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School to resume on time for 2020-21 year

Board decides not to work classes around construction schedule

By Mavis Fodness

At their workshop Thursday night, Feb. 6, the Luverne School Board and administration agreed that the 2020-21 school year should start on schedule with other Minnesota schools the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Classes this current school year began Sept. 16, two weeks after Labor Day, in order to give construction workers more time at the school before staff and students returned.

The previous school year ended May 17, allowing a summer break of four months for construction.

This coming school year, construction will work around the school schedule.

"We didn't make enough movement in the construction process (with the longer summer schedule)," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

For the 2020-21 school year, the start date is Sept. 8.

Board members will approve school day hours, vacations, in-service dates, graduation date, and the last day of school no later than at the April 23 meeting.

Until then, several calendar options were discussed at the workshop.

Start times varied from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., the later time suggested by high school principal Ryan Johnson.

"Research says to give kids the more sleep time the better," he said.

The school day would end at 3:15 or 3:30 p.m.

For two years, classes began at 8 a.m. and ended at 3:30 p.m.

The extra half hour a day allowed for the school year to end in early to mid-May to provide for more construction time.

For the longer school days, the middle-high school adopted a program called Flex Time, which allowed students and staff a half hour a day for student enrichment activities, making up tests or seeking additional study help.

Johnson said after the meeting that the middle-high school would consider keeping Flex Time, adopting the program to a normal school day schedule.

Because Thursday's meeting was a work session, board members did not take formal action on calendar options.

The board's next regularly scheduled meeting is Feb. 27 with community input at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.



Conditions right for 'rime' frost

Mavis Fodness photo/0213 Frost Feb 10

Monday morning's fog and wind conditions allowed rime ice to form on area trees and other outdoor fixtures. Rime ice forms when small water droplets build up as they freeze on contact. Meteorologist Lance VandenBoogart said Monday's conditions were perfect for the rime ice to form. "You did have some fog in the area," he said. Rime ice grows toward a prevailing wind unlike hoar frost, which generally won't form on a windy day. Hoar frost is the buildup of ice in delicate feather shapes when water vapor in the air condenses as ice on a surface. This photograph was taken Monday morning of the Dan and Lisa Niemeyer acreage east of Hardwick. Below are Monday morning images from River Road east of Luverne.



Lori Sorenson photo/0213 frost



Lori Sorenson photo

LEDA reviews plans for Phase 3 of Luverne Loop

By Lori Sorenson

Construction will begin this summer on the third phase of Luverne's Loop path, according to discussion at the Luverne Economic Development Authority meeting Monday morning.

EDA director Holly Sammons said a bid letting date has been set for March 4 and work will likely begin in June on the portion of the path that intersects at Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue.

The next portion of the trail crosses East Main Street on the west side of the Rock River Bridge and follows the Redbird Field driveway and through green space between the backfield and the river.

"This area could be used for trailhead parking," she said. "This at least offers two points of access from the north and south."

The Loop will continue south and cross the railroad tracks. It will

follow the south side of the tracks in green space around the base of the wellhead before it ends at an elbow near the Rock River.

"This is some nice green space that no one really knows about unless you happen to be down here," Sammons said, pointing toward the area where the treated effluent from the wastewater treatment plant discharges into the river.

"It's kind of a nice elbow in the

river where you have a really good perspective for bird watching and for the water and we're going to call this a rest point on the trail."

Until the rest of Phase 3 is completed further south, this will also be the turnaround point for hikers and bicyclists.

"It will be its own little destination in itself," Sammons said. "If you make

Luverne Loop plan/see page 5

Palace tour takes visitors back in time

By Lori Sorenson

Nooks and crannies, hidden portals, a trap door, narrow, winding stairwells, a rooftop lookout tower ... all were featured on a recent backstage tour of the Historic Palace Theatre in Luverne Thursday.

The Palace was this month's featured business for the Luverne Area Chamber's series of "Love the Business" gatherings, and director Shawn Kinsinger took a small group down stairs, through the basement dressing rooms, back out through the orchestra pit and upstairs to the ballroom and museum.

Along the way he shared information with fellow Chamber

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Lori Sorenson photo/0213 palace tour wide

Palace Theatre director Shawn Kinsinger (far left) leads a small group of Chamber members on tour of the historic building Thursday morning, Feb. 6.

Deputy union settles with county administration

By Mavis Fodness

A three-year wage and benefits agreement was accepted Feb. 4 between Rock County commissioners and the Deputy Sheriffs' union.

The deputies will receive a 2-percent cost of living adjustment this year followed by 3.25 percent in 2021 and 3.25 percent again in 2022.

A \$25 a month health insurance contribution will occur each year.

The county and union negotiators avoided mediation.

As part of the agreement, Rock County deputies will use cell phones purchased by the county

while they are on duty.

Commissioners approve development of EDA

In other business, commissioners also approved the by-laws for the newly formed nine-person Rock County Economic Development Authority.

At the EDA's first meeting officers were elected.

David Riphagen of Luverne will serve as president.

Tim Gust, Luverne, is vice president.

Keith Elbers, Hills, is secretary.

Ashley Kurtz, Rock County auditor, is the EDA's treasurer.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Compassionate Friends will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Monday, Feb. 17, at Coffey Contemporary Arts Luverne**, for those have dealt with the loss of a child. Especially invited are parents, grandparents and siblings (teens or older) Contact Pat Saum, psaum@iw.net with questions. See Facebook for weather-related changes.

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 or 507-283-2964.

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.

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 Hall, Edgerton. Call 507-215-2956.

Generations activities

Generations is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with activities and refreshments. Feb. 13 will be Bingo and Fast Track. The Valentine's Day activity on Friday, Feb. 14, will be music by Ron and Jane Cote.

Sign up by Feb. 14 for Jigsaw 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. Entry forms and fees must be received by Feb. 14. Call Renee at 507-220-3393 with questions.

Farmers ARC/PLC decision-making assistance Feb. 18

Farmers are encouraged to attend the ARC/PLC Decision-Making Assistance Meeting from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 18, in Room 103 of the Minnesota West Pipestone Campus, 1314 North Hiawatha Avenue in Pipestone. Those who plan to attend should pick up a copy of their 156EZ form at their local FSA office which will include their information to help run their own scenario in the computer lab after the initial presentation.

Free tax help at library

Free tax preparation for all low-income and the elderly will be available at the Rock County Library 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.

'Night of Prayer and Worship' March 1

A special faith community gathering of Christians will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds donated to a local charitable cause.

Next dental health clinic March 4

The next dental health clinic providing dental care for children and young adults from 0-26 will be Wednesday, March 4, at Rock County Health and Human Services building. To schedule an appointment, stop in or call 612-746-1530. All forms of insurance are accepted. (Organized by #Luv1LuvAll's Rock County Oral Health Task Force.) Another dental health clinic is scheduled for April 1.

Three H-BC FFA'ers earn free blue jackets

By Mavis Fodness

Freshmen Collin Schone- man, Sophia VanSurksum and Joshua Wiersema recently received the traditional cordu- roy blue jackets of active FFA members.

While members typically buy the official FFA garment, the three Hills-Beaver Creek High School students received their jackets free through the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

Each year the Foundation organizes the Blue Jackets Bright Futures program, which provides FFA jackets to youth who are starting their FFA careers.

Fall 2019 marked the 12th year the foundation distrib- uted \$85 jackets.

The jackets come per- sonalized with the student's name embroidered on front with the official FFA emblem and chapter name on the back.

An interest in agriculture led the three students to join the H-BC chapter.

VanSurksum said she is interested in an ag career along with the leadership opportuni- ties FFA provides, which she still views as male-dominated.

"It doesn't always have to be the boys involved in farm- ing and FFA," she said.

Small animal production is an interest of VanSurksum's and she has plans to explore various ag careers as her su- pervised agricultural experi- ence project.



Mavis Fodness photo/0213 HBC FFA Jackets

Hills-Beaver Creek High School FFA'ers (from left) Joshua Wiersema, Sophia VanSurksum and Collin Schoneman display the free corduroy jackets they earned through a future leaders application sponsored by the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

Her fellow FFA'ers share an interest in career exploration. "I like agriculture," Wiersema said.

He plans to explore swine production for his SAE.

Schone- man's interest in firearms is leading to a pos- sible entrepreneurship in gun refurbishing. He's already completed four projects.

Adviser Katie Rogers said

the blue jackets are much more than a necessary garment for members to wear at regional, state and national FFA leader- ship and career development activities.

"To me the blue jacket is a symbol of the future in agricul- ture," she said. "As an adviser, I get to see my students excel and compete in events while wearing it."

The blue jackets are iden- tical among high school and college chapters nationwide.

"The jacket connects each of them in common beliefs and pursuits. I actually received my first jacket through the Blue Jackets Bright Futures program when I was in high school," she said. "This program means a lot to me personally and as an adviser."

USDA issues third tranche of 2019 MFP payments

At the direction of Presi- dent Donald J. Trump, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the third and final tranche of 2019 Mar- ket Facilitation Program (MFP) payments aimed at assisting farmers suffering from dam- age due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations.

The payments will begin to show up in farmers' bank ac- counts by the end of this week. "It's been a great start to 2020 for American agriculture with the signing of the historic Phase One Deal with China and the signing of USMCA," said Secretary Perdue.

Details regarding third tranche of 2019 MFP payments

Payments will be made by FSA to producers of sev- eral commodities including alfalfa hay, barley, corn, oats, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. MFP as- sistance for these non-specialty crops is based on a single county payment rate multi- plied by a farm's total plant- ings of MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019.

Those per-acre payments are not dependent on which of these crops are planted in 2019. A producer's total payment- el- igible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. County payment rates range from \$15 to \$150 per acre, depending on the impact of unjustified trade retaliation in that county.

Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundred- weight payment on Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) pro- duction history, and hog pro- ducers will receive a payment

based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

Acreage of non-specialty crops and cover crops had to be planted by Aug. 1, 2019, to be considered eligible for MFP payments.

Per-acre non-specialty crop county payment rates, specialty crop payment rates, and livestock payment rates are all currently available on farmers.gov.

This is the final of three tranches of MFP payments. The first tranche was com- prised of the higher of either 50 percent of a producer's calculated payment or \$15 per acre, which may reduce potential payments to be made in tranche three. The second tranche was 25 percent of the total payment expected, in ad- dition to the 50 percent from the first tranche.

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no ap- plicant can receive more than \$500,000. Eligible applicants must also have an average ad- justed gross income (AGI) for tax years 2015, 2016, and 2017 of less than \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent of the person's or legal entity's AGI is derived from farming, ranching, or

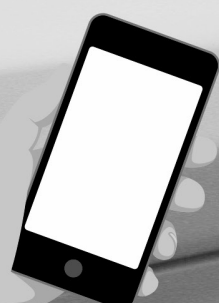
forestry-related activities. Ap- plicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

Many producers were affected by natural disasters this spring, such as flooding, that kept them out of the field for extended periods of time. Producers who filed a prevented planting claim and planted an FSA-certified cover crop, with the potential to be harvested qualify for a \$15 per acre payment. Acres that were never planted in 2019 are not eligible for an MFP payment.

In June, H.R. 2157, the Additional Supplemental Ap- propriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019, was signed into law by President Trump, requiring a change to the first round of MFP assistance provided in 2018.

Producers previously deemed ineligible for MFP in 2018 because they had an average AGI level higher than \$900,000 may now be eligible for 2018 MFP benefits. Those producers must be able to verify 75 percent or more of their average AGI was derived from farming and ranching to qualify. This supplemen- tal MFP signup period will run parallel to the 2019 MFP signup, from July 29 through December 6, 2019.

For more information on the MFP, visit www.farmers.gov/mfp or contact your local FSA office, which can be found at www.farmers.gov.



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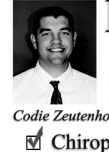
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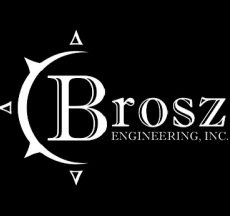
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Trees to be removed in Hills from area around Hugo Goehle gym

By Mavis Fodness

Eleven ash trees located around the former Hills-Beaver Creek High School gymnasium will be removed and the other 15 trees examined for healthiness.

The H-BC building committee recommended the action at their Wednesday, Feb. 5, meeting.

Mike Davis of Luverne will remove the trees and the stumps for \$1,195.

“It will give the other trees a chance,” he said.

The majority of the 11 trees to be removed are dead or have cracked trunks. The removal of those trees will provide better light and growing conditions for the other healthier trees nearby.

The trees are of varying ages.

“We are thinking some of the trees could be original to the Goehle gym,” said Superintendent Todd Holthaus.

The former school was built in 1921.

In exchange for the removal of trees at the Hugo Goehle gymnasium, a wind-break will be planted at the high school on the northwest edge of Hills.

Holthaus, building committee members Tim Bosch, Ethan Rozeboom and Dan LaRock, along with grounds director Chris Harnack discussed the Jan. 17 blizzard.

The blowing snow from the open areas around the high school blew snow over the entrance to the south-facing school parking lot.

Harnack explained that the large snowdrifts that formed from the northwesterly winds would have hindered any emergency vehicle response to the school.

School was not in session Jan. 17.

The new grove on the northwest side of school is intended to hold snow away from the street to the school.

The new grove of evergreen and willow trees will also hinder erosion from the school property to the nearby waterway.

The new trees will be ordered through the Rock County Land Management Office in Luverne.

