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Annual Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby set for Saturday at The Lake

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne's fifth annual Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby will be Saturday, Feb. 8, at The Lake in Luverne, and Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said plans are shaping up for another successful outing.

"I'm not real good at working with ice fishing people, and I'm not an ice fishing person, but I tell you, there are a lot of enthusiastic people and there are such generous businesses in this community," she told Luverne City Council members at their Jan. 28 meeting.

She said organizers have over $5,000 worth of prizes to give away and $1,000 worth of cash to be awarded.

"You can be 4 years old and catch a 1-pound fish and you might get $500. It's amazing," Lanphere said.

"We have 100 free rods and reels we're going to give away to the kids, so it's going to be a fun day."



Lori Sorenson photo/0214 fishing derby wide angle

Ice houses and fisherpeople dot the surface of The Lake in Luverne for the 2019 version of the event in this Star Herald file photo of last year's derby.

Volunteers sold out of raffle tickets for the Ice Castle icehouse, the drawing for which will be at noon.

"There's a lot of excitement about that," Lanphere said.

Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. for the tournament from 1 to 4 p.m. Adults fish for $25 and youth for $15, with free rod, reel and tackle given to the first 100 youth.

Beaver Creek Sportsmen's Club will again serve as official judges and the Luverne High School Trap Team will offer concessions, starting at 11 a.m.

Permanent and temporary houses are allowed, depending on conditions. See the Chamber website, www.luvernechamber.com, for details, or call 507-283-4061.

Community rallies to help Luverne native fighting to regain custody of baby amid abuse allegations

Online group #bringherhome garners support, similar stories of false accusations

By Lori Sorenson

Child abuse charges against a Luverne native in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are gaining national attention after an NBC News investigation last week referenced 15 medical experts who say there's no proof.

Dr. John Cox, a 1999 Luverne High School graduate, is a pediatric emergency room physician who accidentally fell asleep with his one-month-old adopted daughter in his arms last May.

When he woke up to her cries, he brought the infant to the hospital where he worked after fearing she might be hurt.

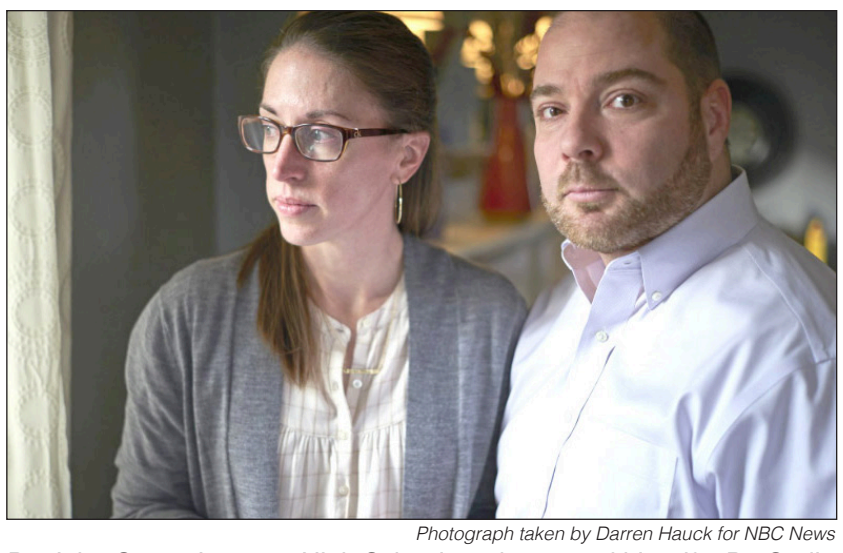
What transpires after that, he said, can only be described as a nightmare.

The lengthy NBC story details what was reported to be an overzealous child-protection worker relying on medical assessments that were later determined to be inaccurate and misread.

Despite more than a dozen medical experts urging the case be reversed, Cox and his wife, also a doctor, lost custody of their baby as the matter heads to trial.

The full story can be found at https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/er-doctor-was-charged-abusing-his-baby-15-medical-experts-n1123756.

The national discussion is raising questions about child protective services and methods used to reach findings of suspected abuse.



Photograph taken by Darren Hauck for NBC News

Dr. John Cox, a Luverne High School graduate, and his wife, Dr. Sadie Dobrozsi are fighting to regain custody of their adopted daughter after she was taken away from them as an infant in May when the Wisconsin hospital where they worked reported abuse. Their case was launched into the national spotlight after an NBC News investigation told their story, which included 15 medical experts saying there was no proof of abuse.

Meanwhile, Cox, 39, resigned from Children's Wisconsin Hospital, and prosecuting attorneys recently issued a gag order on the Cox family — including John's parents, Mike and Cheryl Cox, Luverne, preventing them from discussing the case.

"We are allowed to publicly support John, but not much more, as we have been involved in this whole tragic ordeal from just short of the beginning," they shared on Facebook.

But others, including Cox's LHS classmates, are now speaking for them.

For example, Evan Burmeister reached out to the Star Herald Wednesday, two days after the NBC story broke.

"This is so atrocious," Burmeister told the Star Herald. "We're trying to get everyone to know about this, because it's not right."

LHS classmate Eric Dinger soon after that posted a video warning other parents about protocol used by some hospitals to determine abuse.

"A child under 1 can't have a bruise twice for any reason other

"Our hearts are heavy, the stress level is more than high, yet we believe that truth and justice will someday prevail."

— Mike and Cheryl Cox, Luverne, John's parents

than child abuse," he points out in the clip that's been shared and viewed more than 1,000 times.

"It scares the crap out of me to think that if you've been to the hospital once that you have to decide [before returning to that hospital] whether you want to risk being reported for abuse or go get the health care you think you need for your son or daughter."

The online conversation quickly turned into a private Facebook group that now numbers more than 1,000 members called #bringherhome.

The page has been a place for friends of the Cox family to express support, but it's also drawn stories from several others around the nation who had experienced similar legal trauma after medical misdiagnoses.

'283 for Coxy' Tuesday in Luverne generates publicity

The group organized a live event Tuesday in Luverne called

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Local student in China gets out before virus spreads

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne High School graduate Matt Christensen is a student in Nanjing, China, not far from Wuhan where the deadly coronavirus broke out.

He returned to Luverne in mid January for the Chinese lunar holiday and days later, the World Health Organization declared a global emergency.

His flight left Shanghai on Jan. 12, and on Jan. 23 China imposed travel restrictions. By the end of January public transportation in many major cities was shut down as the number of confirmed coronavirus cases continued to rise.

As of Monday, more than 18,000 cases of the pneumonia-like illness were confirmed worldwide and nearly 400 deaths.

'Remain calm'

Meanwhile, Matt has been monitoring the situation from Luverne, where he's staying with his mother, Pam Christensen.

"Since the coronavirus situation is changing so rapidly and there's a constant flow of new information, my school has decided to delay the start of spring semester," he said Monday.

"It could be by a few extra weeks — possibly early to mid-March. My guess is that in the meantime we will start classes normally, just online. I wouldn't be surprised if, when we

Christensen in China/see page 3

Chamber, city, county decide Arts in Park will permanently be held at courthouse

By Lori Sorenson

During her quarterly report to the Luverne City Council Jan. 28, Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere made an announcement about the community's long-running Buffalo Days celebration.

She announced that she and local planners had decided to move Arts in the Park activities to the Rock County Courthouse Square for all Buffalo Days celebrations going forward.

After flooding rendered the Luverne City Park too wet for foot traffic last summer, planners moved venders, art booths and other activities to the courthouse lawn and parking lot in the center of town.

"It seemed to work so much better there and people really seemed to enjoy it," Lanphere told the council.

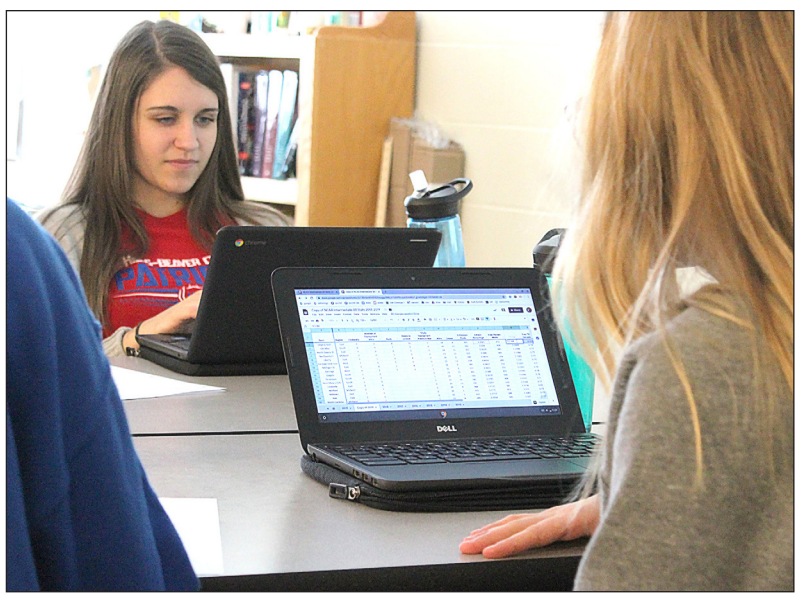
Primarily, she said the sidewalks dividing the lawn and nearby parking in neighborhoods surrounding the courthouse made it easier to access the event.

After 36 years of Arts in the Park being staged in Luverne City Park for Buffalo Days, she said it will be a big change going forward.

"We'll have to do a lot more planning, and we'll have to call it 'Buffalo Days Expo' since we can't have it in the park anymore," Lanphere said.

The annual Buffalo Days celebration in Luverne is always staged during the first weekend in June.

H-BC math kids tackle NCAA statistics



Mavis Fodness photo/0206 HBC March Madness

Hills-Beaver Creek High School junior Annie Bos examines a Google spreadsheet containing college basketball statistics. Students have been challenged to develop an algorithm selecting the top 10 teams that will do well in the upcoming NCAA March Madness tournament.

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek High School students will take an avid interest in college basketball scores next month, thanks to a lesson in mathematics.

Representatives from Dordt College met with the H-BC sophomores, juniors and seniors in Nora Wysong's math classes and outlined the March Madness Data Analytics Battle.

Mathematics associate professor Valorie Zonnefeld is in her third year of working with area high schools in the battle, which gives students a taste of how data can help answer questions and predict outcomes using a fun activity.

"You will create an algorithm that will choose 10 teams from the NCAA tournament, which are assigned a value from 10 to 1, with 1 being your top team," she said.

Using Google spreadsheets, students were given access to stats from

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Community Calendar

Meetings

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the new townhall.

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.

Rock County Township Association annual meeting will be at 1 p.m. Monday, **Feb. 10,** in the basement meeting room of the Rock County Community Library, Luverne.

Beaver Creek Township meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the township hall.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Vienna Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Kenneth Community Center.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the lower level meeting room at the Minnesota Veterans Home. Call Dianna at 507-283-1934.

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information, call 507-283-2069.

Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Contact Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Caregivers Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the conference room at the Mary Jane Brown Home. Meetings are open to all. Call Linda at A.C.E. of SW MN Rock Co., 507-283-5064.

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.

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.

Bank Nite movie 'The Addams Family'

The free Bank Nite family movie, "The Addams Family" rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Generations activities

Generations will now be open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with activities and refreshments. The Valentine's Day activity on Friday, Feb. 14, will be music by Ron and Jane Cote. Register by Feb. 14 for Generations first-ever Jigsaw Puzzle Tourney on Saturday, March 7.

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.

A.C.E. offers nutrition assistance

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors 60 and older, sponsored by A.C.E. of SW MN, will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20. Call Linda at 507-283-5064.

Free food giveaway Feb. 20

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Generations building at 319 East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 507-283-4366.

Generations to host Puzzle Tourney

Generations' first annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tourney will be Saturday, March 7. Morning session includes a solo division (300-piece puzzle) and a two-person division (500-piece puzzle) for all ages. Afternoon session will be a youth pair division and a youth-adult division. For entry forms and rules, stop at Generations at 319 E. Lincoln. Enry forms and fees must be received by Feb. 14. Call Renee at 507-220-3393 with questions.

Star Herald earns state newspaper awards

Reporter receives honors for 'No More Shushing' feature, column writing

The Rock County Star Herald received one group and two individual awards at the Better Newspaper Contest of the 153rd annual convention of the Minnesota Newspaper Association Jan. 30-31 in the Twin Cities.

As a group the Star Herald staffers received a third-place award in special sections for their work documenting the "Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener."

The 14-page special section detailed the happenings in Luverne as hosts of the Oct. 12-13, 2018, event.

The judge commented on the work of an "overall appealing section" and the job of choosing a winner, "Tough job overall ... winners could have been in any order. Congrats to all for a job well done!"

Star Herald reporter Mavis Fodness was honored with two individual awards.

She received second-place recognition for column writing for her submissions of "A short grown-up to kid is still tall enough to help," "The true meaning behind granddaughter's silent treatment," and "Secret about Father Tom's gift finally revealed."

The columns appeared in the Dec. 20, 2018, Jan. 31, 2019, and Feb. 21, 2019, editions of the Star Herald.

Judges evaluated each column on how well the columns filled a purpose and on literary style, ability or cleverness of the writer.

On Fodness' entries judges commented, "These three columns are all well written with really enjoyable takes on life."

Fodness also received a third-place award in the arts and entertainment category for her story about patronage of the Rock County Library titled "No More Shushing: Rock County Library increases attendance, changes image."

Fodness' award-winning piece appeared in the Feb. 14, 2019, edition of the Star Herald and detailed the many ways the community library staff has reached out to patrons beyond the lending out of materials.

Judges commented a lot of the arts and entertainment entries took on a more hard news quality of writing.

On Fodness' entry judges commented, "Would have liked to see a more feature-y angle, but it's a decent subject and an important one."

The Minnesota Better Newspaper awards are based on work published between Sept. 1, 2018, and Aug. 31, 2019.

MNA is a voluntary association of all general-interest newspapers in the state of Minnesota.



The true meaning behind granddaughter's silent treatment

Ruminations

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

My soon-to-be 2-year-old granddaughter Jayden is a fast learner.

She walked and said words before she was a year old, and she is a master at the iPad.

She studies the app images, then touches, double-clicks and swipes her finger across the screen like a pro. She's even taught this grandma about the different apps. (Only I and her parents know triple clicking locks the screen.)

As the only grandchild (No. 2 makes his appearance in early April), I've dedicated many a weekend staying connected with the little tike.

When not at their Iowa farmhouse in person, Grandpa Bryan and I use FaceTime to see Jayden in her own living room.

We see (and hear) her talk about puppies and horseys, mommy and her screeches as Curious George appears on her TV.

The only word I haven't heard from these conversations or in person, for that matter, is a name for me.

Two years ago I mused about how I would be addressed by my soon-to-be-born grandchild. Would it be "Nana," "Grandma," "Granny," "Mom's Mom," "Grandmama," or some other endearing name devoted just to me?

I didn't expect to receive the silent treatment.

For I am not called "Grandma" or any other name for that matter.

When I'm needed, Jayden's eyes dart around the room, make eye contact and then she comes charging in with a toy or for a quick tickle.

"Grandpa," on the other hand, is frequently uttered in a sweet little voice as her eyes light up and she immediately rushes to Bryan's open arms, only to be dangled upside down.

I get giggles and quick snuggles, but I hear the utter (and deafening) silence when I walk into the room.

No Grandma, Nana or even Mavis comes from my sweet granddaughter's mouth.

As a consolation, Jayden doesn't address the other grandmother either. It's like we females are just expected to be there.

As I've counted the months for Jayden to yell "Grandma" to come push her on her pedal tractor, catch a ball or chase after her around the house, I've come to learn Jayden is a fast learner. Me? Not as fast.

It's taken me most of her 21 months of life to catch up to her thinking.

No need to call "Grandma" when Grandma is already there.

Last week, as I encouraged Jayden to say "Grandma," she did.

