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What should a plaza look like in Luverne?

Downtown plaza committee gathers community input at Monday meeting

By Lori Sorenson

What should a downtown plaza look like? Where should it be located? What features should it offer?

These questions and others were asked at the first of three plaza community input meetings Monday night in the Palace Theatre where about 40 people gathered despite a heavy evening snowfall.

"It's a conversation about what we want to see in a plaza," Luverne Chamber director Jane Wildung Lanphere said about the series of meetings.

The plaza priority first emerged at a 2017 meeting of Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow, which is now spearheading the effort.

In the time since then, LIFT (through the work of the Plaza Committee and the Chamber) applied for a partnership project with the Southwest Sustainable Development Partnership and the Center for Sustainable Building Research in the University of Minnesota's College of Design.

The total project cost is over \$26,000 with \$14,000 funded by the University of Minnesota.

LIFT, City of Luverne, the Chamber and Southwest Initiative Foundation have already pledged support, and \$3,000 of local funding is needed to complete the project.

The grant provides services of a landscape architecture graduate student (Haily Schmitz) with supervision/consultation from a professor at the School of Architecture to gather information and develop a design concept for a plaza in downtown Luverne.

Schmitz, along with Dr. Virajita Singh from the College of Design and Anne Dybsetter from the Southwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership took the stage for Monday's discussion.

Schmitz shared examples of other community plazas with elements that could be applied to Luverne's.

For example, they had green space, opportunity for outdoor education, ample seating space, covered shelter, performance stage areas, safe places for children to play, adequate parking, access to electricity and wifi, picnic tables and others.

She said the community discussions about a Luverne plaza need to consider who will use the space, how many people should it accommodate, how will the design reflect the character of the neighborhood and others.

Further, it should be visible from the street and main traffic areas and

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Danny Aning keeps an eye on his bobber Saturday afternoon during the "Get Hooked" Fishing Derby at the The Lake in Luverne. Below, Josh and Arianna Churchill drop in a line in the icy water.

Waiting game



Photos and text by Lori Sorenson

There were 229 registered anglers in Saturday's "Get Hooked" Fishing Derby in Luverne, despite single-digit temperatures and a brisk wind.

Fish were uncooperative for this year's contest, and a 1.43-pound carp took home the \$500 cash prize for Collin Schoneman.

Generous sponsors donated dozens of prizes, however, and at the end of the day there were more winners than losers.

The 2019 derby was the fourth year of the annual event organized by the Luverne Area Chamber and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.



At left, Austin Henning waits patiently for a bite. Above, Brody (left) and Payne Bonnett and Faith Mounce head for the warming house with plastic bags of fish to weigh for competition. Below, shacks and shelters create a mini city on the ice Saturday afternoon as 229 anglers wait for the winning fish.



No concerns raised over new gravel pit

By Mavis Fodness

A proposed aggregate mining pit in Battle Plain Township may proceed with permit process after Rock County commissioners determined the project doesn't need further study for environmental impact.

Commissioners unanimously accepted the environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) findings at their Jan. 22 meeting.

The Rock County Land Management Office submitted the EAW for state review when Du-

inink Inc. of Prinsburg, requested to open a new aggregate mining and processing site in the southeast quarter of Battle Plain Township Section 29.

Land Management Office Director Eric Hartman said Duinink began the assessment process five years ago. Rock County is the regulatory government unit in charge of the required EAW process.

In February 2018 a draft EAW was formally submitted to the state Environmental Quality Board for the 30-day public review process.

"The reason why this proposal is subject to an environmental assessment worksheet is because of the acreage involved," Hartman said. "It exceeds 40 acres but is less than 160 acres."

Duinink proposes to open and operate a new mineral extraction site as well as a hot-mix asphalt plant on the 155-acre site.

During the 30-day public comment period for the Duinink project, a dozen federal, state and

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County starts EDA study

By Mavis Fodness

Commissioners adopted a resolution Feb. 5, authorizing a committee to study the development of county-wide economic development authority (EDA).