H-BC School Board canceled their planned Feb. 10 school board meeting.

The board next meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24.

Community Education announces classes

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

Defensive Driving refresher classes will be March 26 and March 30.

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

ACT Prep Class for area juniors and seniors will meet five nights beginning Feb. 24. Fee is \$125. Register by Feb. 14.

Managing Your Low Back Pain will be at noon Feb. 19. Bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided. Cost is \$5.

Pizza, Pizza, Pizza will be Feb. 24 for students in grades 1-5 who want to learn how to make a pizza from the pros. Class will be at Pizza Ranch. Cost is \$15 to cover pop, pizza and an apron to take home.

Indoor Play for children 0-5 with parents is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2. No fee, but must register.

Eco Therapy/ Mindfulness will be March 2 at 7 p.m. at CE Room 802. #Luv1LuvAll's mental health focus group will be offering Brain Health/Mental Wellness Educational Sessions on the first Mondays of the month. Please register for this free class. Continuing ed credit forms will be available.

Softball Pitchers Catchers Camp for girls in grades 3-8 will meet three Thursdays beginning March 5. Fee is \$20 paid by Feb. 26.

Learn the game of Pickleball will be March 7 for a fee of \$5. Play pickleball Mon/Wed/Fri mornings and/or Thursday evenings through April 10. Fee is \$20.

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

Join the **ECFE classes** – a time for parents to create memories with their children ages 0-5. Staff prepare fun activities for children to do in the preschool rooms and present educational/developmental information for parents.

Discovery Time Preschool classes have openings this winter. Early Learning scholarships are available to families who qualify.

Census Information is needed for preschool children in families new to the community. In order for the district to connect with families about school events and the state-mandated preschool screening for all 3-year-old children. Families with 4-year-old children who have not been screened should call 283-4724 to be screened prior to kindergarten.

Extension releases 2020 Farm Resource Guide

Dave Bau, Extension Educator, Ag Business

The Farm Resource Guide for 2020 is now available at many University of Minnesota Extension County offices across the state.

This resource guide includes a wide variety of useful information including:

- Custom rates — what to charge for planting etc.
- Average farmland rental rates by county from two sources with projections for 2020.
- Flexible rental agreements with examples of how they work and how they have worked in past.
- Lease forms for cash rent and share rent arrangements.
- Farmland sales information for all counties in Minnesota listing current average ag sales.
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- Marketing information with recent cost trends for.

• Commodity price probabilities for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, straw, grass hay, hogs and cattle

• Corn and soybean yields by county with USDA county yields used for calculating the farm bill payments

• Feedlot rule highlights with information on manure agreement and easements

• Manure spreading lease examples and land application agreements.

The guide is available via e-mail for a \$25 fee plus postage and sales tax. CD cost \$29 or hard copy cost \$31. Or call at 507-372-3900 ext. 3906.



Lori Sorenson photos/0213 palace tour

Palace Director Shawn Kinsinger (right) talks in the former Palace ballroom on the second floor about what it was once like. The room at one time was twice the size to accommodate large dances and live bands. “Herman and Maude used to have parties up here all the time,” he said. “They were the Kardashians of Luverne during their time. A party didn’t go down unless they had something to do with it,” Kinsinger said. “Before the walls went up and false ceilings, the ballroom was quite large. ... And they would throw ragers in here, usually til 2 or 3 in the morning.”

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members about attendance at local shows, appreciation of Palace by visitors and the importance of the historic gem to the strength of the community.

“We have a wonderful, wonderful little theater district right here. It just feels like Luverne is built for this kind of thing,” he said.

“Sterling’s is across the street, Lord Grizzly right over there, Pizza Ranch for families to have a meal, Take 16 down the road here and Bluestem for people coming in off the interstate.”

The Feb. 1 Buddy Holly Show was a good example of the quality entertainment offered at the Palace, Kinsinger said about the nearly sold-out show.

“What you saw on stage Saturday night I’d put it up against pretty much anything else you’d find in any other theater as far as quality goes,” he said.

“What we do here is exactly the kind of thing you’d see on the stage of a theater in cities, Sioux Falls or big-time theaters ... that’s what we’re doing in Luverne.”

Of the 52 weeks in a year, Kinsinger said four to six weeks feature live events and the rest are movies.

He said he’s noticed increased traffic to the Palace from people out of town, especially Sioux Falls.

“We’re building a little bit of a following and momentum,” Kinsinger said. “People coming in from Sioux Falls who love the theater love the fact that you can park the car, have dinner, walk right across the street to the theater and have cocktails after the show.”

He said people have noted that it’s convenient to take in all that entertainment all in one place.

“It’s real close and all compact,” Kinsinger said. “They’re spreading the word that it’s a great venue a half hour down the interstate and you’re getting small-town prices, which is a huge advantage for us.”



Palace Director Shawn Kinsinger (right) shows the height of the ceiling on the Palace stage behind the curtain where the backdrops hang 20 to 30 feet overhead. Some of them, he said, are over 100 years old. **Below**, he shows where entertainers accessed dressing rooms below the stage and could re-enter through a small passage that comes out in the former orchestra pit in the theater area.



He told the story about a family of eight that attended a movie at the Palace and remarked about the affordability of the outing. They were expecting to drop well



over \$200, but they spent far less than that and their concessions money went a lot farther than it would have

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The dropped ceiling over the former ballroom is now a storage area, but this photograph shows the ornate style the party room once had. At right is one of the lower level dressing rooms that appears much like it did decades ago.





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At least that's how I understand it.

When my driver's license renewal notice arrived in December, I realized this was my chance to upgrade to my "real" ID.

I had two months until my February birthday to get it all figured out. I could probably get it done online.

I'd have my new, super-powerful REAL ID driver's license in plenty of time.

December was busy. In January, work was even busier. As they say, time flies when you're having fun.

And then about two weeks ago I realized it was almost February. I hadn't even started the process of renewing my license.

It was time to take action. REAL action.

So I brought the renewal postcard to work and put it right next to my keyboard.

I would surely get going on the process with that constant reminder.

And then another week and a half passed.

Finally, this weekend I realized I was down to about a week and I couldn't wait any longer.

I gathered the courage to actually log in to the state website to begin renewing my license and obtaining my REAL ID.

After a few minutes, I realized the state means real business with this REAL ID.



IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

I have to actually go to the courthouse. I was going to need my Social Security card. I was even going to need my birth certificate.

Are they for real? Do people really know where their birth certificates are at all times?

I was in real trouble. Let's just say my system of organizing personalized government documents that are used a few times in a lifetime is not flawless.

I had my Social Security card, but that's because I went to the Social Security office to get a replacement four years ago when I started a new job.

My birth certificate was a similar story. After looking in a few places, I quickly realized a replacement will also be needed.

So, I desperately called our local courthouse.

The friendly worker informed me that with a driver's license, a completed form and about \$25 cash or check, I could have a new birth certificate.

And, as I write this column on Monday, that's where the process stands.

My plan is to go to the courthouse after work tomorrow, first to get my replacement birth certificate and then to venture into another office to renew my license and get my REAL ID.

It will be a real process. And if it all works, I will be really relieved.

Either way, I may need a real vacation.

If I have my REAL ID.

Rock County tops the list of REAL ID-compliant cardholders at nearly 22 percent

Nearly 22 percent of Rock County driver's license or ID cardholders are REAL ID ready, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services division.

As of Jan. 30, 1,652 Rock County residents or 21.80 percent of the total license and ID cardholders have completed the necessary steps for the enhanced driver's license or ID card.

Pope County is ranked last out of the state's 87 counties with 4.96 percent or 463 people, bringing the state average to 12.04 percent or 567,543 Minnesotans who are REAL ID ready.

Our neighbors in Cottonwood County are at No. 5 on the compliance list followed by No. 11 Murray County, No. 17 Jackson County, No. 20 Pipestone County and No. 55 Nobles County.

Our percentages in Rock County show that we understand the necessity for the enhanced identification laws and want to comply, whether or not we use our licenses for the intended enhancements (airline travel and entering federal buildings, for example).

Our local Department of Motor Vehicles staff can be credited

for helping customers through the REAL ID application process.

Despite the seemingly complicated application process, we are getting the job done.

Beginning Oct. 1, Minnesotans will not be able to use their standard driver's licenses or ID cards to board domestic flights or enter federal facilities.

Airlines will require travelers without a REAL ID to have a passport to step on a plane.

However, the standard driver's license is still valid for lawful driving privileges.

Minnesota is one of the last states to implement the enhanced identification documentation requirements as a result of the REAL ID Act of 2005, a federal act establishing uniform minimum standards for issuance of state identifications including driver's

licenses.

The act came in response to federal anti-terrorism and regulations that control access to commercial aircraft and federal facilities.

What makes the REAL ID special is the tiny microchip attached to the card. Authorized individuals can access biographic and biometric data about the person presenting the card through a special reader. The ID card also includes the same information.

To apply for a REAL ID, a person must have a birth certificate, proof of Social Security number and now, just one document for proof of residency.

There are currently 5,936 licenses in Rock County that are not REAL ID compliant — yet.

Let's keep Rock County at the top of the ID card data list and show St. Paul officials that we take our country's security seriously.



Johnson: All dogs are pets first

To the Editor:

It was with great dismay that I read Scott Rall's column, "When Choosing a Lab Puppy, Research Hip Genetics First." This column not only suggests that hunting dogs cannot be pets, but that they are also a waste of time should they fail to perform.

As an owner of both an occasional-hunting hunting dog and a rescue, I am here to inform you that they are pets first. I've seen firsthand the failure of owners to continue to care for and

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love their ex-hunting dogs.

It was appalling to read the sentence, "Once the kids fall in love with the dog, it's a very bad time to figure out it has a bad wheel."

Please respect the animal, re-

gardless of whether it is a working dog, a show dog or a companion. At the end of the day, they deserve to be a part of your family.

Jacqueline Johnson
Luverne



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

A valentine worth remembering

Friday is Valentine's Day. Truth be told, that is not one of my favorite days. Valentine's Day puts undue pressure on me to be romantic — not one of my strong suits.

I can be compassionate, caring and downright sentimental, but romantic not so much.

To make matters worse, Mary will find herself sitting in the dentist's chair to start her day.

In the past, I've done the standard Valentine gift giving such as candy, card, flowers and the jewelry thing, and no doubt I've even taken her out for dinner. But this year, as luck would have it, Valentine's Day coincides with the annual Pheasant Fest held in

Minneapolis.

So my plan is ... after the tooth doctor, I'll whisk her off to the big city for a day of blaze orange, shotguns, hunting dogs and all things pheasant hunting. What more could a girl ask for?

I know you're probably saying to yourself, "Poor Mary. First the dentist, then a hunting convention." I know you're probably thinking this is a little selfish on my part, but my thought is that if Mary sees how much I am enjoying Pheasant Fest, she'll feel in a roundabout way very pleased that I am happy, thus making her happy.

See? In the end, it's probably one of the best Valentine gifts I could give her.

Happy Valentine's Day, Mary.

Soto: SA bell ringers raise \$6,000 for use locally

To the Editor:

As Kettle Coordinator for the Salvation Army, I want to express my gratitude to those who gave so generously over the past holiday season. There was a shorter time frame for ringing and raising money this year, but that didn't prevent people from giving of the finances and their time.

Together we raised nearly \$6,000. What is so wonderful about that is that all the money raised here stays here to assist individuals and families in crisis with things like heating and rental

assistance, vehicle repairs or gas so they can get where they need to be.

Sunshine Foods allowed us to have our large kettle in the store along with our volunteer bell ringers, and Bomgaars and Luverne Ace allowed us to have smaller kettles at their checkouts. In addition, Minnwest Bank and Patti Wieneke collected from the kettles and handled the accounts.

We have dedicated bell ringers who spend many hours ringing the bells and sharing cheerful smiles.

They are amazing and truly make the campaign possible.

I would also like to thank all those who give. Every dollar makes an impact and we are truly grateful for community generosity. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone for making this campaign a success.

Carrie Soto, Luverne
Red Kettle Campaign Coordinator,
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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

- Jan. 31**
- Deputy reported suspicious vehicle on Cedar Street and Main Street.
 - Complainant on 221st Street, Jasper, reported suspicious activity.
- Feb. 1**
- Deputyreportedan open door on N. Freeman Avenue.
 - Complainant on N. Blue Mound Avenue reported subject passed away.
 - Deputywasrequestedfor property exchange in Steen.
 - Complainant on 115th Street reported suspicious activity at location.
 - Complainant reported erratic driver on I-90 east-bound at mile marker 7.
 - Debris was reported on roadway at location on 181st Street.
- Feb. 2**
- Deputy reported suspiciousactivityonHattingStreet and S. Kniss Avenue.
 - Deputy out with suspicious vehicle on W. Main Street.
- Feb. 3**
- Deputy was requested to assist city office on W. Mead Court.
 - Complainant in San Bernadino reported subject with Rock County warrant.
- Feb. 4**
- Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue requested a vehicle unlock.
 - Complainant on Sioux Valley Drive found a disabled person parking placard.
 - Complainant in Kenneth reported possible medical assistance at location.
 - Complainant reported a possible drunk driver.
 - Complainant on W. Luverne Street reported an ac-

- cident with property damage.
 - Subject with Rock County warrant at location.
- Feb. 5**
- Complainant on N. Broadway Street, Magnolia, reported a garbage issue.
 - Complainant on W. Crawford Street reported a civil issue.
 - Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
- Feb. 6**
- Suspicious vehicle was reported on E. Luverne Street.
 - Complainant on E. WarrenStreetconductedawarrant check.
 - Complainant on W. Hatting Street reported an attempted break-in.
 - Complainant on S. Kniss Avenue and Hatting Street reported a stop sign knocked over at location.
 - Complainant west-bound on Interstate 90, mile marker 5, Beaver Creek, reported an accident and it was blocking the interstate.
 - Complainant on Interstate90,milemarker4, Beaver Creek, reported an accident and blocking interstate.
 - Complainant on I-90, mile marker 4, near Beaver Creek reported an accident.
 - ComplainantonN. Kniss Avenue reported a commercial fire alarm.
- In addition, officers responded to 2 vehicles in the ditch, 2 follow-ups, 2 transports, 9escorts, 22ambulance runs, 1 animal complaint, 9 paper services, 1 fingerprint request, 15 burn permits, 1 vehicle impound, 7 purchase and carry permits, 40 traffic stops, 10abandoned911 calls, 2 tests, 3 welfare checks, 1 report of cattle being out and 1 background check.