Very quietly — in almost a whisper — the name escaped her lips as she picked up the iPad and headed for my lap for some quiet time.

As she already knew, and now as Grandma finally understands, I don't need a name, because "Grandma" is not a word, but a feeling that love is always there.



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Luverne hosts Governor's Opener in style

Luverne hospitality 'hits it out of the park' for 2018 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener

Governor's Pheasant Opener features Youth Education Day

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H-BC math students tackle NCAA stats/continued from page 1

the past seven years of NCAA teams. Each team has up to 31 variables based on games played from 2013 to 2019.

Students decide which variables are the most important in predicting an NCAA winner, such as season wins or losses or percentages of three-point shots, free throws, or assists to turnovers made.

The algorithm students create can give more points to one or more areas.

"If you think there is something more important, put more weight on it," Zonnefeld said.

Students compare their algorithms to the game results of more than one of the previous March Madness tournaments to see how the algorithm performs based on the stats they chose as comparisons.

The college teams selected by students receive points for games won and Cinderella teams (those seeded ninth or lower in the tournament) earn bonus points for winning.

"There are millions upon millions of ways to work the variables," said Dordt College mathematics student Luke Den Herder.

The best score in the battle is 695 points, an unrealistic number to achieve.

"Around 200 is a fantastic score," he said. "But 170-180 is a good score."

Last year Central Lyon High School in Rock Rapids, Iowa, won the first-place battle with 206 points.

Development of the algorithms introduces high school students to statistics and data science, two in-demand career areas.

"Technology today can capture so many numbers," Zonnefeld said. "Now we have to have people to interpret them."

Wysong's students are grouped in teams with each of the three classes competing against each other in a local school competition. They also will compete against other Iowa and Minnesota schools.

In 2019, 277 teams participated.

Students have until March 13 to submit their top-ten teams.

This is H-BC's first year participating in the March Madness Data Analytics Battle.

Teacher Wysong views the students' participation as a safe way to introduce students to statistics.

"Statistics for us — we tend to scare from," Wysong said. "Kind of the fear of the unknown."

In the two weeks since students were introduced to the battle, Wysong has noticed her students gaining more confidence working with statistics as they develop and test various algorithms.

"This is not done during my class time so it is even more exciting to see them working on this outside of school," she said.



Mavis Fodness photo/0206 HBC March Madness

Dordt College associate mathematics professor Valorie Zonnefeld (far right) and mathematics student Luke Den Herder work with Hills-Beaver Creek High School juniors Jacob Sheppard and Kathleen Kiers in a fun challenge to understand how to properly use data to make winning predictions in the upcoming NCAA March Madness college basketball tournament.

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Matt Christensen leaves China just before coronavirus outbreak/continued from page 1

do return, we have classes on the weekend to make up for lost time and stay as close to our original closing date as possible."

He said he's going out of his way to cue into the World Health Organization.

"I trust that the experts at WHO, NIH and the CDC know what measures are best for overall global health," Matt said.

"The best I can do is to be patient, remain calm and don't panic while those who have spent their careers learning how to solve international issues like this do their work."

His mother said she wouldn't have been too calm had the timing been different.

"It's hard on a good day to have Matt living half way around the world in China, but to think about how close he lives to the original outbreak is frightening," Pam said Monday evening.

"To think that he was recently in Hong Kong and flew out of Shanghai is also frightening."

She said she worries about air quality in general in the big city of Nanjing, but the possibility of airborne illness only increases those concerns.

"Think of all the people he encountered along the way; any one of them may have the virus and not even know it," Pam said.

"I'm so thankful he left China before the virus became an outbreak. I'm so thankful he flew home when he did. I'm thankful that he is healthy."



Luverne High School graduate Matt Christensen spent two years in the Peace Corps in China near Tibet before he decided to stay for further studies. He posed for this photo in Chengxian in western China on his last day in the Peace Corps in mid 2017.

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Pam Christensen, mother of Matt Christensen



Christensen shared this image of a railway station in the city of Nanjing where he is studying at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. The city is roughly 300 miles from Wuhan where the coronavirus originated and not far from other major cities where hundreds of confirmed cases have been reported.

Training for foreign service

Matt is a 2009 graduate of Luverne High School and earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 2013.

In 2017 he finished a stint in the Peace Corps in China near Tibet where he taught English at a university and learned how to speak Chinese.

That experience led him to enroll in classes at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

He started school last fall at the Nanjing campus where he's taking classes in U.S. Law in Global Perspective, Contemporary Chinese History, Principles of Economics, Cross-cultural Dialogue, etc.

"Most of the classes are in Chinese, so it's been a big challenge for me," Matt said.

"My job is to learn as much as I can about China while representing the United States while abroad. I recently lined up a job with the U.S. Foreign Service for after graduation, so this time in school has been great training for that."

Virus first reported Dec. 30

The new coronavirus is thought to have originated in a food market of the central China metropolis of Wuhan where the illness has sickened more than 4,100 people and killed 224 in that city alone.

It has spread to about two dozen countries, including the United States. Deaths and cases are likely to rise until the outbreak is contained.

Nanjing, where Matt attends classes, is roughly 300 miles from Wuhan and only 150 miles from the nearby city of Zhejiang, which had reported 724 confirmed cases earlier this week.

According to recent news coverage of China's response to the virus, many more may be sick with the virus than are diagnosed and confirmed.

It was reported Monday that the hospitals were running out of the test kits to confirm cases and because public transportation is shut down, many sick residents are unable to reach hospitals to be counted.

Amid global fears and some panic surrounding the coronavirus, Matt said he's remained focus on his studies and remained in contact with his friends in China.

"My roommate lives in a Chinese city far away from Wuhan, but he said that everyone is staying home and avoiding crowded places as much as possible," Matt said.

"Another Chinese classmate living near Wuhan told me that she's been worried about the situation. They have enough food, but medical supplies like facemasks are low.

"The police require everyone in her family to take their body temperature twice per day. Mainly she passes the time reading, exercising at home and watching the news. Despite the worry, she's proud of the thorough response that she's seen her country make so far."

'People in China are like us'

He was eager to share information about the culture and people in China.

"The food is great and so are the people. If you ever go, make sure to eat beef noodles. They are my all-time favorite," Matt said, adding that he plans to make dumplings while he's in Luverne.

"People in China are like us. They are concerned about their families. They are concerned with the matters of their day-to-day lives."

He said he's dismayed to learn about race discrimination stemming from the coronavirus scare.

"Right now their biggest holiday season, typically a time of celebration and family gatherings, has been disrupted by an alarming international medical issue at their front door," Matt said.

"In some places and news outlets there's even been unwarranted panic and racially charged rhetoric around the coronavirus."

World news aside, Pam said she's just grateful to have her son home with her until the danger passes.

"As parents, we want our kids, grown or not, to be safe. If Matt had been trapped there, I would have had an overwhelming sense of helplessness and fear," she said.

"The thought of him being stuck there is heartbreaking. It's truly hard to think about … For now, I am beyond thankful that he is home and that Johns Hopkins has delayed the start of the semester."

WHO offers basics on coronavirus

By Lori Sorenson

According to information from the World Health Organization, coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases.

These have included Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people, and the new strain has not been previously identified in humans.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and death.

The incubation period in humans ranges from 2 to 11 days, but could be up to two weeks.

The new coronavirus is a respiratory virus, which spreads primarily through contact with an infected person through respiratory droplets generated when a person, for example, coughs or sneezes or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose.

According to the WHO, standard recommendations to prevent infection spread include regular hand washing, covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing and avoiding close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

The virus can live on surfaces for a few hours but is easily destroyed with common disinfectant.

Since antibiotics work only on bacterial infections, they do not work on viruses, such as the coronavirus.

To date, there is no specific medicine recommended to prevent or treat the novel coronavirus.

However, those infected with coronavirus should receive appropriate care to relieve and treat symptoms, and those with severe illness should receive optimized supportive care.

The WHO is working with global experts, governments and partners to rapidly expand scientific data on the new virus, to track the spread and virulence of the virus, and to provide advice to countries and individuals on measures to protect health and prevent the spread of the outbreak.

More information can be found at www.who.int.

Happy 90th Birthday!
Please join former Luverne resident
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Changes continue for Ryan Tofteland and his family



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

More than a year ago local readers were introduced to Ryan and Martha Tofteland.

The young couple and their children, Finn and Liv, were visiting Ryan's parents, Steve and Julie Tofteland, and his childhood home in rural Luverne for Thanksgiving 2018.

It was a bittersweet visit for the young couple.

Two years prior, in August 2016, Ryan was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease after experiencing weakness in his left leg.

The November 2018 visit to Luverne was considered Ryan's last, as sitting for a drive from the Cities was getting difficult as the disease slowly stiffened his body.

A year later, Ryan, now 40, is dependent on his motorized wheelchair and recently began communicating through Tobii, an eye gaze device that uses a recorded voice similar to his own to speak for him.

Ryan is receiving hospice care as the young family comes to terms with the prognosis.

"I wish that we could tell you how long we have, but we just don't know," Martha wrote in her CaringBridge.com journal entry on Jan. 21. "... Ryan and I collectively have calmed down and are trying our hand at bravery again."

She describes time passing in "a blur" as the couple weighs options for Ryan's care.

A clinical trial at the Mayo clinic in Rochester ended with no effect on the ALS progression.

All medical care is now delivered exclusively at the couple's Orono home, as traveling now leaves Ryan exhausted.

Even as his physical condition deteriorates, Ryan continues to advocate for ALS sufferers

In July 2019 he made one last trip to Washington, D.C., to support the "ALS Disability Insurance Access Act."

A CaringBridge entry from Ryan's mom, Julie, outlined the need to eliminate the five-month waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for ALS patients and also opposed the Medicare competitive bidding for certain equipment.

Julie also encouraged more funds into ALS research. "We live in hope that a cure can be found," she wrote.

In September the Tofteland RAT Pack team raised $74,128 for ALS research during the annual Walk to Defeat ALS event in the Twin Cities.

The team, named for Ryan's initials, topped the single team record the group set in 2018.

Through Ryan's CaringBridge account Martha shares ways to help the family over the next few months, and many are stepping up with acts of support.

A schedule of Wednesday night suppers is filled through May, and Sunday Fun Day schedule for Liv and Finn is set through mid-March.

The CaringBridge site also has space for supporters to write messages to the couple, and here's where we all can help.

Let's show the Tofteland family that Ryan's hometown is a community of caring individuals. Support is simply a matter of getting on the computer.

Go to the free caringbridge.org site and search The RAT Pack to help support the Toftelands in their journey.

Community festivals are a lot of work. Why do we bother?

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Rock County's social calendar 20 years ago amounted to summer town celebrations, Tri-State Band Festival and, of course, Hot Dog Night.

These were a lot of fun and offered great photo opportunities for news people.

Today there's a major event on the calendar nearly every other weekend, illustrated by the Chamber's quarterly report during the Jan. 28 Luverne City Council meeting.

For anyone taking notes during Jane Wildung Lanphere's director report, the list is dizzying.

In addition to the regular summer town celebrations in Luverne and countywide, Lanphere talked about Love the Ladies Expo, the new Bourbon Barrel Festival at Take 16, monthly plaza events in the summer, Rock County's 150th anniversary in 2020 (including all county towns), the Band Festival's 70th anniversary this year, Ride the Rock, Ride the Loop, Rock County Ring Neck Reunion, and the list goes on.

The celebrations, festivals and special events are a lot of work, and sometimes a person wonders, "Are they necessary?"

Wouldn't it be easier to just take the summer off? Maybe we could skip Friendship Days in Hills or Jubilee Days in Hardwick?

... You know, just cancel one here or there, due to volunteer fatigue.

Not a chance.

Wanna know why?

These festivals and special events, big and small, are important to the health and vitality of communities, big and small.

If you ask chamber of commerce leaders in any small community, they'll tell you the activities bring people — and their money — to town and into stores, restaurants and gas stations.

But on another level, every time a community gears up to host a big event, it brings together citizens, community leaders and volunteers all working toward a common goal of putting our best foot forward.

The direct and indirect effects of these encounters are important for building relationships across all walks of life and for providing opportunities for participation and involvement for all ages.

If you don't believe this, look around this weekend's Get Hooked Fishing Derby at The Lake in Luverne (see the front page story) and take note of all the different cogs in the wheel that moves the action.

It's a perfect example of partnerships among people and groups who wouldn't often otherwise cross paths.

You'll see the Boy Scouts, the Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club, the Chamber, private individuals and fisher people from all cross-sections of southwest Minnesota. ...

... All at the same place at the same time to have fun, catch fish and create community pride.



Majority of Minnesotans need to decide if they need REAL ID by deadline



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Do I need to obtain the new Real ID and Driver's License when my license expires?

Answer: The Minne-sota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division (DPS-DVS) began issuing REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards on Oct. 1, 2018, to comply with the federal REAL ID Act.

Minnesotans are not required to obtain a REAL ID driver's license or ID card; however, starting Oct. 1, 2020, a REAL ID, enhanced driver's license or ID card, passport or passport card or another acceptable form of identification will be required to board a domestic flight or enter federal facilities.

As of early January, nearly 11 percent of Minnesota driver's license and ID card holders have a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card. There are about 3.7 million Minnesota license holders who will need to decide if they need a REAL ID or other acceptable form of identification before the federal deadline later this year.

Determining which type of license or ID card to apply for depends on what you need your card for.

Minnesota offers three different options: *a standard driver's license or ID card,* a *REAL ID-compliant license or ID card and an enhanced driver's license or ID card*. All three can be used as a valid form of identification and for lawful driving privileges now and after Oct. 1, 2020, but starting that date your standard Minnesota driver's license or ID card will not be accepted to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities. Enhanced driver's licenses and ID cards can also be used for U.S. border crossings by land or by sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean and cost $15 more than a standard driver's license. A REAL ID costs the same as a standard driver's license or ID card.

Now is the time to apply for a REAL ID or enhanced driver's license or ID if you will need one later this year. The best way to make sure you have everything you need before visiting a driver's license office is to pre-apply online at drive.mn.gov. This feature allows Minnesotans to enter a significant portion of their application online, reducing the time they spend in the office. It also lists the required documents for each license type. A REAL ID requires additional documentations compared to a standard driver's license including:

•One document proving identity, date of birth and legal presence in the United States.

•One document proving social security number.

•Two different docu-ments proving current Minnesota residency.

Here is a video that will explain more: **Minnesota REAL ID: Be REAL ID Ready by October 2020.**

If you have questions about REAL ID, visit REALID.dps.mn.gov or contact DPS-DVS at dvs.driverslicense@state.mn.us or 651-297-3298.

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On the record

Dispatch report

Jan. 24

•Sheriff assisted complainant on S. McKenzie Street.

•Complainant on 1st Street, 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.

•Sheriff assisted a motorist on N. Spring Street.

•Complainant on W. Bishop Street reported a theft.

•A search warrant was conducted on Main Street in Kenneth.

•Assist State Patrol with an arrest.

•A voucher was issued for motel and food on S. Kniss Avenue.

•Deputy out with vehicle at location on Highway 75.

•Complainant on N. Freeman Avenue reported multiple unknown vehicles parked in driveway.

•Complainant on S. Buckingham Street, Hardwick, reported suspicious activity.

Jan. 25

•Complainant on N. McKenzie Street reported a car blocking his driveway.

•Complainant on W. 3rd Street, Jasper, reported some papers were taken out of his vehicle.

•Deputy assisted MN State Patrol with DWI arrest westbound on Interstate 90, mile marker 20, Magnolia.

•Complainant on W. Warren Street provided information on subject with an out of county warrant.

Jan. 26

•Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle at location.

•Deputy conducted a bar check on S. Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant on N. Estey Street reported suspicious activity.

•Complainant on Sunshine Avenue reported snowmobilers for trespassing.

•Complainant on E. 1st Street, Jasper, reported her apartment building smells like weed.

•Deputy on S. Kniss Avenue was flagged down by driver.

Jan. 27

•Complainant on W. Mead Court reported an assault.

