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Performing arts project on hold until spring

Contractors discover unstable soil; deem best to wait 'til thaw

By Mavis Fodness

Construction of the \$7 million performing arts center at Luverne High School has halted for the time being.

Project manager Joel Bornhoft with ICS of Sioux Falls told school board members Thursday evening, Jan. 23, that weather may have compromised the ground under and around the center's footings.

"The contractor thought it best to delay it," Bornhoft said.

The soil tests by Geotek Engineering & Testing Services of Sioux Falls were completed over a two-day period, Jan. 13 and Jan. 15.

Geotek officials observed soils under and around some footings for the PAC in "good condition" along with soils under and around some footings with "soft, wet conditions," where the footing and soils "did not appear to be in good contact."

"In our opinion that for the footings we observed, the soft soils and the gaps under the edges of the footings are likely due to the soils under the footings freezing after the footings had been pour," the report concluded. "... the areas that have a layer of soft soils underlying the footings have reduced bearing capacity and these footings also have an increased risk of excessive settlement."

District officials met with contractors Monday about possible solutions and revise the construction timeline.

"It will help if Mother Nature cooperates and doesn't have any late cold snaps and storms," Superintendent Craig Oftedahl said. "We need the frost to come out of the ground and things to dry up."

Construction contractor Gil Haugen of Sioux Falls will cover costs to compact the soils and/or redo any of the compromised concrete footings.

Officials are now targeting mid-April for work to resume on the performing arts center, located between the existing elementary and

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Mavis Fodness photo/0130 Sheep Project Help

Chris (pictured) and his wife, Jamie Tiesler, are working with Rock County 4-H to offer a program that allows 4-H'ers to purchase show lambs for exhibition at this summer's Rock County Fair. He's pictured in the barn on their farm near Ellsworth.

Counting sheep

Lamb lottery brings new 4-H sheep members into the project

By Mavis Fodness

An Ellsworth farm family wants more 4-H youth involved in showing sheep at the Rock County Fair.

Chris and Jamie Tiesler will bring their idea to an introductory meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Extension office in Luverne.

The Tieslers propose providing interested Rock County youth with quality show lambs as a way to increase the number of sheep exhibited at the July fair event and introduce youth to livestock production.

Working with smaller livestock like a sheep can provide youth with a more positive experience.

"We have sheep in our barn that are like a pet," Chris said. "I like that aspect. They are a docile animal — for kids, they are fun to work with in learning to lead."

The Tieslers work with prospective show lambs at two to three weeks of age.

By fair time the 6- to 7-month-old lambs can be led and controlled by their handlers.

Kelsey Maeschen is the Rock County 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator.

"Working with animals teaches 4-H'ers to



Chris Tiesler describes the Suffolk-Hampshire cross ewes on his farm near Ellsworth as docile.

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Event highlights trafficking awareness

By Lori Sorenson

A common misconception about human trafficking is that victims are suddenly abducted and locked away to be exploited for cash.

At Sunday afternoon's human trafficking awareness event in Luverne dozens of people learned how exploitation starts, what makes young people more vulnerable and how to help prevent it.

Allan Bakke, a navigator with the Southwest Crisis Center shared statistics about the multi-billion global industry of human trafficking, which includes sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

He described it as modern day slavery that represents the second largest criminal enterprise in the world, second only to weapons sales, generating \$150 billion per year.

In Minnesota, an estimated 8,000 people are involved in trafficking every day (including victims, traffickers and purchasers) and the average age young people are lured to trafficking is 12 to 14 years old.

Bakke said a common misconception is that trafficking happens



Danielle Freitag, a Minnesota woman who was trafficked in her youth, shared her story Sunday afternoon in the American Reformed Church.

only in bigger cities, but that's not the case. "It happens everywhere," he said. "Even in small towns."

He said human trafficking has shown up in all 50 states and in all 87 counties of Minnesota, including Rock County where he's dealt with five cases.

"Of those in Minnesota, 90 per-

cent of the trafficked youth are from Minnesota," Bakke said. "What are we going to do about this?"

Part of Sunday's presentation at the American Reformed Church was testimony of Danielle Freitag, a Minnesota woman who was trafficked in her youth. (See the related story)

Primary focus of Sunday's event was to increase community awareness and involvement.

"We need to roll up our sleeves and walk among the people — like Jesus did, not judgmentally, and ask how we can help."

He said its important for communities to dispel myths about trafficking — that "bad guys" in white vans are driving around trying lure children with candy.

And he said it's not prostitution.

"It's not a living choice, but rather it's something they're coerced into doing in exchange for food, shelter or security," Bakke said, pointing out that the traffickers prey on vulnerabilities.

"If it's 20-below in January and I'm homeless in the streets and I get

Human trafficking/see page 8

H-BC students spend snow day e-Learning

By Lori Sorenson

During the last snow day when most Minnesota schools were canceled, lesson plans carried on as usual for students in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District.

As one of several e-Learning schools in the state, the district didn't cancel classes on Jan. 17; rather teachers took attendance and delivered curriculum online.

"Early indications are that it went well," Superintendent Todd Holthaus reported after H-BC's first e-learning day. "There were no big glitches that I was made aware."

The H-BC Board adopted the e-Learning (extended learning) option in response last fall to the 2018-19 school year that had nine snow days disrupt learning and require added days in the spring.

Under H-BC's e-Learning plan, on days when weather conditions are too hazardous for travel, students stay home and complete lessons electronically or from

"We basically ran the day as if they were at home. When they went to each of their classes, they were given instructions on what to do when or if we would have an e-learning day."

— Megan Klumper, H-BC teacher

an e-learning folder with paper materials.

Like snow days, e-Learning days are announced to families through the school's outreach messaging system on e-mail,

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Rock County Township Association annual meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, **Feb. 10**, (*not Feb. 3 as previously posted*) in the basement meeting room of the Rock County Community Library, Luverne.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at the Rock County Library in Luverne to carpool to Quilters' Headquarters in Sioux Falls. Bring along January swap blocks. Call Debi Scholten, 507-283-9223, for information.

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

Compassionate Friends meets every third Monday in at Coffey Contemporary Arts Luverne. Especially invited are those who have dealt with the loss of a child or grandchild. Contact Pat Saum at email: Psaum@iw.net with questions.

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

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

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

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

Generations offers afternoon activities

Generations will now be open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with activities and refreshments. Planned for Thursday, Jan. 30, will be a '50s music birthday gala/games. Monday Feb. 3 is the Generations membership meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Valentine's Day activity will be music by Ron and Jane Cote on Friday, Feb. 14.

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

Brain Health series continues Feb. 6

The next class in the #Luv1LuvAll series of monthly Brain Health classes is from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, in at Luverne Community Education. The topic for Session 4 is "Healthy Relationships" led by Jason Mork, Luverne Counseling.

The goal of the Brain Health series is to end stigma about mental health and encourage conversations toward improved health, both physical and mental. Certificates of Attendance will be available. Sessions are free but registration is appreciated to plan for accommodations. Call 507-283-4724.

Dental health clinic Feb. 5

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

'A Matter of Balance' classes begin Feb. 4

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

Get Hooked Fishing Derby Feb. 8

Luverne's Fifth Annual Get Hooked ice fishing tournament will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at The Lake in Luverne (815 West Edgehill). Registration (\$25 for adults and \$15 for youth) opens at 11:30 a.m. Concessions are sponsored by LHS Trap Team and the Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club will be the official tournament judges. Raffle drawing for the 2020 Ice Castle will be at noon. Call the Chamber office, 507-283-4061, with questions.

Free tax help starting Feb. 10

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

Rock County Library activities

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

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

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

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

Luverne speech team readies for 2020 season

By Mavis Fodness

Being able to convey messages in front of a crowd is a skill Luverne High School speech students are successfully applying to other extra-curricular activities.

Senior Nicole Hoogland is one of three team captains for the 2020 season and is completing her fifth year on the speech team.

"I want my teammates to know that speech is an important part of your life and you're going to need it," she said.

Hoogland was drawn to participating in speech as an eighth-grader, following sister Hannah in participating in the extemporaneous reading category.

A shy Hoogland felt comfortable following her sister in the demanding category but soon found herself gaining confidence in front of people.

"Instead of being a listener, it allows you to have an opinion and put it out there," she said.

The confidence built from participating in speech propelled Hoogland to participate in One Act plays, along with spring and fall plays.

As the school's FCCLA Chapter president Hoogland was required to give a speech in front of 1,000 people at a recent conference to select state officers.

The completion of a speech in front of such a large group brought even more confidence as she gave the speech her best effort.

"I didn't get it (a state position) but it was better to run and not make it than not try



Mavis Fodness photo/0130 LHS Speech 2020

Luverne High School speech team captains (pictured from left) Alexa Chesley, Nicole Hoogland and Gunnar Oldre hope to propel this year's team to place as a team at sections. Last year, the team earned three first-place team trophies.

at all," she said.

Hoogland teams with classmates Gunnar Oldre and Alexa Chesley as speech team captains.

The three want to build on the team's success last year, where they won three

LHS speech team has accomplished recently.

Oldre said the goal will take the majority of the 40 team members performing at their best to accumulate points by placing high in their respective speech categories.

"Placing at sections would be cool," said Chesley.

This is the third year speech team coaches Gavin Folkestad and Caroline Thorson have had team members chose team captains.

"We emphasize that captains shouldn't be students who place well, but students who are leaders," Folkestad said.

Added Thorson, "It's about how they support the team, work with the younger and newer members, provide support and encouragement, and are a positive voice for the speech team."

The team kicks off the 2020 season Saturday. The schedule includes:

- Feb. 1, Worthington
- Feb. 8, Minneota
- Feb. 15, Luverne
- Feb. 22, Adrian
- Feb. 29, Redwood Falls
- March 7, Montevideo
- March 19, Big South Conference, Marshall
- March 21, Pipestone
- March 24, Sub-section 10, Adrian
- April 4, sections, Marshall
- April 17, state tournament, Wayzata.

Middle school tournaments are scheduled for:

- Feb. 11, Tracy
- Feb. 20, Luverne
- March 2, Adrian.

Representative Hagedorn visits Luverne, pledges support for railroad upgrade, farmers

By Mavis Fodness

Fresh off his ride on the Buffalo Ridge Railroad through Luverne on Jan. 21, U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn noted the necessary improvements the rail line needs.

"It makes quite an impression that your rail cars can only travel at 10 miles per hour," Hagedorn said during a town hall meeting that evening. "It's not very efficient."

Rail and county officials will talk to Hagedorn again in Washington, D.C., when a local delegation lobbies for a \$14.4 million federal grant to bring the 41-mile rail line up to modern standards.

Hagedorn toured the Gevo ethanol production plant and learned about other industries, such as Premium Minnesota Pork (PMP), set to begin production this spring. The railroad could play a role in the new business' success.

"PMP needs a system to get product out," Hagedorn said. "We need to work in partnership with state officials to get a (railroad) upgrade."

An estimated \$33.9 million is needed for the BRRR. Ellis and Eastern and other sources pledged \$19.5 million toward the upgrade.



Mavis Fodness photo/0130 Hagedorn Visit

Ellis & Eastern railroad master Eric Berning (right) talks with U.S. Rep. Jim Hagedorn Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 21, about the conditions of the Buffalo Ridge Railroad before the two boarded an engine for a ride through Luverne. That night Hagedorn sponsored a Town Hall meeting.

The Federal Railroad Administration will announce grant recipients this spring.

Hagedorn's 24-hour visit in Rock County began Monday night, Jan. 20, at the annual Rock County Pork Producers banquet, which included discussion about the impact of African swine fever on pork production in Europe and Asia.

Hagedorn emphasized

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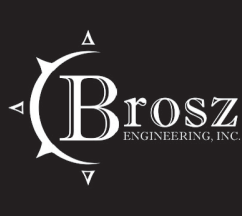
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Sanford respiratory therapist retires after 42 years on job

Julia Silvrants built the respiratory therapy department at local hospital

By Lori Sorenson
When respiratory therapist Julia Silvrants began her career 42 years ago she was planning to be in Luverne for only a year.

She retired last week with a farewell gathering of Sanford colleagues who reflected fondly on the past several decades.

“Now who are we going to ask when we have questions?” said Sanford Registered Nurse Lois Leenderts, who gave Silvrants a big hug at the Jan. 23 retirement party.

Silvrants was 22 years old, fresh out of Sioux Valley Hospital’s School of Respiratory Therapy in 1977 when she began working that fall in the Luverne Community Hospital.

“I was going to stay for one year, but after a year when I told Dr. Sybesma I was leaving, he took his pipe out of his mouth and said, ‘Sit down and let’s talk about this,’” Silvrants recalled. “Every doctor I’d ask for a reference would talk me out of leaving.”

And so she stayed.

From the ground up
And the longer she stayed the more she learned ... and the more she learned the better the respiratory therapy program became at the hospital.

In fact, she built the program in Luverne.

Her early employment was through Inhalation Therapy Services Inc., which contracted services to the Luverne hospital.

Silvrants soon recognized that Luverne could have its own respiratory therapy department.

“I said, ‘This is ridiculous. We can do this here.’”

She eventually built Luverne’s respiratory therapy department, which now has a staff of three, and then went on to repeat the process when the new hospital was built on the city’s north side.

“I never dreamed — No. 1, that I’d be here for 42 years, and No. 2, that would be involved in the process of building a new hospital,” Silvrants said.

She jokes that the radiology department got two feet of her respiratory therapy space after drawings were re-evaluated.

Educator at heart
Along the way, Silvrants increasingly took on leadership roles, implementing classes for basic life support, advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support and the neonatal

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resuscitation program. Meanwhile, she was a faculty member for the American Heart Association. She also volunteered on the Rock County Ambulance for many years.

It’s no surprise, then, that co-workers increasingly turned to her for support.

“Julia knows respiratory care; if you have a question about respiratory, you ask Julia and she knows,” said Leenderts, who worked with Silvrants for over 30 years.

“If Julia came, I knew we didn’t have anything to worry about.”

Leenderts and others at the Thursday gathering talked about the countless times they leaned on Silvrants’ knowledge and experience, whether it was suctioning an infant who struggled to breathe, intubating a patient in distress or relieving an asthma attack.

“She was present for a lot of deliveries,” said Sheila Westfield, director of nursing at Sanford Luverne. “She helped everybody in all age groups.”

Silvrants admits teaching comes naturally for her and she’s grateful to have gained wisdom through experience. “Education, to me, has always been a big thing,” she said.

Making a difference
In her 42 years of work, Silvrants said she enjoyed helping patients and making a difference in people’s health.

“We can take people with a lot of breathing issues and lead them to do life better,” she said.

For example, she found satisfaction in helping people build strength for daily routines after chronic respiratory conditions had previously kept them sedentary.

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Lori Sorenson photos/0130 mary Petersen wigs

Wig consultant Mary Petersen shows a small gathering at Generations Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 21, the options and styles in modern hair alternatives. From left are Henrietta Elbers, Joann Strege, Joyce Hemme, Renae Reu, Pat Demuth, Linda Beyenhof, Karen Buss, Ivy Cartegena and (in back) Judy Fenske and Linda Wenzel.

