played with

the Chargers for the better part of the first half before falling by 20 points in Westbrook Saturday.

EHS trailed by three (27-24) late in the first half before the Chargers scored 10 unanswered points to sport a 37-24 cushion at halftime.

W-WG went on to outscore Ellsworth 28-21 in the second half to win the game by a convincing margin.

Brandon Kramer turned in a 13-point, seven-rebound effort for the Panthers.

Noah Kruse and Peyton Lewis grabbed six rebounds each.

Box score
B.Kramer 3 1 4-4 13, Jansma 0 3 0-0 9, S.Boltjes 3 0 2-3 8, Kruse 3 0 0-0 6, Lewis 1 0 2-5 4, S.Kramer 1 1 0-0 5.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 16 of 36 field goals (44 percent), eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 29 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

MLA 70, Ellsworth 44
A rough first half plagued the Panthers during Thursday's 26-point home loss to the Wolverines.

MLA took advantage of nine offensive rebounds to build a 33-14 lead in the first 18 minutes of play.

The Wolverines went on to outscore Ellsworth 37-30 in

the second half to complete a convincing victory.

Sean Boltjes tossed in a game-high 16 points for the Panthers.

Kramer, Kruse and Lewis collected seven, six and five rebounds respectively for Ellsworth boys, who sport an 0-7 conference record.

Box score
S.Boltjes 4 0 8-10 16, B.Kramer 3 0 2-3 8, Lewis 2 1 0-0 7, Jansma 3 0 0-0 6, Lenz 0 1 1-2 4, Kruse 1 0 1-2 3.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 15 of 38 field goals (39 percent), 12 of 18 free throws (67 percent), 24 rebounds, 25 turnovers.

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian girls' basketball team snapped a nine-game losing streak Monday in Adrian.

The Dragons, who went winless after defeating Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda in Adrian Dec. 14, returned to the win column when they entertained Edgerton for a Red Rock Conference clash.

With senior McKinley Nelson leading the charge with an outstanding performance, Adrian rolled to a 60-34 victory.

The Dragons gained control of the contest by outscoring the Flying Dutchmen 38-14 in the game's first half.

Adrian went on to sport a 22-20 scoring edge in the second half to clinch a 26-point conquest.

Along with charting three assists and pulling down a team-high 11 rebounds for AHS,

Nelson hit five three-point shots to highlight an 18-point offensive performance.

Jayden Zebe chipped in 11 points, while Moriah Bullerman netted 10 points and passed for three assists.

Bailey Lonneman (eight rebounds and three steals), Brisa Zebe (three assists) and Avery Balster (four steals) also had big games for Adrian.

The 5-10 Dragons play in Mountain Lake Saturday.



Nelson

Box score
J.Zebe 4 1 0-0 11, B.Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, M.Bullerman 2 2 0-0 10, Balster 3 0 2-2 8, Nelson 0 5 3-4 18, Preuss 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Cauwels 1 0 0-2 2, Lehnhoff 0 0 1-2 1, Grussing 1 0 0-2 2, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Adrian: 23 of 55 field goals (42 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 38 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
Edgerton: 14 of 48 field goals (29 percent), zero of one free throws (zero percent), 20 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

Eagles rough up H-BC

By John Rittenhouse
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys lost their second consecutive Red Rock Conference basketball game when they challenged Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

The high-flying Eagles canned 54 percent of their field goals and outscored the Patriots in both halves of a 92-58 victory.

Southwest Christian assumed control of the game by opening a 48-21 lead in the first half.

The Eagles went on to outscore H-BC 44-37 in the second half to clinch a 34-point

victory.

Preston Wilhelmi and Jax Wysong tossed in 27 and 17 points respectively to lead the Patriots offensively.

Wyatt Westrum and Easton Harnack charted four and three assists for 8-5 H-BC.