•Complainant turned in a found driver's license.

•Drug paraphernalia was found on 2 Roundwind Road.

•Deputy assisted Minnesota State Patrol at mile marker 16 on Highway 75.

•Minnesota State Patrol assisted other department.

Jan. 29

•Complainant on N. Freeman requested an abandoned vehicle to be towed.

•Complainant on N. Spring Street and E. Luverne Street reported a parking issue.

•Complainant on Highway 75 and 141st Street is out with a pedestrian at location.

Jan. 30

•Complainant on Buckingham Street, Hardwick, requested a deputy.

•Complainant on Britz Drive reported soot blowing through the air.

•Complainant on N. Kniss Avenue requested someone to speak to her class.

•Complainant on 131st Street, Magnolia, requested to speak to a deputy about a possible fraud call.

•Deputy assisted motorist on Highway 75.

In addition, officers responded to 10 transports, 8 escorts, 32 ambulance runs, 3 animal complaints, 2 paper services, 25 burn permits, 2 driver's license checks, 3 log/alarm sheets, 5 purchase and carry permits, 2 stalled vehicles, 33 traffic stops, 8 abandoned 911 calls, 1 test, 6 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle being out and 1 background check.



Submitted photo/0130 rita miller people in news

Luverne's Rita Miller (fourth from right) was nominated by Minnesota West Community and Technical College for the statewide honor of Outstanding Educator. She's pictured with her students in the medical lab technician program at Minnesota West in Luverne. From left are Blanca Phommaracksa, Benard Kirui, Gracia Maldonado, Keenee Oo, Chandra Bhandari, Pramila Rai, Damber Bhandari, Shajal Monger, Gopi Gajmer, Dr. Rita Miller (program director), Kelly Block (adjunct instructor), Bhola Bhandari and Isabella Hubbard.

Miller named Minnesota West rep for Board of Trustees Outstanding College Educator Award

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has selected Rita Miller, Luverne, as a nominee for the statewide Outstanding Educator Award.

The award acknowledges "exceptional individual professional accomplishment and encourages ongoing excellence in teaching," according to Jackie Otkin, dean of Allied Health for Minnesota West.

"Rita demonstrates that excellence in teaching is an ongoing process and something to be sought after over a lifetime," Otkin said.

Faculty and students from each Minnesota West campus offered input to identify candidates for the award, and they chose Miller for the honor.

"The students and faculty strongly support Rita and believe she embodies excellence in teaching, and is truly deserving of this award," Otkin said.

Miller, medical laboratory technician instructor, has been chosen to represent Minnesota West for the Statewide Award of Outstanding Educator.

Nominations were based on criteria such as innovative program delivery, cooperation and partnerships within and outside of the college, campus involvement and leadership, and community involvement and leadership.

"Rita is truly an outstanding educator, going above and beyond to serve her students and program. She has shown unwavering commitment to Minnesota West and her students over the last 20 plus years, and is highly respected by fellow colleagues and the health care industry," Otkin said.

"She consistently demonstrates patience, kindness, and dedication to her students. Most importantly, she has the drive and dedication to continue learning, serving, and growing professionally."

Miller will now be considered among roughly 40 other statewide nominees for the Minnesota Outstanding Educator, which will be announced at the Minnesota State Board of Trustees Awards on April 22 in St. Paul.

Farmers Mutual Hail recognizes Top for production

Shirley Top with Kozlowski Insurance Agency and Financial Services Inc. of Luverne has been recognized as a top-producing crop insurance agent for Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company,

The company recognizes top-producing agents in total premium each year, and Top placed 27th in the company's Top 50 Agents in crop hail premium list.

In addition, Top ranked sixth in the state of Minnesota for combined multi-peril crop insurance and crop hail premium in 2019 with Farmers Mutual.

Top is starting her 33rd year in the crop insurance business and says the most important part of her job is working with clients, helping them understand their options, and assisting clients in weather and price-related claims.

"I love working with farmers," Top said. "I help them assess their needs, go through options with them, and then let them decide what is best for them."

She also praised the Farmers Mutual Hail adjusting staff. "Our adjusting staff is amazing," she said. "Our adjusters are timely, and they do a great job advising the farmer of their findings and calculations."

#bringherhome rallies for Dr. John Cox/continued from page 1

"283 for Coxy." It featured a Sioux Falls Dakota News reporter, Carleen Wild, who has Wisconsin ties, interviewing local #bringherhome supporters.

"She intends to push this out in Wisconsin if she is able," Dinger wrote Friday in the event invitation. "It would be great to have a big turnout. … Tell a friend. Let's show the world how we take care of our own."

An open mic format allowed supporters — who were encouraged to where pink — to speak, and it was streamed live on Facebook for those not able to be there.

Cox supporters are encouraging written correspondence to Wisconsin officials who are in positions of power to get the charges dismissed.

LHS grad Bill Schneider provided contact information for correspondence.

"Thank you to all of our friends who are following along in hopes to help our dear friends," Schneider shared on Facebook.

"Many of you have asked how you can help. Here's how: Write an email or send a letter to the hospital's board of directors. Our hope is the volume of concerns will gain attention."



Luverne High School graduates formed a private Facebook group called #bringherhome that now numbers more than 1,000 members. It's a place for friends of the Cox family to express support, but it's also drawn stories from several others around the nation who had experienced similar legal trauma after medical misdiagnoses.

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Chairman of the Board Mark Witt can be reached by e-mail at mwitt@gklaw.com.

Milwaukee County District Attorney John T. Chisholm's e-mail is milwaukee.da@da.wi.gov and his postal address is 8915 W Connell Ct. Milwaukee WI 53226.

The #bringherhome group also lists contact information for Wisconsin legislators and others who may be able to help.

The Cox family expressed on Facebook (with legal clearance to do so) appreciation for the support.

"We are so grateful for all of the letters being written, the research being done, and all of the love, concern and prayers that are being directed towards our family, but especially towards John and Sadie," Mike and Cheryl Cox posted over the weekend.

"Our hearts are heavy, the stress level is more than high, yet we believe that truth and justice will someday prevail. Our hope is that this group continues as long as the injustices continue. "

Pretrial arguments are set to begin Feb. 12. The Cox family is seeking to have the case dismissed.

Deutsch named to All-State School Board

Luverne School Board member Colleen Deutsch was recently named to the 2020 All-State School Board through the Minnesota School Boards Association.

Deutsch was one of six school board members across the state presented the prestigious award, which was presented Jan. 16 during the MSBA Leadership Conference in Minneapolis.

"The All-State School Board (recognition) represents the highest example of board service," said MSBA Executive Director Kirk Schneidawind.

"These are school board members who are committed to student achievement, determined to build support for their local schools and unwavering in the pursuit of what's best for students."

Deutsch, who was first elected to the local school board in 2000, was nominated for the award.

"Colleen Deutsch is an advocate for all learners. She is passionate about making a difference for the betterment of the school and a better educational system for all students to thrive and flourish," the nomination read.



Deutsch and her husband, Doug, live in rural Luverne.

Others board members and their school district receiving the award with Deutsch include Stephen Schnieder of Worthington, Ann Long Voelkner, Bemidji Area, Tom Peltier, Grand Rapids, Wally Connaker, Pine City, and Stacey Ruelle, Prior-Lake Savage area.

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The Luverne High School speech team kicked off the 2020 season in Worthington Saturday with a second-place finish. Fourteen out of the 18 Luverne students competing contributed points to the team score and they are (front, left) Nicole Hoogland, Gunnar Oldre, Alexa Chesley, (second) Sophia Lanoue, Megan Hansen, Parker Carbonneau, Luke Thorson, Seno Chanthalangsy, (back) Hannah Baker, Xavier Carbonneau, Griffen Jarchow, Chance Tunnissen, Josie Golla and Mia Wenzel.

First meet yields second place for Luverne speech team

By Mavis Fodness

The Luverne High School speech team opened the 2020 season with a second place team finish in Worthington on Saturday.

Eighteen students competed with 200 other students from 16 different schools in three rounds of competition.

Fourteen Cardinal speakers received individual honors at this event as listed:

Creative expression: Megan Hansen, blue ribbon.

Discussion: Alexa Chesley, second place.

Duo interpretation: Josie Golla and Mia Wenzel, red ribbon.

Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, 1st place.

Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first, Parker Carbonneau, third.

Great speeches: Griffen Jarchow, red ribbon.

Humorous interpretation: Seno Chanthalangsy, third, Gunnar Oldre, sixth, Luke Thorson, blue ribbon.

Original oratory: Sophia Lanoue, red ribbon.

Storytelling: Hannah Baker, fifth, Xavier Carbonneau, sixth.

Blue and red ribbons signify one and two places out of the medals placings respectively.

Coaches Gavin Folkestad and Caroline Thorson applaud students for their second-place finish.

"The 2020 Cardinal team had fewer participants at this first meet due to some scheduling conflicts and illnesses," Thorson said.

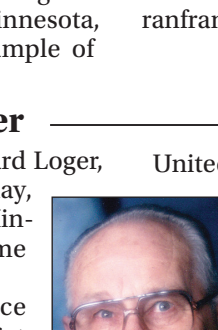
"Despite this, we were very excited at how the team did. We are looking forward to competing with a full roster Saturday at the Minneota Invitational."

There are 40 Luverne students signed up for this year's speech team.

Obituaries

Barbara Winter

Barbara Louise Winter, 91, of Rochester, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 31, 2020 at Shorewood Assisted Living.



Barbara was born July 22, 1928, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Martin and Eunice (Bucknam) Jensen. After high school she briefly attended Macalaster College and then Rasmussen Business College.

Barbara married Arthur Winter in Luverne on September 22, 1949, and together they raised six children. Art's job with Northwestern Bell took them to Olivia, Redwood Falls, and finally to Rochester in 1965. After being a homemaker for many years, she worked at Dayton's and then US Bank.

In retirement, Barbara and Art enjoyed traveling in their RV. Barbara was a caregiver to Art for many years and was a member of the Red Hat Ladies. She was also a longtime member at Christ United Methodist Church.

Barbara is survived by her children, Rebecca (Charles) McCarty of Weyers Cave, Virginia, Susan (John) O'Loughlin of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, Kristin (Richard) Sample of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, John (Margie) Winter of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, Marcia (Greg) Schuyler of Maplewood, Minnesota, and Tom (Paula) Winter of Rochester; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur; sister, Doris Korthank; and by her parents and an infant brother.

A funeral service to celebrate Barbara's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020, at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home, 5421 Royal Place NW, Rochester. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. The Rev. Nancy Wheeler Handlon will be officiating, with burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at Shorewood for their care the past five years, and Seasons Hospice for their care the past few weeks. Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Winter family; to share a special memory or condolence please visit www.ranfranzandvinefh.com

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Lawrence Loger

Lawrence Leonard Loger, 87, Adrian, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the United Methodist Church in Adrian. Burial will be in the Luverne Memory Gardens Cemetery following the lunch. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Lawrence Loger was born Nov. 8, 1932, to Joen and Abena (Buus) Loger in Luverne. He attended school in Magnolia and Ellsworth. He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Lawrence married Margaret Kruger on Oct. 7, 1953, on Margaret's parents' farm near Adrian. The couple lived in Adrian before moving to Luverne in 1955. In 1957 they returned to Adrian where Lawrence worked at the Adrian Block Factory. He later worked at Culligan Water Conditioning in Luverne for over 42 years before retiring in 1998. Lawrence then worked at the Greenview Rest Area west of Adrian for over 10 years.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Adrian; the Adrian American Legion; and the Adrian Park and Pool Board. He enjoyed dancing, bowling, traveling to casinos, watching his children and grandchildren in sporting activities, and having coffee with friends.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Margaret Loger, Adrian; two daughters, Darlene Cathey, San Clemente, California, and Robin (Donald) Erlandson, Adrian; eight grandchildren, Philip (Courtney) Springman, Miranda Cathey, Logen Cathey, Kalie (Monte) Miles, Matthew (McKenzie) Erlandson, Weston Erlandson, Stevie Ann Loger and Shelby Loger; and nine great-grandchildren, Sage, Peyton, Sawyer, Kinslee, Merritt, Noah, Hayden, Avery and Carlynn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Warren Loger, on Jan. 25, 2010; and two brothers, Virgil and Roy Loger.

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

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Senior Menu

Monday, Feb 10: Liver or pepper steak, potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, fruit.

Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting. 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 1 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, Feb. 11: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, mashed potatoes, bread, dessert.

Program: 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. BP. 1-4 p.m. Cards and Crafts. Half-Price Day sponsored by Luverne Lions Club.

Wednesday, Feb 12: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, beets, pears, bread, cake.

Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Thursday, Feb. 13: Ham with raisin sauce, scalloped potatoes, squash, dinner roll, bar.

Program: 10 a.m. Valentine Bingo. Pastor of Month Jeremy Weirsma, Steen Reformed Church. 1-4 p.m. Fast Track.

Friday, Feb. 14: Beef lasagna, spinach salad, applesauce, breadstick, brownie.

9 a.m. Bone Builders. Half-Price Day sponsored by Luverne Education Association.

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.

Celebrations

Card showers

Nancy (Juhl) Christianson will celebrate her 90th birthday on Monday, Feb. 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 1105 Bridgeview Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

Don Matus will celebrate his 90th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 13. Greetings may be sent to him at Bickford of Urbandale, 5915 Sutton Place, Urbandale, IA 50322.

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.

Don and Pat Lafrenz will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, Feb. 14. Greetings may be sent to them at 1207 Hampshire Circle, Luverne, MN 56156.

1870-1878: Rock County, townships organize

Rock County will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year. The news will be the history of Rock County, townships, and communities. The following appeared in the Rose History of Rock County, printed in 1911..

County and Township Organization — 1870-1878

When the early day settlers located in the unorganized county of Rock, it was attached to Jackson county for civil and judicial purposes. What little official business the new settlers had to attend to was done at the county seat village of Jackson, where was also located the government land office. There was no agitation among the settlers in favor of county organization prior to the fall of 1869. In fact, up to that time the county had a population considerably less than one hundred people (including possibly twenty-five voters), the census taken in the summer of 1870 showing only 138 inhabitants.



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Although by the original act of 1857 Rock county had been created, no provision had been made for its organization. Therefore, when the settlers decided to begin county government it was necessary to secure legislative action. Late in the fall of 1869 some of the settlers, notably J.F. Shoemaker, Jonathan Phelps, Amos Estey and E. N. Darling, took the initiative in bringing about organization. A petition to the legislature was written by Mr. Darling, assisted by Mr. Shoemaker, and circulated throughout the settled portions of the county. The petition was signed by every voter, and the proposition met with the hearty approval of everybody. There was no public meeting held to ratify the step, but it practically had a public endorsement, for at every public gathering the proposed action was the subject of discussion among the settlers, and none argued in the negative.

The petition was sent to the lawmakers at St. Paul during the session of 1869-70. That body looked with favor on the request of the settlers from the extreme southwestern corner of the state and passed an act, approved by the governor March 5, 1870, entitled "an act to organize Rock county." Section one read as follows:

That the governor take such action under existing laws as may be necessary to organize the county of Rock, and appoint three disinterested persons commissioners to locate the county seat of said county. The place designated by said commissioners, or a majority of them, when reported to the governor, shall remain the seat of justice of said county until confirmed of changed by a vote of the legal voters of said county when submitted to them in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

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.

Death Notices

Henrietta Elbers

Henrietta Elbers, 87, Luverne, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, at her home.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Interment will be at Eastside Cemetery in Steen. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0206 DN)

Nancy Hoffenkamp

Nancy "Nan" Marie Hoffenkamp, 78, Adrian, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at the First United Methodist Church in Worthington. Burial will be in the Worthington Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Worthington and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Arrangements were provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Worthington, dingmannandsons.com. (0206 DN)

Harry Stuckenbroker

Harry Stuckenbroker, 91, Pipestone, formerly of Jasper and Ihlen, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at the Pipestone County Hospice House in Pipestone.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 4, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Jasper.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0206 DN)

OBITUARIES

Lisa Gustafson-Hoftiezer



Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home announces the death of Lisa Gustafson-Hoftiezer, age 55, of Luverne. Lisa passed away on January 31, 2020, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville. Rev. David Tonn officiated, and burial was in Mound Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the church. A prayer service was at 6:30 p.m. Visitation was at the church on Tuesday, one hour prior to the service.