Fourteen people comprise the study committee.

Membership includes representatives from the cities of Beaver Creek, Hardwick, Hills, Jasper, Kenneth, Luverne, Magnolia and Steen.

Two commissioners — Gary Overgaard and Jody Reisch — agreed to serve on the study committee

along with township representatives Lanette Elbers, Clinton; Brian Jonas, Vienna; and Peter Bakken, Beaver Creek.

Tammy Johnson with Blue Mound Towers represents the Housing and Redevelopment Authority on the study committee.

Cities were asked to designate a representative to serve on the committee. Their first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 19.

"I've reached out to persons on

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Feb 19, in Pizza Ranch Luverne, for all persons with MS, family and friends. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Luverne Music Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Luverne High School Choir Room. All parents of choir and band students are welcome to attend.

Parkinsons Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne.

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 meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

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

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

Luverne Street Music open house set for Feb. 13 at Carnegie

Luverne Street Music Children's Choir invites area youth in first through fifth grades to experience the joy of singing. An open House and sign-up event will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Carnegie Building, 205 N Freeman.

Rehearsals are from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays starting Feb. 27. Preregistration is strongly encouraged. Contact Director Christine Thorson, luvmccc@gmail.com. Older students are accepted with consideration. Ross Bergman is the LSM accompanist..

Hospice kickoff meeting Feb. 14

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host a kick-off meeting at noon Thursday, Feb. 14, for anyone interested in helping with this year's charity dinner and auction. RSVP for lunch and materials by Feb. 11 by call ing 283-1805.

Snowy Survival at Blue Mounds State Park set for Feb. 16

Practice survival skills like building a snow den and starting a fire at the Blue Mounds State Park from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Cart-in Site Picnic Shelter. It's open to all ages and abilities. (If there is little snow the program will instead be spring survival.) Call 507-283-6057.

Preschool or daycare for free? Feb. 19

"Preschool or daycare for Free?" on Feb. 19 or Feb. 21 will help parents understand what Parent Aware, Early Learning Scholarships and Four-Star Ratings mean in the world of preschoolers.

There is no fee for this free class, but registration requested. Choose **Feb. 19 at 10:45 a.m. or 6:15 p.m.** or choose **Feb. 21 at 11.** Call 283-4724 or visit the website at http://www.isd2184.net/Community_Ed/index.html

'Curtains' takes stage Feb 22-24

River Valley Players will perform "Curtains," a murder-mystery comedy show within a show, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22-23 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Central Lyon High School Auditorium, Rock Rapids. To reserve tickets call 712-472-3456."

Free food giveaway Feb. 21

New Life Celebration Church will offer free produce, bread and meat from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Senior Citizens Building on East Lincoln Street in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags and boxes. Call 507-283-3466.

Free tax help available at library

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

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



Priorities for a plaza in Luverne are green space, opportunity for outdoor education, ample seating space, covered shelter, performance stage areas, safe places for children to play, adequate parking, access to electricity and wifi, picnic tables and others.

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It should also provide interesting views of surrounding attractions.

Primary considerations should be safety, accessibility, weather protection, the environment, maintenance and its attractions to users.

Those among the 40 attended Monday's meeting were split into smaller groups of five or six to answer questions.

They included: What do

you want to do at the plaza? What do you want the plaza to look like? What should the plaza have for children and youth? What should it have for adults? Are their examples of plazas you've seen that you've liked? Do you have other thoughts to share?

The small group ideas were gathered in sticky notes on white boards and the data will be used as the Plaza Steering Committee works with the

University on the next stage of the project design.

Once a concept is developed, the committee will bring the information and data back to the community for evaluation and additional input.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25.

A stipulation of the grant award is that the project needs to "include diverse perspectives," as it's developed.

The LIFT plaza committee

is comprised of a wide cross section of Luverne residents and business people, and Monday's meeting sought to include more voices.

Anyone with input or ideas can call the Chamber at 507-283-4061.