BBB warns United States' tax season is here, and so are the scammers

Con artists are using the Social Security numbers of unsuspecting Americans to file phony tax returns and steal their refunds

The Federal Trade Commission's Tax Identity Theft Awareness task force reminds citizens to be on the lookout for this and other tax season scams.

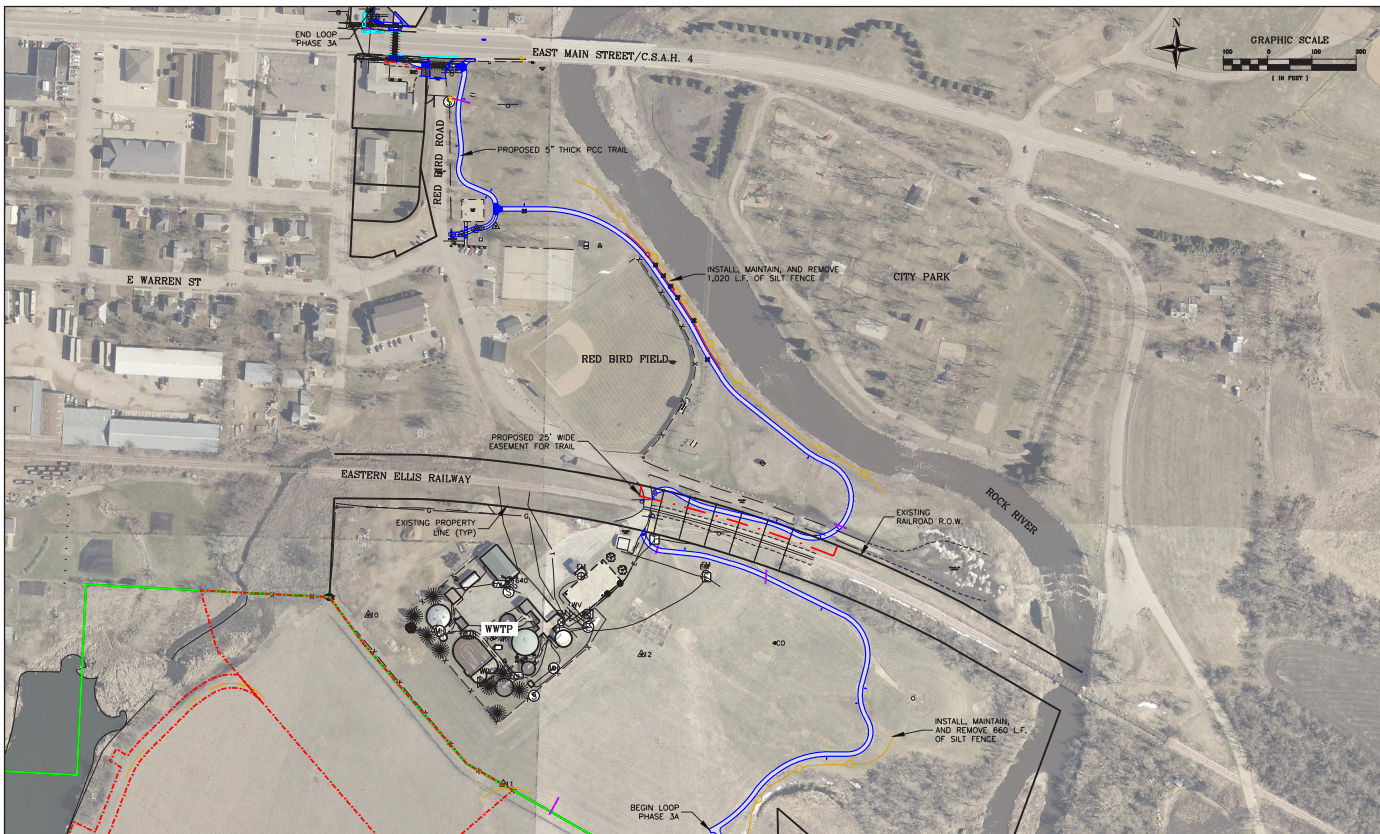
How the scam works

You file your taxes as normal and expect a refund from the IRS. Instead, you get a written IRS notice saying that more than one tax return was filed using your Social Security number. What happened? Scammers got ahold of your personal information, such as your Social Security number, address and birth date. They filed your return early and received your refund before you even got around to filing. Tax ID theft is a particularly sneaky con because victims typically don't realize they've been targeted until they try to file their taxes for real. Scammers steal your tax information in several ways. You may have fallen for a phishing scam at an earlier time, used a corrupt tax preparation service, or had your information exposed in a hack or data breach. Sometimes tax scammers file in the name of a deceased person or steal children's identities to claim them as dependents.

How to avoid tax ID theft scams:

- File early. The best way to avoid tax identity theft is to file your taxes as early as possible, before a scammer has the chance to use your information.
- Watch out for red flags. If you receive written notice from the IRS about a duplicate return, respond promptly. You may also receive an IRS notice stating that you've received wages

- from somewhere you never worked, or receive other notices that don't actually apply to you.
 - Another big red flag is if you receive a notice that "you owe additional tax, refund offset or have had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return" (IRS). Contact the IRS directly at 800-908-4490 if you have any suspicions that a return has been filed in your name.
 - Protect your Social Security number. Don't give out your SSN unless there's a good reason, and you're sure who you're giving it to. Don't even type it into messaging services to share with your forgetful spouse; you don't want it to be discovered later, either.
 - Research your tax preparer. Make sure your tax preparer is trustworthy before handing over your personal information.
 - Consider getting an Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN). This is a six-digit number, which, in addition to your Social Security number, confirms your identity. Once you apply, you must provide the IP Pin each year when you file your federal tax returns. Visit IRS.gov for more information.
- If you are the victim of tax identity theft in the U.S., you should contact the IRS and also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC also offers a personalized identity theft recovery plan at identity-theft.gov. If you've been targeted by this or another scam, help others avoid the same problem by reporting your experience to BBB.org/ScamTracker.



Preliminary plans show where the Loop will jog east along Main Street and then cross the road toward Redbird Field.

Luverne Loop Phase 3 planning/continued from page 1

it all the way out here to a dead end, you're not going to be disappointed. It's still a very pleasant view."

Phase 3A plans and specifications are being finalized this week, bid opening will be the beginning of March, and after archeological clearance is granted, construction will start in June with completion expected possibly by October.

Phase 3A — about three-quarters of a mile — of the Loop is estimated to cost \$584,000, which will be offset by a \$150,000 Local Trail Connections grant. Sammons said the final phase of Loop construction was divided into two parts because it's the largest and costliest section of the overall 7-mile loop in town.

"We decided to split it in half and go for two grant opportunities," she said. Planning is underway for the final section of the trail yet to be completed. Staff is pursuing grant opportunities in hopes of securing some type of grant funding to assist in completion of the trail project.

Final leg of project will complete Loop at Hatting and Highway 75

The second part of Phase 3 will continue the trail southward through property the city purchased from Warren Baker, and it will connect with Hatting Street south of the fairgrounds before meeting at Highway 75 where Phase 2 of the Loop currently ends.

The Baker land was in a perpetual conservation easement, and the city petitioned the Board of Water and Soil Resources to release a five-acre segment of the easement.

Four acres were needed for the city's wastewater treatment expansion and one acre is for the trail.

The 10-foot-wide trail has a 10-foot easement on each side, making it a 30-foot-wide corridor that comprises roughly one acre through the property that's permanently enrolled in Reinvest in Minnesota.

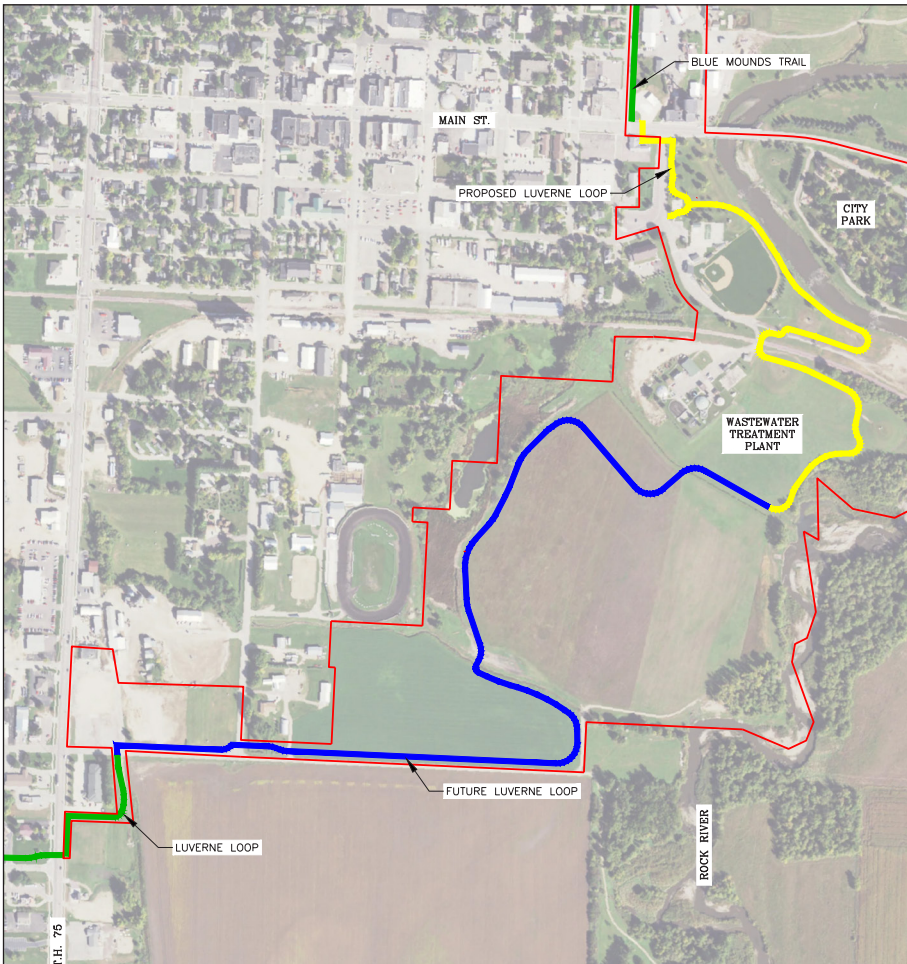
"We're going through the legal process right now with the BWSR Board, and once that is cleared it really opens up possibilities for grants for Phase 3B. Sammons said she's planning to apply for a large grant through the Minnesota Legacy Fund.

"It's very competitive," she said. "You have to be a trail of regional significance (the Loop has this designation) to qualify, and the feedback I've gotten is that they like to fund projects that are nearing completion."

She said Legacy Funds can also be used for trailhead amenities such as signage, parking, water, bike racks, repair stations, shade, picnic tables and shelters.

In addition, Sammons said the former Casey's corner will be the primary trailhead at the confluence of the Blue Mound Trail and Luverne Loop.

"It's city-owned property that offers a great marketing opportunity



The portion of Phase 3 of the Luverne Loop that's funded to date is the lighter color, and the rest is marked in blue. Phase 3 was split in two parts since it's the longest and most costly segment of the trail, and funding for each part will comprise separate grant applications.

for signage to market Luverne as a bike-friendly and pedestrian-friendly community," Sammons said.

In addition to other amenities, it will have a map of the Loop.

"If someone's coming from the State Park to this intersection, how are they going to know if there is a Luverne Loop and how you get on it," Sammons said, adding that directional and wayfinding signs will eventually be placed strategically along all portions of the trail.

"We are doing an assessment right now to determine where those decision points might be."

Loop connects with Blue Mound Trail for 13 miles of continuous path

The Luverne Loop, when complete, will be 7 miles long, and it connects to the 6-mile Blue Mound Trail that carries hikers and bikers to the Blue Mounds State Park.

Phase 1, completed in 2016, is 1.5 miles from Veterans Memorial Pond across Highway 75 to the west edge of the city and then south along the school ball fields to Dodge Street.

Phase 2 is a 1.6-mile segment that continues south of Dodge Street past The Lake and then east past the ice arena to Highway 75.

Phases 1 and 2 circle the city's northwest and west side, currently

ending at the intersection of Gabrielson Road at South Highway 75.

Phase 3 will complete the Loop and connect with the Blue Mound Trail at the intersection of East Main Street and Blue Mound Avenue.