Local painter finds creative outlet through Artistry in Wigs

By Lori Sorenson
Luverne artist Mary Petersen has discovered a new creative outlet through her new wig consulting business.

She recently retired from teaching art at Hills Beaver Creek School District and said she was looking for a “transition” career to ease into retirement.

Petersen started her business, Artistry in Wigs, last fall and said she’s enjoyed the artistic aspect of the work, in addition to helping people.

“It’s all about texture, color, form and shape,” Petersen said, surrounded by a variety of wigs displayed in her in-home consulting studio.

“It feels really comfortable for me to be an artist in wigs. It’s just a different way of connecting with art.”

In addition to private consultations, Petersen welcomes the opportunity to talk about hair in small groups like the one she addressed last week at Generations.

And, like an art discussion, she finds herself talking about color, texture, form and shape — in addition to wig styling tips and care.

Petersen is best known in the Rock County art community for her local watercolor paintings, but she’s been a classroom art teacher for more than 25 years.

Primarily, she taught grades 1-12 in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District, but she’s been an artist in residence in Luverne classrooms through grants and she’s led numerous “Wine and Canvas” classes through Community Education and privately.

Now that she’s retired from classroom teaching, Petersen said wig consulting was natural transition career, since she’s personally dealt with hairpieces and wigs for over 25 years.



Mary Petersen’s Artistry in Wigs studio is in her home on North Freeman Avenue in Luverne where she displays a variety of hairstyles and colors.

On her Artistry in Wigs website, Petersen talks about her experience with hair loss.

“Due to alopecia and hormone changes I have very thin hair over most of my scalp except at the nape,” she said.

“I started with some expensive shampoos and solutions that made my scalp itchy and red.”

She said her hair-wearing journey started 25 years ago when she began ordering hairpieces online, guessing what colors and lengths would match with her natural hair.

“As you can imagine, this process was a guessing game,” she said.

She also tried an expensive and arduous salon process of shaving her natural hair and reattaching it to a shaved scalp with medical grade adhesive.

After experimenting with several other options, Petersen said she stumbled on Godiva’s Secret Wigs and found them comfortable to wear and easy to care for.

“The styles and colors to choose from are great and look natural,” Petersen said. “I am pleasantly surprised now that I am in the business of selling wigs to have people say to me that they never knew that I wore them.”

She said the styles are built in to the wigs, so they can be washed and worn — no styling is required.

“And to wash it, you just swish it

around in a basin of warm water, and then shake it out,” Petersen said. “Once it’s dry you just finger comb it or gently it.”

After wearing the Godiva wigs for a while she was so sold on them that she decided to become a consultant.

Her in-home studio, which officially opened in August, shows a mix of blonds, brunettes, reds and grays ranging from short and sassy to shoulder length and layered.

Many of them reflect current color trends with streaks of darker base or added highlights, and Petersen special orders colors and styles to customers’ preferences.

She said she finds it rewarding to help other people — mostly women — suffering from hair loss, whether it’s from chemotherapy or other conditions. Others, she said, simply prefer wearing wigs to the daily chore of styling their own hair.

“It really is a good feeling of helping someone through their journey from being insecure to feeling good about themselves and confident about how they look,” Petersen said.

Her next group session, she joked, might be a “Wig Out with Wine” evening in her studio.

Information can be found at www.artistryinwigs.com and by calling Petersen at 507-350-9814.

Hills-Beaver Creek students spend snow day e-Learning from home/from page 1

phone and texts.

By 10 a.m. on Jan. 17, students signed in to Schoology, Google and other applications set up by their teacher to complete their lessons.

High School English Teacher Megan Klumper said her students responded well to the first e-learning day.

“Most of my students know how to use the online resources that are available for us to use,” Klumper said. “They just went into Schoology and followed the plans like it was any other day.”

She said it helped that

the district practiced before winter weather arrived.

“We basically ran the day as if they were at home,” Klumper said.

“When they went to each of their classes, they were given instructions on what to do when or if we would have an e-learning day.”

Holthaus said it also helped that the last winter storm was widely forecast, so the district prepared for the possibility of e-learning the next day.

Teachers set up their lesson plans online and students

signed in to show they’re participating.

By statute, students who don’t have access to the Internet are allowed time to complete the work in order to be counted as present.

Statute also requires teachers to be accessible both online and by telephone during normal school hours on an e-learning day to assist students and parents.

“I only had a few who asked me questions about the lessons given, and they did that through e-mail,” Klumper said. She said she felt the day

was productive for learning.

“For my class, the students did what they would have done in class,” Klumper said. “The only difference was that I wasn’t there to answer questions.”

Some H-BC teachers posted videos of pre-recorded lessons, but most used printed instruction.

“I think as we experience e-learning days, we will learn what works best and adapt,” Klumper said.

She said e-Learning is a worthwhile learning avenue. “The students were safe at

home but were still learning,” she said. “In previous years, when there was a snow day, nothing would get accomplished. With e-learning days, the lessons are still on track.”

She said the district as a whole responded well to e-Learning.

“Change can be a bit confusing at first,” Klumper said. “However, the students and the teachers did a wonderful job at staying positive and doing what needed to be done.”

“What was the best part? “Of course, the best part was working in my pajamas,”

Klumper said.

Little Patriots Preschool students don’t use e-Learning session, and elementary students store in their backpacks e-Learning materials that are kept updated with two days worth of relevant instruction.

The Minnesota Legislature approved e-Learning as an option for schools in 2017.

Participating districts can exercise the option five times in a school year, and all e-Learning lessons must follow strict guidelines in order to count for a day of school.

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



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Luverne Area Aquatics and Day Spa Center thwarts attempts to avoid exercise

I've spent most of my life trying to avoid exercise and I think I've been fairly successful.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, columnist

Through squinting eyes, the white piles of snow outside look like the white sandy beaches of Bora Bora.

(I said "squinting eyes.")

in the name and began doing the water-walking portion of the daily "lap swimming and water walking" option.

And I love it.

The pool has become my day spa. Tall south windows flood the room with light; rays of sun dance across clear, sparkling water. Through squinting eyes, the white piles of snow outside look like the white sandy beaches of Bora Bora. (I said "squinting eyes.")

No matter the conditions outside, the water is always warm. The pool is spotless.

The staff is welcoming.

Music plays over the loud speakers.

As the weeks have passed, the swelling in my legs is subsiding a bit and instead of avoiding exercise, I look forward to it.

Who would have guessed?

So I'd like to say, "Thanks, Luverne Area Aquatics and Day Spa Center for giving me the will to avoid exercise."

My legs and I appreciate it.

It ain't Mayberry, but we have plenty to be proud of

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

The Star Herald editorial staff from time to time publishes a list of what we call "Thumb Up and Thumbs Down" to call attention to matters in the community that could use improving and deserve some praise.

We set out to compose one for this week but we found that we were pleasantly short on Thumbs Down entries for the article. Either we're eternal optimists here at the paper, or we really do live in a great community with plenty to be proud of.

For example, looking at the pages of this week's Star Herald alone, we have news of railroad and other infrastructure improvements, student accomplishments, a new deputy at the Sheriff's Office, e-Learning opportunities in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District and progress on the Luverne district building project. The list goes on.

Is it Mayberry here in Rock County? Far from it.

Once again, Southwestern Youth Services is grateful for generous community

Christmas donations rolled in for children in 2019 in expressions of caring

To the editor

Each year when I sit down to write a thank you letter from Southwestern Youth Services to our community, I have to think for several days about just how I want to convey what is in our hearts.

Inevitably, the words "once again" come to my mind and, inevitably, I say to myself that I have to come up with a different word choice because I've used "once again" so many times over the years.

Well, after days of deliberation, I've come to the decision that there is no other way to say it.

Once again, SYS has been the beneficiary of a community that has embraced our mission of housing, clothing and feeding, educating not only academically but also in social, life, and work skills, overseeing medical care, and counseling our students.

The majority of our boys have little concept of Christmas and even less of belonging in a community that cares deeply for their welfare.

Once again, SYS with the many Christmas 2019 monetary, food, and gift donations, we were able to provide all SYS students with shoes, warm clothes, hygiene items, underclothes, blankets, books and games.

Even though there may be some who feel our students are undeserving due to their anti-social ten-

We have only to glance at the weekly police log to get a glimpse at heartache in our homes, and for the second week in a row, we have a full page of obituaries, each of them no doubt representing sorrow and loss.

But if there were ever a place to find support, it's right here in Rock County where our residents have the biggest hearts and most generous pocket books.

We have letter to the editor, for example, from the Bloodmobile hailing donations from a recent drive. Thank you notes in our classifieds listing reveal grateful sentiments

from those on the receiving end of generosity.

And we never have to look far to find civic groups and organizations working behind the scenes with their armies of volunteers to make sure help is there for those who need it.

So, to our readers this week, Thumbs Up to all of you for all you do.

To submit ideas for Thumbs up or Thumbs Down material, call 507-283-2333, email editor@star-herald.com or send written correspondence to the Star Herald at 117 W. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Community makes Blood Drive continued success

To the Editor,

Because of our wonderful Rock County community, the American Red Cross blood drive was a huge success on Jan. 20.

So many folks braved the cold and came to Grace Lutheran Church to help change people's lives, and as a result 162 was the potential number of lives saved across the country.

Thanks to generous community support, we were able to fund all four blood drives with snacks and lunch for the workers and donors in 2020.

Mark your calendars for the next drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne.

I personally want to recognize those wonderful technicians, two of whom are graduates of our own Minnesota West Community and Technical College program here in Luverne.

It can sometimes be a challenge to keep the blood flowing, but they did a marvelous job. I had a 2:30 appointment, got right in, and was finished and back to the canteen by 3:15. Great job, ladies and gentlemen.

We live in such a loving, caring community, and it is a privilege and honor to help organize such a great event.

Linda Wenzel, Luverne
American Red Cross Bloodmobile
Volunteer Committee

Here's why your local Star Herald publishes the salaries of public employees

A few weeks ago we published the salaries of city department heads and the increases they were going to receive. We do the same with county and school personnel.

The fact that we publish such information was the topic of conversation one day at coffee. Most at the table found it important while others (just one) really felt it was unnecessary.

The argument against publicizing the salaries was that it's public information and if someone wants to know what the public employee salaries are they can go look them up.

That is of course true, but it rarely, if ever, has happened.

That is what your local newspaper does for you.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

We also publish the salaries of elected officials as well which is possible more important to do so considering the fact that they are the ones that approve those salaries including their own.

There are a number of reasons why the Star Herald publishes and will continue to publish those salaries, but here is just one example that should make it clear to the one naysayer at coffee.

The Rochester City Council members decided late last year to give themselves a raise that would take effect January 2020. It was a move that was certainly not uncommon, however if the Rochester Post-Bulletin wouldn't have covered the meeting and reported on it, you wonder if anyone would have gone to city hall to check on the salary increases on their own.

For the record, the Rochester City Council voted to increase the mayor's salary from \$37,657 to \$78,840, a meager 109 percent increase.

The six Rochester council member salaries were going from \$21,712 to \$54,560, which is a paltry increase of a 142 percent. The City Council president got a bump as well from

\$27,743 to \$66,656, a 140 percent increase.

After the salaries were published the council reconsidered the increase and backed off the hefty raises at their January meeting.

In the end the mayor's salary ended up at \$65,700. The City Council president will be paid \$47,300 and the council members will receive \$39,420. That is a reduction in the overall salary increases of \$123,245 per year.

This was all the result of the Rochester Post-Bulletin reporting on city council proceedings.

It kind of makes you wonder what life would be like without your local newspaper.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 17
•Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 10, Luverne, reported a jack-knifed semi blocking the interstate.
•A civil issue was reported.
•Deputies assisted MSP.
Jan. 18
•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported a burglary.
•Assistance was needed from another department westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 8 ½.
•Complainant of a parking issue was reported on E. Adams.
•Roadside assistance was needed on Sunshine Avenue.
Jan. 19
•A civil issue was reported in Hardwick.
•Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue reported an accident at location.
•Roadside assistance was requested on County Road 6 and County Road 5, Beaver Creek.
Jan. 20
•Complainant on 91st Street, Beaver Creek, reported trespassing on her land.
•Complainant on N. Spring Street requested a welfare check.
•Complainant on W. Meat Court reported a stolen car.
•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested help with a patient.
Jan. 21
•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported an abandoned car.
•Complainant on E. Barck Street and N. Blue Mound Avenue reported a parking issue.
•Complainant requested an explosives permit.
•Complainant on E. Christensen Drive reported a theft from her house.
•Complainant on Sun-

shine and Main Street reported an accident.
•Complainant on Blue Mound Avenue requested to speak to a supervisor about harassment.
•Deputy reported narcotics were found on S. Kniss Avenue.
Jan. 22
•Assistance from another department was requested on Blue Mound Avenue.
•Assistance from another department was requested on N. Kniss Avenue.
•Complainant reported an active solicitors license.
•Assistance from another department was requested on N. Summit Avenue, Hills.
•Subject was arrested on Rock County warrant on W. 4th Street, Sioux Falls.
•Complainant on E. Main Street reported possible drug use.
Jan. 23
•Deputy conducted follow up on prior CFS.
•Complainant on Walnut Street reports a hazmat spill.
Jan. 24
•Sheriff assisted complainant on S. McKenzie Street.
•Complainant in Jasper reported a drug smell.
•Complainant on 71st Street and County Road 6, Beaver Creek, reported the smell of rotten eggs.
•Complainant reported a 911 outage at location.
In addition, officers responded to 8 vehicles in ditch, 1 follow-up, 2 transports, 8 escorts, 30 ambulance runs, 2 animal complaints, 2 paper services, 4 burn permits, 3 vehicle impounds, 1 drivers license check, 1 gas drive-off, 1 log/ alarm sheet, 4 purchase and carry permits, 5 stalled vehicles, 13 traffic stops, 9 abandoned 911 calls, 2 tests, 3 welfare checks and 1 background check.



Mavis Fodness photo/0123 Deputy Stratton Swearing In

Stratton sworn in as newest Rock County deputy

Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge (standing right) conducts the swearing-in ceremony Tuesday morning during the commissioner's meeting for the department's newest deputy sheriff Jeff Stratton. Stratton is a 1998 Luverne High School graduate and spent 12 years as a deputy with the Carver County Sheriffs Office based in Chanhassen. Stratton replaces Dan Fick, who resigned last year. Stratton and his wife, Amy, have three children. He is the son of Sheri and Robin Stratton of Luverne.