Working on feedback from that meeting, the Plaza Committee intends to report on progress and possibly have a design in time for the March 1 annual LIFT gala event.

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Counting for Dollars 2020

16 Large Federal Assistance Programs that Distribute Funds on Basis of Decennial Census-derived Statistics (Fiscal Year 2015)

Total Program Obligations: \$8,411,135,752
Per Capita: \$1,532 (see note on proper use)

Minnesota

CFDA #	Program Name	Dept.	Type	Recipients	Obligations
93.778	Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)	HHS	Grants	States	\$5,148,945,675
20.205	Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	Grants	States	\$673,309,975
10.551	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	USDA	Direct Pay	Households	\$627,557,916
93.774	Medicare Part B (Supplemental Medical Insurance) – Physicians Fee Schedule Services	HHS	Direct Pay	Providers	\$585,541,241
14.871	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$232,959,000
84.027	Special Education Grants (IDEA)	ED	Grants	States	\$187,400,949
10.555	National School Lunch Program	USDA	Grants	States	\$156,002,538
14.195	Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program (Project-based)	HUD	Direct Pay	Owners	\$154,342,214
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	ED	Grants	LEAs	\$146,378,464
93.568	Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$114,669,262
93.600	Head Start/Early Head Start	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$112,595,410
10.557	Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)	USDA	Grants	States	\$93,911,121
93.596	Child Care and Development Fund-Entitlement	HHS	Grants	States	\$52,665,000
93.658	Foster Care (Title IV-E)	HHS	Grants	States	\$46,930,000
93.767	State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)	HHS	Grants	States	\$41,135,000
93.527/93.224	Health Center Programs (Community, Migrant, Homeless, Public Housing)	HHS	Grants	Providers	\$36,791,987

next census? I'm absolutely positive."

Population 5,000 is the threshold for many government programs that differentiate between "towns" and

"cities," and by and large "cities" carry more weight in terms of government funding support.

"My goal is to get us over 5,000," Baustian said.

Information about the

CCC and the 2020 census is available on the City of Luverne website.

Click on the "government" tab to find the "2020 census" link.



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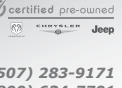
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Secure your future ag seminar Feb. 20

Security Savings Bank and Professional Ag Marketing will cosponsor their fifth annual Ag Seminar from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

The seminar, "Now's the Time to Secure Your Future," will explore new strategies for local farmers, as well as risk management planning and tools for local producers.

Keynote speaker will be John Blanchfield, principal with Agricultural Banking Advisory Services. Blanchfield brings nearly 40 years in ag banking and policy and is a speaker on topics related to finance, banking and federal agricultural policy.

"This is a one-of-a-kind event unique to the area, and we're so proud that we're able to bring in nationally recognized experts to share their experience with our local producers," said Tim Plimpton, Security Savings Bank president.

"The farming industry is tricky because it can make dramatic shifts year to year. Our goal is to share with customers, friends and other

local producers new insights and valuable information to provide them with the tools necessary to make the best decisions for their operation. It's a way to demonstrate our strong commitment to the industries and the producers who drive our local economy."

Doors open and registration begins at 10:15 with featured presentations beginning at 10:45. John Blanchfield will present for 90 minutes with an opportunity for questions immediately following.

"We are so proud to bring a leading ag expert to our panel," said Pat Von Tersch with Professional Ag Marketing.

"Having the best information and partners who are committed to you and your communities' success is key to maximizing an operation's productivity and profits and adapting to factors outside their control."

There is no cost for this event. Registration is required, and attendees can register by contacting Tyler at Security Savings Bank at (507) 449-6000 or by contacting Kim at Professional Ag Marketing at (507) 449-2030.

LIFT gala is March 1

By Lori Sorenson

Community leaders will host the annual meeting of LIFT — Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow — at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in Grand Prairie Events.

LIFT was established in 2010 as a collaboration of public and private sectors brainstorming about how to improve the Luverne community.