Total Loop construction is estimated at nearly \$2 million, with a good share of the costs being covered by state and federal grants.

Future Loop work

Sammons said Loop planning involves a wider, long-term goal of maintenance and improvements.

"I'm learning that trails are never a once and done project. They are continually evolving and we have to stay vigilant."

Some future work on earlier portions of the trail could include widening the narrow sidewalk portions near the hospital and Veterans Pond.

"A long-term goal would be to work with the county and get the Blue Mound Trail widened, but that's maybe a decade out, but that's something we should start discussing," Sammons said.

"Once we have a Loop trail done, people are already dreaming about connections to other places ... It's an ongoing project with a long-term vision. It takes a lot of time and a lot of money, but it's really exciting that we're nearing the finish line."

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The Luverne High School speech team competed in Minneota Saturday. Earning awards were (front, left) Alexa Chesley, Nicole Hoogland, Chance Tunnissen, Seno Chanthalangsy, Melanie Rittenhouse, (second) Sophia Lanoue, Luke Thorson, Xavier Carbonneau, Meagan Hansen, Parker Carbonneau, (third) Katherine Pizel, Mia Wenzel, Hannah Baker, Rylee Anderson, (back) Josie Golla and Jonah Louwagie. The team’s next meeting is Saturday in Luverne.

Luverne speech team claims victory

Local team tops field with help of double entrants

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne High School speech team captured the first-place team trophy Saturday at the Vikings Invitational in Minneota. Twenty-five Cardinals competed at the event with three students double-entered at the meet, which featured 200 other speakers in three rounds of competition. Categories, participants and awards are as follows: •Creative expression: Meagan Hansen, fourth. •Discussion: Alexa Chesley, first; Melanie Rittenhouse, ribbon.

•Dramatic duo: Josie Golla and Mia Wenzel, fifth. •Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, third. •Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first; Parker Carbonneau, fourth. •Great speeches: Rylee Anderson, fourth. •Humorous: Seno Chanthalangsy, second; Luke Thorson, fifth. •Original oratory: Sophia Lanoue, fifth; Katherine Pizel, ribbon. •Prose: Josie Golla, fifth. •Storytelling: Xavier Carbonneau, second; Hannah Baker, third; Jonah Louwagie, fourth.

‘Coach Folkestad and I are excited to see how this helps them grow.’

— Caroline Thorson

Junior Josie Golla, sophomore Mia Wenzel and junior Destiny Matthiesen competed in the two-person events in addition to their individual categories. “Although it may sound contradictory, trying a different category can help one improve in differentiation of movement or use of voice

that can often become repetitive or stale in a category they have done for several years,” said coach Caroline Thorson. “Coach (Gavin) Folkestad and I are excited to see how this helps them grow.” Golla and Wenzel competed in dramatic duo as well as individually in prose

and poetry respectively. Matthiesen and her brother, Chase (a seventh-grader who is competing in his first year), were also in dramatic duo. Destiny competed in extemporaneous reading, which she has excelled in over the years, according to Thorson. However, competing in

two events means double the practice and double the memorization. “Double-entering isn’t for everyone,” Thorson added. “The student has to be able to handle the responsibility of double the work and the stress of competing back-to-back in rounds where he/she has to compete and get to his/her room to perform, sometimes immediately upon arrival.” Luverne hosts its own speech invitational Saturday at the middle-high school. The event is open to the public.

CELEBRATIONS

Card showers

David and Bev Wessels will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 13. Greetings may be sent to them at 1389 45th St., Steen, MN 56173.

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.

GENERATIONS MENU

Monday, Feb. 17: Creamed chicken with biscuit, vegetables, oranges, cookie. Program: 8:30 a.m. Quilting; 9 a.m. Bone Builders.

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato wedges, baked beans, mandarin oranges. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Security Savings Bank. 1-4 p.m. Travel Talk – ALASKA.

Wednesday, Feb. 19:

Cubed beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cinnamon apples, breadstick. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. 12:30 p.m. Site Council.

Thursday, Feb. 20: Ginger citrus chicken, rice pilaf, carrots, peaches, pie. Program: 3-4 p.m. NAPS Food Giveaway; 4:30-5:30 p.m. NLCC Food giveaway.

Friday, Feb. 21: White chicken chili, half cheese

sandwich, pickled beets, banana, bar. Program: 9 a.m. Bone Builders. Birthday Party/ Kitchen Band. Half-Price Day sponsored by American Reformed Church.

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

Call Lynette Hoiland at 283-9846 to make reservations.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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

Book Versus Movie: A Winter Book/Film Club, “The Outsiders” 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20; and “Everything Everything” 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

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

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

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

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

Trivia Night, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Take 16.

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2010)

•The 2001 Blue Mounds State Park murder will be featured on an upcoming segment of the Discovery Channel television show, “Solved.” Camera crews from California were in Luverne this week interviewing local law enforcement and others involved in the case. Park worker Carrie Nelson, 20, was murdered in the Blue Mounds State Park office on May 20, 2021. Her killer wasn’t brought to justice until August 2008 when a jury found Randy Swaney guilty of first-degree murder. The case caught the attention of “Solved” producers because of the seven-year forensic investigation surrounding the case.

25 years ago (1995)

•Early last week packers were drawing on contract cattle and only bidding \$72 to \$73. The feedlots are current and were willing to hold for their asking price of \$74 to \$75. After a three-day standoff, the packer finally paid \$74 in an unusual late-week buying spree. This strong cash market led the futures higher with the February contract pushing to new highs on Friday and again on Monday. Good retail demand and the very current feedlot position are supportive, but the threat of a winter storm last weekend may have tipped the scales in favor of higher prices.

50 years ago (1970)

•With the census about to be taken, Rock countians are beginning to wonder what effect a steadily declining birth rate will have on the 1970 population total when it is compiled. Births nosedived every year during the decade 1960-1969 — in fact, fewer babies were born during the last three years of the decade than during the first two years, according to figures provided by Eleanor Boysen, Clerk of Court, who maintains birth, death and marriage records in her office. During the 10-year period there were 2,075 births as compared to 993 deaths, or a net gain of births over deaths of 1,082. The decade started out with 274 births during 1960. In 1961, it tumbled to 244, then to 241 in 1962 and down to 215 in 1963. Then, it moved up three to 218 the next year, only to fall down to 185 in 1965. There was a gain of five the following year, the 1966 total hitting 190. In 1967, the figure dropped to 181, then down to 178 in 1968, and finally down to 149 in 1969, or 125 below the 1960 total.

75 years ago (1945)

•Rock county’s highest ranking officer, Commander Dale Frakes, U.S. Navy, was “taking it easy” last week, just enjoying his mother’s cooking, and home town friendliness. Commander Frakes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frakes, of

Magnolia, would rather talk about someone else, or something else, than himself and what he has done. The fact that he had been in command of a destroyer on duty in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic since the war began did not alter the situation; he still preferred to “talk about something else.” Modest, almost to the point of being shy, he was no different from most servicemen home on leave. He was getting a kick out of just loafing around the house and renewing acquaintances with old friends in Magnolia. To look at him, one would never believe that this young appearing gentleman was the “old man” aboard ship.

100 years ago (1920)

•That Rock county is the greatest swine growing county in Minnesota is shown by the annual report of the Minnesota Bureau of Crop Estimates issued last week. •According to this authority there was a total of 112,450 hogs in this county on January 1, 1920, as compared with 107,439 for Faribault county, Rock county’s nearest competitor. The same authority gives 39,496 as the total number of hogs in Pipestone county at the time stated: Nobles county, 92,358; Murray county, 78,069; and Lincoln county, 32,363. This report also shows that on January 1, 1919, there were 107,096 hogs in Rock county, as compared with 103,323 for Faribault county, which was then its closest rival for first place.

OBITUARIES

Henrietta Elbers

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

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Christian Reformed Church in Luverne. Interment was at the Eastside Cemetery in Steen.



Henrietta Vandenberg was born Feb. 14, 1932, to Teunis and Elizabeth (Nicolay) Vandenberg in Pipestone County. She attended Country School District #21 and graduated from Edgerton Public High School in 1951. In 1953 she graduated from Northwestern Junior College in Orange City, Iowa.

Henrietta married Gilbert Elbers on Dec. 29, 1954, at First Christian Reformed Church in Edgerton. They farmed in the George, Iowa, and Steen areas for 38 years before moving into Luverne in January 1992. Henrietta taught school in the Leota and Hills Christian schools and was a para-educator at Hills-Beaver Creek School. She also worked at Tri-State Insurance for a period of time. She enjoyed working with mentally impaired people. She was a program assistant at the Rock County DAC for 13 years, now known as RCO (Rock County Opportunities). The last three years of her working career were spent as a paraprofessional at the Luverne Public Schools.

Henrietta was a member of the Luverne Christian Reformed Church. She was

a Sunday School teacher for many years and an officer of the Mary Martha Circle. She was a volunteer mentor in the "Friendship" program for 25 years. She volunteered for Coffee Break/Story Hour and several other community activities. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Henrietta is survived by her husband, Gilbert; four children, Kevin Elbers of Luverne, Sharla (Dean) Broersma of Sunnyside, Washington, Keith (Annette) Elbers of Hills, and Kurtis (Lanette) Elbers of Steen; nine grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Patrick) Visscher of LeMars, Iowa, Marisa (Ryan) McNamara of Mesa, Arizona, Brittany (James) Vander Schaaf of Escalon, California, Emily Broersma of Sunnyside, Tyler (Kala) Bush of Hills, Brock Elbers of Las Vegas, Nevada, Whitney, Sean, and Lanae Elbers of Steen; four great-grandchildren, Micah, Malachi and Maybrie Bush of Hills, and Cade Visscher of LeMars; one sister, Johanna Sankey of Holland, Michigan; one brother, Lester (Beth) Vandenberg of Edgerton; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Henry, Richard, Arthur, James and Jacob Vandenberg; and a sister, Grace Schuit.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0213 F)

Cleo Kjeslee

Cleo B. Kjeslee, 100, years as a deacon at Bethany Lutheran Church in Mankato, died on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at New Perspective Senior Living in Mankato.



A funeral service was Friday, Feb. 7, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Mankato. Interment was at the Woodland Hills Memorial Park.

Cleo Kjeslee was born Nov. 5, 1919, to Oscar and Carrie (Lee) Kjeslee in Brookings, South Dakota. He graduated from Brookings High School. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force from February 1942 to May 1945. During his military service, T/Sgt. Cleo Kjeslee was stationed in England and completed 73 missions in a B-26 Marauder acting as the radioman-gunner. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with 12 Oak Clusters.

Cleo married Ellen Oldre on June 30, 1950, in Kenneth. He was the owner of Kjeslee's Upholstery in Luverne for over 50 years. He excelled in his trade, and many friends and family still have furniture reupholstered by him.

Cleo was active in his church and served for many

years as a deacon at Bethany Lutheran Church in Mankato. He was a member of the Luverne VFW.

In his free time, he enjoyed reading, bowling in his younger years, following the Minnesota Twins, and time spent with his cherished loved ones.

He is survived by daughters Carol (David) Hagen of Glenville, Connie (Joe) Meyer of Mankato and Cathy (Dean) Kluge of Mankato; son Ron (Chris) Scheetz of Portland, Oregon; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a sister, Marlys (Al) Bringelson of Los Angeles, California; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen, on Dec. 21, 2017; parents-in-law Gust and Henrietta Oldre, sister Virginia (Richard) Johnson, brother Lee (LaVonne) Kjeslee; brothers-in-law Norman (Ardis) Oldre and Vernon (Aagot) Oldre; and sister-in-law Ilene (Floyd) Jackson.

Arrangements were provided by Woodland Funeral Home, woodlandhillsh.com. (0213 F)



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Ten Rock County 4-H'ers participated in the annual BLU leadership retreat recently in Marshall. Attending the event were (front, from left) Mallie Fick, Makayla Oechsle, Andrea Luitjens, Brianna Kinsinger, (back) Krista Burkman, Zach Uhl, Janica Oechsle, Dennie Sandbulte, Emma Deutsch and Morgan Bonnett.

4-H retreat builds leadership, civic engagement skills at Marshall event

Minnesota 4-H conducted the Southwest BLU leadership retreat Feb. 1 in Marshall for 86 regional youth.

Ten 4-H'ers from Rock County attended the event including Krista Burkman, Zach Uhl, Janica Oechsle, Dennie Sandbulte, Emma Deutsch, Morgan Bonnett, Mallie Fick, Makayla Oechsle, Andrea Luitjens and Brianna Kinsinger.

BLU — Building Leadership and Understanding — engages participants in a variety of activities including small and large group discussions, team-building exercises, personal awareness experiences and informational sessions.

This year's theme was "Unmask Your Inner Leader."

The retreat was facilitated by youth leaders from the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador program and supported by a team of adult chaperones.

"BLU was an experience I would not want to miss," said participant Morgan Bonnett. "It was a good place to meet new people. I learned a lot about being a leader."