Julia Silvrants retires from Sanford/continued from page 3

She said one of her most challenging responsibilities was connecting patients to a ventilator.
"It always put my tummy in knots," Silvrants said.
"When you're putting someone on a breathing machine, you're in charge of their life ... making sure to set things up for the best care of the patient."
One of her worst professional experiences was in 1995 when Legionnaires disease broke out in Luverne.
"That was a nightmare," Silvrants said.
The highly contagious pneumonia-like respiratory disease affected 24 people locally and attracted national attention with CDC response.
Smoking cessation, anti-vaping efforts continue
One of Silvrants's greatest contributions to Sanford

'Julia is dedicated, compassionate, generous and hardworking. She is knowledgeable and a great resource for our whole hospital staff.'
—Jana Lovrien
co-worker of retiring respiratory therapist Julia Silvrants

and the community was her work on smoking cessation programs and more recently with efforts to curb vaping addiction.
"When e-cigarettes first came out, I knew they were a bad idea," Silvrants said. "Now vaping is rampant in schools."
She'll continue with these

education efforts in the community after her retirement, as well as her support for Tracy Area Animal Rescue.
"I'll be glad to not be answering phones and having more time to myself," she said. "I know I'm leaving my department in good hands ... I work with some really won-

derful people."
Jana Lovrien will be the lead therapist in the respiratory department and said she had a good role model in Silvrants, whom she described as a good leader.
"Julia is dedicated, compassionate, generous and hardworking," Lovrien said. "She is knowledgeable and a great resource for our whole hospital's staff. ... She spends a lot of time getting to know our patients and spends time visiting with them and making them comfortable. I will miss her dearly as a manager and friend."
Silvrants said Friday that she had mixed emotions about leaving. "I look forward to not coming in, but I'm really going to miss everyone here."
Her last day of work at Sanford Luverne will be Feb. 2.

School performing arts building project halted by unstable soil/continued from page 1



middle-high schools.
While work on the PAC is temporarily halted, focus has returned to the remodeling plans for the 1956 middle-high school.
Work recently finished on former band and choir rooms remodel and these areas have become transition points for classrooms and offices as their former locations are remodeled.
The district office, staff lounge and two classrooms are now housed in the former band and choir room locations.
"We have a very busy and hectic summer planned and, with a little weather cooperation, we plan to be back on schedule," Oftedahl said.
In 10 months of construction and remodeling, the district has spent \$13.3 million of the \$31.5 million project as well as about \$1 million of the

\$1.2 million in contingency funds.
"We should see the 'surprises' slow down as we have uncovered many things that we can now plan for," Oftedahl said.
Construction is expected to finish in the spring of 2021.
In other business, the school board:
•was informed that the district and the teachers union have agreed to meet with a mediator. The meeting will take place Feb. 28.
•changed a planned Feb. 13 work session to Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.
•voted to keep officers and committee assignments the same for 2020. Jodi Bosch is chairman, Eric Hartman, vice chairman, Tim Jarchow, clerk, and Reva Sehr, treasurer.
•accepted the resignation of Cassie Snyders, para professional, effective Jan. 29.

At left: Workers with Gil Haugan Construction of Sioux Falls began remodeling work in the superintendent's office at the Luverne Middle-High School Monday afternoon.
Right: Construction work was stopped on the new performing arts center earlier this month when tests revealed soil around and under some of the concrete footings "were in a soft, wet condition." Work will resume in the spring.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Births

A girl, Leah Suzanne, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long, was born Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019, to **Zach and Sarah Brands** of Slayton. She joins two brothers, Noah and Micah. Grandparents are Mike and Janet Nath, Luverne, and Allen Brands, Edgerton.

Card showers

Art and Carol Hoogeveen will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Feb.

12. Greetings may be sent to them at 3758 Majestic Lane NW, Prior Lake, MN 55372.

Margaret Kienast will celebrate her 95th birthday on Thursday, Jan. 30. Greetings may be sent to her at 702 W. Main Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

Stan and Marilyn Saker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 31. Greetings can be sent to 947 141st St., Luverne, MN 56156.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Feb 3: Pizza caserole, green beans, peaches, bread stick.

Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders, 12:30 p.m. Generations organizational meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Chicken brown rice bowl, mixed Oriental vegetables, pears, bread, fruit crisp.

Program: 1-4 p.m. Bean bag tournament/games.

Wednesday, Feb 5: Beef cabbage bake, potatoes, carrots, biscuit, pudding.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Days sponsored by Good Sam Home Care.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Roast

turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, dinner roll, cookie. Program: 1-4 p.m. Mexican train/games.

Friday, Feb. 7: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce salad, sweet potato fries, ice cream.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Days sponsored by Family of Loretta Baker.

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

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

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

1905: Luverne council calls for cement sidewalks

The following appeared in The Rock County Herald on January 20, 1905.

Petition for Cement Walk On North Side Luverne St. Common Council Grants Petition for Four Blocks of New Walk — Action Taken in Public Rest Room Matter — Plans and Estimates to be Made

The common council met January 17, 1904, pursuant to adjournment and was called to order at 8 p.m. with all members present except Mr. Leet.

A petition for cement sidewalk on the north side of Luverne street from Cedar street to Blue Mound avenue, signed by Fred Miercoart and others, was read.

Same was on motion granted and the city attorney was instructed to prepare a resolution ordering said sidewalk constructed, and have same ready for action at the next regular meeting.

H. J. Miller and A. J. Daley as a committee of the Citizens' club came before the council and presented the following resolution for consideration by the council. (Resolution is given on first page).

The committee requested that the council obtain plans and estimates the cost of making the changes suggested.

Moved by Philbrick, seconded by Kinne, that the presi-



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

dent secure the services of an architect to submit plans and furnish estimates of cost of making changes in the city hall as suggested by the Citizens' committee, all members voting aye on the question. Council on motion adjourned,

E. C. Schwartz,
Recorder

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

Rock's Robotics returns to state competition Saturday

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County 4-H robotics team, Rock's Robotics, returns to the state First LEGO League robotics challenge Saturday.

Three 4-H'ers, two veteran robotic team members and one rookie, travel Saturday to Augustana University, University for competition.

Zoe Berghorst and Zoe Perkins are fifth-year members and Saturday's event is the fourth time the duo has competed on a state-qualifying team. Both are eighth-graders at Luverne Middle School.

Berghorst, 14, heads the team's project and LEGO robot programming. Perkins, 13, is the group's project professional.

Mazzi Moore, 13, is a seventh-grader at Hills-Beaver Creek. This is her first season with the 4-H robotics team. She also works on programming for the team.

The trio will complete all three parts to the LEGO challenge including the robot game, innovation project and core values.

The First LEGO League challenges young people

to think like scientists and engineers as they program a LEGO robot to compete maneuvers and specific tasks related to the season's theme, City Shaper.

According to the organization's website, youth are tasked with creating a better world and providing creative solutions to help transportation, the environment and new developments that will help the world last over a thousand generations.

Teams are judged on how well they incorporate core values of discovery, in-

novation, impact, teamwork, inclusion and fun into the robotics game and in the presentation innovation projects. The project identifies a problem with a building or public space within their community and the team's solution design.

At the regional competition last month, Berghorst, Perkins and Moore were joined by teammates Bradey Lemme, Logan Wrigg and Ethan Berghorst.

Aaron Perkins and Randy Berghorst are the team's adult volunteer coaches.



Mavis Fodness photo/0130 LHS Snow Week 2020

Twelve Luverne High School seniors comprise the Snow Week Royalty for 2020. They are (front row from left) Mela Jarchow, Madi Flom, Anita Cole-Kraty, Claire Baustian, Michelle Arevalo, Alexa Chesley, (back) Jordan Winter, Brody DeBates, Gunnar Oldre, Graham Cunningham, Isaiah Bartels and Colby Crabtree (seated). Coronation of Snow King and Queen will be at 2:05 p.m. Monday in the high school gym.

LHS celebrates Snow Week Feb. 3-7

By Mavis Fodness

Dress-up days and coronation activities return to Luverne High School in early February for Snow Week 2020.

The week of activities takes place Feb. 3-7 with each day designated with a theme in which students and staff will dress for the day.

Wednesday is Drive a Snowmobile to School Day with an afternoon

of activities slated for students in grades nine through 12.

Teachers recognized 12 seniors as snow week royalty for their positive leadership and involvement in activities during their years in school.

Snow Week queen candidates are Michelle Arevalo, Claire Baustian, Alexa Chesley, Anita Cole-Kraty, Madi Flom and Mela Jarchow.

King candidates are Isaiah Bar-

tels, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Brody DeBates, Gunnar Oldre and Jordan Winter.

Selection of Snow Week king and queen will take place during a coronation ceremony at 2:05 p.m. Monday in the school gymnasium.

Luverne High School Student Council members have been organizing annual Snow Week activities since 2016.

10 years ago (2010)

•The Luverne district moved one step closer to completing its application for next year's flexible learning calendar.

Board members unanimously accepted a resolution for the pre-Labor Day start.

As part of the application process, the school was required to hold three public meetings. These took place Thursday, Jan. 7, Monday, Jan. 11, and Tuesday, Jan. 12.

"The commissioner (Alice Seagren) applauded districts for working together," board member Colleen Deutsch said. ...

The mission is to "make systemic changes to improve student achievement," by capturing more high impact learning days, working collaboratively to improve teacher effectiveness and aligning kindergarten through post-secondary calendars."

25 years ago (1995)

•Applicants for the superintendent's position are coming in at an encouraging rate, according to Luverne Superintendent Norman Miller. As of Thursday, when the Luverne School Board met, about 30 people had applied.

A committee composed of six school board members and three people representing school office staff, teachers and administrators will trim applications to a manageable number by Feb. 10. Board members are Barb Golla, Gene Cragoe, Bob Kaczrowski, Cary Radisewitz, Bruce Olson and Duane Klay. Mark Lundgren will represent the faculty, Marlene Mann will represent office and Gary Fisher will represent administration.

After Feb. 10, the six board members will proceed with inter-

views to further narrow the selection. By the time the choice is down to about three candidates, the whole board will be present for the interviews.

50 years ago (1970)

•Consecration services for the United Methodist Church of Luverne will be held this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. with the Bishop Paul Washburn as guest speaker for the occasion. ...

Sunday's consecration represents the progress the church has made since its early beginnings in 1873. The new \$400,000 building is a far cry from the sod house utilized 97 years ago. Even the \$2,000 structure which the new church replaces presents a gigantic transition.

Designed by Ward Whitwan Architects, of Sioux Falls, the church has a sanctuary seating of 450. Balcony and overflowing area, however, allow for the seating of an additional 150 people, thus 600 people can be accommodated.

One of the most impressive furnishings is the new Allen organ costing more than \$19,000. This memorial gift was established by the congregation from proceeds received through the Paul Soutar estate. Mr. Soutar, a church member, divided his estate equally between the church and the Foundation for the Blind. To date, the church has received \$185,000 from this source.

The Rev. Donald Lyon, 36th pastor of the local congregation, summed up the entire project with the following statement. "The members of the United Methodist Church of Luverne have found the building project not only one of sacrificial demands of time

and substance, but one of deep and edifying spiritual growth. Truly we believe we have had the opportunity to construct a place of Christian fellowship that will prove both a blessing and a benefit for generations to come."

75 years ago (1945)

•County Sheriff Roberts reported yesterday that no clues had been found which might reveal the identity of the person or persons who robbed the Wiegel filling station at Magnolia early Monday.

Stolen were two used tires, and about 15 to 20 used gasoline ration stamps. The station, which had been closed temporarily, was entered through a window on the east side.

Ole Lee of the state bureau of criminal apprehension was here the fore part of the week to conduct an investigation.

100 years ago (1920)

•For more than two weeks Rock county shippers of live stock have been experiencing a shortage of cars that has not been excelled, if ever equaled, during periods immediately following severe snow blockades. ...

During the last two weeks Herman Fitzner has been able to obtain only two live stock cars, when he could have used at least fifteen to good advantage. Farmers who have hogs ready for marketing are compelled to hold them, and during the fore part of this week there were at least 800 hogs in feed yards, whose owners were anxiously awaiting word from Mr. Fitzner that cars were available for shipment.

REMEMBER WHEN

OBITUARIES

Alyce Nelson

Alyce Jeanette Nelson, 92, Delano, formerly of Luverne, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at the Legacy of Delano Assisted Living in Delano.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. A private family burial will precede the service.

Alyce Doorneweerd was born was born March 22, 1927, in rural Lyon County, Iowa, to Johannes and Dorothy Doorneweerd.

She attended country school in Lyon County.

When Alyce was 8 years old her family moved to a farm south of Lester, Iowa. Alyce attended school through eighth grade but had to leave school in order to help her mother who suffered from asthma.

Alyce began her working career as a waitress at the Duchess Cafe in Luverne.

Alyce married Morton Nelson on Dec. 18, 1948, in Luverne. They lived in a basement dwelling in Hills.

She candled eggs at Fikse's Hatchery in Hills.

In 1960 the family moved to Luverne. Alyce worked for M & JR Hakes also candling eggs.

She was employed by Creeger's Children's Shop as a retail sales person. After leaving Creeger's, Alyce worked at the Good Samaritan Home, the Luverne Style Shop, and a number of years in the lunch line at Luverne Public Schools. Alyce was a frequent vol-

unteer at Sanford Hospital, Backpack Program, Veterans Home and Grace Lutheran Church just to name a few.

Alyce has been a lifelong fan of the Minnesota Twins and always stating that win or lose they were "Her Boys."

Alyce was an avid walker, passionate reader, animated poet and crossword puzzle enthusiast.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Alyce is survived by her five children James Nelson, South St. Paul, Paul (Robin) Nelson, Blaine, Char (Dick) Trende, Hudson, Wisconsin, Lauri (Jim) Fox, Tracy, and Daniel (Lori) Nelson, Delano; her eleven grandchildren Rich Nelson, Kristin Nelson, Bethany (Kyle) Steffen, Andrea (Kory) Werk, Jennifer Nelson, Katherine (Daniel) Joyce, Elizabeth (Andy) Johnson, Scott Trende, Sean Fox, Eric (Stephanie) Nelson and Sarah Nelson; nine great-grandchildren; and sister Dorothy DeRoo, Brooten.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Morton; brothers Joe (Caroline) Doorneweerd and Dick (Leah) Doorneweerd, sister Jeanette (Casey) Mauw; and brother-in-law Lloyd DeRoo.

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

(0130 F)

Edward Woodley

Edward Ray Woodley, 88, of Luverne died Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society — Mary Jane Brown, Luverne.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Dingmann Funeral Home, Luverne, and one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Luverne.

Edward Ray Woodley was born on Jan. 1, 1932, in Luverne to Ray and Luella (Pank) Woodley. He grew up on a farm north of Luverne. Ed graduated from Luverne High School in 1949. He attended Worthington Junior College.

Ed married Beverly Erickson on Sept. 30, 1951. They lived in Luverne and became parents to four children Keith, Nancy, Bruce and Carol. Beverly died in 1975.

He married Jeanne (Rust) Bittner on Oct. 2, 1976, and became stepfather to three children Sheila, Debra and Mark.

He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne, and served on the Luverne Fire Department from 1958 to 1982.