The annual meetings are a chance to celebrate accomplishments and review goals yet to be reached, according to Luverne Area Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

"The LIFT Annual Gala will be a great opportunity for you to hear, first hand, the work that is going to happen in Luverne over the next year and beyond," Lanphere said in her February Chamber newsletter about the meeting.

"The meeting will also be an opportunity to meet the people responsible for the work that will happen."

The 2019 meeting will do the same, touching on highlights in the following areas:

- LuverneEvents.com
- Wayfinding is coming — Spring 2019
- C&B Operations Luverne
- Blue Mounds State Park
- 2019 Pheasant Pheasta

• Luverne Sister Cities International

- Main Street Plaza
- Premium Iowa Pork
- Towne Square project
- SWMN CEO program
- Luverne School District building project

"It might not seem like a lot is happening in Luverne and Rock County on a day-to-day basis," said Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian.

"But when you add all of them up over the last year you can see that we have a vibrant community with much to be proud of and a chance to recognize all of it."

The 2019 meeting will feature a catered Bluestem meal for \$40 per person or \$300 per table of eight as a fundraiser for LIFT.

"Your support is needed so they can continue their work in 'lifting' Luverne higher," Lanphere said.

A social gathering and cash bar is at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m.

Bluestem-catered meal begins at 7:30 p.m. with entertainment at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Chamber, 507-283-4061 or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

Reservation deadline is Feb. 25.



Mavis Fodness photos/0214 Evening Story Time

Children's librarian Bronwyn Wenzel (center, back) instructs participants at Rock County Library's first Evening Story Time on how to construct a snow globe Tuesday night, Feb. 5, in the library basement.

No more shushing

Rock County Library increases attendance, changes image

By Mavis Fodness

About a quarter of U.S. adults admit they haven't read a book in the past year, according to the Pew Research Institute book-reading habits survey released in March 2018.

That's up slightly from 19 percent eight years ago when the survey of non-readers began.

Staff members at the Rock County Library in Luverne are working to reverse the non-reader trend by actively engaging residents through various library-sponsored activities.

So far, it appears to be working, according to library director Calla Jarvie who said attendance doubled in the past five years from 2,127 participants in 2013 to last year's 4,174.

From 2017 to 2018, attendance climbed more than one thousand people (1,117) alone.

"We are doing that through special events, ongoing

"Yes, we are still the place to check out books, but we are no longer the place where you're going to get shushed."

— Calla Jarvie, Rock County Librarian



Dad Zachary Zak helps son, Conner, 2, place the circle on the triangle to create a paper snow globe. **Below left**, Graham DeBoer, 2, concentrates as grandma Carol Goehle helps write his name on his paper snow globe.

programs, new materials and by creating a welcoming environment when you step in the library," she said.

The special events connect with possible patrons outside the library walls through community-library partnerships.

The most popular is Trivia Night at Take 16 Brewery in downtown Luverne. Since it started in May 2018 an average of 70 people participate in the event the first Thursday of the each month.

For young families the library expanded its popular Friday morning Story Time with a Tuesday evening event to allow more working parents to attend.

The first Evening Story Time was Feb. 5 with 13 preschool to second-graders and 10 adults.

Evening Story Time are scheduled to continue through the end of the month.

Jarvie said the invitation to laugh and learn is changing the role of the community library.

"Yes, we are still the place to check out books, but we are no longer the place where you're going to get shushed," Jarvie said.

Unfortunately, a quiet has come over the number of

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the list and have received very positive responses," said county administrator Kyle Oldre.

A representative from the Southwest Regional Development Commission in Slayton will facilitate the meetings. Approved facilitation costs were not to exceed \$1,500.

The study committee is tasked to determine the pros and cons of establishing a Rock County Economic Development Authority.

The group has 90 days

from its first meeting to make a recommendation to the commissioners.

Last year, the federal government designated the southern third of Rock County as an Opportunity Zone. The zones are meant to encourage long-term business investments.

The county EDA committee would work with new businesses and potential investors in all of Rock County as well as in the designated Opportunity Zones.