1870-1878: Luverne selected as county seat

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.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County
Historical Society

A few months after the passage of this act the residents of the county prepared and presented to Governor Horace Austin a petition asking him to appoint J. F. Shoemaker, Jonathan Phelps and Amos Estey commissioners to locate the county seat. The governor took the necessary action and on August 9, 1870, appointed the gentlemen whose names had been suggested, instructing them to meet and select the seat of government for the new county. The meeting was held at the home of Jonathan Phelps,

four miles south of Luverne, on the first day of September, all three commissioners being present. There was not much difficulty in selecting a site. Mr. Shoemaker proposed Luverne, which was then the only place in Rock county boasting a name, it having already been named by Philo

Hawes, who had his home on the site. Messrs, Phelps and Estey proposed a location farther south, but finally acceded to Mr. Shoemaker's choice, and all signed the report which was written by Mr. Shoemaker and was in the following language: "After due consideration we have agreed to locate the county seat of Rock as follows: At Luverne, on the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 11, in town one hundred two, range forty-five."

When Governor Austin selected the men to locate the county seat, he also requested that a mass convention be held to suggest the names of men suitable to serve as commissioners to organize the county. His request was complied with, and a mass convention was held at the home of Philo Hawes. This first Rock county convention was fairly well attended. E. N. Darling was made chairman and J. F. Shoemaker, secretary.

Politics did not enter into the deliberations, the only thought being to select good men to recommend to the governor. The voting was by ballot, and the three men recommended were later named by the governor.

Governor Austin issued a proclamation on September 24, declaring Luverne the county seat of Rock county. He named Daniel Wilmot, H. A. Gregory and Abraham McMurphy county commissioners, to serve until their successors, chosen at the general election in November, should qualify. They were empowered to take the initial steps toward organization and to make provision for holding the first county election.

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@iuv.net.

COLLEGE NEWS

Perkins earns degree from WGU

Aaron Perkins, Luverne, has earned a Master of Arts in Science (secondary physics) degree from Western Governors University, an online, nonprofit university.

Mitchell Tech releases dean's list

Dean Fuerstenberg, Beaver Creek, and Dustin Teune, Steen, were named to the Fall 2019 president's list at Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell, South Dakota. To be named, students

must earn a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale with a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Fuerstenberg's area of study is electrical utilities and substation technology; Teune's work is in telecommunications.

Krueger graduates from NDSU

Derek Krueger, Luverne, graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo following the Fall 2019 semester with a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences.

DEATH NOTICES

Frederick Augustad

Frederick "Bugs" John Augustad, 87, Luverne, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A private family memorial service was held.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0213 DN)

William Butzer

William J. Butzer, 67, Luverne, died peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at his home.

A public visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. A private family service will be Friday.

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0213 DN)

Esther Eyberg

Esther Hilda Pearl (Wegener) Eyberg, 97, Burnsville, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020.

A memorial service will be Saturday, March 28, at the Ebenezer Ridges Chapel. A private interment will be in Fort Snelling.

The Cremation Society of Minnesota, Edina, is in charge of the arrangements. Cremationsocietyofmn.com. (0213 DN)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND NOTICE OF FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS FOR SWEET TOWNSHIP MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The 132nd Annual Meeting of the policyholders of Sweet Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will be held in the meeting room of The Pipestone Pizza Ranch, 108 West Main Street, Pipestone, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of three (3) directors for terms of three (3) years, hearing reports of the officers on the past year's business, and transacting such other business as may properly come before this regular meeting.

With regards to the election of members to the Board of Directors of the Company, candidates seeking to be placed on the ballot for election at the annual meeting shall be members of the Company in good standing and must be nominated and must file for the office of director in writing with the Secretary of the Company no later than March 11, 2019. The filing of the nomination must occur at the office of the Secretary before 5:00 p.m. March 14, 2020, by the order of the Board of Directors.

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(2-13)

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Palace Theatre tour for Luverne Area Chamber ‘Love the Business’ event/continued from page 3

in Sioux Falls.

“When we can talk to people’s pocket books like that, it goes a long, long ways,” Kinsinger said.

“And that is something that’s getting known in communities around here. ... We’re definitely working on building a name for ourselves, and that just kind of overflows into everything else we have going here in Luverne. They come down for a show and stay for everything else we have going on.”

Kinsinger also talked about future goals for the Palace.

“I would really like to see the Palace become the centerpiece of downtown and the reason people come into Luverne.

“I think the Palace is in great position to do that. You look downtown and one of the things that catches your eye is that big beautiful marquee.”

He said the first thing he’d like to do if financial donations supported it is put in an elevator.

“It would make the upper floors more accessible. A lot of people right in town have never been on the second floor of the Palace,” Kinsinger said. “It’s a wonderful space up there that I think we can do something with, and it starts with an elevator.”

He also mentioned improvements to heating and air-conditioning, water damage repair and other necessary work to make the upper floors usable, possibly as a secondary smaller local venue for meetings or “more intimate” jazz quartets.

“There would be a lot of options for that space. But we’re talking a lot of work, a lot of dollars, permission from the Historical Society,” Kinsinger said, referencing



A narrow staircase leads to a “look-out” and a door to the Palace rooftop. Below and at right, Herman and Maude Jochims’ second floor apartment showed Maude’s interest in art deco style.

the Palace Theatre’s designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

“Myself and the board — we are in it for the long haul, and we’re going to do what we need to do to make this place succeed,” he said.

“It’s had such a wonderful storied past. I would love to see its future be just as storied as its past.”

The Palace Theatre’s entertainment lineup can be found at palacetheatre.us or at 507-283-4339.



Above is an old theater popcorn machine and pictured at right are second floor apartment living quarters.





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Tract 2: Approximately 80 acres located in the E1/2 of 18-104-43, Nobles County, MN.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., March 4, 2020, at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN; all bidders who have submitted a bid prior to said deadline will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Tracts will be sold individually. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing on or by April 1, 2020.

Sale is subject to approval by the Heirs of Leona Koelewyn. For further details and an information packet contact Paul Vis or Jennifer Eisma-Reinke, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 283-4828.



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

Thursday, Feb. 13: 1-4 p.m. Fun Day. Friday, Feb. 14: No mass. 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Saturday, Feb. 15: 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home Bingo. 5 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Feb. 16: 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. Monday, Feb. 17: 10 a.m. Book Bunch. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study.

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

Sunday, Feb. 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Perk-up at Oasis. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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

Thursday, 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. Saturday, Feb. 15: 10 a.m. Baby shower for Katie and June Bruynes at FBC. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Monday, Feb. 17: 7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 6:30 p.m. Awana Grand Prix. Thursday, Feb. 20: 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. 13: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Feb. 14: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 15: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 16: 8:15 a.m. KQAD Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study. No Sunday School. Monday, Feb. 17: Grace Notes deadline. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ride and Dine. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors meet. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7:15 p.m. Chancel choir rehearsal; Final night of confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 20: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. 9 a.m. Pastors Conference in Jasper. 5:30 p.m. Executive Ministry meeting.

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

Thursday, Feb. 13: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 3:30 p.m. Catechism class.

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

Friday, Feb. 14: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 8 a.m. Justice for All. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Tuesday, Feb. 18: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 6:30 p.m. Praise Team. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 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. 7:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs Award Night.

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. 13: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 15: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Feb. 17: 5-8:30 p.m. 4-H in Fellowship Hall. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 18: Shut in Communion Day. 6:30 p.m. PPR meeting. 1-4 p.m. Homeschoolers. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Feb. 20: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 13: 7 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at Palisade Lutheran. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Palisade Lutheran Church. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 7 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 20: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Palisade.

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

Thursday, Feb. 13: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3. 1 p.m. PW Bible Study at Poplar Creek. Saturday, Feb. 15: Presbytery in Redwood Falls. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle. 1:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle. 4 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells; Feast and Fellowship meal. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Session. Thursday, Feb. 20: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

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. Saturday, Feb. 15: 9 a.m. Lay Leaders Circuit Worship. 5:30 p.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Chopped. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 10:20 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 2 p.m. Circuit Forum at Fulda. Monday, Feb. 17: Newsletter deadline. 1 p.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 2 p.m. Deborah Circle. 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 20: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group.

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. 13: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 14: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10:10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. Monday, Feb. 17: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 19: March newsletter deadline. 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 20: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School at First Lutheran. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 7 p.m. First Lutheran Council meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 7 p.m. Confirmation.

First Presbyterian Church
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

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

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Gary Klatt, St. John Lutheran Church

This goes far beyond romance and gifts of chocolates. St. John writes in his first epistle (4:7-11), "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. This love is known as "agape" (godly) love. This love is more powerful than any other type of love in the world because it flows from God. It is an unlimited and unconditional love that is available to everyone. But it can only be known and received by those who believe in the God of the Bible. It flows continuously and freely to all who hear and believe the "Good News" of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

The Bible clearly illustrates that all people are sinners (Rom. 3:10-12) and have turned against God. But God has not stopped loving sinners and sent Jesus to be the Savior of sinners so that they might once again know how much He loves them. "This is love," that God sent His Son, Jesus,

to die in payment for the sins of the entire world. Forgiveness of sins and restoration into the family of God are gifts of that love of God.

Sinners who receive these gifts of God's love by faith are filled to overflowing with this godly love so that they can't help but share this love with those whom they encounter in their lives.

Husbands love their wives with romantic gestures, forgiving words, and with words of encouragement and support. Wives love their husbands by doing the same in reverse.

Parents love their children by setting boundaries for their protection, by teaching them the Word of God, and by showing love with hugs and forgiveness. Children will show love in the same ways that they received love.

Godly love can be expressed in the workplace by showing respect, courtesy and honor to our co-workers. Godly love can be expressed in every relationship known to man but only by those known by God.

Valentine's Day is a special day to show love, but for the people of God it is not the only day for showing God's love. May your life be a daily reflection of the love that you have been blessed to receive so wonderfully and freely from God, your heavenly Father, and your Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. No Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Bethlehem. No youth night. Tuesday, Feb. 18: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at Marilyn Nelson's home. 6:30-8 p.m. Confirmation.

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A-E sweeps triangular

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth wrestling team completed a 16-6 regular season by sweeping the field during a triangular meet in Adrian Friday.

Along with it being Parents Night at AHS, the evening also was dubbed Bruce Loosbrock Memorial Night.

Loosbrock was a longtime assistant coach and supporter of the Dragon wrestling program, and A-E would have made him proud with their efforts on Friday.

The Dragons posted wins over South Dakota schools West Central (67-9) and Dell Rapids (45-32) to finish the regular season with a run of five consecutive wins.

Brayan Anaya, Logan Sherer, Logan Taylor, Isaac Bullerman, Preston Nelson, Jaren Winselman, Beau Bullerman and Scot Edwards went 2-0 for the Dragons.

Match wrap-ups

A-E 67, WC 9
106 (W) Jarding 7-0 Farinella.
113 (A) Anaya pins Jost.
120 (A) Morrison pins Sauers.
126 (W) Carda by forfeit.
132 (A) Heidebrink pins Kline.
138 (A) Sherer 15-2 Nielsen.
145 (A) Taylor pins Coutnoyer.
152 (A) I.Bullerman pins Kuhlman.
160 (A) Wolf 7-3 Brown.
170 (A) Wieneke pins Gebhardt.
182 (A) Nelson pins Maras.
195 (A) Winselman by forfeit.
220 (A) B.Bullerman by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

A-E 45, DR 32

106 (D) Mortrude t.f. Farinella.
113 (A) Anaya pins Roach.
120 (D) Weiland pins Morrison.
126 (D) Cross by forfeit.
132 (D) Vogel pins Heidebrink.
138 (A) Sherer pins Cross.
145 (A) Taylor 14-8 McKee.
152 (A) I.Bullerman pins Mason.
160 (D) Carr pins Wolf.
170 (D) Gee 9-2 Wieneke.
182 (A) Nelson by forfeit.
195 (A) Winselman pins Cavigielli.
220 (A) B.Bullerman pins Klinkenborg.
285 (A) Edwards pins Cavigielli.



John Rittenhouse photo/0213 lgh 10

Luverne freshman Kamryn Van Batavia sparked the Cardinal girls' hockey team by netting an unassisted goal 34 seconds into the first period of a 6-3 victory over Mankato East in the section semifinals Saturday in Luverne.

LHS girls reach finals for first time since 2016

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team qualified for the championship game of the Section 3A Tournament for the first time in four years Saturday at the Blue Mountain Ice Arena.

Luverne, the tournament's top seed, claimed a berth in the title tilt by overwhelming No. 4 Mankato East during a 6-3 victory in the semifinals.

LHS outshot the Cougars 40-18 and scored at least one goal in every period during the three-goal win.

Sophomore Reghan Bork turned in a standout performance by scoring four goals to lead the Cardinals to victory.

The win sent the 21-4-1 Cardinals to St. Peter Tuesday (Feb. 11), where they took on No. 3 Mankato West for the section title at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Luverne scored early in the game and never faced a deficit during Saturday's clash with the Cougars.

Freshman Kamryn Van Batavia gave the Cards a 1-0 lead with an unassisted tally 34 seconds into the contest.

Bork ignited her four-goal day by making it 2-0 with 47 seconds left in the opening stanza, but Mankato East's Kaylee Eykyn scored her first of two goals with five seconds remain-

ing in the first period to slice Luverne's advantage in half (2-1).

The Cougars never did gain any momentum from the late strike in the first period.

Luverne scored three goals in the first 8:04 of the second period to open a 5-1 cushion.

Bork ignited the run by netting a power-play goal at the 12:08 mark of the stanza, and she completed her hat trick 1:06 later.

Rozilyn Oye capped Luverne's three-goal rally with 8:56 left in the second stanza.

The Cougars climbed back into contention by scoring twice in the final two minutes of the second period.