Box score
Baker 1 0 3-4 5, Gehrke 0 0 1-2 1, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 2 0 0-2 4, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, Westrum 2 0 0-0 4, Wilhelmi 6 5 0-0 27, J.Wysong 7 0 3-6 17, Z.Wysong 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 23 of 58 field goals (40 percent), seven of 14 free throws (50 percent), 15 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
SWC: 36 of 67 field goals (54 percent), six of nine free throws (67 percent), 24 rebounds, five turnovers.

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Thursday, Jan. 24: 9 a.m. Head Start. 1-4 p.m. Fun Day. Friday, Jan. 25: 10 a.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Saturday, Jan. 26: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 27: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. CLW. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Thursday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Head Start.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernrcrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship.

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. 24: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 27: 9:15 a.m. Membership Class; Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Noon Make-up pictures taken for Church Family Picture Board. 6 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Jan. 31: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 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

Thursday, Jan. 24: 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle; Rachel Circle at Centennial. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle. Friday, Jan. 25: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 26: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Blue Mound Figure Skaters use Fellowship Hall. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 27: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. 6-8 p.m. Senior Blanket making. Monday, Jan. 28: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 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. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:15 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Confirmation. 7:30 p.m. Grade 9 Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 31: 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
Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
Friday, Jan. 25: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:15 p.m. Rehearsal. Saturday, Jan. 26: Stratton/Penning wedding. Sunday, Jan. 27: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, Jan. 29: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Junior and Senior Youth Group. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle; Praise Team.

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.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
Thursday, Jan. 24: 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at Christian Reformed Church. Saturday, Jan. 26: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. 6:30 p.m. Junior LYF Live Clue. Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 2-4 p.m. Free Family Bowling at Luverne Lanes. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/High School Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 24: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor
Thursday, Jan. 24: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 26: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. ALIVE lock-in. Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. No ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 28: 6:30 p.m. Movie Night. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Jan. 31: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
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Thursday, Jan. 24: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting Dinner. Monday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Quilting group. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. Soup Supper. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Middle School Fellowship and Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. Choir.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Thursday, Jan. 24: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 25: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Jan. 28: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 31: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.
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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.
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. Palisade Congregational Meeting and lunch.

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.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc
Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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.

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David sings praise to God by saying about himself, "You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." (Psalm 139:13,15-17).

When is God aware of a child? The prophet Jeremiah said, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5). God says, before you were born, even before you were formed, He knew you. Since it is the case of God planning you before you were conceived and forming you in the womb, God considers life starting at conception. Therefore, a baby killed in a mother's

BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Walt Moser,
First Baptist Church,
Luverne**

womb is taking a life. It is murder. God made humanity in his own image and cherishes every life. Nothing else is made in the image of God, only man.

Some say that the baby cannot survive on its own, so it is not life. If that is the criteria, then you are not alive, because you cannot survive on your own. Yes, you can do more than a baby one week after conception, but you are dependent on others for your survival. You don't raise all your own food. You didn't create the seed to plant the crops. Look around you and consider all the people needed to keep you alive. Heat, food, clothing and many more items.

It is reported that 95 percent of abortions performed today involve women who simply do not want to have a baby. Less than 5 percent of abortions are from the reasons of rape, incest or the mother's health at risk. Just because a child is inconvenient does not give anyone permission to kill.

Life is precious. Cherish every life, from conception to death. Join me in praying for and standing for every life regardless of age, race or religion.

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Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
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e-mail: bethlehempluth@alliancecom.net
Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Jan. 29: 2:30 p.m. Bible study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Quilting. Thursday, Jan. 31: 7 p.m. Bunco Night in church basement.

Hills United Reformed Church
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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type:
Civil Other: Quiet Title Action
Court File No: _____

Amanda Jo Plueger,
Plaintiff,
vs.

SUMMONS

Estate of Elmer Metzger, deceased,
Mariann L. Metzger, and Chris VanderWal,
Defendants.