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A reflection on unplanned gymnasts and hallway locker signs

"I am the pro-life generation," proclaimed the typing paper signs last week-end taped to lockers in the hallway at school.



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'So there's hope,' I mused. Some of these kids are boldly pro-life.' And I smiled.

(possibly planned) gymnast.

The aunts, cousins, grandmas and great grandmas took turns holding the baby, snuggling the toddlers, and bouncing the wiggly ones.

Friends of the new baby's siblings filed by to look at him. "Awe, he's so tiny," they said with admiration followed by a funny look of not knowing what else to say.

At 36 weeks pregnant, a gymnastics mom in front of us shifted uncomfortably in her bleacher seat. She said the baby is a boy. His name is Waylon. He has a mom and a dad and a big brother and a big sister. (And grandmas, aunts and cousins from the looks of it.)

Maybe in a few years he and baby Isaiah will be friends? Maybe, when they go to school, they will put signs on their lockers proclaiming their allegiance to football or the school play.

Because, maybe, in 15 years when Isaiah and Waylon walk that hallway, being pro-life will be a given and there will be no reason for signs to proclaim it.

School construction update, weather woes and where to conduct prom

The much-anticipated building project for Luverne School District is just around the corner.

The first three items that will be worked on starting March 5 include a new electrical panel in the basement, work near the locker rooms in the elementary to increase roof load limits and demolition of the little theater.

The theater demolition will create some travel pattern changes for students and staff, as the art room door in the middle-high school will be blocked.

The proposed entrance will be through the agriculture room. This type of flexibility will be standard operating procedure over the next two years during construction.

The little theater will be the new music and choir suite with practice rooms, instrument storage, music library, and additional square footage in the classrooms.

This space will have many acoustical upgrades and should be a wonderful, new space for our students.

Snow days

Lots of people are wondering how the district will handle the snow days and the construction calendar. The Board of Education will have the

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Craig Oftedahl, Luverne Schools Superintendent

final say on how the calendar will be adjusted to accommodate the days.

There are many factors that have to be looked at before a final decision can be made. Some of these include legislative changes through the Governor's office, construction schedule, teacher contracts and student contact hours.

The other tricky item is that we still have half of February and all of March to contend with. Typically, February and March are the snowiest months of the year. Let's not forget last year when we had a major storm/blizzard on April 15.

As soon as we figure things out, we will communicate with students, parents and the community.

Prom spaces

As I watch the snow whip around in the wind today (Feb. 7), I don't necessarily think of prom. As a matter of

fact, prom is not one of these school "functions" that excite me.

However, with the changes happening to the building, we are looking at creative ways to handle the Grand March and the crowd of people that typically attend the prom event.

Right now we are looking at the possibility of using the small gym below the music area as part of the functioning for this event, since the little theater can no longer be used.

We will still use the middle school-high school gym for the Grand March, but that may not be a large enough venue to handle all the patrons.

Whatever happens, I'm sure it will work out and be a wonderful event for the students and the community.

It may be a little different than in years past, but it will still showcase our wonderful students!



Shaws clarify Shopko Luverne pharmacy history

To the Editor:

We just received the Feb. 7 issue of the Star Herald and read the front-page story "Shopko Pharmacy Closes Suddenly."

We feel that we should clarify the part about the pharmacy having moved from the previous Pamida building on East Main. There actually was no pharmacy at that location when they moved to the new building.

Family Drug had leased the

pharmacy in the old building for many years but had moved out and into its own building on East Main a few years earlier.

In 1997 Pamida approached us at Shaw Drug with a proposal to purchase our pharmacy and for us to move out to the new building.

Shaw Drug had started in 1982, when we bought Storaker Drug. Through the years we had also purchased Murphy Drug (which included Bot Drug) and Laudon

Drug in cooperation with Pamida before the move.

So when we moved our pharmacy out to the new Pamida, the history of all of these Luverne pharmacies became a part of Pamida and later Shopko pharmacy.

We have such great memories of our years in Luverne and enjoy keeping up with the news in the Star Herald.