Ed worked for A.R. Wood, Merrill Shoe Store, Nelson

Bros., U.S. Postal Service, Woodley Auto Service, Jubilee Foods, Glen's Food Center, Frakes Water Treatment and Bomgaars.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, Luverne; sons Keith (Laura) Woodley, Bruce (Wanda) Woodley, Mark (Shelly) Bittner; daughters Nancy (Paul) Wurpts, Sheila Rust, Debra Raymond and Carol (Dan) Oren; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sister and in-laws Mary Ann Hustad, Bud (Gloria) Rust, Don (Alisa) Rust, Colleen (Gene) Cragoe, Karen Rust, Lorna Lorenzen, Cleo (Art) Bloemendaal, Roger (Marlene) Erickson; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Beverly, infant sister, grandson Shawn Bittner; in-laws Jim and Patricia Roberts, Albin and Florence Erickson, Art and Grace Rust and Verdell Lorenzen.

Memorials are preferred to St. Olaf College, St. John's Music Fund or the Evergreen Lodge at the Northfield Retirement Community.

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

(0130 F)

Irene Bowman

Irene Bowman passed away on January 15, 2020.

Irene Bowman, 79, died peacefully on the evening of January 15, 2020, in Mease Hospital, Dunedin, Florida, with Ron at her side.

Irene was born to Henry Vernon Clark and Frances Craig Foy on Oct. 27, 1940, in Greenwood, Mississippi. She lived there with her family until they all moved to Orlando, Florida. It was in Orlando that Ron met her, fell in love with her and asked her to marry him. He had recently returned from overseas service with the Air Force and was stationed in the service at the air base in Orlando. She accepted his proposal and they were married on Feb. 16, 1962. They lived in Orlando until Ron was discharged in Oct. 1962 and they moved to his hometown of Luverne, Minnesota. They lived with his parents for a while but then bought a small house in town. Jeffrey was born on Jan. 12, 1963. Shortly thereafter, Ron took a job in Pipestone and they sold the home and moved. She started her life of moving again multiple times in job changes and one stop was Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin where Eric was born on Nov. 6, 1965. Another job change moved the family

to Fargo, North Dakota. Jeff and Eric went thru the schools in Fargo and Ron got a job with Milwaukee Electric Tool and Irene was the Mom at home and loving and always being concerned of her family was her main interest.

In July 1987, Ron and Irene moved back to Florida with his company and she then worked for Smith and Nephew, a medical manufacturing company until they both retired in July 2001. They continued living in Dunedin, Florida, in the house they first bought in 1987.

Irene is survived by her husband, her two sons and 5 grandchildren, Zachary, Alexander, Matthew, Christopher and Elizabeth and nieces and nephews and families in Florida. She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister and two brothers-in-law.

She wanted to keep it simple and the family agreed with her wishes. She will be buried at a later date at Bay Pines National Cemetery in a very private family way. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the American Lung Association or charity of your choice in her name.

Condolences may be offered at www.serenityfuneralhomelargo.com

(0130 V)

This obituary is rerun to include information inadvertently left out of last week's obituary. The Star Herald apologizes for the error.

Jim Kitchenmaster

James Frederick Kitchenmaster, 82, of Luverne, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at his home.

A funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Luverne.

James Frederick Kitchenmaster was born on April 9, 1937, to William and Anna (Lauck) Kitchenmaster in Luverne.

He was baptized on May 2, 1937, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Steen and was raised on a farm east of Hills. He was confirmed on March 25, 1951, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Lester, Iowa.

He attended school in Hills through the eighth grade and then began farming with his dad in addition to working at Blue Ribbon Hatchery and later the Luverne Farm Store.

On June 14, 1959, Jim was united in marriage to Carolyn Rapp at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. In September 1960 Jim entered the United States Army and served until September 1962. He was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Lewis, Washington, and during his service time he received his G.E.D.

Upon honorable discharge from the Army, Jim went to work at MID Packing Co. in Luverne and later returned to his home place to farm.

He retired from farming

in 1985 and in 1987 the couple moved into Luverne where Jim worked for Rock County Harvestore until 1996 and then worked for Dave's Repair. During his retirement years, Jim also enjoyed assisting at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills as a driver for their residents.

Jim was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where he had served as an usher and offering counter.

His lifelong love of farming led him to be a collector of John Deere toys and equipment. He also enjoyed his Tuesday morning coffee crew, trading cars and spending winters with Carolyn and their friends in Mesa, Arizona.

Jim is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carolyn; two children, Paul (Sherri) of Hills, and Kristi (fiancé, Stephen Scalli) of Boxford, Massachusetts; five grandchildren: Devon, Derek, Chandler, Luke and Kyra; a brother, Loren (Deborah) of Ardmore, Alabama; and a sister-in-law, Janice Kitchenmaster of Hawarden, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Arvin Kitchenmaster.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to Scholarships within the Little Lambs Preschool at St. John Lutheran Church.

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

(0130 F)

Allan Nelson

Allan Nelson, 90, of Northfield, died Jan. 20, 2020, at Evergreen Lodge of the Northfield Retirement Community after a prolonged struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Allan Orvin Peter Nelson was born on Oct. 12, 1929, on the family farm in Rosehill Township, rural Westbrook, to Otto and Oline (Kaste) Nelson.

He graduated from Westbrook High School in 1947 and, after completing a degree at the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture, started farming with his father and uncles.

In the fall of 1952 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea as a chaplain's assistant until he was honorably discharged in 1954. He then earned a bachelor's degree in English at St. Olaf College, Northfield, in 1958 and a Master of Divinity Degree at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, in 1961.

He married Imogene Boyum on June 25, 1960, at Arendahl Lutheran Church, rural Peterson, and following his ordination to the ministry on June 25, 1961, they moved to Lake Crystal where he was pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

In 1969 he returned to the University of Minnesota for a master's degree in American studies. He served as a Lutheran pastor at Our Savior's in Kiester, Grace in Luverne, First Lutheran in Valley Springs, South Dakota, and Palisade in rural Rock County near Garretson until his retirement in 1995.

He particularly enjoyed rural ministry and volunteered on many community and church-related boards. After retiring to Northfield, he

served as a part-time visitation pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Faribault for 14 years.

Allan liked meeting and interacting with people and was proud of his Norwegian and Danish heritage. He enjoyed music — especially singing

and playing his clarinet and accordion, travel, reading, downhill skiing and time with his family.

His early years on the farm instilled in him a sense of self-reliance, an interest in tractors and cars and the ability to fix almost anything. As a young adult he was active in 4-H and Luther League.

In retirement he and Imogene enjoyed international travel and time at the farm, planting a large garden and sharing the produce with the food shelf, friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Imogene; daughters Kirsten (Jeffrey) Johnson, Sudbury, Massachusetts, Berit (Jeffrey) Schmidt of St. Paul, and Sigrid (Daniel) Schonebaum, Faribault; grandchildren Matthew Johnson, St. Paul, Nathaniel Johnson, Boston, Otto and Anna Schmidt, both of St. Paul, and Marta and Henry Schonebaum, both of Faribault; brother Glenn (Jane Borelli) Nelson, Decorah, Iowa; brother-in-law Kenley Boyum, Plymouth; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers-in-law Goodwin and Andrew Boyum. Memorials are preferred to St. Olaf College, St. John's Music Fund or the Evergreen Lodge at the Northfield Retirement Community.

Arrangements are with the Benson & Langehough Funeral Home, www.northfieldfuneral.com

(0130 F)

Thomas Raker

Thomas Raker, 60, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at Sanford Ava's House.

Thomas J. Raker was born June 30, 1959, in Rochester, New York, where he grew up and graduated from high school in 1977.

In 1981, he moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and worked as a cook in local restaurants.

Tom married Peggy Mann on Jan. 17, 1987, in Sioux Falls. The couple moved to Hamlin, New York, for a period of time and then in 1992, returned to South Dakota, residing in Kimball. During that time, Tom worked at Trail King as a welder.

In 1997, the couple returned to Sioux Falls. Tom worked as a welder for Alamo,

and again cooked at area restaurants.

In 2016, he began working at Walmart as a merchandise stocker.

In his free time, Tom enjoyed fishing with friends at Ft. Pierre and also at area lakes. He also looked forward to the autumn months when he could go pheasant hunting.

Quiet and reserved, Tom's kind-hearted spirit will be forever cherished.

Tom is survived by his wife, Peggy, Sioux Falls; daughter, Amber; his mother, Shirley Schneider; sisters Jean Ross, Christine LaDue and Linda Raker; his brother, Joseph Raker; and his mother-in-law Betty Mann, Luverne.

No services are planned at this time.

(0130 V)

DEATH NOTICES

Peter Gronewold

Peter Gronewold, 88, formerly of Round Lake, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place at a later date.

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

(0130 DN)

Nels Benson

Nels Benson, 89 of Hills, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Minnehaha Funeral Home in Garretson, South Dakota.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Palisade Lutheran Church in rural Garretson. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to a local charity. Arrangements were provided by Minnehaha Funeral Home, Garretson, minnehahafuneralhome.com.

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the importance of protecting local barns at the town hall meeting. “We have to do everything to keep the African swine fever out of the U.S.,” Hagedorn said. Repercussions of the fatal disease in the U.S. would ripple down to corn and soybean producers, truckers, packers and Main Street businesses, some of whom Hagedorn visited during his stop in Luverne. The recently passed Phase 1 of the U.S.-Canada-Mexico trade agreement is seen as a step forward to other improving other agreements with Great Britain, Vietnam and India.

Daycare shortage, transportation funding discussed Tuesday’s town hall attendees (about 30 people) asked for help on several topics, such as local highway improvement dollars and the shortage of daycare providers in the area. “(Transportation) funding goes as far as Mankato and no further,” said state representative Joe Schomacker. Hagedorn agreed and said he supports allowing state officials to decide where federal highway funds are used instead of a few department heads.

Hagedorn said work in Washington, D.C., is held up by the current Senate impeachment trial. The process recently “bogged down” the House of Representatives for two to three weeks. “We should be working in bipartisan fashion once the impeachment is out of the way,” Hagedorn said. Several people asked questions about daycare and the regulations that increasing the costs of doing business and increasing the childcare tax credit that may allow one parent to stay home. “We have people not moving to Luverne because we don’t have daycare,” said Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian. Hagedorn also fielded questions about solutions for more affordable housing reducing the national debt, immigration reform and affordable health care, solutions to which may be coming soon, he said. Rock County is one of 24 counties Hagedorn represents in the state’s First Congressional District. Hagedorn is a freshman Republican elected to the post in 2018 after Tim Walz stepped down to successfully run for the Minnesota governor seat.



Submitted photo

Local students attend annual writers conference

Luverne Middle School students were among 500 around the region who attended the 28th annual Conference of Young Writers Jan. 8 at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. The local sixth- through eighth-graders participated in three learning sessions exploring their creativity in writing and discovering how to express thoughts using written words. The Southwest West Central Service Cooperative coordinates the event for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

Attending from Luverne were (front row from left) Aaron Kindt, Dayson Fritz, Zander Carbonneau, Maddy Schepel, Addison Mann, Gabi Nath-Huls, Hannah Woodley, Hannah Kempema, Katelynn Van Belle, (second row) Audrie DeBates, Marin Oakes, Nora Louwagie, Katia Jarchow, Zariah Holmgren, Hallie Pergande, Katherine Pizel, Matthew Rogers, Xavier McKenzie, Chase Matthiesen, (third row) Hailey Boll, Morgan Jonas, Jo Lopez-Bomstad, Zoe Perkins, (back) Zoey Berghorst, Hailey Johnson, Maya Limones-Gonzalez and Brendan Eidem.

Human trafficking event raises awareness/from page 1

told that in exchange for sex I can come in out of the cold ... Thank God I’ve never been in that position to be pushed over the line to do that.”

‘This really is a man’s issue’ But other vulnerabilities can be as simple as a young person’s insecurities and falling for the affections of an older man with ulterior motives. The single most important thing communities can do to protect their youth is to share awareness of the danger. “Not everyone can do everything, but everyone can do something,” Bakke said. “We all have unique gifts to offer.” Churches and civic groups can host informational events like the one Sunday, and he particularly encouraged the “We are all Connected” curriculum through the “Men as Peacemakers” organization. He said the idea is to challenge cultural norms — like bachelor parties at strip clubs — that reinforce attitudes that marginalize and commoditize women. “This really is a man’s issue,” Bakke said. “Of those purchasing sex, 99 percent are



Lori Sorenson photo/0130 trafficking

At Sunday afternoon’s human trafficking awareness event in Luverne dozens of people learned how exploitation starts, what makes young people more vulnerable and how to help prevent it.

men. ... So, it makes sense to look at men’s behaviors and attitudes.” **‘Not just a number’** Schools are already on the front lines of building awareness among youth, thanks to curriculum offered through the Southwest Crisis

Center. The five-week program called “Not a #Number” is offered through “Love146,” and teaches young people how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation. Jen Lindsey is the Rock County advocate for the

Southwest Crisis Center and has introduced the information to area students. “We talk to them about their vulnerabilities and how to develop resiliency so that it’s not as easy for someone to exploit them,” Lindsey said. “Everyone has vulnerabilities, even adults, but as adults, if something sounds too good to be true, we tend to know better. Youth don’t have that background.” She said if teens are aware of their vulnerabilities, they’re better equipped to make the right choices in situations where they might be in danger. Lindsey said another important tool for young people is the Crisis Center’s Teen Text Line, 218-666-8336, which provides support for struggling teens. Lindsey can be reached at 507-283-9917 and Bakke can be reached at 507-376-4311.

Innocence stolen
Former victim shares story of vulnerabilities and way out of system

By Lori Sorenson At Sunday afternoon’s trafficking awareness event Danielle Freitag shared her personal story about exploitation — how it happened, despite her small-town Christian upbringing. “My innocence was stolen,” she said. “And I know I’m not the only one this happens to.” She said she grew up in a home where alcohol was abused, she was exposed to pornography at a young age and became sexually active at a young age. She also became addicted to alcohol and drugs, which was a major factor in her vulnerability.

Freed by faith — and sobriety Ultimately, Freitag said the only thing that saved her was her faith. “It’s Jesus. That’s why I’m here,” she said. “If it weren’t for him and what he did for me, I wouldn’t be here today.” The first step to freeing herself from the exploitation, Freitag said, was to get sober. She checked herself into treatment. “I had to be ready to get out,” she said. She warned about trying to “save” someone who is using drugs and alcohol. “If someone is being exploited, they don’t have good coping skills, and a coping skill might be using substances,” Freitag said. “If they’re not sober, they’ll keep going back.”

She said she relied on support from her counselor, law enforcement, her AA sponsor and others who helped get her back on her feet. And she thanked God for putting her in touch with the right people at the right time when she was ready to change. Today, she’s 14 years sober. “One of the things that helped the most in my restoration journey was worship,” she said, explaining that her faith freed her from the guilt of her past. “He took all that and died on the cross. I’ve been reconciled. That was my greatest gift. This is what keeps me going.”