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2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a **written response** called an Answer within 20 days of the date which you receive the Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

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

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

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7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Rock County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

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8. **THE OBJECT OF THIS ACTION IS TO** quiet title to real property described herein.
Dated: 12/3/2018

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Luverne music student Kyia Leeds (left) turns Millie Gonnerman into a playful cheetah at the face painting table Saturday.

*Luverne Music Boosters
host the 2019*

WINTER CARNIVAL

**Photos and text
by Lori Sorenson**

The Luverne Music Boosters hosted their 39th Annual Winter Carnival Sat-



Sophie Holmberg pours rootbeer over ice cream for customers in concessions.

urday night in the Luverne High School gymnasium. The classic family entertainment lived up to its reputation by offering attendees a solid selection of carnival-style games, plenty of food, the popular cake walk, cotton candy, face painting and, of course, bingo. By the end of the night, hundreds of prizes (donated by area businesses and individuals) were awarded and families took their children home with painted faces and tummies full of sugar. The annual event is one of the Music Boosters' biggest fundraising events of the year, helping to fund all vocal and instrumental programs in Luverne Schools.



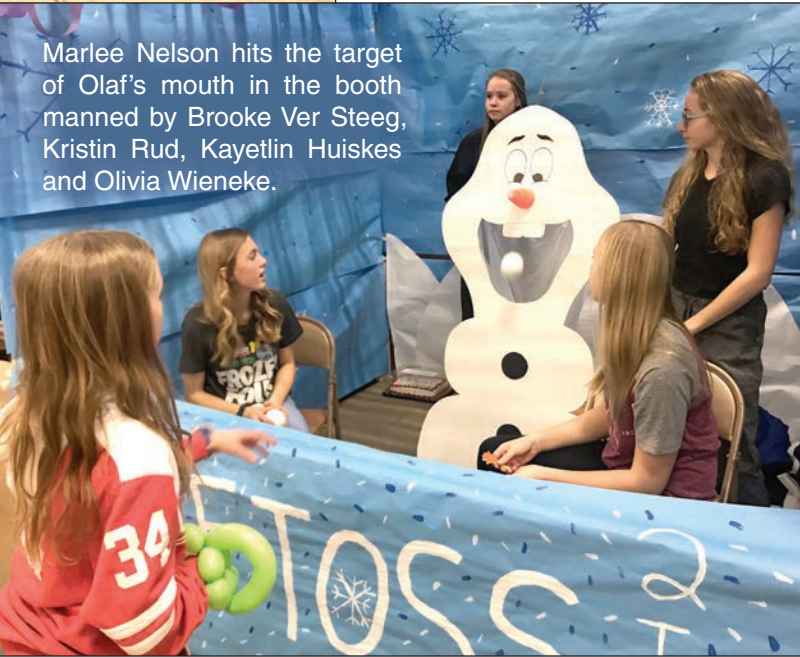
Elijah Colvin takes aim with a putter for an audience of Corrine Colvin (left), Jack Golla, Jude Johnson and Gabrielle Ferrell.



Above, Cheylen Kraayenhof leaves with an armful of prizes, balloon art and cotton candy. Below, Brayden Luethje goes fishing for prizes.



Making a haul in the cake walk Saturday (above) are (from left) Samantha, Emmery and Sydney Huiskes.



Marlee Nelson hits the target of Olaf's mouth in the booth manned by Brooke Ver Steeg, Kristin Rud, Kayetlin Huiskes and Olivia Wieneke.

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"The Awakening," by the Carbonneau family, (left) took first place under the musical theme in the cake decorating contest. "LHS Music is Egg-cellent," by the Jarchow family was first in the creative category, and Ashlyn Johnson's Disney cake was second under music theme.