The organist was Lisa Berdan. Casket bearers were her nephews: Andy Strei, Kyle Giese, Nick Giese, Aaron Gaspar, Austin Gaspar, Greg Symes, and Ron Hoftiezer. Honorary bearers were all the children whose lives were touched by Lisa.

Lisa Beth Gustafson-Hoftiezer was born on September 21, 1964, in Ortonville, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Vernon "Gus" and Mary (Lomen) Gustafson. Lisa grew up in Ortonville and graduated from Ortonville High School with the Class of 1983. She continued her education in Willmar, Minnesota, in cosmetology. Lisa operated and owned a beauty salon, Trend Hair Salon, in Ortonville. She loved visiting Hawaii and made a move to Maui to continue her beauty salon career. Although she absolutely loved Maui, she desperately missed her family, especially her nieces and nephews. She returned to Minnesota and received her teacher's certificate.

Lisa was united in marriage with the love of her life, Rick Hoftiezer, on March 4, 2000. She and Rick lived in Luverne, Minnesota, where Lisa worked as a pre-kindergarten teacher. She and Rick enjoyed several wonderful vacations in Hawaii. Lisa was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville.

Lisa adored children! She loved teaching and loved spending time with her family. She and Rick enjoyed taking care of children when their parents were out of town. She also enjoyed fishing, camping, motorcycle riding, and baking.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Rick Hoftiezer of Luverne; her mother, Mary Gustafson of Ortonville; siblings: Lynne (Keith) Giese of Ortonville; Lori (Steve) Strei of Odessa; and Chad (Carol) Gustafson of New London; father-in-law, Dwaine Hofteizer of Miller, South Dakota; sisters-in-law: Cheryl (Terry) Gaspar of Colton, South Dakota; Cindy (Doug) Symes of Mitchell, South Dakota; and Theresa (Roger) Berg of Harrisburg, South Dakota; brother-in-law, Ron (Juli) Hoftiezer of Miller, South Dakota; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Lisa was preceded in death by her father, Vernon "Gus" Gustafson, and her mother-in-law, Joan Hoftiezer.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home of Ortonville was in charge of the arrangements for Lisa Gustafson-Hoftiezer. To send an online condolence, visit www.mundwilerfuneralhome.net.

(0206 V)

Marvin Hawes



Marvin Ordell Hawes, 86, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral service was Monday, Feb. 3, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors followed at Jasper City Cemetery.

Marvin Hawes was born Dec. 15, 1933, to Floyd and Nina (Loeffler) Hawes on the family farm south of Jasper and west of Hardwick in Rose Dell Township, Rock County. He was baptized at the Springwater Church in rural Rock County and was later confirmed at the Methodist church in Jasper. He attended District 45 County School in Springwater Township through the eighth grade and then Jasper High School, graduating in 1951.

He continued to work on the family farm until October of 1953 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He reported to Ft. Bliss, Texas, for training in Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) and then was stationed at Loring Air Force Base, Maine. After serving two full years during the Korean War, Marvin was honorably discharged at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, on Oct. 12, 1955. He then returned home to Minnesota.

On Aug. 23, 1958, Marvin married Sharon Bergin at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Garretson, South Dakota, and the couple settled on the Hawes family farm. Marvin worked the land and raised his family. In 1982 the Hawes four-generation family farm was recognized by the state of Minnesota as a certified Century Farm. Marv retired from farming in 1995 and began working in 1997 at Nordstrom Auto Recycling.

A short time later the couple moved to Luverne. In 2000 Marv began helping part time at Sears in Luverne. In his mid 70s, Marvin was diagnosed with dementia. In September 2017 he moved into the Good Samaritan Communities nursing home in Pipestone. In December 2017 Marvin was transferred to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Marv was a member of the Methodist Church in Jasper and later the United Methodist Church in Luverne, where he served on several boards and as usher for many years. He also served on the Rose Dell Township Board for seven years. He enjoyed playing cards, especially the game of pinochle. Marv also enjoyed bowling, camping, riding bike, taking walks and ballroom dancing. Time spent with his grandchildren was especially precious to him.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Sharon of Luverne; three children, Curt (Chona) of Yorktown, Virginia, Connie of Hopkins, and Amy (Chris) Otto of Sheldon, Iowa; grandchildren, Casey and Carrie Hawes and Abigail Otto; five siblings, Shirley (David) Haroldson of Clive, Iowa, Marvel (Bert) Phillips of Lakeville, Lloyd (Carol) Hawes of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, Arlen (Marla) Hawes of Crooks, South Dakota, and Sharon (Steve) Gilb of Mountain Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Rosella Murphy, Marilyn Eustice, and Betty Lane; and one brother, Glenn Hawes.

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

(0206 F)

La Vonne Klaassen



La Vonne E. Klaassen, age 88 of Luverne, Minnesota, died Sunday, February 2, 2020 at the Park View Manor in Ellsworth, Minnesota.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, at the Salem Reformed Church in Little Rock, Iowa, with Reverend Steven DeHann officiating.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery of Little Rock, Iowa.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 4, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Salem Reformed Church in Little Rock.

An online registry and full obituary will be available at www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

La Vonne E. Klaassen was born on a farm northwest of George, Iowa on October 23, 1931, the daughter of Dick and Trena (Goldhorn) Siebrands. She attended country school in Liberal Township and graduated from the George High School in 1949. She continued her education at Westmar College in Le Mars, Iowa, and received her teaching degree.

La Vonne was united in marriage to Alfred F. Klaassen on December 28, 1951. Her husband was in the U.S. Army and she continued to teach school. In 1953 her husband was stationed at Ft. Niagara and they lived in Niagara Falls, New York, where La Vonne worked in a grocery store. In 1954 her husband received his honorable discharge from the Army, and they moved to a farm southwest of Little Rock, Iowa, where La Vonne again taught school.

La Vonne and Alfred were blessed with three children, Aldon, Sherrilyn, and Jody. From 1959 to 1961 they farmed northwest of Luverne, MN.

From 1961 to 1971 they farmed northeast of Little Rock, Iowa. La Vonne helped her husband on the farm, taking care of the home and children and did substitute teaching.

In 1972 they moved to Ellsworth, Minnesota. From 1973 to 1998 she was employed at K-Products in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Upon her retirement in 1998 she enjoyed being home, sewing, quilting and visiting her children and grandchildren and sometimes helped with babysitting.

She lived in Ellsworth, Minnesota, for 39 years. She moved to Luverne when her husband entered the Minnesota Veterans Home.

La Vonne was a member of Hope Reformed Church of rural George, Iowa, where she taught Sunday School and served as Primary Superintendent of the Sunday School. Later on, she transferred her membership to Salem Reformed Church of Little Rock, Iowa, where she taught Bible School, Catechism, did substitute teaching of the Sunday School, and was Jr. Superintendent. She also served on the Service Work Group.

On September 16, 2015, La Vonne entered Park View Manor in Ellsworth, Minnesota, where she remained until her death this past Sunday, February 2, 2020.

She is survived by two sons, Aldon E. Klaassen and his wife Della of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Jody J. Klaassen and his wife Heather VanderLey of Minneapolis, Minnesota; one daughter, Sherrilyn J. Klaassen of Adrian, Minnesota; three grandchildren, Adam (Stephanie) Klaassen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Katie (Jordan) Semmler of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Benjamin VanderLey Klaassen of Minneapolis, Minnesota; one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Semmler (soon to be a big sister); a sister, Leota Gerken of George, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 63 years, Alfred Klaassen; two sisters, Elvina Siebrands and Margaret Krull; three brothers, Ben, Laurence, Richard Siebrands; a sister-in-law, Irene Siebrands; two brothers-in-law, Henry Krull and Jack Gerken; two nephews, James Gerken and Murnice Popkes; and a great-nephew, Merlyn Popkes.

(0206 V)

Henrietta Boeve



Henrietta Boeve, 90, Hills, died on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen. Interment was at the Eastside Cemetery in Steen.

Henrietta Arlene DeJongh was born Nov. 19, 1929, in Hull, Iowa, to Henry and Nellie (Van Surksum) DeJongh. She grew up on a farm near Hull and attended country school. Upon graduation she continued her education and attended Westmar College to earn her teaching certificate. She taught K-eighth grade country school for three years.

On Nov. 24, 1950, Henrietta married Art Boeve. Art left for the service in 1951, so Henrietta lived with her parents. During this time, their first daughter was born. Upon his return, they lived on the Boeve farm near Hull. In 1961 they moved to Steen and continued farming. In 2005 they moved to Hills, where they lived until she entered the Tuff Home in August 2016.

Henrietta was a member of the Steen Reformed Church where she was a Sunday school teacher, an active member of the Women's RCW, and a participant in various Bible studies. She and Art attended numerous gospel concerts and hymn sings.

Spending time with family and friends was something Henrietta cherished. She enjoyed fishing at West Lost Lake, the annual Boeve summer vacations, bus trips, Extension activities and attending children's and grandchildren's sporting events. She enjoyed cards, games and puzzles. Crocheting was a favorite pastime, and she made beautiful Christmas ornaments for her family.

Henrietta is survived by her husband, Art Boeve, Hills; three children, Anita (Gregg) Bosch, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Glen (Ann) Boeve, Steen, and Michelle (Greg) Van Wyhe, Rock Rapids, Iowa; eight grandchildren, Chad (Sheri) Bosch, Matt (Kayla) Boeve, Ryan (Athena) Bosch, Tara (Derek) Venenga, Erin (Rex) Metzger, Riley, Rex, and Regan Van Wyhe; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Vern (Hester) DeJongh, Hull, Iowa; sisters Bev (Dave) Wesselink, Newton, Iowa, and Diane (Harlyn) Kempema, Rock Valley, Iowa; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Henrietta was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters and their husbands, Marian (John) Groeneweg, Norma (Leonard) Risseuw and Verla (Harold) Ten Haken; and granddaughter-in-law Andrea Boeve.

Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhomes.com.

(0206 F)

Robert Lynn



Robert James Lynn, 88, Lismore, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Worthington.

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 1, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Burial followed at the St. Anthony Cemetery in Lismore.

Robert Lynn was born on Sept. 14, 1931, to Herbert and Sophia (Erdman) Lynn in rural Cherokee, Iowa. In the early 1940s his family moved to the rural Lismore area. He attended St. Anthony Catholic School in Lismore and St. Adrian Catholic School in Adrian. He entered the U.S. Army during the Korean War in January 1953. He received an honorable hardship discharge in August 1953.

Robert married Jeannette Touw on April 11, 1955, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. They farmed in the Lismore area from 1955 to 2009 until their retirement.

Robert was a lifetime member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore, a member of the Knights of Columbus and served on the church council. He also served as a director on the local Farmer's Union and Five Star boards. He was a member of the Blue Mound Woodcarvers and was an avid woodworker, filling his children's homes with many of his masterpieces. Most important to him were his faith, family and farming.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife. Some of their travels included Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Disney World, Alaska, many fly-in fishing trips to Canada and visits to most of the 50 states with their children. They wintered in Texas for eight years.

Robert is survived by his wife, Jeannette Lynn; children Deb (Steve) Scheidt, Worthington, Jeff (Denise) Lynn, Lismore, Diane (Chuck) Foerster, LaCrescent, Barb (Rick) Dorn, Eagan, and Brad (Brenda) Lynn, Lismore; grandchildren Chris (Gretchen) Scheidt, Becky (Joel) Heitkamp, Amanda (Justin) Johnson, Natalie (Kyle) Bender, Sam (Adam) Voss, Nick Lynn, Andy (Emily) Foerster, Kate Foerster, Molly (Joe) Veit, Stacy (Matt) Bauler, Stephanie (Mike) Hopkins, Bobby Dorn (fiancée Erin), Morgan (Waylon) Blasius, Mitchell (Abby) Lynn, Nate Lynn and Tony (Lexi) Lynn; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Irene Kruger, Rochester; and a brother-in-law, Bill McCann, Canton, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Pete and Dorothy Touw; great-grandson Robert Bradley Blasius; seven sisters, Florence Voss, Ila Daly, Viola Skov, Darlene Smith, Kaye Hage, Helen McCann and Jeanne Rasmussen; and one brother, Clyde Lynn.

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

(0206 F)

Edward Woodley



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

A funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 30, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Edward Woodley was born on Jan. 1, 1932, to Ray and Luella (Pank) Woodley in Luverne. 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.

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

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

Ed 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 (Arliss) 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; his first wife, Beverly; an infant sister; grandson Shawn Bittner; in-laws Jim and Patricia Roberts, Albin and Florence Erickson, Art and Grace Rust, Verdell Lorenzen and Keith Rust.

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

(0206 F)

Nels Benson



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

A funeral service was Friday, Jan. 31, at Palisade Lutheran Church in rural Garretson. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Nels Benson was born on Dec. 19, 1930, to Arthur and Effie (Fuqua) Benson in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He attended District 52 Country School in Rock County for eight years and was the only one in his class. He then attended Garretson High School and graduated in 1948.

Nels served in the United States Army from May 1952 to May 1954. He served in the 101st Airborne and was stationed in Kansas, Georgia, Virginia and Oklahoma. In Oklahoma he spent most of his spare time working on a farm.

On Nov. 20, 1955, he married Gladys Fylling at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, and they made their home on a farm in rural Garretson. Nels farmed together with his brother, Norm, for a few years. He spent most of his life farming and raising cattle in Springwater and Beaver Creek townships. After his retirement from farming, he enjoyed buying and dealing in equipment. He moved to the Tuff Village in Hills in 2006 and in 2016 to the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Nels was a lifetime member of Palisade Lutheran Church and served on the church council. He served on the Rock County Rural Water Board and was a member of the Cattlemen's Association and the Henry G. Fix Post No. 23 of the American Legion in Garretson. Nels and Gladys enjoyed going to their sons' wrestling matches and football games.

Nels is survived by sons Tim (JoEllen) Benson, Beaver Creek, and Dan (Joni) Benson, Worthington; grandchildren Kelly (Erin) Tisdell, Katie (Andy) Stoakes, Eric (Adria) Benson, Tyler Benson, Tyler (Carrie) Harberts, Tara Harberts and Tiffany Harberts; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joyce Risty, Garretson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gladys, on Dec. 21, 2009; and a brother, Norman Benson.

Arrangements were provided by Minnehaha Funeral Home, www.minnehahafuneralhome.com.

(0206 F)

Remember when

10 years ago (2010)

•Winter weather closings tend to affect roads and schools, but they can also include county public offices.

Following the 25-car pile-up on Interstate 90 last week (Jan. 25), the Rock County Courthouse and other offices closed their doors to the public — employees continued working.

Under current policy, county offices close when I-90 closes.

The intent is to keep the public from traveling in hazardous conditions. However, the closing can cause misunderstanding.

"People are confused when there is a parking lot full of cars, but the doors are locked," said Rock County Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum. Thus, the County Board discussed a possible revision to the snow event policy at its meeting on Tuesday.

Similar to winter driving, drafting a policy is tricky.

"It's changed three or four times since I've been here," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

25 years ago (1995)

•Josh and Jeremy Stoltenberg play pog all the time, according to their father, Lonny. "It keeps them occupied for hours," he said. "They just play and play and play." ...

All this pog playing is coming in handy for the seven-week-long tournament at Dug Out Plus, which started Sunday afternoon. Hillary Weis, who works for the Dug Out Plus, is coordinating the tournament for owner Gene Gehrke. She said nine players showed up for the first round of the tournament.

Pog is a game played with water-like cardboard disks, about an inch and half in diameter. Several players stack the pogs upside down on top of each other — each player antes up a certain amount of pogs and tries to win them back.