Meanwhile a boyfriend introduced her to strip clubs where she met other strip dancers whom at the times she viewed as glamorous. Before she knew it, she was stripping for cash and spent several years entangled in a lifestyle that kept her manipulated, addicted and living in fear of what might happen if she were to leave. “Then there was an abortion. “That sent me into a tailspin, and my drug use got worse,” Freitag said.

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St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Gerald Kosse, Monsignor

Friday, Jan. 31: 10 a.m. Mass at Tuff Home. Saturday, Feb. 1: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Feb. 2: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Children's Liturgy. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. 3 p.m. RCIA at St. Leo. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. 7:30 p.m. KC's. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study.

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

Sunday, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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

Thursday, Jan. 30: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 2: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Feb. 6: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 1 p.m. Roll bandages for hospital in Zambia. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, Jan. 30: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Sunday, Feb. 2: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion; 2nd grade Milestone and Baptism. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. 1 p.m. Spa Day for girls 3-year-olds through 5th grade. Monday, Feb. 3: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Women's board meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship with Holy Communion. 7:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal; Grades 6-9 confirmation — Mentor Night. Thursday, Feb. 6: 8:30 p.m. Missions in Action. 1:30 p.m. Endowment meeting.

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

Sunday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

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

Thursday, Jan. 30: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Jan. 31: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Soup Luncheon Fundraiser. Monday, Feb. 3: 3 p.m. Kitchen/commons reserved. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 8 a.m. Commons and fellowship hall reserved. Noon Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 4:30 p.m. Multipurpose room reserved; REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle.

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.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Ph. 605-215-3429
email: magnoliannumc@gmail.com
Nancy Manning, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. 10:30 a.m. Bible study.

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 30: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 1: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 27: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. Noon Homeschoolers. Wednesday, Jan. 29: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 30: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 30: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 4 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Committee meetings.

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

Thursday, Jan. 30: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. Saturday, Feb. 1: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. Sunday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 6: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. (507) 669-2855; zionoffice@alliancecom.net
Jesse Baker, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 30: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 31: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 11:30 a.m. Potluck lunch. Monday, Feb. 3: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 4: 6:30 p.m. Elder's meeting. 7:30 p.m. Council meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 5: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. LWML meeting (prayer service). Thursday, Feb. 6: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

Sunday, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church with Holy Communion.

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem; Installation of newly elected members. 6:30 p.m. 9-12th grade youth night. Tuesday, Jan. Feb. 4: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation and Mentors.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

How great is God?

King David said, "Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness." (Psalm 145:3) King David also wrote, "Be still and know that I am God."

Do you ever stop and think about how great God is? The God described in the Bible as the one and only true God is far greater than words could ever describe. Yet the Bible does give us some great descriptions that paint a picture, though somewhat blurry, of God. Here is a bit of what the bible describes.

God is totally independent of anyone and everything. God made "the world and everything in it, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything" (Acts 17:24-25) God is not influenced by the necessity for something. This time of year, we are influenced by the need of electricity. Because we want heat, we pay our bill. If you think you are independent of others stop and think about all the things that you get as a result of someone else. Food, water, electricity, gas, and the list goes on. God has no need. God is unchanging. Wayne Grudem describes God's unchangeableness as "God is unchanging in his being, perfections, purposes and promises, yet God does act and feel emotions, and he acts and feels differently in response to different situation."

Consider what it means that God is unchanging? The promises He has made He will keep. Tomorrow you don't need to worry that God will wake up with a different opinion, or a better idea.

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Walt Moser,
First Baptist Church,
Luverne

How many things has science said this is the way it is and years later, changed their mind about what they said were the facts? How many times have you changed your mind? Since God is perfect there is no need for Him to change His mind. He always makes and has made the right decision.

The Psalmist says "Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, buy you endure; they will all wear out like a garment. You change them like raiment, and they pass away; **but you are the same, and your years have no end.** (Psalm 102:25-27).

What does it mean that God knows everything about everyone? What does it mean that God has no limits on his power? Or consider that God is attentive of your needs as well as the other 7 billion people living on the earth. Consider that God has never sinned, never will sin, and will not even want to sin. One day the eyes, hearts and minds of all believers will be open to understand who He is in all His greatness. Believers will see Him face to face in heaven.

No one can measure the greatness of God. What makes God so great to you? Ponder His greatness today.

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New Ulm slashes Luverne's title hopes

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls' hockey team fell two games off the pace in a race for the Big South Conference championship Thursday in New Ulm.
LHS took a 9-1 league record into a game against 10-0 New Ulm.
The home-standing Eagles gained some more separation in the conference standings by registering a 4-1 victory over the Cardinals.
Luverne drew first blood in the contest when Rylee Gee scored 1:12 into the second period after being set up by Kamryn Van Batavia.
New Ulm, which outshot LHS 49-17 in the contest,

A-E earns split in Jackson Friday

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian-Ellsworth wrestling team split matches during a triangular meet in Jackson Friday.
The Dragons topped United South Central 54-21 before taking a 47-24 setback from Jackson County Central.
Five Dragons compiled perfect 2-0 records during the evening.
Logan Taylor posted a 5-2 win over USC's Micah Hamson and pinned JCC's Carter Mix in 1:10, while Preston Nelson pinned USC's Matt Beyer in 3:35 and secured a 6-2 win over JCC's Caleb Vancura.
Brayan Anaya, Isaac Bullerman and Scot Edwards drew forfeits from USC before registering pins against JCC.
Anaya pinned Nolan Ambrose in 1:59, Bullerman covered Colton Bents in 5:25 and Scot Edwards stuck Lee Drahota in 1:07.

scored four unanswered goals in the final 29:04 to secure a three-goal victory.
New Ulm's Jayda Helget knotted the score at one at the 12:04 mark of the second period before giving the Eagles a 2-1 edge with a power-play tally that came with 6:54 remaining in the stanza.
The Eagles settled the issue when Molly Scheid scored twice in the final 3:47 of the contest.
Cheyenne Schutz made 45 saves for an LHS squad that had a five-game winning streak snapped with the loss.
The 17-4-1 Cardinals host Fairmont for a game Thursday.

The 11-6 Dragons wrestle in Luverne Feb. 6.

Match wrap-ups
A-E 54, USC 21
106 (A) B. Anaya by forfeit.
113 (U) Sonnek pins D. Anaya.
120 (A) Morrison pins Baumgartner.
126 (A) Hieronimus by forfeit.
132 (U) Elvebak 7-1 Heidebrink.
138 (A) Sherer 6-1 Harpestad.
145 (A) Taylor 5-2 Hamson.
152 (A) Bullerman by forfeit.
160 (A) Wolf by forfeit.
170 (A) Nelson pins Beyer.
182 (U) Billings by forfeit.
195 (A) Hernandez pins Van Cleave.
220 (U) Elvebak by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

JCC 47, A-E 24
106 (A) B. Anaya pins Ambrose.
113 (J) Butzon pins Farinella.
120 (J) Freking pins Morrison.
126 (J) Withers 4-0 Hieronimus.
132 (J) Haley pins Heidebrink.
138 (L) Taylor pins Mix.
145 (J) Handevitd 19-7 Sherer.
152 (A) Bullerman pins Bents.
160 (J) Hendrickson pins Wolf.
170 (A) Nelson 6-2 Vancura.
182 (J) Freking 14-6 Wieneke.
195 (J) Michelson pins Hernandez.
220 (J) Dunker by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards pins Drahota.

Wrestlers post second win

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team compiled a 1-4 record during a pair of outings last week.
The Cards fell twice during a home triangular Jan. 21 before going 1-2 at the Fulda-Murray County Central Quadrangular Thursday.
Luverne, 2-15 overall, hosts another triangular Friday.

F-MCC quad
The Cardinals notched their second win of the season during Thursday's quadrangular in Slayton.
LHS dropped matches F-MCC (53-30) and Tracy-Milroy-Balaton (73-3), but the Cardinals notched a 48-6 victory over Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther.
Noah Mehlhaff, Riley Cowell, Braydon Ripka, Camden Janiszeski and Zach Bradley went 2-1 for LHS in Slayton.
Uriel Hernandez (1-0), Jaden Reisch (1-2), Chris Rosin (1-2), Owen Janiszeksi (0-1) and Masyn Akkerman (0-1) also competed.



John Rittenhouse photo/0130 lw cowell 1

Luverne junior Riley Cowell compiled a 2-0 record during a triangular wrestling meet in Luverne Jan. 21.

Match wrap-ups
F-MCC 53, LHS 30
106 (F) Ash pins O. Janiszeski.
113 (F) Lorenzen by forfeit.
120 (L) Mehlhaff by forfeit.
126 (L) Cowell pins Klein.
132 (F) Ask by forfeit.
138 (L) Ripka by forfeit.
145 (F) Kuehl t.f. C. Janiszeski.
152 (F) Behnke pins Reisch.
160 (L) Bradley pins Solt.
170 (F) Kuball pins Rosin.
182 (F) Ray by forfeit.
195 (F) Henning by forfeit.
220 (F) Behnke by forfeit.
285 (F) Wendorff pins Akkerman.

T-M-B 73, LHS 3
106 (T) Carter by forfeit.
113 (T) Schuh by forfeit.
120 (T) Torgeson pins Mehlhaff.
126 (T) Horner 14-3 Cowell.
132 (T) Ellingson 10-3 Ripka.
138 (L) C. Janiszeski 5-2 Otto.
145 (T) Petersen pins Reisch.
152 (T) Johnson pins Bradley.
160 (T) Schwartz pins Rosin.
170 (T) Krick by forfeit.
182 (T) Paplow by forfeit.
195 (T) Eisfeld by forfeit.
220 (T) Martinez by forfeit.
285 (T) Willhite by forfeit.

LHS 48, M-T-ML 6
106 (L) Hernandez by forfeit.
113 (M) Lehman by forfeit.
120 (L) Mehlhaff pins Koberoski.
126 (L) Cowell pins Rodriguez.
132 (L) Ripka by forfeit.

138 (L) C. Janiszeski by forfeit.
145 (L) Reisch by forfeit.
152 (L) Bradley pins Zamora.
160 (L) Rosin pins Perez-Garcia.
170 (L-T) open.
182 (L-T) open.
195 (L-T) open.
220 (L-T) open.
285 (L-T) open.

LHS Triangular

The Cardinals lost a pair of matches during a home triangular Jan. 21.
Fairmont-Martin County West, ranked second in the Class AA poll, rolled to a 75-3 win over LHS.
The Cards came up on the short end of a 39-24 tally against Garretson, South Dakota.
Cowell, who drew a forfeit from Garretson, accounted for Luverne's three points against F-MCW edging Aden Welcome 9-8.
Ripka (over Caleb West-erbur), Reisch (over Tyson Swatek) and Bradley (over

Star HeraldSPORTS

Rauk lifts Patriots over EHS

Junior nets 30 points in first half

By John Rittenhouse
A career night from Taryn Rauk spurred the Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team to a convincing victory at Edgerton Public Friday.
Rauk, a junior guard for the Patriots, poured in 30 first-half points on the way to finishing the game with a career-high 33 points.
With Rauk leading the charge, H-BC coasted to an 81-36 victory over the Flying Dutchmen.

The win ups H-BC's Red Rock Conference mark to 10-0. Although the Patriots won the game by a comfortable margin, it looked like Edgerton might challenge H-BC early.
The Flying Dutchmen surrendered the first four points of the game before gaining a 7-6 edge.
Edgerton trailed 15-13 when Rauk and company took over the contest.

H-BC went on a 43-2 run moments later to open a commanding 58-15 lead when Rauk converted a layup with 37 seconds left in the first half.
H-BC led 58-17 at intermission largely because of Rauk, who exploded for 16 points of her 30 in the final 6:36 of the opening stanza.
Edgerton wasn't able to challenge the Patriots in the second half.
H-BC scored the first five points of the stanza and led by as many as 49 points while outscoring the Flying Dutchmen 23-19 in the final 18 minutes of play.
Along with scoring 33 points, Rauk pulled down five rebounds and registered four



John Rittenhouse photo/0130 hgb 3

H-BC junior Taryn Rauk netted a career-high 33 points during an 81-36 win over the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen Friday in Edgerton. The win ups H-BC's conference record to 10-0.

steals.
Kenadie Fick netted 12 points for the winners, while Abby Knobloch turned in a 10-point, eight-rebound, four-assist effort.
Sam Moser and Whitney Elbers grabbed five rebounds

each for the 14-1 Patriots, who host Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Thursday.

Box score
Fick 32 0-0 12, Rauk 12 1 6-7 33, Birger 0 1 0-0 3, Voss 3 0 0-0 6, Bos 0 1 0-0 3, Knobloch 2 2 0-0 10, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Van Maanen 0 0 0-0 0, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 3 0 0-2 6, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0,

LaRock 1 0 0-1 2, W. Elbers 3 0 0-1 6, L. Elbers 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 34 of 60 field goals (57 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 34 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
Edgerton: 13 of 49 field goals (27 percent), eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 18 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Cards snap Dragons' streak of 10 consecutive victories

By John Rittenhouse
An impressive winning streak came to an end when Luverne entertained Adrian-Ellsworth for a girls' basketball game Monday in Luverne.
The visiting Dragons entered the game riding high after posting 10 consecutive victories, but the Cardinals put an end to the run by saddling A-E with a 54-36 setback.
Luverne, which never trailed in the contest, controlled play the entire night.
LHS opened the game with a 10-0 run ending with a three-point shot from Averill Sehr at the 12:33 mark of the first half.
Luverne's strong start was never seriously threatened as the Cardinals outscored the Dragons 44-36 the rest of the way to prevail by 18 points.
A-E did trim the difference to six points (14-8) when Christina Cauwels hit a field goal with 8:01 remaining in the opening half.

The Cardinals answered the challenge in dominating fashion.
LHS went on a 16-4 run to sport a 30-12 lead at the intermission after Mallory Thorson converted a field goal with 1:06 left in the stanza.
Sehr canned a three-point shot 36 seconds into the second half to give the Cards a 33-12 cushion that was trimmed to 17 points (39-22) when A-E's Ashlyn Meester canned a three-point shot at the 11:42 mark.
Luverne, however, scored the next nine points to open a 48-22 advantage when Emma Beyer converted a field goal with 7:36 remaining.
A-E ended the game with a 14-6 surge capped by Meester sinking two free throws with three seconds left to cap the scoring in the contest.
Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Thorson and Sehr netted 14, 11 and 10 points respectively for the Cardinals.