2019 ROCK NOBLES CATTLEMEN ANNUAL BANQUET

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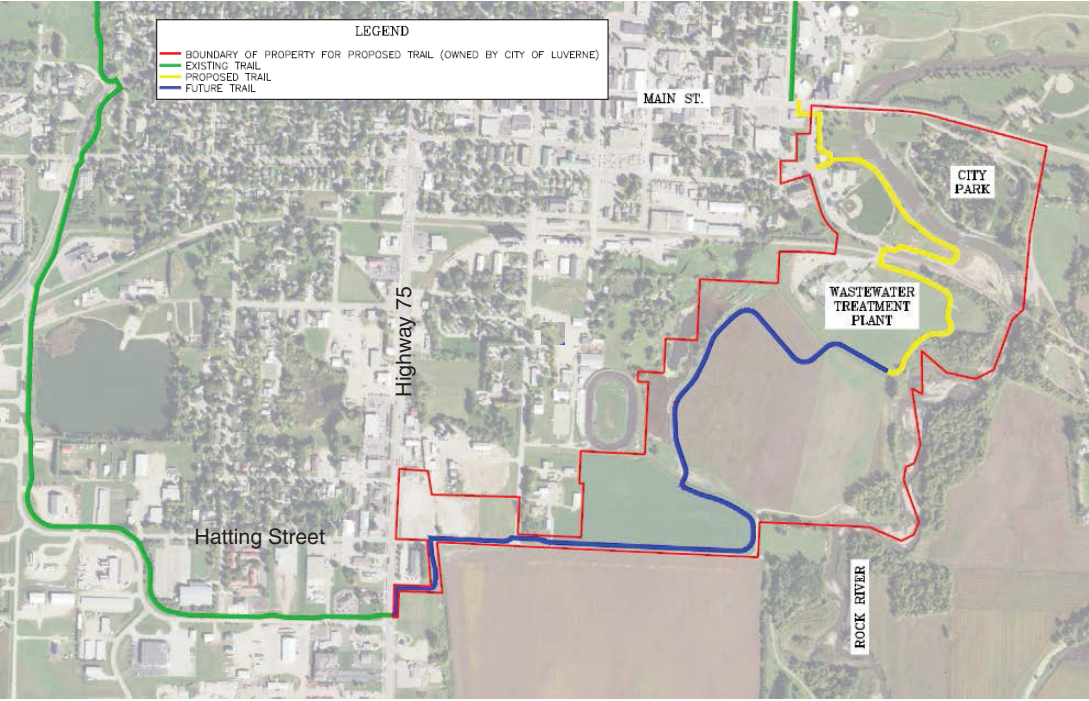
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The green indicates the completed Loop, and the blue and yellow indicate Phase 3 work. The yellow will be completed first. The red lines show boundaries of city-owned property.

City applies for Loop grant funds/

Phase 3 grant funding

At Monday's meeting, Sammons also reviewed grant application plans for Phase 3 of the Loop, which will continue east along Hatting Street from Highway 75 where the paved trail currently ends near Exchange State Bank. The 1.15-mile route of Phase 3 follows the south property line of conservation farmland the city recently purchased from Warren and Loretta Baker. It winds around the east side of the wastewater treatment plant near the Rock River along the west bank near the outfield of Redbird Field ball diamond. The Loop ultimately connects with the Blue Mound Trail at the intersection of

Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue where city leaders are planning to develop a recreational trailhead for Loop users and Rock River paddlers who use canoes and kayaks. Sammons told LEDA members Monday that Phase 3 construction will be broken into two segments for grant applications, focusing first on the north segment between Main Street and the south edge of the waste water treatment plant. Depending on funding, construction for that .75-mile portion would be in 2020. "The fact that the city owns all the property along the proposed trail will really speed up the easement process," Sammons noted. She's applying for two grants, a Local Trail Con-

nections Grant for \$150,000 and a Regional Trail Grant Program for up to \$250,000. The city could utilize only one of the grants, which would cover one-third or one-half of the estimated \$485,000 projected costs. The Trail Connections grant is awarded to a project that connects residential areas to desirable locations, such as parks, open spaces or historical places, in communities. The Regional Trail grant is awarded to projects that connect with "regionally significant" trails outside the metro area. Since the Blue Mound Trail has been named a trail of regional significance, Sammons said it will give Luverne's application a competitive edge.