Then they take turns "slamming" the stack with heavy silver-dollar-sized "slammers" at just the right angle in an effort to flip over as many pogs as possible. "It's a challenge to see how many pogs you can flip over," said 11-year-old Danny Jolivette, Luverne. "It's like a gamble."

Each player gets a point for each opponent's piece he flips over, or gets to keep the piece. At the Dug Out Plus tournament, the kids keep their opponents' pogs and return them at the end of the game.

50 years ago (1970)

•An indoor community swimming pool is the goal of a citizens' committee which met here Wednesday night. George Sliby, who has been named to head the committee, announced that it was the hope of the group he represents that the matter of issuing bonds to build the pool as project of Luverne School District No. 670 will be placed on the ballot at the annual school election in May.

About 50 persons, a number of them Luverne high school students, attending the meeting and heard Ab Strommen, St. James high school athletic director and swimming pool coordinator, outline the benefits which he says the St. James community has enjoyed since their pool was opened in 1961. ...

He said he has had residents of the St. James school district who have come to him and told him how they had voted against the pool before it was built, and are now convinced that it is one of the best investments the district has ever made.

75 years ago (1945)

•Snow shovelers had their heaviest workout of the season, following a 12-inch snowfall here Saturday night and early Sunday.

Traffic was virtually at a standstill Sunday morning. Streets were next to impassable, as were also some of the highways. Snowplow crews went into action immediately, however, and soon had cleared paths through the main thoroughfares.

Sunday morning's east bound bus schedule was canceled, but the westbound bus in the evening came through, but was an hour late. North and southbound buses were on schedule.

Absence of wind is the only factor that prevented what might have been the winter's most disastrous storm. There was some drifting in the country, but not to the extent that roads were blocked again, once they had been open.

100 years ago (1920)

•For one solid week, starting with next Friday, the 13th, a representative of the internal revenue department of the federal government will be in Luverne for the purpose of assisting Rock county people in making out their income reports. He will have his headquarters at the Commercial club rooms at the Manitou hotel.

The government representative can be consulted without charge, and he is authorized to take oath required on returns. This free advisory service is primarily to aid those who are required for the first time to consider their liabilities for income taxes and to make sworn returns.



Two fourth-graders are finalists in poster contest

The artwork of two fourth-graders is among 12 final designs being considered for the Sioux Valley Energy Billboard Contest.

Posters designed by Hills-Beaver Creek Elementary student Lily Top (pictured below) and Luverne Elementary student Trinley Vanderburg (above) were chosen from 200 submissions to the 12th annual competition.

Each poster contained a farm safety message.

The top three posters for the billboard will be chosen by cooperative members' votes at the upcoming district meetings, according to SVE spokesperson Sarina Hanson.

"The billboard contest is an exciting opportunity to get kids interested in safety as well as a great public awareness tool," she said.

The last meetings takes place April 2.



College News

Jelken named to the Northwestern dean's list

Christopher Jelken, Luverne, has been named to the Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, Fall Semester 2019 dean's list as a collegiate scholar. To be eligible, full-time students must earn a GPA of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Anderson on Arizona dean's list

Jadyn Anderson, Luverne, was named to the fall dean's list at Arizona State University's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts, Tempe, Arizona. To qualify for the list, students must achieve a 3.5 GPA with 12 or more credits. Jadyn is the daughter of Chad Anderson and Paula Bloemendaal.

Wysong makes dean's list at NDSU

Avery Wysong, Beaver Creek, has been named to the North Dakota State University, Fargo, dean's list for fall semester. To be eligible, full-time students must achieve a 3.5 GPA or better.

SDSU releases Fall 2019 dean's list

Several area students were named to the South Dakota State University dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester. To be named, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded credits with a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students with a 4.0 GPA are indicated with an asterisk after their name.

Abbreviations for areas of study are as follows: SAFES – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; SAHSS – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; SEHS – College of Education and Human Sciences; SENGR – Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering; SNS – College of Natural Sciences; SNURS – College of Nursing; SPAHP – College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.

Students named to the dean's list are listed by hometown:

Adrian: Madisyn Dingmann, SEHS; Jacquelyn Hokeness, SAFES; Rylie Hokeness, SEHS.

Beaver Creek: Stuart Plimpton, SAHSS.

Ellsworth: Jesse Kramer, SENGR.

Hills: Luke LaRock*, SAHSS; McKenna Westphal, SNURS.

Luverne: Mariah Aukes*, SEHS; Tyler Fick, SAFES; Jenae Hamann, SEHS; Alexis Henrichs, SAFES; Jacinda Hustoft*, SAHSS; Parker Kooima, SEHS; Shelbie Nath, SAHSS; Teresa Oftedahl, SEHS; Nicholas Overgaard*, SAFES; McCall Stegenga, SPAHP; Melissa Teal, SAHSS; Erik Tofteland*, SNS; Jacob Van Santen, SAFES; Benjamin Wagner*, SENGR; Danielle Watts-Boll*, SAHSS; Bryanna Wessels, SNURS.

Rushmore: Lindsay Bents, SAFES; Autumn Grussing, SEHS; Brooke Grussing, SEHS.

DSU releases academic honors list

Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota, released its fall 2019 semester president's academic honors list.

Area full-time students included on the list are: Jonathan Horn, Adrian, Sidney Fick, Beaver Creek, Brianna Jonas, Kenneth, Nicholas Lenz, Lismore, and Marissa Fick, Zane Holmgren, Josiah Luethje and Austin Winter from Luverne.

Students achieved a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 to qualify for the honor's list.

SMSU releases dean's list

Several local students made the dean's list at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, during fall semester.

Kari Schilling, Ellsworth, was named to the High Honors list for achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Named to the Honors list for achieving a 3.5 or higher are Luverne students Alexis Ferrell, Katlyn Kracht, and Chris Syphokham, and Adrian's Taylor Heidebrink.

Producers, beat the rush

Call today to make an appointment

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages agricultural producers to enroll now in the Agriculture Risk (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. March 15, 2020, is the enrollment deadline for the 2019 crop year.

Although more than 200,000 producers have enrolled to date, FSA anticipates 1.5 million producers will enroll for ARC and PLC. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

"FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs; and to ensure we meet your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce.

"I cannot emphasize enough the need to begin the program election and enrollment process now. Please call your FSA county office and make an appointment soon to ensure your elections are made and contracts signed well ahead of the deadlines."

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

The programs cover the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Until March 15, producers who have not yet enrolled in ARC or PLC for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office unless yield updates are requested.

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Cardinals best Arrows before falling Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team split a pair of Big South Conference games late last week.

The Cardinals posted a 12-point win in Pipestone Thursday before taking a 34-point thumping by Redwood Valley Friday in Redwood Falls.

Luverne, 12-8 overall, hosts Worthington Thursday.

RWV 76, Luverne 42

A hot-shooting Redwood Valley squad posted a convincing win over the Cardinals Friday in Redwood Falls.

RWV canned 73 percent of its field goals and 80 percent of its charity shots to highlight a 34-point conquest.

The hosts raced to a 41-19 lead in the first half before outscoring the Cards 35-23 in the final 18 minutes of play.

Averill Sehr and Mallory Thorson netted 15 and 12 points respectively for the Cardinals.

Box score
C.Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Ver Steeg 2 1 0-0 7, Sehr 3 2 3-8 15, Thorson 4 1 1-4 12, Hart 0 0 1-2 1, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 15 of 46 field goals (33 percent), eight of 18 free throws (44 percent), 14 rebounds, one turnover.
RWV: 29 of 40 field goals (73 percent), eight of 10 free throws (80 percent), 34 rebounds, four turnovers.

LHS 57, Pipestone 45

The Cardinals recorded their fifth Big South Conference win of the winter when they upended the Arrows by 12 points Thursday in Pipestone.

Luverne made an early statement by doubling Pipestone's scoring output (30-15) in the game's first half.

The Arrows sported a 30-27 scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to deny LHS a victory.

Thorson turned in an impressive 11-point, 11-steal, 10-rebound effort in the win.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg led the Cards with 22 points.

Box score
C.Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Ver Steeg 7 1 5-9 22, Sehr 2 0 4-6 8, E.Wagner 0 0 9-14 9, Thorson 1 1 6-11 11, Hart 0 0 0-0 0, Van Grootheest 0 0 0-0 0, Rud 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 2 0 1-2 5.

Team statistics
Luverne: 15 of 38 field goals (40 percent), 25 of 42 free throws (60 percent), 29 rebounds, seven turnovers.
Pipestone: 15 of 34 field goals (44 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (64 percent), 32 rebounds, two turnovers.

A-E rallies past MCC

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys' basketball team notched its third consecutive win by topping Murray County Central 57-43 Thursday in Slayton.

MCC sported a 23-21 edge after 18 minutes of play, but the Dragons outscored the Rebels 36-20 in the second half to prevail by 14 points.

Noah Reyne (17 points, seven rebounds, five steals and three assists), Ian Stamer (11 points, five assists and three steals) and Lance Luettel (10 points, seven rebounds and three steals) played strong games for the Dragons.

Peyton Lewis added 12 points to the winning cause.

The 11-7 Dragons host Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Thursday.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Reyne 6 0 5-5 17, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Wolford 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 1 2 3-4 11, Lewis 4 1 1-2 12, Jansma 2 1 0-0 7, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 5 0 0-0 10.

Team statistics
A-E: 22 of 46 field goals (48 percent), nine of 11 free throws (82 percent), 20 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
MCC: 17 of 33 field goals (52 percent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent), 18 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

LHS girls cap 20-4-1 regular season Friday

Luverne opens 3A tourney Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team wrapped up a 20-4-1 regular season by winning three games in four days last week.

The Cardinals skated to an eight-goal victory in Worthington Jan. 28 before registering home wins over Fairmont and Marshall Friday and Saturday respectively.

LHS opens the Section 3A Tournament with a home game Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

LHS 5, Marshall 3

The Cardinals finished the regular season by pulling out a two-goal win over the Tigers Friday in Luverne.

The score was tied at two when Marshall's Kaitlyn Timm knotted the score at three with a power-play goal that came with 5:34 remaining in the third period.

Luverne, however, scored two goals in a span of seven seconds late in the stanza to earn a win that wrapped up a 12-2 Big South Conference slate.

Kamryn Van Batavia's second goal of the game, a power-play tally, gave the Cards a 4-3 edge with 3:06 left to play.

Rylee Gee netted her second goal of the game seven seconds later to ice the win.

Luverne led 2-0 when the first period was complete as Regan Feit scored 2:31 into the contest before Van Batavia added a tally with 8:07 remaining in the stanza.

Marshall found some life in the second period when Tessa Gannott recorded a short-handed goal before Timm tied the game with 2:49 remaining in the period.

Gee regained the lead (3-2) for the Cards when she found the net with 1:06 left in the second period.



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Luverne junior defenseman Regan Feit scored the first goal during Friday's 5-3 home win over the Marshall Tigers. LHS wrapped up a 20-4-1 regular season with the victory.

Cheyenne Schutz made 13 saves for the Cards, who outshot the Tigers 48-16 in the game.

Van Batavia, Shelby Kracht and Rozilyn Oye charted two assists each, while Gee registered one assist.

LHS 7, Fairmont 0

The Cardinals defeated Fairmont for the second time this season when the teams squared off at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

With Reghan Bork and Van Batavia netting three and two goals respectively and Mallory Von Tersch registering a 21-save shutout in goal, LHS coasted to a seven-goal win.

LHS scored six of its seven goals in the first two periods, including four in the opening stanza.

Oye got things rolling by registering a short-handed tally at the 10:44 mark of the first period before Gee made it 2-0 with a power-play tally that came with 7:04 remaining.

Bork doubled Luverne's lead (4-0) by scoring twice in the final four minutes of the first period.

Van Batavia netted a power-play goal with 4:50 left in the second period before scoring again with 2:23 remaining in the period to up the lead to 6-0.

Bork capped her hat trick by netting an unassisted goal 1:04 into the third period.

LHS, which sported a 34-21 advantage in shots on goal, received two-assist efforts from Oye and Bork.

Gee and Van Batavia pitched

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Luverne sophomore Braydon Ripka is one of two Cardinal wrestlers that posted wins during the Luverne Triangular Friday. Ripka won a 4-2 decision against Pipestone's Nate Bobendrier.

Wrestlers secure third victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team compiled a 1-6 record during a three-event week.

The Cardinals went 1-2 at the St. James Quadrangular Jan. 28 before falling twice at a home triangular Friday and at the Central Lyon-George-Little Rock Triangular Monday in George, Iowa.

The 3-21 Cardinals host a triangular Thursday.

CL-G-LR Triangular

Luverne bowed to a pair of teams from Iowa during Monday's Triangular in George.

The Cards came up on the short end of a 42-15 decision against Sioux City Bishop Heelan Catholic before falling 72-5 to the host team.

Riley Cowell went 2-0 for the Cards by drawing a forfeit from SCBHC and pinning CL-G-LR's Jacob Pytleski in 1:38.

Braydon Ripka posted a 6-2 win over SCBHC's Mitchell Olson, and Masyn Akkerman drew a forfeit in the same match.

Match wrap-ups
SCBHC 42, LHS 15
106 (S-L) open.
113 (L) Cowell by forfeit.
120 (S) McGowan 9-6 Mehlhaff.
126 (S) DeLeon pins Ask.
132 (L) Ripka 6-2 Olson.
138 (S) McGowan pins Bonnett.
145 (S) Neal by forfeit.
152 (L-S) open.
160 (S) Aldrich 9-4 Rosin.
170 (S) Cleary by forfeit.
182 (L-S) open.
195 (S) Wilmesherr by forfeit.
220 (L) Akkerman by forfeit.
285 (L-S) open.

CL-G-LR 72, LHS 5
106 (C) Borman by forfeit.
113 (L) Cowell pins Pytleski.
120 (C) Morales by forfeit.
126 (C) Klarenbeek by forfeit.
132 (C) DeGroot 6-5 Ripka.
138 (C) Christensen 5-3 Bonnett.
145 (C) Schriever by forfeit.
152 (C) Van Beek by forfeit.
160 (C) Meyer pins Rosin.
170 (C) Van Berkum by forfeit.
182 (C) Vande Weerd by forfeit.
195 (C) Winkel by forfeit.
220 (C) Riibe by forfeit.

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Gym team takes two of three

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team completed its 2019-20 home schedule by hosting three events in seven days.

The Cardinals posted a win over Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Jan. 28 before besting Marshall Friday.

LHS came up on the short end of a five-plus point decision when they entertained Fairmont-Martin County Area Monday.

The 10-8 Cardinals complete the regular season in St. James Thursday.

F-MCA 136.825, LHS 131.475

The Cardinals were unable to knock off the Magic during their home finale Monday.

With F-MCA athletes securing three individual championships and the all-around title, the Magic came out on the winning end of a five-plus point decision.

Ella Reisdorfer turned in a strong effort for Luverne.

Along with placing second on the beam (8.825) and all-around (34.425), Reisdorfer took top honors on the bars with an 8.4.

Seniors Meghan Witte and Meghan Mollberg also placed in their final home meet for LHS.

Witte placed second on the vault and second on the bars with respective 9.0 and 8.375 efforts, while Mollberg finished fourth on the vault with an 8.825.

F-MCA's Sabrina Segar captured the vault (9.325), floor (9.45) and all-around (35.75) titles for the Magic, while Ellie Schultze earned the beam (8.925) crown.



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Luverne senior Sydney Wicks registered a score of 7.725 on the floor during Monday's home gymnastics finale.

Individual results
Vault: Witte, 9.0; Mollberg, 8.825; Reisdorfer, 8.0; Amira Cowell, 8.75; Tiana Lais, 8.725.
Bars: Reisdorfer, 8.4; Witte, 8.375; Cowell, 7.25; Madigan Flom, 6.725; Hailey Como, 6.675.
Beam: Reisdorfer, 8.825; Witte, 7.9; Flom, 7.825; Sydney Wicks, 7.525; Cowell, 7.05.
Floor: Witte, 8.55; Reisdorfer, 8.4; Mollberg, 8.2; Cowell, 8.125; Wicks, 7.725.