Jess Eykyn found the net at the 2:42 mark and Kaylee Eykyn scored her second goal (a power-play tally) with 36 seconds remaining to make it a 5-3 contest.

Luverne goalie Cheyenne Schutz, who made 15 saves in the game, blanked the Cougars in the third period.

Bork produced an insurance goal for the Cards when she recorded her second power-play goal 23 seconds into the third period.

Bork, Van Batavia, Brynn Thier, Regan Feit and Mallory Nelson added one assist each to the winning effort.

Gymnasts cap regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team wrapped up an 11-8 regular season Thursday in St. James.

The Cardinals squared off against the Saints in the finale, which was dominated by LHS.

With Luverne athletes winning all four individual event titles and the all-around championship, the Cardinals strolled to a 129.675-109.525 victory.

The night was an outstanding one for Meghan Witte, who captured the vault (8.875) and all-around (33.05) titles and shared first place on the floor with teammate Ella Reisdorfer (8.575s).

Witte also placed second on the bars with a 7.75 effort.

Reisdorfer claimed the bars title (7.9) along with placing third on the vault with an 8.7.

Luverne's Sydney Wicks secured the beam crown with an 8.25.

Cardinal Meghan Mollberg placed second on the vault and third on the floor with respective 8.8 and 8.0 tallies.

Amira Cowell finished third on the bars (7.025) and fourth on the vault (8.675) for LHS, while Anna Huisman placed fourth on the beam and floor with 8.075 and 7.875 efforts.

Madigan Flom placed third on the beam with an 8.15 tally for the Cardinals, who compete at the Section 3A meet in Worthington Saturday.

Individual results

Vault: Witte, 8.875; Mollberg, 8.8; Reisdorfer, 8.7; Cowell, 8.675; Tiana Laïs, 8.45.
Bars: Reisdorfer, 7.9; Witte, 7.75; Cowell, 7.025; Huisman, 6.55; Flom, 6.15.
Beam: Wicks, 8.25; Flom, 8.15; Huisman, 8.075; Witte, 7.85; Reisdorfer, 7.65.
Floor: Witte and Reisdorfer, 8.575; Mollberg, 8.0; Huisman, 7.875; Cowell, 7.3.



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Luverne freshman Averill Sehr turned in a 13-point performance during Monday's 69-44 home win over Martin County West.

Luverne reels off four basketball conquests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls reeled off four wins in seven days to up their basketball record to 16-8.

The Cardinals posted home wins over St. James (Feb. 4), Worthington (Thursday), Mountain Lake Area (Friday) and Martin County West (Monday).

Luverne caps the regular season Thursday in Windom.

Luverne 69, MCW 44

The Cardinals notched their 16th win of the season when they topped the Mavericks by 25 points Monday in Luverne.

Extended scoring runs late in both halves of the game proved to be the key to victory for LHS.

The score was tied at three in the first half when the Cards put together a 14-3 surge to sport a 17-6 advantage when Brooklynn Ver Steeg converted a field goal at the 12:08 mark.

MCW trimmed the difference to six points (19-13) with 8:36 remaining, but LHS countered with a 14-5 run ending with a field goal from

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Cards win two, Dragons three at Luverne Wrestling quadrangular

By John Rittenhouse

The two wrestling programs from the Star Herald coverage area competed at a quadrangular meet in Luverne Thursday.

The Luverne Cardinals and Adrian-Ellsworth Dragons were joined by two South Dakota teams at the event.

A-E stole the show by winning all three of its matches, while the Cardinals completed the regular season with a 5-22 mark after going 2-1.

A-E posted wins over Chester (69-9) and Viborg-Hurley (78-6) before securing a 60-18 conquest over LHS.

Luverne posted wins over Chester (36-18) and V-H (30-24) before bowing to the Dragons.

A-E, which upped its season record to 14-6 wins, received 3-0 efforts from Logan Taylor, Logan Sherer, Quentin Wolf, Isaac Bullerman, Preston Nelson, Jaren Winselman and Scot Edwards.

Riley Cowell went 3-0 for the Cardinals.

Match wrap-ups

A-E 69, Chester 9
106 (C) Frankenhoff 8-4 Farinella.
113 (A) Anaya pins Stalford.
120 (A) Morrison by forfeit.
126 (C) Stalford pins Hieronimus.
132 (A) Heidebrink pins Gottsch.
138 (A) Taylor pins Shaw.
145 (A) Sherer 12-5 Hess.
152 (A) I.Bullerman pins Shaw.
160 (A) Wolf by forfeit.
170 (A) Wieneke by forfeit.
182 (A) Nelson by forfeit.
195 (A) Winselman pins Heidelberger.
220 (A) B.Bullerman by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

A-E 78, V-H 6

106 (A) Farinella by forfeit.
113 (A) Anaya by forfeit.
120 (A) Morrison by forfeit.
126 (A) Hieronimus pins Huber.
132 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.
138 (A) Sherer pins Johnson.
145 (A) Taylor pins Silverthorn.
152 (A) I.Bullerman pins Berens.
160 (A) Martinez by forfeit.
170 (A) Wolf by forfeit.
182 (A) Nelson by forfeit.
195 (A) Winselman by forfeit.
220 (V) Engen pins B.Bullerman.
285 (A) Edwards pins Graves.

A-E 60, Luverne 18

106 (A) Farinella by forfeit.
113 (L) Cowell 6-3 Anaya.



John Rittenhouse photo/0213 lw mehlhaff 1

Luverne sophomore Noah Mehlhaff won two of his three matches during the Luverne Quadrangular Thursday. Luverne posted a pair of wins to cap a 5-22 regular season.

120 (L) Mehlhaff pins Morrison.
126 (L) Ask by forfeit.
132 (L) Ripka 10-3 Heidebrink.
138 (A) Sherer pins Janiszski.
145 (A) Taylor by forfeit.
152 (A) I.Bullerman pins Reisch.
160 (A) Wolf pins Rosin.
170 (A) Wieneke by forfeit.
182 (A) Nelson by forfeit.
195 (A) Winselman by forfeit.
220 (A) B.Bullerman by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

Luverne 36, V-H 18

106 (L-V) open.
113 (L) Cowell by forfeit.
120 (L-V) open.
126 (L) Mehlhaff pins Huber.
132 (L) Ask by forfeit.
138 (L) Janiszski pins Johnson.
145 (L) Reisch pins Silverthorn.
152 (V) Berens pins Madison.
160 (L) Rosin by forfeit.
170 (L-V) open.
182 (L-V) open.
195 (L-V) open.
220 (V) Engen by forfeit.
285 (V) Graves by forfeit.

LHS 30, Chester 24

106 (C) Frankenhoff by forfeit.
113 (L-C) open.
120 (L) Cowell pins Stalford.
126 (C) Stalford pins Mehlhaff.
132 (L) Ripka pins Shaw.
138 (L) Janiszski pins Gottsch.
145 (C) Hess pins Reisch.
152 (L) Madison pins Shaw.
160 (L) Rosin by forfeit.
170 (L-C) open.
182 (L-C) open.
195 (L-C) open.
220 (C) Heidelberger pins Akkerman.
285 (L-C) open.



John Rittenhouse photo/0213 aw winselman

Adrian-Ellsworth's Jaren Winselman is one of seven Dragon wrestlers that went 3-0 at the LHS Quadrangular Thursday.

H-BC splits tilts on consecutive nights

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team earned a split when the Patriots played games on consecutive nights last week.

H-BC lost a 14-point decision to Central Lyon Thursday in Rock Rapids, Iowa, before registering a 46-point home win over Murray County Central Friday.

The 18-2 Patriots end the regular season Thursday in Westbrook.

H-BC 81, MCC 35

The Patriots assured themselves of at least a share of the Red Rock Conference championship when they routed the Rebels Friday in Hills.

H-BC rolled to a 26-point halftime lead and outscored MCC 37-17 in the second half to post a 46-point victory.

The win gives H-BC a 14-0 record in league play.

The Patriots did find themselves facing a 6-2 deficit 1:52 into the game before taking control of the contest.

An 18-3 run ending with Whitney Elbers turning an offensive rebound into a field goal at the 9:38 mark gave the Patriots a 20-8 advantage.

H-BC spent the next nine minutes padding their advantage, and the hosts led by 28 (44-16) when Joslyn Birger canned a field goal with 36 seconds left in the first half.

MCC did net the final two points of the opening stanza to trail 44-18 at the break, but the Rebels didn't offer the Patriots a challenge in the second half.

H-BC's Taryn Rauk scored the first five points of the second half and 16 points in the first 5:25 of the stanza to give the Patriots a 62-23 cushion.

H-BC's lead swelled to 48 points (76-28) late in the game before winning the game by 46 points.

Rauk (24 points and four steals) and Elbers (14 points, eight blocked shots, six re-



John Rittenhouse photo/0213 hgb 8

Hills-Beaver Creek senior post Whitney Elbers delivers a pass for one of her five assists during Friday's 81-35 home win over Murray County Central. Elbers also scored 14 points.

bounds and five assists) led the Patriots statistically.

Sam Moser collected five rebounds and Abby Knobloch charted five steals for the winners.

Box score

Fick 0 2 0-0 6, Rauk 6 3 3-4 24, Birger 1 1 0-0 5, Voss 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 2 0 0-0 4, Knobloch 2 1 0-0 7, Tatge 0 1 0-0 3, Van Maanen 2 0 0-0 4, Bork 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 4 0 0-1 8, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 4-4 4, W.Elbers 6 0 2-2 14, L.Elbers 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics

H-BC: 32 of 66 field goals (48 percent), nine of 11 free throws (82 percent), 19 rebounds, 11 turnovers. MCC: 13 of 44 field goals (30 percent), four of seven free throws (57 percent),

23 rebounds, 30 turnovers.

CL 62, H-BC 48

A run of seven consecutive victories for the Patriots came to an end when they challenged Central Lyon Thursday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

The Lions sported seven-point scoring advantages in both halves of the game, and that proved to be good enough to saddle H-BC with its second loss of the season.

CL led 29-22 at halftime and outscored the Patriots 33-26 in the second half to complete a 14-point victory.

Rauk (16 points, five rebounds and three steals) and Kenadie Fick (11 points) paced H-BC offensively.

Elbers grabbed seven rebounds and blocked five shots for the Patriots.

Box score

Fick 1 3 0-0 11, Rauk 7 0 2-2 16, Birger 1 0 1-1 3, Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 2 0 0-0 4, Moser 3 0 1-2 7, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 3 0 1-3 7.

Team statistics

H-BC: 20 of 55 field goals (36 percent), five of eight free throws (63 percent), 24 rebounds, 13 turnovers. CL: 21 of 58 field foals (36 percent), 17 of 19 free throws (90 percent), 37 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



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Luverne junior Jayson Rops came off the bench to score four points during a home win over St. James Feb. 4.

Cardinal boys drop two of three basketball games

By John Rittenhouse

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

The Cardinals topped St. James by 11 points in Luverne Feb. 4 before falling by 13 points in Worthington Thursday.

Luverne lost a four-point game to Concordia Academy at the Target Center in Minneapolis Saturday.

The 8-13 Cards play in Windom Thursday.

CA 62, Luverne 58

A rough second half led to a four-point loss when the Cardinals squared off against Concordia Academy (Roseville) Saturday at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Luverne appeared to be in good shape when it opened a 44-26 lead in the first half, but the Cards struggled offensively in the second half.

The Beacons took advantage of the situation by outscoring LHS 36-14 in the final stanza to pull out a win.

Isaiah Bartels and Gannon Ahrendt tossed in 15 points each to lead the Cards in scoring.

Bailey Cowell netted 14 points for LHS

Box score

Cowell 3 2 2-14, Sehr 3 0 0-6, Bartels 5 0 5-6 15, Ahrendt 0 5 0-4 15, Feit 1 1 0-0 5, DeSollar 0 1 0-0 3, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

Luverne: 21 field goals made, seven of 12 free throws (58 percent). Concordia Academy: 20 field goals made, 14 of 18 free throws (78 percent).

WHS 65, Luverne 52

The Cardinals received their eighth Big South Conference

setback of the season when they took on the Trojans in Worthington Thursday.

LHS played with the Trojans in the first half before falling behind 31-26 at the intermission.

Worthington went on to outscore the Cards 34-26 in the second half to complete a 13-point victory.

Bartels and Nick Feit registered 14- and 10-point efforts respectively for Luverne.

Box score

Cowell 2 1 0-2 7, Sehr 1 0 2-4, Bartels 6 0 2-14, Ahrendt 2 0 2-6, Feit 4 0 2-2 10, DeSollar 3 1 0-0 9, Rops 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics

Luverne: 21 of 44 field goals (48 percent), eight of 10 free throws (80 percent). Worthington: 25 field goals made, eight of 11 free throws (73 percent).

LHS 68, St. James 57

The Cardinals picked up their eighth win of the season when they took on the Saints in Luverne Feb. 4.

St. James played well early and sported a 30-28 edge at the intermission.

Luverne rallied in the second half to outscore the Saints 40-27, leaving the Cards with an 11-point victory.

Bartles (22 points and eight rebounds), Ahrendt (18 points) and Cowell (10 points) turned in solid efforts for LHS.

Feit added five rebounds to the winning cause.

Box score

Cowell 3 1 1-3 10, Sehr 2 0 0-4, Bartels 8 0 6-8 22, Ahrendt 7 0 4-6 18, Feit 4 0 0-0 8, DeSollar 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics

Luverne: 28 of 48 field goals (58 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (65 percent). St. James: 18 field goals made, eight of 10 free throws.