Elizabeth Wagner grabbed 10 rebounds for the winners.
Meester led A-E with 15 points and eight rebounds.
Cauwels and Bailey Lonneman collected six rebounds each for the Dragons.
The 11-7 Cardinals play in Pipestone Thursday, while the 11-7 Dragons host Edgerton Monday.
Box score
A-E
Zebe 1 0 0-22, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Dreesen 0 0 0-0 0, Chapa 2 0 0-0 4, Meester 1 3 4-8 15, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, M. Bullerman 0 0 0-0 0, J. Bullerman 0 0 1-2 1, Preuss 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 2 0 1-2 5, Cauwels 2 0 0-0 4, Lehnhoff 1 0 1-1 3.
Luverne
C. Wagner 1 0 1-2 3, Beyer 2 0 0-0 4, Ver Steeg, 7 0 0-4 14, Sehr 0 3 1-2 10, E. Wagner 2 1 0-0 7, Thorson 5 0 1-2 11, Hart 0 0 3-4 3, Van Grootheest 0 0 0-0 0, Rud 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 1 0 0-0 2, Javner 0 0 0-0 0, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 0 0 0-0 0, Huiskes 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
A-E: 13 of 47 field goals (28 percent), seven of 15 free throws (47 percent), 33 rebounds, 25 turnovers.
Luverne: 22 of 56 field goals (39 percent), six of 14 free throws (43 percent), 25 rebounds, 10 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0130 la gb 3

Luverne sophomore Elise Ferrell puts up a one-handed shot in front of Adrian-Ellsworth defenders Bailey Lonneman (40) and Jayden Zebe (10) during Monday's game in Luverne.

Pointer or flusher? Which hunting dog is right for you?

I mentioned a few weeks back that I am going to get a new Labrador puppy in late March, and it has prompted discussion about a buyer look for when selecting a puppy.



OUTDOORS

By Scott Rall,
outdoors columnist

the dog. Many have lighter weight coats and tend to be leaner over all.

They also have a propensity to be much higher strung and require more exercise. This trait might be a draw back if you intend to let the dog lay on the couch when not hunting. When it comes to retrieving flushing breeds usually excel over pointers. Ponting breeds allow the hunter more time to get ready. You can slowly walk up to the dog and when you're ready you can flush the bird.

Flushing breeds like Labs and Chese's have much heavier coats, which makes them more suitable for cold-water waterfowl hunting. I can also take my pack of flushers in the truck with me about anywhere because they can tolerate colder overnight temperatures. I also think flushers tend to shed more.

The worst reason to choose one breed over another is shedding. Some of the worst hunting dogs I have ever witnessed are poodle mixes that don't shed at all and they don't hunt worth a hoot either.

When hunting with a flusher you cannot lose focus for even a second. You must always know where the dog is at and be ready at a seconds' notice for a flushing bird. It is this intensity I live for when pheasant hunting. It is even more intense when hunting three dogs at one time.

I love both varieties of hunting dogs. Pointers are very cool and have better noses but the high-strung part of them makes me take the flusher approach. It's a Chevy ... No it's a Dodge ... and then wades in the Ford guy.

They are all good; you just need to decide which one is the good-est for you.

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Luverne boys post win in Garretson Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team went 1-2 during a stretch of playing three games in four days last week.

The Cardinals lost a four-point home game to Martin County West Jan. 21 before nailing down an eight-point win Thursday in Garretson, South Dakota.

LHS came up on the short end of a 34-point decision when it entertained Southwest Christian Friday.

The 6-10 Cardinals play in Redwood Falls Friday.

SWC 92, Luverne 58

The Cardinals proved to be no match for the Eagles when the teams squared off in Luverne Friday.

SWC dominated play in both halves of a 34-point conquest.

The Eagles opened a 48-21 lead in the first half before outscoring the Cardinals 44-37 in the second half to complete the win.

Isaiah Bartels netted 15 points to lead the Cardinals in scoring.

Gannon Ahrendt and Bailey Cowell added 13 and 12 points respectively.

Box score
Cowell 5 0 2-2 12, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 3 0 0-0 6, Bartels 4 1 4-4 15, Ahrendt 6 0 1-1 13, Feit 1 2 0-2 8, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Cole-Kraty 0 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0 0-0 0, Jarchow 0 0 0-0 0, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 2 0 0-0 4, Dohimann 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 21 field goals made, seven of nine free throws (77 percent).



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Luverne senior Isaiah Bartels turned in an 18-point, 10-rebound effort during a home loss to Martin County West Jan. 21. It was the third consecutive loss for the Cardinals.

SWC: 38 field goals made, six of 10 free throws (60 percent).

LHS 56, Garretson 48

The Cardinals snapped a three-game slide when they topped the Blue Dragons by eight points Thursday in Garretson.

LHS struggled early in the contest and faced a 28-19 deficit at halftime.

The second half belonged to the Cardinals as they out-

scored Garretson 37-20 to secure the victory.

Ahrendt led the charge for LHS by scoring 21 points.

Bartels and Cowell chipped in 15 and 13 points respectively.

Box score
Cowell 3 1 4-8 13, Sehr 1 0 0-2 2, Bartels 5 0 5-6 15, Ahrendt 3 5 0-0 21, Feit 0 1 2-2 5, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 field goals made, 11 of 16

free throws (69 percent).
Garretson: 17 field goals made, six of 10 free throws (60 percent).

MCW 70, Luverne 66

A late rally came up short when the Cardinals entertained the Mavericks January 21.

MCW led by 15 points (27-12) in the first half before LHS trimmed the difference to nine points (31-22) at the intermission.

The Mavericks hit a three-point shot to open a 34-22 lead early in the second half, but the Cards kept the game interesting.

LHS trimmed the difference to four points at two different occasions and faced a 63-60 deficit when Cowell knotted the score at 63 when he canned a three-point shot with 1:50 left to play.

MCW, however, made seven free throws during the final 1:45 to secure a four-point win.

Cowell tossed in 22 points to lead the Cards in scoring, while Bartels (18 points and 10 rebounds), Ahrendt (11 points and seven rebounds) and Nick Feit (five rebounds) made key contributions to the effort.

Box score
Cowell 4 4 2-4 22, Sehr 0 0 1-2 1, Bartels 7 0 4-5 18, Ahrendt 4 1 0-0 11, Feit 1 2 1-2 9, DeSollar 1 1 0-2 5, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 25 of 60 field goals (42 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 28 rebounds.
MCW: 25 field goals made, 18 of 30 free throws (60 percent).

Gymnasts drop tight match in Jackson

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team put up a good fight before dropping a tight decision to Jackson County Central Jan. 21 in Jackson.

JCC received event titles from Payten Benda (9.2 on the floor) and Olivia Blaskey (8-8 on the beam) to pull out a 131.9-130.45 victory over

the Cardinals.

Meghan Witte had a big night for the Cards by winning the all-around (34.075, vault (9.0) and bars (8.175) titles along with placing second on the floor with a 9.125.

Luverne's Ella Reisdorfer placed second all-around (33.975) and on the bars (8.0) along with finishing third on

the beam (8.675) and on the floor (8.9).

Cardinal Amira Cowell placed second on the vault and third on the bars with respective 8.9 and 7.4 efforts.

LHS, which slipped to 2-3 in the conference and 8-7 overall with the loss, hosts Marshall Friday before entertaining F-MCA Monday.

Individual scores
Floor: Witte, 9.125; Reisdorfer, 8.9; Sydney Wicks, 7.675; Meghan Mollberg, 7.35; Cowell, 7.15.
Bars: Witte, 8.175; Reisdorfer, 8.0; Cowell, 7.4; Anna Huisman, 6.95; Madigan Flom, 6.6.
Beam: Reisdorfer, 8.675; Flom, 7.8; Witte, 7.775; Cowell, 7.675; Sydney Wicks, 7.375.
Vault: Witte, 9.0; Cowell, 8.9; Mollberg, 8.55; Lais, 8.5; Reisdorfer, 8.4.

Cardinal girls dispose of Blue Dragons before falling to Marshall Tigers Friday

By John Rittenhouse

A run of four consecutive wins for the Luverne girls' basketball team came to an end with a 28-point home loss to Marshall Friday.

LHS extended its longest winning streak of the season to four games with a 24-point win in Garretson, South Dakota.

Luverne ended the two-game set with a 10-7 record.

Marshall 82, Luverne 54

Luverne's quest for a fifth consecutive win didn't materialize when the Cardinals entertained the Tigers Friday in Luverne.

LHS put up a good fight

in the first half before being overwhelmed by Marshall in the second half of a 28-point setback.

The Cards remained in contention when they faced a 36-29 halftime deficit, but the Tigers outscored LHS 46-25 in the second stanza to win handily.

Brooklyn Ver Steeg led the Cards with 14 points, while Mallory Thorson and Elizabeth Wagner pitched in 11 points each.

Jocelyn Hart nabbed five rebounds for Luverne.

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

0-0 0, Ferrell 2 0 1-2 5, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 18 of 44 field goals (41 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent), 25 rebounds, six turnovers.
Marshall: 27 of 45 field goals (60 percent), 20 of 31 free throws (65 percent), 27 rebounds, six turnovers.

LHS 67, Garretson 43

The Cardinals registered their fourth consecutive conquest when they rolled to a 24-point victory Thursday in Garretson.

Luverne gained the upper hand by opening a 31-21 advantage in the first half.

When the Cardinals outscored the Blue Dragons 34-22 in the second half, their convincing victory was complete.

Thorson burned the nets for 27 points, while Ver Steeg added 13 points for the winners.

Elizabeth Wagner and Hart secured five rebounds each, and Averil Sehr charted three assists.

Box score
C. Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 5 1 0-0 13, Sehr 3 1 0-0 9, Thorson 6 5 0-0 27, E. Wagner 4 0 1-3 9, Hart 1 0 0-0 2, Van Grootheest 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 2 0 1-1 5, Javner 0 0 0-0 0, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 29 of 52 field goals (56 percent), two of four free throws (50 percent), 22 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
Garretson: 15 of 31 field goals (48 percent), 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent), 20 rebounds, three turnovers.



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Patriot girls complete sweep against SWC

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team beat Southwest Christian for the second time this season by handing the E-Gals a 63-48 setback in Edgerton. H-BC sported a 29-25 lead at halftime before outscoring SWC 34-23 in the second half to complete a 63-48 victory.

Kenadie Fick (18 points, seven rebounds, six steals and three blocked shots), Taryn Rauk (18 points), Abby Knobloch (15 points, nine rebounds, three steals and four assists) and Whitney Elbers (13 rebounds, 11 blocked shots and four assists) played strong games for H-BC.

A-E girls notch ninth consecutive win

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls' basketball team ran its winning streak to nine games with a 50-44 home win over red Rock Central.

The Dragons opened a 29-21 lead in the first 18 minutes of play before settling with a six-point (50-44) victory at game's end.

Bailey Lonneman (12 points, 10 rebounds and four assists), Ashlyn Meester (five rebounds and three assists), Kallie Chapa (12 rebounds) and Moriah Bullerman (three assists) played key roles in the win.

A-E wrestlers come up short at WHS

The Adrian-Ellsworth wrestlers lost a 38-33 decision to the Worthington Trojans in Worthington.

A-E led 27-26 after the 182-pound match, but WHS won two of the final three battles to secure a five-point victory.

Brayan Anaya, Breyer Hieronimus, Logan Taylor, Preston Nelson and Scot Edwards recorded pins for A-E, while Quentin Wolf won by decision.

Chargers top Patriot boys in Hills

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team came up on the short end of a 57-53 tally against Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Hills.

The visiting Chargers opened a 37-27 lead in the first half before settling with a four-point win after being outscored 26-20 by H-BC in the second half.

Jax Wysong (23 points), Oliver Deelstra (10 points and three steals), Cole Baker (five rebounds), Zander Wysong (six rebounds and three assists), Kyle Kueter (nine rebounds and three assists), Gavin Wysong (three assists) and Easton Harnack (three assists) played productive games for H-BC.

H-BC Patriot boys split home contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split a pair of Red Rock Conference games in Hills.

Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda snipped the Patriots by three points Thursday. H-BC bounced back to best Murray County Central by 28 points Saturday.

The 5-8 Patriots play Red Rock Central Thursday in Lamberton.

H-BC 54, MCC 26

A strong defensive effort lifted the Patriots to a 28-point win over the Rebels Saturday in Hills.

H-BC limited MCC to 26 points and 18 percent shooting from the floor during a lopsided victory.

The Patriots doubled MCC's scoring output (24-12) in the first half before using a 30-14 scoring cushion in the second half to ice the win.

Jax Wysong (24 points and five rebounds) and Cole Baker (10 points and five rebounds) carried H-BC offensively.

Kyle Kueter led the Patriots with eight rebounds and four assists, while Oliver Deelstra registered six rebounds.

Box score
G.Wysong 0 0 0-2 0, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Bennett 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-1 0, Taubert 1 0 0-1 2, Deelstra 0 0 5-6 5, Baker 0 2 4-4 10, Z.Wysong 2 0 0-0 4, Erickson 0 0 2-2 2, J.Wysong 6 2 6-8 24, Kueter 2 0 3-3 7.

Team statistics
H-BC: 15 of 69 field goals (22 percent), 20 of 27 free throws (74 percent), 33 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
MCC: 10 of 56 field goals (18 percent), three of five free throws (60 percent), 20 rebounds, nine turnovers.

HL-O-F 78, H-BC 75

A rough second half for the Patriots led to a league loss for H-BC when it entertained the Coyotes for a game Thursday in Hills.

H-BC led by as many as eight points in the first half and sported a four-point cushion at the intermission, but HL-O-F outscored the Patriots 43-36 in the second half to pull out a three-point victory.

The Patriots trailed 7-2 early in the game before going on a 16-5 run ending with a three-point shot from Cole Baker to open an 18-12 lead at the 10:31 mark of the first half.

H-BC led by eight (24-16) when Kueter converted a field goal at 8:44, but the Coyotes countered with a 23-18 surge to trim the difference to one point (36-35) with less than one



John Rittenhouse photo/0130 hbb 5
Junior Zander Wysong tossed in a team-high 20 points during H-BC's 78-75 home loss to Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Thursday. H-BC topped MCC in Hills Saturday.

minute remaining in the stanza.

The Patriots scored the final three points of the first half to lead 39-35 at the break.

The game's momentum changed early in the second half when HL-O-F went on a 26-10 run to open a 61-49 lead with 10:11 left to play.

The Coyotes led by 13 (72-59) with 5:14 remaining before H-BC made the situation interesting late in the stanza.

The Patriots scored seven points in the final 36 seconds and lost by three points after Jax Wysong recorded the final field goal of the game with four seconds left.

Zander Wysong (20 points), Kueter (15

points and eight rebounds), Jax Wysong (13 points and five assists), Cole Baker (13 points and seven rebounds) and Deelstra (10 points and five assists) led the Patriots offensively.

Gavin Wysong grabbed seven rebounds for H-BC.

Box score
G.Wysong 2 0 0-0 4, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 3 0 4-6 10, Baker 0 3 4-6 13, Z.Wysong 3 4 2-2 20, J.Wysong 5 0 3-5 13, Kueter 7 0 1-2 15.

Team statistics
H-BC: 27 of 81 field goals (33 percent), 14 of 21 free throws (67 percent), 30 rebounds, seven turnovers.
HL-O-F: 28 of 86 field goals (33 percent), 15 of 27 free throws (56 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.