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Luverne junior guard Bailey Cowell challenges a shot by Hills-Beaver Creek's Gavin Wysong during a Jan. 28 game in Luverne. The Cardinal boys topped the Patriots for the second time this season.

Luverne boys sweep series with Patriots

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team completed a two-game sweep of a series against Rock County rival Hills-Beaver Creek Jan. 28 in Luverne.

LHS topped the Patriots 76-65 when the teams met in Hills Dec. 17 and the Cardinals nearly duplicated that effort by handing H-BC a 63-49 setback in the rematch.

Zander Wysong gave the Patriots a 3-2 edge with a three-point shot early in the game before LHS reeled off eight straight points to take a 10-3 lead when Matt Sehr drained a pair of charity shots with 12:50 remaining in the first half.

H-BC trimmed the difference to two points (12-10) when Parker Gehrke converted a field goal with 9:28 left, but the Cards countered with a 12-6 surge capped by Isaiah Bartels sinking one free throw at the 4:31 mark of the stanza to give LHS a 24-16 lead.

The first half ended with LHS sporting an eight-point (26-18) advantage, but H-BC netted the first two points of the second half to make it a 26-20 game.

Luverne responded by scoring six of the next seven points to open a 32-21 lead with 15:50 left to play.

H-BC climbed back into contention after putting together a 14-4 run ending with a three-point shot by Zander Wysong that trimmed the difference to one point (36-35) with 9:27 remaining.

The way things played out, LHS never did surrender the lead.

A 14-4 run ending with a field goal by Bailey Cowell at the 5:09 mark gave the Cards a 50-39 cushion.

H-BC closed the gap to seven points (53-46) when Easton Harnack drained one free throw with 4:08 remaining before Luverne iced the game with an 8-0 spurt ending with a dunk by Gannon Ahrendt that gave the hosts a 61-46 advantage with 1:10 left to play.

LHS eventually prevailed by 14 points.

Bartels (25 points) and Ahrendt (18 points) led the Cards to victory.

Jax Wysong (14 points), Oliver Deelstra (13 points), Zander Wysong (10 points and five rebounds) and Kyle Kueter (seven blocked shots) led H-BC statistically.

Box score
H-BC
G.Wysong 2 0 0-0 4, Harnack 0 0 1-2 1, Gehrke 1 0 0-0 2, Deelstra 3 2 1-1 13, Baker 0 0 0-0 0, Z.Wysong 2 2 0-0 10, J.Wysong 4 1 3-3 14, Kueter 2 0 1-4 5.
Luverne
Cowell 1 0 0-0 2, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 2 0 2-2 6, Bartels 6 3 4-5 25, Ahrendt 9 0 0-0 18, Feit 4 0 0-0 8, DeSollar 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 60 field goals (32 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 22 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
Luverne: 27 field goals made, six of seven free throws (86 percent).

When choosing a Lab puppy, research hip genetics first



Outdoors

By Scott Rall, outdoors columnist

My new puppy, due around Feb. 10, will be named Bravo, and it prompted a series of columns about choosing a dog.

Last week I wrote about the differences between flushing dogs and pointing dogs. I have always been a flushing dog guy, but I love all dogs.

Black Labs are my thing and I usually have four at all times. I retired an older dog to my parents' house, so I was down to three and the new puppy will get me back to full hunting horsepower.

When picking a puppy, what should you look for?

Because I am a Labrador guy, we're going to look at the three most common genetic defects found in Labradors: hip dysplasia (HD), exercise induced collapse (EIC) and centronuclear myopathy (CNM).

For this column, we'll focus on hip dysplasia and the next two columns will address EIC and CNM.

Hip dysplasia is a condition where the dog's rear leg femur and pelvis don't match up correctly. The result of HD, depending on the level of severity, is a dog that either exhibits lameness and pain after hunting or exercise ora dog that literally loses its rear end function.

You determine this joint fitness with a high-quality X-ray, which is required for both parents of any litter you are considering purchasing from a registered breeder.

The adult dogs need to have this X-ray taken and then have the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) read it and make a determination. This is accomplished by having the film read by three randomly selected animal docs from their panel of experts.

The breeder will get a reply that the hips are OFA excellent, good or fair. If the dog has hip dysplasia you will then get either a mild, moderate or severe diagnosis. And dogs with any degree of hip dysplasia should not be used for breeding purposes.

Any dog that you currently own should not be bred before this test is completed with a satisfactory result. The test is expensive and makes puppies more expensive to purchase, but it's a flag that puppies being sold for $300 each have most likely not had the parents tested.

An OFA certification cannot be had until the dog reaches two years of age. Breeding dogs with great hips does not automatically guarantee a puppy with satisfactory hips, but it increases the odds in your favor by a great margin. I want those odds in my favor. This is not cheap to complete but it is the first step any good breeder would take if they were going to get in to the puppy selling market.

I have a preliminary X-ray done at 8 months of age on all my dogs. I cannot get an OFA certification at that age, but I start training my dogs in earnest at that age. If the dog's prelim is bad, they rarely ever improve by age 2. If my young dog had a marginal hip conformation, I would transfer that dog to a pet home where it could live out its life of leisure running around someone's back yard instead of across five states chasing rugged rooster pheasants.

Some dogs with mild hip dysplasia can live normal lives if they are not living the life of an Olympic athlete. If the dog only hunted a few days a month they might show no signs. I am not willing to put that much training energy into a dog only to find out when it's 3 years old that hips are an issue.

Once the kids fall in love with the dog, it's a very bad time to figure out it has a bad wheel.

When this happens, many dog owners will turn into a nursing home for dogs and have a non-hunting hunting dog for the next 10 years.

Make sure your next puppy purchase comes from parents who have passed this important test. Next week we will cover (EIC) exercise-induced collapse.

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JAN. 21 SPORTS REPLAY

Patriot girls win 11th conference game

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team upped its Red Rock Conference record to 11-0 with a 61-47 home win over Mountain Lake Area.

The Patriots strolled to an 18-point lead (33-15) in the first half and prevailed by 14 points at game's end.

Kenadie Fick (15 points and 10 rebounds), Abby Knobloch (15 points and seven rebounds), Whitney Elbers (12 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots) and Taryn Rauk (11 points, three steals) played well for the Patriots.

Southwest Christian girls top Adrian-Ellsworth

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls' basketball team lost its second consecutive game when it took a 64-48 setback from Southwest Christian in Edgerton.

The Dragons trailed by two (35-33) after 18 minutes of play before being outscored 29-15 in the second half of a 16-point loss.

Jayden Zebe (12 points and seven rebounds), Ashlyn Meester (10 points and five assists), Bailey Lonneman (eight rebounds and four assists) and Marissa Lehnhoff (seven rebounds and four assists) turned in solid games for A-E.

Strong start lifts RWV to big win over LHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team slipped to 2-7 in Big South Conference play when the Cardinals lost a 77-58 game in Redwood Falls Friday.

Redwood Valley got off to a strong start by opening a 39-23 lead in the game's first half.

The hosts went on to outscore the Cards 38-35 in the second half to prevail by 19 points at game's end.

Isaiah Bartels and Gannon Ahrendt tossed in 18 and 12 points respectively to lead the Cards in scoring.

Luverne, 7-11 overall, plays in Worthington Thursday.

Box score
Cowell 0 2 2-2 8, DeBates 2 0 0-0 4, Sehr 3 0 0-0 6, Bartels 5 1 5-9 18, Ahrendt 4 0 4-4 12, Feit 2 0 0-1 4, DeSollar 2 0 0-1 4, Smith 0 0 0-0 0, Jarchow 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 1 0 0-0 2, Dohlmann 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 21 field goals made, 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent).
RWV: 34 field goals made, two of eight free throws (25 percent).

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in one assist each.

Luverne 8, WHS 0

The Cardinal girls posted a convincing victory when they took on the Trojans in Worthington Jan. 28.

Van Batavia, Gee and Oye scored two goals each and Schutz recorded a 13-save shutout in net to highlight the win.

LHS scored all eight of its goals in the first two periods of play.

Van Batavia opened the scoring with a short-handed tally at the 10:16 mark of the first period before netting the final goal of the stanza with 40 seconds remaining.

Oye also scored her first goal in an opening stanza that ended with LHS sporting a 3-0 cushion.

LHS scored five goals in the first 8:22 of the second period to wrap up the win.

Gee opened the scoring 56 seconds into the period before recording the final goal of the game with 8:38 left in the stanza.

Bork added a goal and Claire Baustian netted a power-play tally in the first five minutes of the period before Oye capped her two-goal showing with 9:15 remaining in the stanza.

Gee, Baustian and Billi Connell notched two assists each. for an LHS squad that outshot WHS 39-13.

Mallory Nelson and Kracht recorded one assist each.



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Luverne senior center Claire Baustian keeps the puck out of reach of a Marshall player during Friday's game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. LHS posted a 5-3 victory over the Tigers.

Cardinals split four games on ice

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team went 2-2 during a stretch of playing four road games in seven days.

The Cardinals posted a two-goal win in Worthington Jan. 28 before taking setbacks in New Ulm and Litchfield Thursday and Saturday respectively.

Luverne secured a one-goal win in Windom Monday, leaving the Cards with a 14-8 record.

LHS plays in Marshall Friday.

LHS 4, Windom 3

The Cardinals claimed their ninth Big South Conference win of the season when they nipped the Eagles by one goal in Windom Monday.

Luverne sported a 39-24 advantage in shots on goal and received a pair of goals from Cade Wenninger to highlight the victory.

Wenninger opened the scoring 3:57 into the second period before Windom's Kyle Espenson knotted the score at one with 8:11 left in the stanza.

Zach Kruse regained the lead for LHS with 3:17 left in the second period and Wenninger made it 3-1 when he recorded his second goal of the game 1:47 into the third period.

A power-play goal from Windom's Alex Espenson trimmed the difference to one goal (3-2) with 9:43 left to play, but Luverne's Tyler Roberts scored at the 7:59 mark to make it 4-2.

Windom's Simon Pell netted the final goal with 5:57 left in the game.

Shaid Shearer made 21 saves in goal for the Cards, who received one assist from Ethan Langseth, Austin Watts Boll, Mason Steensma, Marshal Dammann and Colby Crabtree.

L-D-C 7, LHS 0

The home-standing Dragons had their way with the Cardinals when the teams squared off Saturday in Litchfield.

L-D-C received goals from six different players and outshot LHS 50-17 during a seven-goal conquest.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw in the first period before the Dragons exploded for four goals in the second stanza.

Zach Swilling opened the scoring 2:23 into the second period, while Logan Benson (power-play goal), Mason Schroeder and Alex Heinonen added one goal each in the final 5:46 of the stanza.

Jack Hillman scored 1:15 into the third period before Benson's second power-play goal of the game made it 6-0 with 12:57 left to play.

Cole Evjen capped the scoring with 10:46 remaining in the contest.

Colton Schutz made 43 saves as the LHS goalie.

New Ulm 4, LHS 1

The Cardinals took their fourth BSC loss of the season when they took on the Eagles in New Ulm Thursday.

Luverne led 1-0 when Crabtree scored 11:26 into the second period after being set up by Easton Braun.

The Eagles, however, scored the final four goals of the game to nail down a three-goal victory.

NU's Braxten Hoffman knotted the score at one with a power-play goal that came with 3:25 left in the second period.

Teagan Schugel gave the Eagles their first lead (2-1) 3:26 into the third period, and Glavine Schugel iced the win by scoring twice in the final 5:37 of the game.

Shearer made 31 saves for the Cards, who were outshot 35-24 in the game.

Luverne 3, WHS 1

The Cardinals swept their season series with the Trojans when they topped WHS by two goals in Worthington Jan. 28.

Luverne scored the first three goals of the game and received a 21-save effort in net by Schutz to highlight the victory.

Roberts gave the Cards a 1-0 lead by netting a power-play goal 6:56 into the contest.

Jacob Von Tersch registered a power-play tally 5:12 into the second period before Crabtree made it 3-0 with 1:46 left in the second stanza.

Worthington's lone goal came from Kipton Jenson with 5:07 left in the game.

LHS, which sported a 37-22 advantage in shots on goal, received one assist each from Braun and Watts-Boll.



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Gavin Wysong tossed in 12 points during the Dakota State Shootout Saturday in Madison, South Dakota.

Dragon girls end two-game skid Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth girls put an end to a two-game slide when they entertained Edgerton for a basketball game in Adrian Monday.

The game was up for grabs when A-E sported a 26-24 edge at the intermission.

The Dragons, however, outscored the Flying Dutchmen 44-19 in the second half to nail down a 70-43 victory.

Ashlyn Meester (19 points, six rebounds and three assists), Kallie Chapa (12 points), Jayden Zebe (10 points) and Moriah Bullerman (10 points, six rebounds and three steals) played key roles in the win.

Marisa Lehnhoff and Morgan Dreesen snared 11 and five rebounds respectively for the Dragons, while Shawna Rogers charted three assists.

The 12-8 Dragons host Hills-Beaver Creek Tuesday.

Box score
Zebe 4 0 2-2 10, Tweet 1 0 0-0 2, Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, Chapa 3 2 0-0 12, Meester 0 4 7-8 19, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, M.Bullerman 5 0 0-1 10, J.Bullerman 2 0 0-0 4, Preuss 0 0 3-4 3, Lonneman 0 0 2-2 2, Cauwels 1 0 0-2 2, Lehnhoff 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
A-E: 25 of 81 field goals (31 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 46 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
Edgerton: 17 of 55 field goals (31 percent), six of 13 free throws (46 percent), 34 rebounds, 26 turnovers.

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285 (C) Moore by forfeit.

LHS triangular

The Cardinals completed a 0-6 Big South Conference schedule when they hosted a triangular Friday.

Luverne dropped an 84-0 match to Marshall before coming up on the short end of a 48-7 score against Pipestone.

LHS sent five wrestlers onto the mat against the Tigers and lost all five matches.

Five Cardinals wrestled against Pipestone and two of them recorded wins.

Camden Janiszeski pinned Allen Tubbs and Braydon Ripka notched a 4-2 win over Nate Bobendrier.

Match wrap-ups
Marshall 84, LHS 0
106 (M) Regnier by forfeit.
113 (M) Louwagie by forfeit.
120 (M) Khee Lar pins Mehlhaff.
126 (M) Law Eh by forfeit.
132 (M) Roth pins Ripka.
138 (M) Bloome pins Janiszeski.
145 (M) Ka Maw by forfeit.
152 (M) Bouwan by forfeit.
160 (M) Louwagie pins Rosin.
170 (M) Schaefer by forfeit.
182 (M) Wambeke by forfeit.
195 (M) Felcyn by forfeit.
220 (M) Van Hauweart pins Akkerman.
285 (M) Vierstraete by forfeit.

Pipestone 48, LHS 9
106 (L-P) open.
113 (L-P) open.
120 (P) Martens pins Mehlhaff.
126 (L-P) open.



John Rittenhouse photo/0206 lw Camden 2

Luverne freshman Camden Janiszeski compiled a 1-1 record during the Luverne Triangular Friday.

132 (L) Ripka 4-2 Bobendrier.
138 (L) Janiszeski pins Tubbs.
145 (P) Budden by forfeit.
152 (P) Lange by forfeit.
160 (P) Campos pins Rosin.
170 (P) Voss by forfeit.
182 (P) Hach by forfeit.
195 (L-P) open.
220 (P) DeGroot by forfeit.
284 (P) Perez pins Akkerman.

St. James Quadrangular

The Cardinals went 1-2 during a quadrangular meet in St. James Jan. 28.

Luverne topped Le Sueur-Henderson 36-23 to earn its third victory of the season.

The Cardinals lost matches to St. Clair-Mankato Loyola (34-16) and St. James (48-31).