Cowell, Ripka place second

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestlers capped the regular season at the Dr. Busian Tiger Invitational hosted by Morris Area High School Saturday in Morris.

Five Cardinals wrestled at the event and three of them placed in their respective weight classes for an LHS squad that capped a 10-team field with 40 points.

West Central Area claimed the team title with 166 points.

Luverne's Riley Cowell and Braydon Ripka turned in second-place showings at 113 and 132 respectively.

Cowell posted a 9-4 win over St. Francis' Kyle Halstensen and an 11-2 victory over Foss-ton-Bagley's Keegan Senger to reach the finals, where he lost an 11-3 decision to Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg's Coy Gunderson.

Ripka pinned K-M-S entry Hunter Wilts in 4:55 and notched a 6-1 victory over Ortonville's Austin Eastman to reach the finals, where he was pinned by St. Francis' Aydan Carlson in 1:49.

Luverne's Noah Mehlhaff went 1-6 and placed sixth at 120, while Camden Janiszski (138) and Chris Rosen (160) went 0-2.



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Luverne sophomore Braydon Ripka emerged as one of two Cardinal wrestlers to place second in their weight classes at the Dr. Busian Tiger Invitational Saturday in Morris.

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Dogs affected by EIC are undependable hunting companions

It is so important to do your homework before you make a decision on which puppy you might buy and from what breeder. Last week I explained the basics of hip dysplasia and what a breeder can do to reduce the chances any of the puppies they might sell from having it.

There is another genetic defect that dogs can have and that is called Exercise Induced Collapse.

This is a condition where the dog will appear and act normally until they are exerted or very excited. A dog that is affected by EIC and has an episode will act normally like any other dog when it is calm. As they get excited or worked strenuously, they will in many cases just lose muscle control and drop in a heap.

Some episodes can be more dramatic than others. I have seen videos of small puppies who were yipping and looking like they were having a great time, but they could not use their back legs. When the dog settled down the episode ended. The puppy then got up and started running around again like nothing had happened.

Obviously, a dog affected by EIC would not make for a dependable hunting companion. Some dogs that were purchased for hunting could be transferred to a pet home, and if the dog was never overly excited or strenuously exercised, it could live what looked like a normal life.

EIC is caused by a mutated gene that can be found with a blood test. For a dog to actually be EIC-affected, meaning it has or had a collapse episode, both mom and dad would have to have the mutated gene. There are actually three classifications of EIC.

EIC-affected is the classification where the dog has actually collapsed at one time or another.

Another classification is called EIC clear. This means both parents are free of the mutated gene. A puppy from EIC-clear parents could not pass on this health issue.

The third classification is EIC carrier. This means that either mom or dad had the mutated gene but not both. A puppy that is a carrier only will not suffer an actual collapse episode. A carrier can pass on that mutated gene in its



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offspring. If a dog that is an EIC carrier is bred to an EIC clear dog, then the puppies might be carriers but none of them would be affected. Purchasing a puppy where both mom and dad are EIC clear is the very best option.

If I had no breeding intentions, I would not hesitate to buy a puppy that was an EIC carrier, as they will never display or show signs of EIC collapse. These dogs that carry the EIC mutated gene make great hunting companions. If you own or breed a dog that is an EIC carrier, you must make absolutely certain that you only breed that EIC carrier dog to another dog that is EIC clear to avoid any issues.

EIC status must be determined in both mom and dad before you consider purchasing a puppy from that litter. You can roll the dice if you choose. Many people with limited budgets do, but the gamble is not worth the horrible outcome if the dog is EIC-affected and will never be able to hunt.

The test for EIC used to be very expensive, but as I wrote a few months back, there is a new test called the Embark test that screens for this health issue along with about a dozen others. Determining EIC status is not difficult. If your potential puppy seller has not done so on both parents, do not purchase a puppy from them no matter how cheap they might be.

Remember, EIC clear is the best, but an EIC carrier would still make a great hunting dog. You just need to pay extra attention if you think that you might ever breed the dog.

Next week will be the last of three segments on potential health issues in Labradors. That condition is called Centronuclear Myopathy or the better-known term of canine muscle myopathy. See you next week.

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Luverne senior Nathan Nekali advances the puck into the Fairmont zone during a Feb. 4 game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. The Cardinals rallied to pull out a 2-1 win over Fairmont to earn their 10th Big South Conference victory of the winter.

Cardinal boys split BSC contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team split a pair of Big South Conference games last week.

The Cardinals edged Fairmont by one goal at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Feb. 4 before taking a three-goal setback in Marshall Friday.

The 15-9 Cardinals wrap up the regular season by hosting Minnesota River Friday.



John Rittenhouse photo/0213 lbh 9

Luverne senior Tyler Roberts extends his stick to gain control of the puck during a home win over Fairmont Feb. 4.

Marshall 5, Luverne 2

A four-goal run by the Tigers proved to be the difference in Friday's game in Marshall.

Luverne's Tyler Roberts tied the score at one with a goal 3:14 into the second period, but the Tigers countered with a 4-0 run to put the game out of reach.

Kaleb Welvaert regained the lead (2-1) for MHS with 10:28 remaining in the second period.

Jackson Bladholm and Joe Archbold added one goal each

in the final 31 seconds of the period to give the Tigers a 4-1 cushion.

The score was 5-1 when Jared Reinsma capped Marshall's 4-0 run 2:56 into the third period.

Luverne's Colby Crabtree registered the final goal of the game with 1:43 left to play.

Jensen Meyer scored the lone goal of the first period for the Tigers, who outshot LHS 47-25 in the game.

Shaïd Shearer made 41 saves in goal for LHS before giving way to Colton Schutz, who stopped the only shot he faced.

Roberts, Crabtree, Easton Braun and Austin Watts-Boll

notched one assist each.

LHS 2, Fairmont 1

The Cardinals avoided an upset with a late-game surge at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Feb. 4.

Fairmont produced the lone goal in the first two periods of play.

Luverne, however, scored twice in a span of 1:12 during the third period to pull out a one-goal win.

Mason Steensma knotted the score at one with an unassisted effort at the 10:23 mark of the final period.

Crabtree netted what proved to be the game-winning goal after being set up by Jacob Von Tersch with 9:21 left to play.

Fairmont's Carson Kuhl opened the scoring at the 9:02 mark of the first period.

Luverne, which doubled Fairmont's shot output (42-21) received a 20-save performance from Schutz.

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Jocelyn Hart to make it a 33-18 game with 2:12 remaining in the stanza.

The Mavericks scored the final four points of the opening half to trail 33-22 at the intermission and trimmed the difference to five points (43-38) 6:50 into the second half.

Luverne took control of the contest at that point by going on a 26-4 run ending with Elise Ferrell canning a pair of free throws to give the Cards a 69-42 cushion with 1:23 left to play before winning by 25 at game's end.

Mallory Thorson (29 points, 10 steals and five rebounds), Ver Steeg (14 points and three steals) and Averill Sehr (13 points) led LHS offensively.

Elizabeth Wagner registered five steals for the winners.



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Luverne senior Mallory Thorson led the Cardinal girls' basketball team to a 69-44 home win over Martin County West Monday by turning in a 29-point, 10-steal performance.

Box score
C. Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 1 0 1-4 3, Ver Steeg 6 0 2-2 14, Sehr 5 1 0-1 13, E. Wagner 1 0 0-1 2, Thorson 8 3 4-6 29, Hart 1 0 2-2 4, Van Grootheest 0 0 0-0 0, Rud 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 0 0 2-4 2, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
LHS: 27 of 50 field goals (54 percent), 11 of 21 free throws (52 percent), 22 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
MCW: 17 of 35 field goals (49 percent), seven of 13 free throws (54 percent), 26 rebounds, 35 turnovers.

Luverne 63, MLA 57

The Cardinals notched their third win in four days when they topped the Wolverines by six points Friday in Luverne.

The game was a closely contested battle, but the Cards outscored MLA in both halves to earn the victory.

LHS led 29-24 after 18 minutes of play before using a 34-33 scoring edge in the second half to secure the win.

Ver Steeg (25 points and seven rebounds), Thorson (11 points, 12 rebounds and three assists) and Elizabeth Wagner (10 points) carried the Cards offensively.

Christina Wagner added five rebounds and three assists to the winning effort.

Box score
C. Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 1-2 1, Ver Steeg 9 0 7-10 25, Sehr 2 0 2-2 6, E. Wagner 4 0 2-4 10, Thorson 4 0 3-3 11, Hart 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 3 0 2-4 8, Hansen 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 23 of 49 field goals (47 per-

cent), 17 of 25 free throws (68 percent), 32 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
MLA: 18 of 44 field goals (41 percent), 14 of 18 free throws (78 percent), 27 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

Luverne 73, WHS 70

The Cardinals completed a sweep of their annual season series with the Trojans Thursday in Luverne.

LHS nipped WHS 64-63 when the teams met in Worthington Jan. 3, and they pulled out a three-point victory in overtime during Thursday's rematch.

The Cardinals gained the upper hand early by sporting a 34-27 lead at the intermission, but Worthington battled back to tie the score late in regulation to send the game to overtime.

LHS trailed by one until Elizabeth Wagner canned a three-point shot with 10 seconds left in the extra session.

WHS missed an open three-point shot attempt in the final

seconds and Wagner was fouled after collecting the rebound.

Wagner proceeded to make one of two free throws to ice Luverne's three-point victory.

Thorson (33 points, eight rebounds, four steals and three assists) and Wagner (15 points and eight rebounds) turned in standout efforts for the hosts.

Ver Steeg added three steals and three assists to the winning effort.

Box score
C. Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Beyer 2 0 2-6, Ver Steeg 2 1 0-0 7, Sehr 1 0 2-8 4, E. Wagner 5 1 2-11 15, Thorson 10 3 4-5 33, Hart 0 0 1-3 1, Ferrell 1 0 3-3 5, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 27 of 43 field goals (63 percent), 12 of 32 free throws (43 percent), 29 rebounds, 20 turnovers.
Worthington: 26 of 59 field goals (44 percent), 12 of 26 free throws (44 percent), 41 rebounds, 31 turnovers.

LHS 80, St. James 61

The Cardinals posted their 13th win of the season when they upended the Saints by 19

points in Luverne Feb. 4.

LHS canned 60 percent of its field goals and outscored St. James in both halves of the game to highlight the victory.

Luverne led 33-27 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Saints 47-34 in the second half.

Ver Steeg (25 points), Sehr (20 points and six rebounds) and Elizabeth Wagner (12 points, six rebounds and three assists) led Luverne's offensive charge.

Thorson contributed five rebounds and five assists to the winning effort.

Box score
C. Wagner 0 1 0-0 3, Beyer 3 0 0-2 6, Ver Steeg 5 3 6-8 25, Sehr 6 1 5-7 20, E. Wagner 5 0 2-2 12, Thorson 2 1 1-2 8, Hart 1 0 0-1 2, Van Grootheest 1 0 2-6 4, Hansen 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 29 of 48 field goals (60 percent), 16 of 28 free throws (57 percent), 28 rebounds, eight turnovers.
St. James: 21 of 46 field goals (46 percent), 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent), 24 rebounds, three turnovers.



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Loosbrock will not be forgotten at Adrian High School

One of the blessings of my job has been getting to meet a number of top-notch individuals.

Lismore's Bruce Loosbrock is on that list.

I was stunned and saddened to learn Bruce passed away on Oct. 29.

Loosbrock served the Adrian wrestling program for 30 years, and he was a volunteer assistant for current A-E head coach Gregg Nelson for 17 years prior to his passing.

Our paths crossed many times over the past three decades, and I'm proud to say we became friends after sharing countless conversations.

Those days are gone now, but I'm happy to report Loosbrock's legacy at AHS will never be forgotten.

That became evident on Friday, when the wrestling Dragons honored him in what was tabbed Bruce Loosbrock Memorial Night.

In a fitting gesture, pending School Board approval, the wrestling room at AHS will now be call the Bruce Loosbrock Wrestling Room.

It's a short walk away from the trophy case near the high school gym, which he helped make become a reality and now has a long banner hanging over it declaring it to be the Bruce Loosbrock Hall of Champions.

Friday's celebration also included an announcement that there will be scholarships awarded to fortunate students going forward in the name of Bruce Loosbrock starting this year.

Having worked with Loosbrock for 17 years, Coach Nelson believes Bruce is deserving of all those honors and more.

He also knows, as do I, that Loosbrock would have hated all the attention being thrown his way on Friday.

"Bruce never wanted to be in the spotlight," Nelson stated.

"He always was more comfortable doing all of the behind-the-scene stuff that nobody knows about. In his world in Lismore he was the boss. When it came to wres-



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

"Bruce never wanted to be in the spotlight. He always was more comfortable doing all of the behind-the-scene stuff that nobody knows about. In his world in Lismore he was the boss. When it came to wrestling, he was much happier working behind the scenes."

- Gregg Nelson, A-E wrestling coach

ting, he was much happier working behind the scenes."

Just because Loosbrock preferred to remain in the background, Nelson said the tasks he took on were very important.

The same can be said about Randy Schettler, who served as an AHS assistant wrestling coach for 16 years prior to giving up the position before the 2019-20 season.

"I miss the daily conversations I had with both of those guys," Nelson said.

"I still run some of my thoughts through Randy, but it's different not having Bruce around. He was a good, commonsense guy who loved wrestling and dedicated just about every day to the sport for four months every year."