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Big weekend

Last weekend was a busy one for 13 members of the Luverne Branch of Sioux Falls Swim Team. The local swimmers participated at the 2020 South Dakota Sioux Falls Swim Team January Invitational staged at the Midco Aquatic Center. More than 600 swimmers competed at the event, which ran Friday through Sunday. Luverne Branch entries Kyler Eichmann (50-Meter Butterfly and 100-Meter Backstroke), Kaleb Hemme (200-Meter Backstroke), Izabel Honerman (200-Meter Backstroke and 200-meter Breaststroke), Linkon Knorr (200-meter Backstroke) and Tori Hemme (400-Meter Individual Medley) qualified for the finals in the 11 and Older Division. Paige and Kyler Eichmann, Honerman Jerzey Hood have qualified for the South Dakota State Swim Meet to be staged in Watertown in February. Last weekend's participants include (front row, from left) Linkon Knorr, Kyler Eichmann, Kataniya Hernandez-Nelson, Tyleigh Hood, Abby Hageman, (back) Jerzey Hood, Izabel Honerman, Kaleb Hemme, Tori Hemme Aurora Hernandez-Nelson and Robyn Fuecht. Paige Eichmann (inset) and Dawson Lais (not pictured) also competed.



Eichmann

Luverne boys take lumps from Waseca, Mound Westonka

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team dropped a pair of road games late last week.

The Cardinals took a two-goal setback in Waseca Thursday before falling by two goals to Mound Westonka Saturday in Mound.

Luverne, 12-6 overall, skates in New Ulm Thursday.

MW 3, Luverne 1

The Cardinals lost consecutive games for the first time this season when they took a two-goal setback in Mound Saturday.

Mound Westonka netted one goal in all three periods of the game and sported a 48-13 advantage in shots on goal to highlight the win over LHS.

Cooper Curti opened the scoring for the White Hawks with 2:45 remaining in the first period.

MW led 2-0 when Mitch Krebsbach scored with 1:31 left to play in the second period, but LHS trimmed the difference to one (2-1) when Brock Behrend netted a power-play tally 1:01 into the third period.

Krebsbach countered for the White Hawks with 10:08 left to play to give the hosts their two-goal win.

Shaïd Shearer made 45 saves in goal for the Cards, who received one assist each from Mason Steensma and Carlton Oftedahl.

Waseca 4, LHS 2

A run of three consecutive wins came to an end for the Cardinals when they lost a Big South Conference game by two goals Thursday in Waseca.

The score was tied at two when Luverne's Nathan Nekali scored with 2:35 remaining in the second period, but the Blue Jays produced a pair of third-period goals to secure the victory.

Ben Priebe's second goal of the game gave Waseca a 3-2 edge with 8:02 remaining in the contest.

Jagger Johnson added an empty-net tally to cap the scoring with 15 seconds left to play.

Luverne's Easton Braun gave the Cards a 1-0 lead 3:45 into the second period, but Priebe and Kyle Ahlschlager found the net for Waseca to give the Blue Jays a 2-1 lead with 2:59 left in the second period.

LHS, which sported a 31-24 advantage in shots on goal, received a 21-save effort from Colton Schutz.

Colby Crabtree and Jacob Von Tersch recorded one assist each for LHS.



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Dragon boys win two of three Red Rock Conference tests

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys' basketball team went 2-1 during a stretch of playing three Red Rock Conference games in five days.

The Dragons lost a 13-point decision to Red Rock Central in Ellsworth Thursday, but they bounced back to top Edgerton and Murray County Central in Adrian Saturday and Monday respectively.

A-E, 10-7 overall, plays MCC in Slayton Thursday.

A-E 61, MCC 51

An explosive first half set the stage for A-E's 10-point win over the Rebels in Adrian Monday.

The Dragons imposed their will on MCC in the first 18 minutes of play by opening a 23-point (43-20) advantage at the intermission.

MCC sported a 31-18 scoring advantage in the second half, but it wasn't enough to seriously challenge the Dragons.

Lance Luettel (16 points and nine rebounds), Ian Stamer (15 points and five rebounds), Noah Reyne (14 points and six rebounds) and Peyton Lewis (11 points) played strong games for A-E.

Grant Jansma collected five rebounds for the Dragons.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 1-2 1, Reyne 3 1 5-8 14, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 3 1 6-6 15, Lewis 5 0 1-2 11, Jansma 0 1 0-0 3, Schnoor 0 0 1-2 1, Luettel 5 0 6-6 16, Nave 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
A-E: 19 of 44 field goals (43 percent), 20 of 26 free throws (77 percent), 34 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
MCC: 22 of 56 field goals (39 percent), five of seven free throws (71 percent), 29 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

A-E 77, Edgerton 34

The Dragons made short work of the Flying Dutchmen when the teams met in Adrian Saturday.

A-E opened a commanding 34-point lead in the first half and never allowed Edgerton to creep back into contention during what ended as a 43-point rout.

The Dragons rolled to a 23-1 lead in the first seven minutes.

A-E increased the lead to 34 points (45-11) when Ian Stamer canned a three-point shot with 2:22 remaining in the first half that ended with the Dragons sporting a 48-14 cushion.

Edgerton was unable to offer the Dragons a challenge in the second half.

A-E never led by less than 32 points and the Dragons sported a 51-point cushion (75-24) before prevailing by 31 at game's end.

Stamer (27 points), Lewis (13 points, six rebounds four assists and three steals) and Reyne (10 points, seven assists, seven steals and five rebounds) led A-E offensively.

Nathan Rahe charted four assists for the winners.

Box score
Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Reyne 3 1 1-2 10, Vortherms 1 1 0-0 5, Wolford 0 0 0-0 0, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 6 4 3-4 27, Lewis 5 0 3-5 13, Jansma 1 1 0-0 5, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, Hornstein 0 0 0-0 0, Lenz 3 0 0-0 6, Schnoor 1 0 0-0 2, Luettel 0 0 0-0 0, Nave 3 0 0-0 6.

Team statistics
A-E: 31 of 61 field goals (51 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 30 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
Edgerton: 10 of 36 field goals (28 percent), 12 of 21 free throws (57 percent), 18 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

RRC 57, A-E 44

A big second half by the Falcons proved to be the difference in Thursday's game against the Dragons in Ellsworth.

A-E and RRC battled to a draw at 20 during a low-scoring first half.

The Falcons turned things around in the second half, when they used a 37-24 scoring cushion to clinch a 13-point victory.

Reyne turned in a 20-point, eight-rebound, five-steal effort for A-E.

Luettel grabbed seven rebounds for the Dragons.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 6 1 5-7 20, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 3 1 0-0 9, Jansma 0 2 0-0 6, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Lewis 2 0 0-1 4, Luettel 2 0 1-4 5.

Team statistics
A-E: 17 of 46 field goals (37 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 28 rebounds, 22 turnovers.
RRC: 17 of 44 field goals (39 percent), 16 of 20 free throws (80 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers.



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Adrian-Ellsworth senior Ian Stamer tossed in a game-high 27 points during a 43-point win over Edgerton Saturday in Adrian. Stamer and the Dragons topped MCC Monday.

A-E girls pummel HL-O-F

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls' basketball team registered its 10th consecutive victory Friday in Fulda.

The Dragons challenged the Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Coyotes in a Red Rock Conference road contest.

The night belonged to A-E, which outscored the Coyotes by decisive margins in both halves of a 66-28 victory.

The Dragons rolled to a 39-18 lead in the first half before outscoring HL-O-F 27-10 in the second half to prevail by 38 points.

Ashlyn Meester, who registered four assists, led A-E with 15 points.

The 11-6 Dragons also received strong efforts from Kallie Chapa (seven rebounds and three assists) and Bailey Lonneman (six rebounds and five assists).

Box score
Zebe 1 1 0-0 5, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, Chapa 4 0 0-0 8, Meester 6 1 0-0 15, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2, M. Bullerman 0 2 0-0 6, J. Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Preuss 2 0 0-0 4, Lonneman 3 1 0-0 9, Cauwels 2 0 1-4 5, Lehnhoff 4 0 0-0 8.

Team statistics
A-E: 30 of 48 field goals (63 percent), one of four free throws (25 percent), 41 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
HL-O-F: 11 of 57 field goals (19 percent), three of eight free throws (38 percent), 22 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



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Adrian-Ellsworth senior post Bailey Lonneman turned in a nine-point, six-rebound effort during a 66-victory over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Friday in Fulda. It was A-E's 10th consecutive win.

WINTER SPORTS STANDINGS

BSC girls' hockey		BSC West gymnastics	
New Ulm	12-0	Worthington	5-0
Luverne	9-2	RWV	4-1
Marshall	8-4	JCC	4-1
MR	7-5	Luverne	2-3
Worthington	5-6	Marshall	1-4
Fairmont	4-8	Pipestone	1-4
Windom	2-12	Windom	1-5
Waseca	1-12		
BSC boys' hockey		BSC West wrestling	
New Ulm	11-1	Marshall	3-0
Marshall	11-2	JCC	4-1
MR	9-4	Pipestone	3-1
Luverne	7-3	RWV	2-2
Waseca	6-4	Worthington	2-3
Windom	5-7	Windom	1-4
Worthington	3-10	Luverne	0-4
Fairmont	1-11		
RWV	1-12	RRC girls' hoops	
BSC West girls' hoops		H-BC	10-0
Marshall	7-0	SWC	7-2
Worthington	6-2	MLA	7-2
Luverne	4-4	A-E	7-3
Windom	4-4	RRC	5-5
RWV	3-5	MCC	3-6
JCC	2-6	W-WG	2-7
Pipestone	1-7	HL-O-F	2-8
		Edgerton	0-10
BSC West boys' hoops		RRC boys' hoops	
Marshall	7-0	SWC	9-0
JCC	6-2	MLA	6-1
RWV	4-3	W-WG	5-3
Worthington	4-3	HL-O-F	5-3
Pipestone	2-3	A-E	5-5
Luverne	2-6	RRC	3-4
Windom	0-7	H-BC	3-6
		MCC	2-7
		Edgerton	0-9

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Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 23

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The meeting was called to order by the Chair with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre, Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum and County Attorney Jeff Haubrich.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and guests.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 23, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

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

1. RCO Contract Renewal - Cleaning Services at Human Services Bldg

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, introduced Dylan Nelson, new Deputy Sheriff and conducted an Oath of Office ceremony. The County Board welcomed Deputy Nelson to Rock County.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, introduced Brandon Bosch, LMO Engineering Technician to the County Board; the County Board welcomed him as well.

Hartman requested approval to appoint Mr. Bosch as a Co-County Feedlot Officer; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ryan Holtz, RCRW Systems Manager, Doug Bos, LMO Assistant Director and LMO Engineering Technician Arlyn Gehrke presented an update regarding a potential land acquisition in an effort to protect and filter nitrates in the Rock County well head area. Discussion details included financing from MPCA for 120 acres adjacent to the well head area and environmental initiatives to filter the nitrates that are currently contaminating a number of the wells. After considerable discussion, motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to move forward with the land acquisition and directed the County Attorney to draft purchase agreements and cash rent agreements as needed, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,800.00; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

Claims over 2,000:

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected the settlement of the second half of the November tax collection; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer requested authorization to purchase election software from Election Systems and Software for the price of \$6,285.00, price also includes support and training. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the purchase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to set the 2020 Levy at \$6,190,169, a 5.41% increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	LAND MANAGEMENT	DITCH	DEBT SERVICE	2020 TOTAL
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	3,520,270	962,560	1,345,862	32,211	-	329,266	6,190,169
Other Taxes	34,900	340,000	-	-	-	487,243	862,143
Special Assessments	-	-	-	266,714	63,886	-	330,600
Licenses and Permits	2,060	-	-	30,350	-	-	32,410
Intergovernmental	528,083	1,705,693	122,259	445,843	-	29,911	2,831,789
Charges for Services	1,300,124	514,510	-	3,000	-	-	1,817,634
Fines & Forfeitures	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Investment Earnings	116,982	5,000	-	-	-	-	121,982
Miscellaneous Revenue	162,400	27,000	-	18,600	-	-	208,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,674,819	\$3,554,763	\$1,468,121	\$796,718	\$63,886	\$846,420	\$12,404,727
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	2,310,972	-	-	31,467	-	-	2,342,439
Public Safety	2,347,774	-	-	-	-	-	2,347,774
Highway	-	3,116,753	-	-	-	-	3,116,753
Sanitation	-	438,010	-	314,497	-	-	752,507
Family Services	-	-	1,468,121	-	-	-	1,468,121
Health	16,800	-	-	-	-	-	16,800
Culture & Recreation	466,069	-	-	-	-	-	466,069
Conservation of Natural Resources	157,733	-	-	424,337	-	-	582,070
Economic Development	1,940	-	-	-	-	-	1,940
Intergovernmental	235,831	-	-	-	-	-	235,831
Capital Outlay	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	75,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	32,562	84,870	945,294
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,612,119	\$3,554,763	\$1,468,121	\$802,863	\$84,870	\$827,862	\$12,350,598

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to pay year end claims, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the 2020 Pay Plan that reflects a 2-percent COLA for Non Union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2020 County Board meeting schedule, declared carried on a voice vote.

January 07	July 07
January 21	July 21
February 04	August 04
February 18	August 18
March 03	September 08
March 17	September 22
April 07	October 06
April 21	October 20
May 05	November 03
May 19	November 17
June 02	December 15
June 16	December 29

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to set the 2020 Cafeteria Contribution amount at \$752.40 for Non Union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to set the Sheriff's 2020 salary at \$96,969.80, a 5% increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to set the Commissioner's 2020 salary at \$19,415.87, a 2% increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard to approve the County Attorney's Office 2020 salary line item of \$175,000 as per the adoption of the 2020 budget, declared carried on a voice vote. The salary line item includes salaries for the County Attorney and Assistant County Attorney(s).

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the AMC Annual Conference and that overall, it was a good conference that provided good networking opportunities.

The County Board was in receipt of a financial request from the Southwest MN CEO to sponsor the Winter Extravaganza Event on January 28; no action was taken however it was determined that sponsorship would be conducted on a personal level.

The County Board reviewed the timeline and agenda of the NACO conference scheduled for February 28 - March 4, 2020 in Washington D.C.; March 4th is also American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association Day on the Hill and Elis & Eastern would like BRRRA representatives present to discuss the current CRISIS grant application (federal grant) and the impact of the potential grant award. It was determined that BRRRA reps Williamson, Thompson and Oldre would attend with the possibly of the BRRRA paying for those conference expenses.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Union negotiations and

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings and events: Next Era Open House, AMC Annual Conference, Chief Elected Officials Board, SWHHS and A.C.E.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: SWCD, Rock County Opportunities meeting & luncheon, Southwestern Mental Health, Next Era Open House, AMC Annual Conference.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Rose Dell Township, Next Era Open House, AMC Annual Conference; also signed the County Board up to sponsor half price meal day at Generations on January 17th.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Union negotiations, AMC Annual Conference, Southwestern Mental Health, Community Corrections, SWHHS and Personnel Committee of the County Board.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve Bylaw amendments for the Nurse-Family Partnership pending legal review, declared carried on a voice vote.

With no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was declared adjourned.

9:00 A.M.