Three LHS wrestlers went 3-0 during the event.

Cowell pinned L-H's Mark Boisjolie and notched an 11-2 win over SC-ML's Eli Kruse along with drawing a forfeit from SJ.

Noah Mehlhaff pinned L-H's Andy Genelin and SJ's Troy Parluski and drew a forfeit from SC-ML.

Ripka drew two forfeits and notched an 11-3 win over SJ's Josh Olivares.

Match wrap-ups
LHS 36, L-H 23
106 (L-LH) open.
113 (L) Cowell pins Boisjolie.
120 (L) Mehlhaff pins Genelin.
126 (LH) Gupton t.f. Ask.
132 (L) Ripka by forfeit.
138 (L) Bonnett by forfeit.
145 (LH) Grinde pins Janiszeski.
152 (L) Reisch pins Grinde.
160 (L) Rosin by forfeit.
170 (L-LH) open.
182 (LH) Sanchez by forfeit.
195 (L-LH) open.
220 (L-LH) open.
285 (LH) Sanchez by forfeit.

SC-ML 34, LHS 16
106 (L-S) open.
113 (L) Cowell 11-2 Kruse.
120 (L) Mehlhaff by forfeit.
126 (S) Made 11-2 Ask.
132 (L) Ripka by forfeit.
138 (S) Kruse pins Janiszeski.
145 (S) Klinder pins Reisch.
152 (L-S) open.
160 (S) Baker by forfeit.
170 (S) Schimek pins Rosin.
182 (S) Walechka by forfeit.
195 (L-S) open.
220 (L-S) open.
285 (L-S) open.

SJ 48, LHS 31
106 (S) Anderson by forfeit.
113 (L) Cowell by forfeit.
120 (L) Mehlhaff pins Parulski.
126 (S) Velasco pins Ask.
132 (L) Ripka 11-3 Olivares.
138 (L) Janiszeski 6-4 Olivares.
145 (L) Reisch pins Miest.
152 (S) Fast by forfeit.
160 (S) Johnson by forfeit.
170 (L) Rosin by forfeit.
182 (S) Durheim by forfeit.
195 (S) Carreon by forfeit.
220 (S) Engelking by forfeit.
285 (S) Johnson by forfeit.

H-BC boys win twice before falling to MLA

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team compiled a 2-1 record during a stretch of playing three games in five days.

The Patriots posted a 16-point win over Red Rock Central in Lamberton Thursday before topping Little Wound by nine points (Kyle, South Dakota) Saturday during the Dakota State Shootout in Madison, South Dakota.

H-BC lost a 29-point game to Mountain Lake Area Monday in Mountain Lake, leaving the Patriots with a 7-10 record.

H-BC plays Thursday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

MLA 75, H-BC 46

A dominating performance by the Wolverines left them celebrating a 29-point win over the Patriots Monday in Mountain Lake.

MLA strolled to a 42-26 lead in the first 18 minutes of play and completed the win by outscoring H-BC 33-20 in the second half.

Senior Jax Wysong turned in a 17-point, six-rebound effort for the Patriots.

Gavin Wysong grabbed five rebounds and recorded three steals.

Box score
G.Wysong 2 0 0-0 4, Harnack 0 0 1-2 1, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Bennett 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-1 0, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 1 0 2-6 4, Baker 2 1 1-2 8, Z.Wysong 1 2 0-0 8, Erickson 0 0 0-0 0, J.Wysong 8 0 1-2 17, Kueter 2 0 0-0 4, Steensma 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 64 field goals (30 percent), five of 13 free throws (38 percent), 28 rebounds, two turnovers.
MLA: 31 of 75 field goals (41 percent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent), 28 rebounds, three turnovers.

H-BC 65, LW 56

A strong second half by the Patriots locked up a nine-point victory over Little Wound (Kyle, South Dakota) during the Dakota State University Shootout in Madison Saturday.

The Patriots faced a 33-32 deficit at the intermission before turning things around in the second half.

H-BC outscored the Mustangs 33-23 in the final 16 minutes of play to claim the victory.

Jax Wysong (18 points) and Gavin Wysong (12 points) led the Patriots offensively.

Kyle Kueter and Zander Wysong collected seven and six rebounds respectively, while Easton Harnack passed for six assists.

Box score
G.Wysong 3 1 3-6 12, Harnack 0 0 3-4 3, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 2 1 0-1 7, Baker 1 2 0-0 8, Z.Wysong 3 1 0-1 9, J.Wysong 5 0 8-12 18, Kueter 4 0 0-0 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 23 of 47 field goals (49 percent), 14 of 24 free throws (58 percent), 32 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
LW: 22 of 67 field goals (33 percent), seven of 10 free throws (70 percent), 44 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

H-BC 60, RRC 44

The Patriots staged a come-from-behind victory when they took on the Falcons in Lamberton Thursday.

RRC sported a 26-19 lead when the game reached halftime.

H-BC, however, outscored the hosts 41-18 in the second half to secure a 16-point win.

Zander Wysong and Kueter netted 15 points each to lead H-BC in scoring.

Jax Wysong chipped in 11 points.

Box score
G.Wysong 3 0 2-2 8, Harnack 1 0 1-2 3, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Deelstra 0 0 2-4 2, Baker 0 2 0-0 6, Z.Wysong 5 1 2-3 15, J.Wysong 2 1 4-5 11, Kueter 6 1 0-1 15.

Team statistics
H-BC: 22 field goals made, 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent).
RRC: 15 field goals made, nine of 13 free throws (69 percent).

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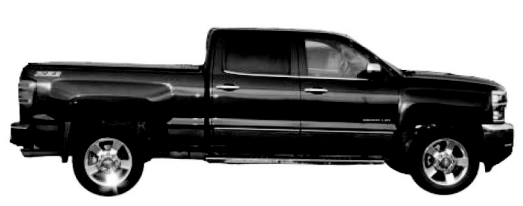
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Patriot girls raise RRC mark to 13-0 with big wins

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls upped their Red Rock Conference basketball record to 13-0 after posting a pair of wins.

H-BC rolled to a 41-point home win over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Friday before posting a 32-point victory over Red Rock Central Monday in Lamberton.

The 17-1 Patriots take a seven-game winning streak into a contest against Central Lyon Thursday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

H-BC 68, RRC 36

The Falcons proved to be no match for the Patriots when the teams met in Lamberton Monday.

H-BC doubled (36-18) RRC's scoring output in the first half and outscored the Falcons 32-18 in the second half to clinch a 32-point victory.

Kenadie Fick (21 points and three steals), Abby Knobloch (16 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists) and Taryn Rauk (15 points and four steals) led the Patriots offensively.

Whitney Elbers (nine rebounds) and Sam Moser (three assists and three steals) played productive games as well.

Box score
Fick 3 5 0-0 21, Rauk 5 1 2-2 15, Birger 1 0 0-0 2, Voss 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 0 0 0-2 0, Knobloch 4 2 2-2 16, Tatge 0 0 0-0 0, Van Maanen 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 2 0 0-0 4, LaRock 0 0 2-2 2, Elbers 4 0 0-2 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 27 of 64 field goals (42 percent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent), 31 rebounds, 20 turnovers.
RRC: 12 of 44 field goals (24 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 19 rebounds, 25 turnovers.

H-BC 75, HL-O-F 34

The Patriots posted their sixth consecutive victory when they bested the Coyotes by 41 points Friday in Hills.

H-BC, which hit 49 percent of its field goals during the contest, raced to a 41-13 halftime lead.

The Patriots outscored HL-O-F 34-21 in the second half to complete a lopsided win.

Rauk (14 points and five rebounds), Moser (14 points, five rebounds and three assists), Elbers (12 points and nine rebounds) and Knobloch (11 points, eight rebounds and four steals) paced H-BC offensively.

Fick added six rebounds and three assists to the winning effort.

Box score
Fick 2 0 0-0 4, Rauk 3 1 5-6 14, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Voss 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 4 0 0-1 8, Knobloch 4 1 0-0 11, Tatge 1 0 0-1 2, Van Maanen 1 0 0-0 2, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 7 0 0-0 14, Deelstra 1 0 0-0 2, LaRock 1 0 2-2 4, W.Elbers 6 0 0-0 12, L.Elbers 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics
H-BC: 32 of 66 field goals (49 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent), 42 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
HL-O-F: 11 of 46 field goals (24 percent), eight of 10 free throws (80 percent), 14 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0206 gym 4

Luverne seventh-grader Amira Cowell posted a score of 7.25 on the bars during Monday's home finale against Fairmont-Martin County Area. The Cardinals lost a 136.825-131-475 decision. Luverne completes the regular season Thursday in St. James.

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LHS 131.875, MHS 123.925

The Cardinals completed Big South Conference competition with a 3-3 record after posting a seven-plus-point victory over the Tigers Friday in Luverne.

LHS athletes claimed of the four individual event titles and fielded the top all-around performers during the meet.

Witte, who finished second all-around with 34 points, won the vault (8.95) and floor (9.075) titles for the Cards and placed second on the bars with an 8.375.

Along with winning the all-around title with 34.25 points, Reisdorfer second on the vault (8.9), beam (8.35) and floor (8.65) and third on the bars (8.35).

Mollberg placed third on the vault and floor with respective 8.8 and 8.15 tallies.

Amira Cowell placed fourth on the bars and floor with 7.55 and 7.9 efforts, while Sydney Wicks tied for fourth place in the team with a 7.9.

Marshall's Saphi McFarquhar landed the bars and beam titles with 8.825 and 8.45 efforts.

Individual results
Vault: Witte, 8.95; Reisdorfer, 8.9; Mollberg, 8.8; Cowell, 8.7; Tiana Lais, 8.45.
Beam: Reisdorfer, 8.35; Wicks, 7.9; Madigan Flom, 7.85; Witte, 7.6; Cowell, 7.4.
Bars: Witte, 8.375; Reisdorfer, 8.35; Cowell, 7.55; Flom, 6.825; Hailey Como, 6.775.
Floor: Witte, 9.075; Reisdorfer, 8.65; Mollberg, 8.15; Cowell, 7.9; Wicks, 7.85.

LHS 128.75, R-T-R 111.65

The Cardinals rolled to 17.1-point victory over the Knights when the teams met in Luverne Jan. 28.

It was Luverne's first home meet since Dec. 19 and Witte and Reisdorfer turned in solid performances in familiar surroundings.

Along with tying for third place on the beam with a 7.45, Witte earned the vault (9.0), bars (8.375) and floor (8.7) titles.

Reisdorfer claimed the all-around (33.75) and beam (8.7) championships along with placing second on the bars (8.3) and floor (8.45).

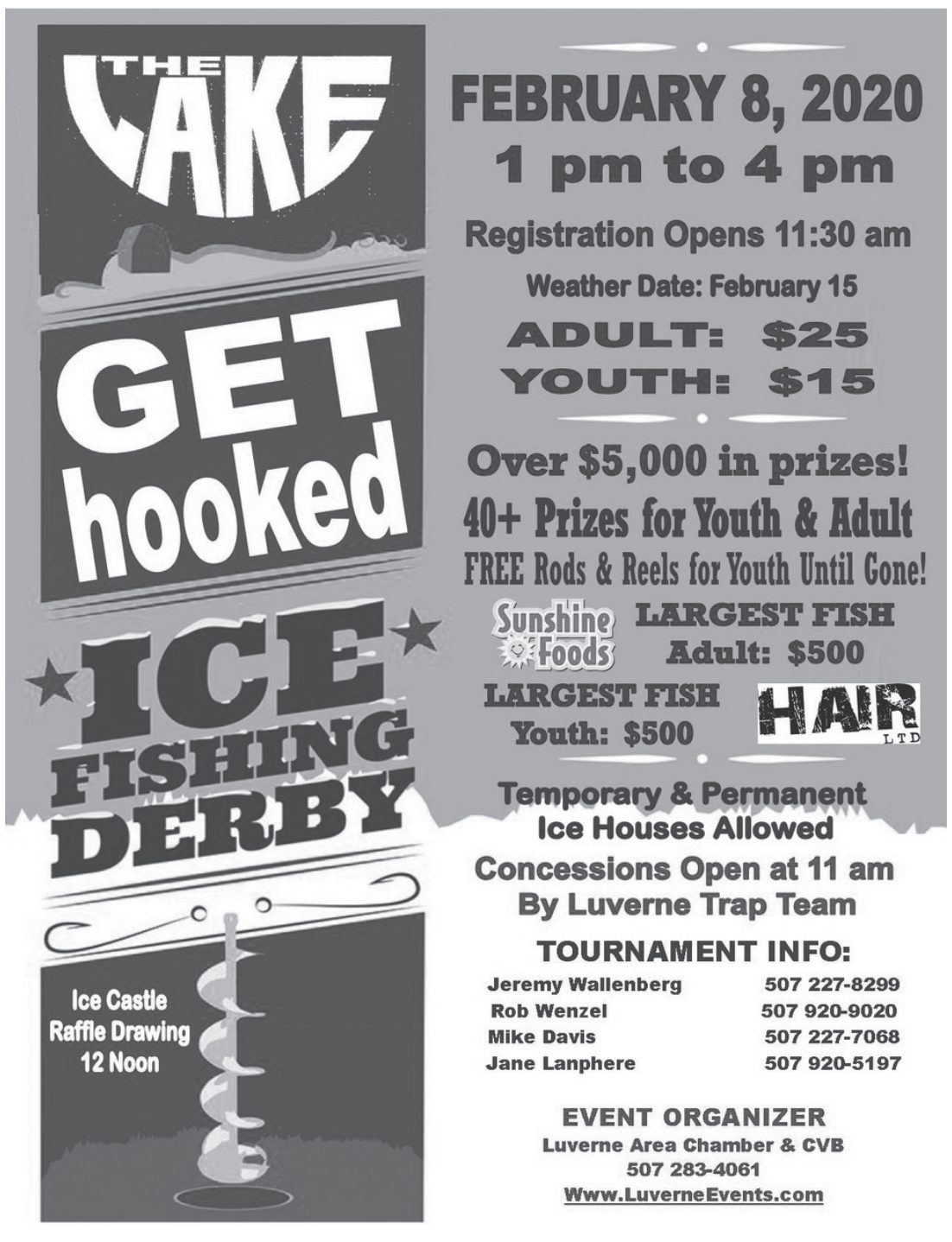
Luverne's Tiana Lais placed second to Witte on the vault with an 8.65, while Sydney Wicks registered a 7.9 to place second on the beam.

Mollberg (8.05 on the floor and 8.55 on the vault) and Cowell (7.5 on the bars) turned in third-place efforts for LHS.

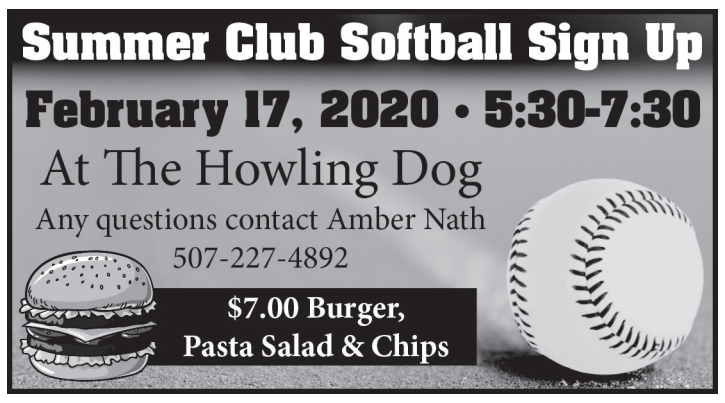
Individual scores
Vault: Witte, 9.0; Lais, 8.65; Mollberg, 8.55; Reisdorfer, 8.3.
Bars: Witte, 8.375; Reisdorfer, 8.3; Cowell, 7.5; Hailey Como, 6.4; Madigan Flom, 6.3.
Beam: Reisdorfer, 8.7; Wicks, 7.9; Witte, 7.45; Cowell, 6.6; Flom, 6.4.
Floor: Witte, 8.7; Reisdorfer, 8.45; Mollberg, 8.05; Wicks, 7.825; Cowell, 7.7.