I'm sure the A-E wrestlers miss their interactions with Loosbrock and Schettler, too.

To their credit, it doesn't seem to be influencing their on-mat performances.

"I know it's been a different year for the kids because two of the guys who have been with the program for years are no longer there," Nelson said.

"I would say all of the boys have handled it all very well. They have kept their noses to the grindstone, and we're having our best season in five years."

That's a fact that I know Bruce Loosbrock would celebrate.

Dragon boys go 1-3 during testy stretch

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian-Ellsworth boys went 1-3 during a stretch of playing four games in seven days.

The Dragons lost a 12-point gameto Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Feb. 4 before topping Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda by 14 points in Adrian Thursday.

The Dragons received a 12-point setback from Mountain Lake Area in Ellsworth Saturday before falling by three points in Minneota Monday.

A-E, 12-10 overall, plays in Mountain Lake Friday.

Minneota 65, A-E 62

A late rally by the Dragons came up three points short when they challenged the Vikings in Minneota Monday.

Minneota played a strong first half and sported a 32-22 lead at the intermission.

A-E did outscore the hosts 40-33 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to register a victory.

Ian Stamer (31 points, six rebounds and four assists) and Peyton Lewis (10 points and six rebounds) led A-E offensively.

Lance Luettel grabbed nine rebounds and Grant Jansma charted three steals for the Dragons.

Box score
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 8 4 3-8 31, Lewis 5 0 0-1 10, Jansma 0 3 0-0 9, Hornstein 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 2 0 0-0 4, Luettel 3 0 2-4 8.

Team statistics
A-E: 25 of 43 field goals (58 percent), five of 13 free throws (38 percent), 23 rebounds, 16 turnovers.
Minneota: 25 of 47 field goals (53 percent), eight of 16 free throws (50 percent), 22 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

MLA 72, A-E 60

The Dragons dropped their sixth conference game of the season when they took on the Wolverines in Ellsworth Saturday.

MLA started the game in strong fashion and sported a



Star Herald file photo

Adrian senior Ian Stamer scored a game-high 31 points in a 65-62 road loss to the Minneota Vikings Monday.

44-29 lead at halftime.

The Dragons outscored the Wolverines 31-28 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep A-E from taking a 12-point setback.

Stamer pumped in 24 points to lead the Dragons in scoring.

Luettel turned in a 12-point, eight-rebound effort for A-E.

Box score
Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Rayne 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 4 0 0-0 8, Stamer 6 3 3-4 24, Jansma 0 0 0-0 0, Lewis 4 0 1-2 9, Nave 2 0-0 4, Luettel 6 0 0-0 12.

Team statistics
A-E: 26 of 49 field goals (53 percent), four of six free throws (67 percent), 18 rebounds, seven turnovers.
MLA: 30 of 52 field goals (58 percent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent), 27 rebounds, seven turnovers.

A-E 87, HL-O-F 73

The Dragons avenged a loss to the Coyotes earlier this year when the teams met in Adrian Thursday.

HL-O-F topped A-E by nine points in Okabena Jan. 7, but the Dragons outscored the Coyotes in both halves of the

rematch to secure a 14-point victory.

A-E led 38-30 after 18 minutes of play before using a 49-43 scoring cushion on the second half to ice the win.

Stamer (23 points, four steals and three assists), Lewis (19 points, five rebounds and three steals), Luettel (18 points and 14 rebounds) and Jansma (17 points) led the Dragons to victory.

Noah Reyne turned in a six-rebound, three-assist effort for A-E.

Box score
Rahe 1 0 0-0 2, Reyne 1 0 3-5 5, Vortherms 0 0 1-2 1, Stamer 8 1 4-9 23, Lewis 6 0 7-8 19, Jansma 2 4 1-2 17, Schnoor 0 0 2-2 2, Luettel 6 0 6-9 18.

Team statistics
A-E: 29 of 51 field goals (57 percent), 24 of 41 field goals (59 percent), 38 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
HL-O-F: 28 of 55 field goals (51 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 16 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

T-M-B 77, A-E 69

A run of three consecutive wins came to an end for the Dragons when they took on the Panthers in Adrian Feb. 4.

A-E played well early and sported a 39-34 lead at half-time.

The Panthers turned things around in the second half, when they outscored the Dragons 43-30 to secure an eight-point victory.

Lewis (21 points), Reyne (17 points and eight rebounds) and Stamer (16 points and four assists) paced A-E offensively.

Luettel grabbed six rebounds and Brady Vortherms charted three assists for the Dragons.

Box score
Rahe 1 0 0-0 3, Reyne 5 0 7-7 17, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 2 4 0-0 16, Lewis 7 2 1-1 21, Jansma 3 0 0-0 6, Schnoor 0 0 0-2 0, Luettel 3 0 0-2 6.

Team statistics
A-E: 27 of 67 field goals (40 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
T-M-B: 28 of 53 field goals (53 percent), 11 of 15 free throws (73 percent), 30 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

Central Lyon saddles H-BC boys with setback

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team took its second consecutive loss Thursday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

The Patriots crossed the border to take on neighboring Central Lyon.

The home-standing Lions stole the show by outscoring

H-BC in both halves of a 71-45 victory.

The hosts rolled to a 37-17 lead in the game's first half and outscored the Patriots 34-28 in the second half to complete a 36-point win.

Zander Wysong and Oliver Deelstra led H-BC by netting 15 and 10 points respectively.

Gavin Wysong grabbed 11 rebounds for the 7-11 Patriots, who play in Westbrook Thursday.

Box score
G. Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Harnack 1 0 0-1 2, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Bennett 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 1-2 1, Deelstra 3 0 4-5 10, Baker 0 2 0-0 6,

Z. Wysong 6 1 0-0 15, Erickson 0 0 0-0 0, J. Wysong 2 0 0-0 4, Kueter 3 0 1-1 7, Steensma 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 18 of 50 field goals (36 percent), six of nine free throws (67 percent), 23 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
CL: 29 of 67 field goals (43 percent), six of seven free throws (86 percent), 34 rebounds, five turnovers.

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Pursuant to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance, notice is hereby given by the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission that a public hearing will be held at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2020. The purpose of this hearing is to rule on the application for Conditional Use Permit for the following:

Applicant:	Central Specialties
Property Owner:	Henning Construction
Location:	W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 of Mound Township, T103N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Zoning District:	A-1, Limited Agriculture
Applicant:	Central Specialties
Property Owner:	Spring Lake Express
Location:	NW 1/4 of Section 13 of Vienna Township, T103N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture
Applicant:	Central Specialties
Property Owner:	Bremik Materials, Inc.
Location:	E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 34 of Denver Township, T104N, R45W, Rock County, Minnesota
Conditional Use:	Placement and operation of a temporary hot mix asphalt plant
Zoning District:	A-2, General Agriculture

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission
Eric Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156
507-283-8862

(02-13, 02-20)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 21, 2010
MORTGAGOR: Bradley G Moss and Dawn M Moss, husband and wife as joint tenants.

MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank N.A.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded April 26, 2010 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 173571.

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE

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

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 744 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 110034000
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

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

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$180,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$175,549.36

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

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described

property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 6, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: December 4, 2019
Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

(12-12, 12-19, 12-26, 1-2, 1-9, 1-16)

Notice of postponement

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until May 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN, in said county and state.

Dated: February 5, 2020.

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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(02-13)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for April 2

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 11, 2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$102,116.00
MORTGAGOR(S): Michelle Ann Pick, a single person
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on June 15, 2015, as Document Number 186378; as modified of record by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on July 20, 2017, as Document Number 191063 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on October 24, 2016, as Document Number 189365 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A tract of land located in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 AND in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 103 North, Range 44 West of the 5th P.M., Rock County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 10, thence going East along the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 2391 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing East along the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 190 feet; thence going South and parallel with the West line of said Section 10 a distance of 384 feet; thence East and parallel with the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 136 feet; thence South 60 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 275.8 feet; thence South and parallel with the West line of said Section 10 a distance of 136 feet; thence West and parallel with the North line of said Section 10 a distance of 190 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said Section 10 a distance of 760 feet to the point of Beginning.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1850 181ST STREET, KENNETH, MN 56147

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$107,990.89

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Plaza Home Mortgage Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 12-0013-000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100109800002953967

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 2, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, MN 56156.

To pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 2, 2020.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:

None

Dated: February 3, 2020

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.

By: /s/

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(02-13, 02-20, 02-27, 03-05, 03-12, 03-19)

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.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

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:

Mark R. Krogstad

Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, LLP

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The Marvin Hawes Family
Sharon, Curt, Chona, Casey, Carrie, Connie, Amy, Chris, & Abigail
(2.8-2.13)

The families of the late Robert "Bob" Lynn wish to extend our sincere thank you for the many acts of kindness, prayers, condolences and support offered during the recent illness and passing of our husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne, Parkview Manor in Ellsworth, Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls and the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington for the compassionate care you gave Bob and our families. We would like to express a special thank you to Father Richard Colletti and Roxanne Kemper of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore for your visits, kind words and comfort and the St. Anthony women for serving the meal. Thank you to the St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian for the use of the church for his visitation and funeral and to Dingmann Funeral Home in Adrian for the professional and caring service you provided. All monetary gifts will be given to the Sunset Hospice Cottage in Worthington, the Luverne Hospice Cottage, the Lismore Fire & Rescue and Food for the Poor.
(2.13-2.15)

CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Hills-Beaver Creek School and Bethlehem Lutheran Church fundraiser in Hills. I appreciate your kind words and encouragement. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers.

Dale Steensma and family
(2.13-2.15)

Thank you to the Luverne emergency room staff for the care given to me during my recent heart attack. Thanks also to the snow plow operators and the ambulance crew that got me safely transferred to Sioux Falls.

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Ice conditions this year allowed for both permanent and temporary fish houses on The Lake for Saturday’s Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby in Luverne. It was the fifth year of the winter event.

Catch of the day

Get Hooked Fishing Derby attracts hundreds of anglers to The Lake in Luverne

Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

Luverne’s fifth annual Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby attracted 290 registered anglers at The Lake in Luverne Saturday afternoon.

Alex Dewispelaere snagged a 4.63-pound carp to claim the \$500 first place prize in the youth division and Dalton Petersen caught a 5.44-pound carp for the \$500 first place prize in the

adult division.

In addition, organizers doled out nearly \$5,000 in prize drawings, including the Ice Castle icehouse that went to Stan Steensma.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said the group got a non-profit discount on the icehouse, valued at \$11,000, and the raffle ticket sales will benefit the next project at The Lake.

“The plan is that the guys

are going to try to work on building a public ice fishing house on skids that could be hauled out onto The Lake for people to borrow and fish in,” Lanphere said.

“This is a great project to support youth fishing ... used by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, birthday parties, Community Education, etc. It might take a couple of years of raffle proceeds to get it all done but it would be a wonderful

thing for the community.”

Volunteers with the Beaver Creek Sportsman’s Club served as official judges, weighing fish and recording entries in the warming house near the lake.

Lanphere thanked the Fishing Derby Committee members Jeremy Wallenberg, Rob Wenzel and Mike Davis for their work on the event.

“They basically did all

the work and Dustin (An- ing) helped on the day of the tournament,” she said. “The Chamber just helped with the organizing. It was a great day.”

In all, they tallied more than 185 pounds worth of fish, awarding a \$2 bounty for each carp hauled in from the lake.

“I think we were at about 49-50 carp,” Lanphere said. “We ran through about \$100 in carp cash.”

Joan Kindt caught 14.215 pounds of fish for first place among adult entries for total pounds of fish. Caul Bonnett hauled in a total of 15.345 pounds to win first place in the kids’ division.

In all, the grownups caught nearly 96 pounds of fish Saturday and the youth

caught more than 89 pounds.

A free rod, reel and tackle was given to the first 110 youth to register at the event.

Mike Davis, one of the event organizers, said he was pleased with the large number of entries in the contest and with the overall interest in participating in the annual event at The Lake.

He said the fishing derby committee is looking for volunteers to help with next year’s event in order to make it run more smoothly.

“Our group is getting smaller every year, and we want it to be a fun event for everyone, so I hope we get a few more helpers,” Davis said.

He can be reached at 507-227-7068, or call the Chamber at 507-283-4061.



Clint Roozenboom and his daughter, Hadley, bring their catch to the warming house to be weighed following an afternoon of ice fishing at The Lake in Luverne for the annual Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby.



Jackson Van Wyhe holds his empty zippy bag while Beaver Creek Sportsman’s Club volunteer Greg Leenderts weighs a 3.5-pound bass caught by Jackson’s sister, Madie Van Wyhe (beside him). Owen Overgaard (right) waits his turn with a fish in hand. **Pictured above right**, Stan Steensma (center) won the Ice Castle icehouse when his raffle ticket was drawn Saturday afternoon at the Ice Fishing Derby. He’s pictured with volunteers Rob Wenzel (left) and Mike Davis.



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Alex Dewispelaere (right) won first place in the youth division, and Dalton Petersen (center) was first in adults. They’re pictured with volunteer Dustin Aning (left).



At left, Owen Overgaard shows one of the hundreds of fish brought in to the warming house Saturday.



Above left, Arianna Churchill shows off a colorful perch she caught in The Lake at the Fishing Derby. **Above**, Annen Kopp (left), Tom Kopp and Hobey Sandbulte trek to the warming house to weigh their catch.

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