December 23, 2019

ISD #2184 School Board meets Dec. 19

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184,
ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on December 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman and Tim Jarchow. Absent: Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Jason Phelps, Stacy Gillette, Jordan Winter, Dave Mulert, Angie Swenson, Beth Capistran, Lynette Stensland, April Wallace, Peter Janiszewski, Marie Atkinson-Smeins, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Jordan Winter, High School Student Council representative gave his report.

Business Manager Marlene Mann conducted the Truth-in-Taxation hearing. She reviewed the School District funding sources, budgets and enrollments.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to approve the school board minutes from November 26, 2019, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Dave Mulert with ICS gave a building project update.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the bills with the School Board. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve payment of the district bills in the amount of \$2,977,849.45; student activity bills for the month of November in the amount of \$26,380.77; and, building project bills in the amount of \$1,224,782.45. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of November 30, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

A listing of the school district owned vehicles was presented. The District may pursue replacing two school buses and one car. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the listing as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the following: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES FOR MULTIPLE PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING PLACES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION

Be it resolved by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election: Combined Polling Place: Luverne Middle/High School Gymnasium – 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne

"This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2184, located in Battle Plain Township; Beaver Creek Township; Clinton Township; Denver Township; Kanaranzi Township; Luverne Township; Magnolia Township; Mound Township; Rose Dell Township; Springwater Township; Vienna Township; the City of Hardwick; the City of Kenneth; City of Luverne; and the City of Magnolia; in Rock County, Minnesota; and Leota Township; Lismore Township; and Westside Township in Nobles County Minnesota."

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged in the statewide registration system.

The motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Hartman, to approve the 2019 Payable 2020 Levy Certification in the amount of \$4,084,312.06 which represents an increase of 5.94%. This is the maximum that the School District can levy. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the second reading of Policy 535 – Service Animals in Schools. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Christine Tyng, paraprofessional, effective December 20, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve a request from Gustavus Adolphus College for Kristen Ziegler to complete a practicum at the Elementary School from January 21-31, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Stacey Thone as long-term substitute for Elementary teacher Amy VonHoltum for seven weeks beginning approximately March 1, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Sara Hartquist as long-term substitute for Special Education teacher Amanda Fields from January 4 to February 3, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to accept the resignation of Challie Jones as Speech Therapist effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: December 19, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk

(01-30)

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Rock County Commissioners meet Jan. 7

Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.
Jan. 07, 2020

The meeting was called order by Administrator Oldre with Commissioners Gary Overgaard (District 1), Stan Williamson (District 2), Greg Burger (District 3), and Jody Reisch (District 5) present; Sherri Thompson (District 4) was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

The Administrator requested nominations for the County Board Chair; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch to nominate Commissioner Overgaard. The Administrator called three times for nominations for County Board Chair; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Overgaard, declared carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was turned over to Chair Overgaard.

The Chair requested nominations for Vice Chair of the County Board; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch to nominate Commissioner Williamson. The Chair called three times for nominations for Vice Chair; motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Williamson, declared carried on a voice vote.

Chair Overgaard expressed his thanks to Commissioner Burger for his leadership as the 2019 Chair and to the rest of the County Board and Administration staff for a their efforts in 2019 as well.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the January 07, 2020, County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Housekeeping Resolution No. 01-20

By order of the Chair, the regular County Board meeting recessed for the purpose to conduct a Public Hearing for a Rock Home Incentive (RHI) Tax Abatement request for Jason Steinhoff, the annual abatement amount is \$193.71 for term of 5-years for a total abatement of \$968.55. There was no attendees for the Public Hearing.

By order of the Chair, the regular County Board meeting re-convened; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the RHI Tax Abatement request for Jason Steinhoff, declared carried on a voice vote.

Neil Breitbarth, Deputy District Director for US Representative Jim Hagedorn attended the County Board meeting and presented an update from Hagedorn's office. Currently US Representative Hagedorn is on the Agriculture and Small Business Committees and is hopeful that with the USMC Trade Agreement passed, it will initiate other agreements to move forward. Local issues discussed with Breitbarth was the status of the BRRRA short line rail, the compliance of federal regulations and the federal grant (CRIS) application submitted by Elis & Eastern Railroad for \$14.5 million for track improvements; total project is \$30 million with private funds of \$16 million being invested as well. The rail currently supports the transport of ethanol, dry cement and liquid fertilizer; track improvements are critical for the expansion of these industries and future economic development. The County Board thanked Mr. Breitbarth for his attendance and for updating the US Representative on currently activities in Rock County.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims that were paid on December 31, 2019, and claims that need approval as of January 7, 2020, to include annual mileage reimbursements for the County Board; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

DECEMBER 31, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
BEAVER CREEK/CITY OF	11,431.55
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	3,484.58
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADM IN FMR	5,743.70
HARDWICK/CITY OF	6,400.00
HILLS/CITY OF	6,260.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	7,216.22
MAGNOLIA/CITY OF	3,430.00
NEOFUNDSBYNEOPOST	4,158.20
SANDERS INC	2,121.35
56 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	21,142.54
TOTAL	\$71,388.14
JANUARY 7, 2020 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	5,251.35
HEAT TACTICAL TEAM	2,260.85
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING LLC	3,888.90
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	2,876.00
MN COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSN	2,798.00
MN SHERIFFS ASSN	4,715.60
SWPTSA	3,400.00
WEX BANK	4,757.31
36 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	11,188.15
TOTAL	\$41,136.16

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report as presented by the Auditor/Treasurer. She stated that a \$250,000 investment was redeemed to cover costs for Bridge 67574 over the BNSF railroad on County Highway 52; motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval for final contract payment of \$33,558.33 to R & G Construction Company, Inc. for SAP 067-612-009, SAP 067-615-010, and SAP 067598-020, Box Culvert Projects. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed of a recent donation of \$400 to the Rock County Veterans Memorial from the Luverne Presbyterian Church; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, acknowledging the donation and thank you, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a Notice of Public Information and Environmental Assessment Scoping Meeting from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regarding the Elk Creek Solar Project in Rock County scheduled for January 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Grand Prairie Event Center.

The County Board briefly reviewed the Boards and Committee appointments for 2020; no action was taken at this time.

The County Board also discussed attendance at the AMC Legislative Conference; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of a copy of correspondence from SWHHS Public Health addressed to tobacco retailers informing them of the federal legislation amending the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, and raising the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco project from 18 to 21 years.

The County Board was in receipt of a report drafted by the University of Minnesota Extension the SW Minnesota County Farmland Prices (bare land only) from 2009-2019; presented as information.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding Windows 10 software upgrades for county owned computers; (25) computers are identified as non-upgradable and will not support the new software so new hardware will be required to be purchased as well; the estimated cost for computer replacement is \$760/computer; for the remaining computers, only the Windows 10 software licensure is required. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to authorize the Administrator to move forward with the Windows 10 software and computer upgrades, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed of the 2020 Pork Producers Banquet scheduled for January 20, 2020 at the Grand Prairie Event Center at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: nothing. Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Meals on Wheels delivery event. Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Meals on Wheels delivery event.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Meals on Wheels delivery event.

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

(1-30)

CARDS OF THANKS

To the family and many friends of the late Audrey Jean Luethje Gabrielson, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, condolences, and heartfelt support that we have received. Your love and prayers have helped sooth our sorrows. In our hearts we know that she is now free of pain and in a better place.

With love and warmth,
The Gabrielson Family
Kent and Gail Gabrielson
Sue Ellen Radell
Mark and Mari Gabrielson
(1.25-1.30)

Thank you for the good wishes and beautiful cards for my 80th birthday. Thanks to my family for a very special day.

Love to all,
Carrole Horn
(1.30-2.1)

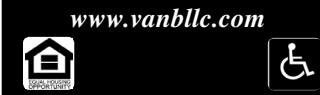
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EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services (SYS), a nonprofit residential placement center is seeking applicants for a full-time teaching position. A part-time position would be considered and the school hours are 7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. We are a family friendly atmosphere with a strong team focused approach to education. The team is committed to helping youth entrusted to our care in making positive changes in their lives and becoming productive members of society. We are located in Magnolia, MN and have been serving youth for 25 years. The facility is home to boys ages 10-19 years with 24/7 residential staff. A Minnesota teaching license is required and all certifications would be considered. A Special Education background would be highly compensated. The salary is based on experience and the education department is closed all weekends/holidays. Email letter and credentials to Carole Naasz at cnaasz@southwestyouth.org (1.30-2.15)

Immediate Part-time help wanted for Culligan Water. Service/Sales/Delivery Tech — 30 to 32 hours every two weeks. Must have clean driving record, good communication skills and be a self starter and team player. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and able to read maps and GPS for deliveries. Stop in at 206 West Main, Luverne MN. (1.16-2.22)

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Ari Jung and Rebecca Dunn, Luverne, help themselves to hot cocoa in the shelter house after their candlelight hike. They used the event to complete a Girl Scouts outdoor badge for “Winter Climbing and Trails.”

State Park hosts annual Candlelight Hike

The Blue Mounds State Park hosted its annual candlelight hike Saturday, Jan. 25. It was a perfect winter evening with starry skies and calm conditions. What a beautiful way to spend an evening. The Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park help to host the event and took the opportunity to promote their group and to encourage newcomers to join and support the local park.

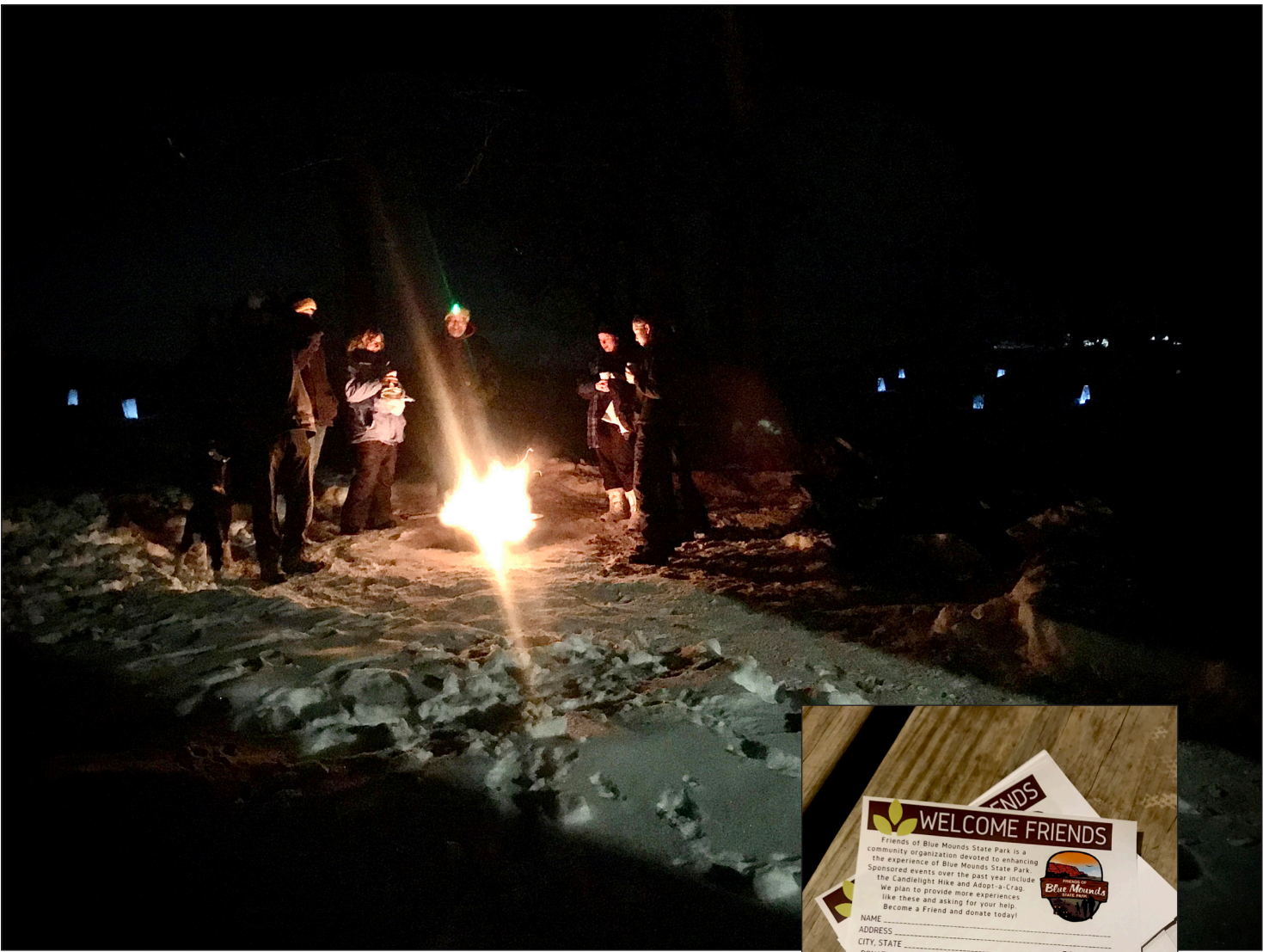
At right, Kristen Kponyoh and little ones Logan and Morgan, all from Volga, South Dakota, warm up by the wood stove in the shelter house at the Blue Mounds State Park.

Lori Sorenson photos



At right, volunteer Jason Schutz mans the fire while Sara Hartquist and her boys, Ben and Graham warm up after their hike.

At left, volunteers Renae Pick and Ashton Pick direct visitors on the trails.



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4-H lamb lottery brings more participation in program/from page 1

be responsible and helps them gain an understanding of what it takes to care for them,” she said. “This project will not only help 4-H’ers learn how to win or lose gracefully, but will help them gain respect for their animal and make new friends along the way.”

Last year, local 4-H’ers were able to participate in a leased livestock agreement through New Vision Co-Op that allowed youth to own, raise, exhibit and sell a calf or hog under the supervision of 4-H and New Vision staff.

The swine program is available again in Rock County this year. Deadline for signup is also Monday.

The Tieslers’ idea is patterned after the lottery lamb program offered by the Murray County 4-H program.

Prior to the May 15 livestock registration deadline, 4-H’ers signed up for the Rock County lamb lottery will have their names randomly drawn to select one or more ewes or wether lambs from the Tiesler herd.

At the fair, special lottery lamb classes will be conducted with all the participating 4-H’ers.

The Tieslers began building their Suffolk/Hampshire-cross herd in 2009 on their acreage east of Ellsworth.

Now the herd consists of almost 100 ewes with more than 80 lambs expected to be on the ground by spring.

About a fourth of the Tiesler lambs are sold for the show ring.

“Everything we raise is home grown,” Chris said.

With that pride comes answers to raising and showing lambs for those youth participating in the lamb lottery. Help will be a

Mavis Fodness photo/0130 Sheep Project Help

Tucker Tiesler (left) pets one of this season’s lambs held by his sister, Ivy.

“This project will not only help 4-H’ers learn how to win or lose gracefully, but will help them gain respect for their animal and make new friends along the way.”

—Kelsey Maeschen
4-H coordinator

phone call away.

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