Winter Standings

BSC girls' hockey

New Ulm	14-0
Luverne	12-2
Minnesota River	9-5
Marshall	8-6
Worthington	5-9
Fairmont	4-10
Windom	3-12
Waseca	1-13

BSC boys' hockey

New Ulm	13-1
Marshall	11-3
Minnesota River	11-4
Luverne	9-4
Waseca	7-5
Windom	6-8
Worthington	3-12
Fairmont	2-12
RWV	1-14

BSC West girls' hoops

Marshall	9-0
Worthington	7-4
Luverne	5-5
Windom	5-5
RWV	4-6
JCC	3-7
Pipestone	1-9

BSC West boys' hoops

Marshall	9-0
JCC	7-3
RWV	5-4
Worthington	5-4
Pipestone	3-4
Luverne	2-7
Windom	1-8

BSC West gymnastics

Worthington	6-0
JCC	5-1
RWV	4-2
Luverne	3-3
Marshall	1-5
Pipestone	1-5
Windom	1-5

BSC West wrestling

Marshall	6-0
JCC	5-1
Pipestone	4-2
Worthington	3-3
RWV	2-4
Windom	1-5
Luverne	0-6

RRC girls' hoops

H-BC	13-0
SWC	9-2
MLA	9-3
A-E	8-4
RRC	7-6
MCC	3-9
HL-O-F	3-9
W-WG	2-9
Edgerton	0-12

St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph. 283-8502; www.stscl.org
Gerald Kosse, Monsignor

Friday, Feb. 7: No Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8: 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Food for the Poor collection. Sunday, Feb. 9: 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. Catherine. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. 7 p.m. Finance Council. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 9 a.m. No Mass. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Thursday, Feb. 13: 1-4 p.m. Fun Day.

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

Sunday, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism. Noon Potluck dinner. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. Perk-up at Minnesota Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. Youth Group.

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

Thursday, 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. Sunday, Feb. 9: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacons meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Valentine for your leader; red/pink night. Thursday, Feb. 13: 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, Feb. 6: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 1:30 p.m. Endowment meeting. Friday, Feb. 7: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 8: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Baby shower for Jennifer (Fick) Gaul. 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 9: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, Feb. 10: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship; Exaltation Team rehearsal. 7:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal; Grades 6-9 confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 13: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

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

Sunday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Monday, Feb. 10: ELS Pastors meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class. Thursday, Feb. 13: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

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

Friday, Feb. 7: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Monday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m. Wedding coordinator meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 11: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting; youth room reserved. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 4:30 p.m. Multipurpose room reserved; REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Youth groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle.

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

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 6: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 8: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb 9: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Prayer Warriors after service. 4-6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Feed and Chocolate Buffet. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Feb. 10: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 1-4 p.m. Homeschoolers. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Feb. 13: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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.

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

Thursday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. PW executive meeting. 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Home communion. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 4 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. High School Fellowship. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Session.

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

Thursday, Feb. 6: 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, Feb. 8: 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Special Voters Meeting. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2 p.m. Second Sunday Fun Day. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, Feb. 10: 1 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 13: 10:30 a.m. DCE meeting in Sioux Falls. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans 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: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Generations Building. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

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

Thursday, Feb. 6: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Monday, Feb. 10: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 13: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Worship at First Lutheran Church. 10 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

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

Sunday, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran Church. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Thursday, Feb. 13: 7 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting.

First Presbyterian Church
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email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
112 N. Main St., Hills
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Saturday, Feb. 8: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Council retreat. Sunday, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Worship 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. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Feb. 11: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Feb. 12: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Finding God in Groundhog Day

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

Traditions: those steadfast ways of doing things that you can always count on. Yet traditions evolve and build on one another throughout the years.

Take, for example, Groundhog Day, which was this past Sunday, Feb. 2. Believe it or not, this rather silly ritual of using a groundhog in Pennsylvania to predict the weather actually has ties to an ancient feast day of the church, known in some corners of the world as Candlemas.

Candlemas is a tradition that developed on the Feast Day of the Presentation of Our Lord, which commemorates the day where Mary and Joseph bring baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to be dedicated to God.

The story is told in the second chapter of Luke's gospel, where upon entering the temple, the holy family is met by two prophets, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the divinity of Jesus and sing praises to God. Simeon calls Jesus "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" meaning Jesus will reveal God's glory to all nations.

The early church celebrated this proclamation of Jesus as the light for all nations with light from candles. This looked like many different things over the year in different places including lighting every candle in one's home, a procession of people carrying candles of all sorts, a blessing of all the candles to be used in worship throughout the year, and distributing candles to help people get through the remainder of the winter.

There was a Celtic festival celebrated around the same time that focused on looking for signs of spring. When the Christian Candlemas festival met this one, the traditions melded together a bit and Candlemas also developed a weather-predicting element. If the weather is nice on Candlemas, then winter will stick around. If not, spring will be here sooner.

Sound familiar? This is the same formula for Groundhog Day. If the sun is shining, the groundhog will see his shadow, and we'll have six more weeks of winter.

It's quite something to think that Groundhog Day relates to the proclamation of Jesus as the light of the world! But the unexpected happens all the time with God. When it's dark and gloomy, it doesn't seem like spring will ever come. When life is hard, or we're deep in grief, it doesn't feel like it's ever going to get better. It doesn't feel like God is anywhere to be found.

But the promise of God is that those dark moments and places is where God draws nearest. New life springs forth, always. Even when it feels impossible, God makes it happen. God is in the business of bringing forth new life out of death, of creating order in the chaos, and piercing the darkness with the light of Jesus Christ.

The traditions we know and love might evolve into ones we barely recognize, like how Candlemas became Groundhog Day, but the light of Christ remains unchanging, bringing glory to God and newness of life to all of creation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

H-BC School Board meets Jan. 13

Hills-Beaver Creek Dist. 671
Minutes
January 13, 2020

The Hills-Beaver Creek School Board met for its semi-monthly meeting at 7:08 p.m. in the District Board Room (301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN).

Boardmembers present were Bosch, Gehrke, Knobloch, LaRock, Rauk, Rozeboom and Wysong. Superintendent Holthaus, Principal Schilling, and Business Manager Rozeboom were also in attendance.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve the agenda. No Visitors to the meeting.

PATRIOT PRIDE:

-Local H-BC Channel is up and running. First Event was Home Basketball Game on Friday, January 3, 2020

-January 18, 2020, SWBDA Honor Band Participants--Mazzi Moore, Jaci Stubbe, Rebekah Swenson, Mackenzie Voss, Tess Van Maanen, Lexi Drake, Tara Paulsen, Michaela Abels, Abby Knobloch, Josie Bartels, Allison LaRock

-January 11, 2020, NSU's Young Artists Competition - Bryn Mongeau - 2nd place in the Vocals competition

Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to elect Chairperson-Arlyn Gehrke.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to elect Vice Chairperson-Dan LaRock.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to elect Clerk-Tami Rauk.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rauk, and carried to elect Treasurer: Ethan Rozeboom (Nominations: Bosch, Rozeboom and Wysong).

2020 Board Committee Appointments – Board Chair: NO action necessary – list appointment – Same as 2019.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve to designate District Depository as Security Savings Bank, Hills, MN.

Motion by Knobloch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve to designate the Rock County Star-Herald as the district's official newspaper.

Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve to designate the District Office Entrance #1 (301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN) as the official location for posting notice of all district meetings and announcements.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve to set dates, times, and location of regular Board Meetings for the year.

Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve to assign Knutson Flynn & Deans, PA as the District's Legal Counsel.

Motion by Bosch, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve to assign Bonander Lachlan M Law Office for local legal matters.

Motion by LaRock, second by Wysong, and carried to approve to assign Superintendent and Board Chairperson as authorized to seek assistance for District legal matters with assigned legal counsel.

Motion by Bosch, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve to authorize the Treasurer to Pay Bills.

Motion by Wysong, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve to authorize the Superintendent and Business Office to perform the duties of Treasurer.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve to authorize the Business Manager and Superintendent to make wire transfers for District Bond Payments.

Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve resolution directing the Superintendent to make recommendations for adjustments in curriculum, programs, and staff for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve resolution providing for combined polling places for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election for the year 2021.

Motion by Wysong, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve to authorize Superintendent to contract for goods and services.

Motion by Knobloch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve to authorize the Athletic Director and High School Secretary to sign checks on the student activities account.

Motion by Bosch, second by Wysong, and carried to approve to authorize the Business Manager and Athletic Director to sign checks on the Imprest account.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve to assign the Superintendent as Local Education Agency/Federal Programs Director.

Motion by Wysong, second by Bosch, and carried to approve to assign the Athletic Director, Steve Wiertzema, as the Title IX Coordinator.

Motion by Wysong, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Meeting Pay: $50.00.

Motion by LaRock, second by Rozeboom, and carried to approve Full Day Meeting Pay: $75.00.

Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Committee Pay: $50.00.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve Mileage Reimbursement for attending district meetings.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Minutes 12/23/2019.

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve Bills.

Motion by Bosch, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Mileage Reimbursement rate of 52 cents per mile for personal use of vehicle, when district vehicle is unavailable.

Motion by Wysong, second by LaRock, and carried to approve Local Control Resolution.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by LaRock, second by Bosch, and carried to approve adding additional time for special needs van route for Helen Kraayenhof-AM and Dalton Bass-PM.

Motion by LaRock, second by Knobloch, and carried to approve amending Ashley Syndergaard's hourly time reduction.

DISTRICT NON-ACTION ITEMS:

- Secondary Principal Report
- Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report
- Committee Report: Staff Development 1/8/2020 and Policy 1/13/2020

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 27
- Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 10

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Tamara Rauk, Clerk
(02-06)

Veldkamp probate

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL COURT
Court File No. 67-PR-20-19

In Re: the Estate of
Jo Ann Ruth Veldkamp,

Decedent

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated December 19, 2013. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Jim L. Veldkamp, whose address is 152 -251st Street, Jasper, Minnesota 56144, to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

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Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 01/29/2020

/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
by: /s/ Denise Nagel
temporary part-time
court operation associate

Attorney for the personal representative:
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On behalf of the Kade Nistler family we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all who reached out to us during this sad time. The food, phone calls, cards, messages, visits and hugs brought comfort to our bodies and spirit. Special thanks to Jeff Hartquist, his staff and Bogey for their kindness and guidance that was given to our family at this time of need. We are forever grateful.

Noel and Rebecca Nistler Family
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(2.1-2.6)

The Luverne BackPack Program would like to thank First Farmers and Merchants of Luverne for packing bags for the month of January, 2020. Atlas houses the BackPack food and does not charge the program. All of this is much appreciated.

Luverne BackPack Board

(2.1-2.6)

We will never be able to express our appreciation for the kindness and caring support that we received from family and many friends. Our heartfelt thanks to all the people who offered their concern, care, hugs and prayers during this difficult time. The gifts of food nourished not only our bodies but our souls as well. A special thank you to Pastor Andrew Palmquist and Bethany Lutheran Ladies Circle for the beautiful service and lunch. The Luverne Fire Department, both active and retired fireman, your kindness will forever be a comfort to us. To our angels at the Mary Jane Brown Home, The Oaks, Luverne Hospice and Sanford Hospital, your compassionate care of Ed was a great comfort to us.

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(2.6-2.8)

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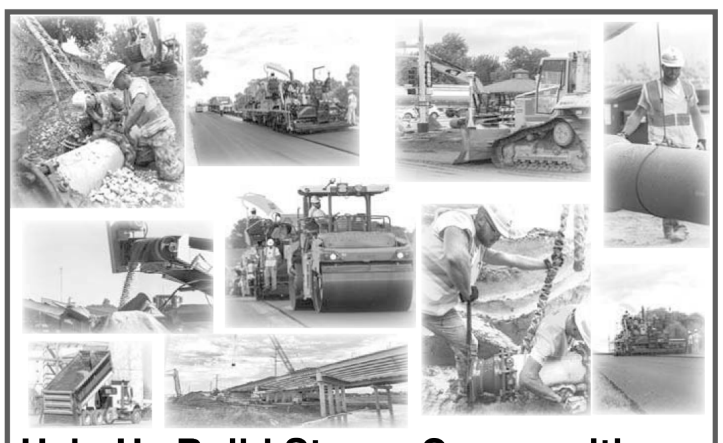
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Seniors Michelle Arevalo (left), Claire Baustian and Alexa Chesley wait for paper confetti to land on their heads, naming the Snow Week 2020 queen. The colored confetti reveals Baustian as queen while white confetti fell from the other buckets.

Oldre, Baustian chosen as LHS Snow Week king and queen



Colored confetti drops on Gunnar Oldre revealing him as Snow Week 2020 king. He's pictured below with Snow Week queen Claire Baustian Monday during Coronation in the school gym.



By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School students broke up this week's colder temperatures by embracing winter with the kickoff of Snow Week Monday.

Coronation took place Monday afternoon in the LHS gymnasium.

Vying for the queen title were Michelle Arevalo, Claire Baustian, Alexa Chesley, Anita Cole-Kraty, Madi Flom and Mela Jarchow.

King candidates were Isaiah Bartels, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Brody DeBates, Gunnar Oldre and Jordan Winter.

A fun activity, "How Well Do You Know Your Snow Week Royalty?" took place before the LHS Student Council unveiled which two students faculty had chosen to reign over the week of activities.

Two representatives each from the freshman, sophomore and junior classes answered questions naming one of the 12 candidates' names as answers.

The answer to the question, "I have been to half of the states in the U.S.," revealed the Snow Week queen as Claire Baustian.

King Gunnar Oldre fit the question, "I illegally brought potatoes into Canada."

Teachers selected the 12 seniors as Snow Week Royalty based on their positive leadership and involvement in activities during the years in high school.

Dress-up days and activities continue through the rest of the week.

'Grandpa and Lucy'

Students gain understanding of dementia through reading with Bookin' Buddies

By Mavis Fodness

At the end of each semester since 2000, the Bookin' Buddies at Luverne Elementary School share one last story and the second graders receive a free book as a parting gift.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, the second-graders in Lori Nath's and Laura Louwagie's classes received an extra book provided by the Rock County Dementia Network that organizers hope will have a lasting impact with readers.

"Grandpa and Lucy" was published in 2017 and was a Girl Scout project of Edie Weinstein, then a ninth grader at Visitation High School in St. Paul.

Weinstein's efforts earned her the Girl Scout Silver Award in honor of her efforts to educate people, particularly youth, about dementia.

Education is also a goal of the local dementia network.

"Our hope is that by introducing the second graders to the topic, they will develop empathy and understanding — especially as they get into middle school and



Mavis Fodness photo/0130 Bookin Buddies

Mary Jo Nath (left) talks with her Bookin' Buddy, second-grader Elizabeth Florey Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 22, for the last day of reading together. As a gift each student received two books including "Grandpa and Lucy" by Edie Weinstein.



Luverne Elementary second-grader Ingebjord Gangestad reads with her adult Bookin' Buddy Sharon Oksness.

participate in the adopted grandparents program at the veteran's home and Mary Jane Brown," said Carrie Soto, network president.

Weinstein became a Dementia Friend, an initiative focused on changing the perception of dementia. Part of the friend training was to understand the group's five key messages and complete at least one dementia-friendly action. For Weinstein, her action was to write a picture book.

Bookin' Buddies is a weekly reading program, which pairs community members with second graders. Each Wednesday the adults and students meet in the elementary school media center for 30 minutes of one-on-one reading time.

Copies of "Grandpa and Lucy" will also be given at the completion of the next Bookin' Buddies in May.

The Rock County Dementia Group received a $1,000 grant through the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging to purchase and distribute 100 books to the current second grade class.

"We do plan on seeking funding to ensure it can continue in coming years," Soto said.

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