Derald and Linda Shaw, Owatonna

Thanks, Grandpa; other janitors

I am not sure what spurred the conversation but recently the topic of school janitors came up.

Maybe it was because it was National Custodians Appreciation Day or something, so I did what we do nowadays and googled "Custodian Day." Sure enough — there is such a day, and it falls on Oct. 2.

It made me think about the custodians back in the day when I went to school.

First our custodians were known as janitors. My Grandpa Peterson was the janitor for the Heron Lake public schools back in the mid 1950s and through the early 60s. After Grandpa retired Harlow Hansen took over as the head janitor.

Before I go any further down janitor memory lane the thought occurred to me that janitors played a rather significant role in my overall education, and maybe they did in yours as well.

The memories of Harlow that come to mind of course include the



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager Tollefson Publishing

olive green shirt and pants he wore with the retractable key chain he always had attached to his belt.

More times than not he had a push broom in his hands, and unknown to us at the time, he was also the undercover hall monitor.

Harlow called most of us by name and of course knew all of our parents by name. Besides his daily janitor duties he was also the school's head discipline officer.

Those of us who got to shovel coal, empty garbage cans and sweep floors didn't get the privilege of doing so because we were on the honor roll.

Fast forward to my last two years in high school that I finished in Brewster.

Again I quickly got to know the head janitor there, he was a portly

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Salvation Army makes difference due to generous community

To the Editor:

As I look out my window today, the wind is howling and blowing the snow creating terrible visibility. The wind chill temps are well below zero making me grateful for a warm home. It reminds me that for some residents of Rock County, a warm home is not a something they have.

That's where programs such as the Salvation Army come in.

Each year, the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign raises money from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve.

All the money raised stays right here in Rock County to assist

individuals and families in crisis with things like heating and rental assistance, vehicle repairs or gas so they can get back and forth to work.

But none of this assistance would be available if it weren't for the generosity of many people who give of their time and finances.

Teal's Market and Shopko Hometown allow the bell ringers to ring inside their stores. That's such a blessing for the volunteer bell ringers. All the amazing people who take time out of the busy schedules to ring the bells, Patti Wieneke at Minnwest Bank, and of course all the generous people who give.

I took over the Red Kettle Campaign from Suanne Ohme, who coordinated the campaign for several years. I would like to thank her for her years of service and dedication. I truly enjoyed coordinating this campaign and I look forward to next year. The generosity of this community never ceases to amaze me.

This year, local generosity helped us raised just over \$7,200. On behalf of all those who helped and all those who benefit from those funds, we are forever grateful.

Carrie Soto
Red Kettle Campaign Coordinator

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 1
•Complainant requested deputy for property exchange on E. Luverne St.
•Complainant reported a gas drive off from last month on S. Kniss Ave.
•Complainant reported a fire alarm on E. Luverne St.
•Complainant requested a deputy for a parking issue on E. Lincoln St.
•Complainant reported a theft on W. Interstate Dr.
•Complainant reported a gas drive off on S. Kniss Ave.
•Complainant reported an accident on Warren St.
Feb. 2
•Complainant reported a stolen vehicle in Hardwick.
•Complainant reported a lost child on N. Kniss Ave.
Feb. 3
•Deputy assisted another department on Spruce Ave.
•Trooper reported a vehicle pursuit on I-90 w/b.
•Reserved for State Patrol formal complaint.
•Complainant requests to speak to a deputy.
•Complainant reported debris in the roadway on W Main St.
•Complainant reported a roll over in Jasper.
•Deputy reported a motorist assist in Hardwick.
•Deputy reported a motorist assist on Hwy. 75.
•Complainant reported a pickup went by their place in Hardwick and slowed down.
Feb. 4
•Complainant reported it seems like the furnace has gone out on Oak Dr.
•Complainant reported an accident in Beaver Creek with no injuries.
•Complainant reported an accident at the intersection near the high school.
•Complainant reported alarm maintenance on N. McKenzie St.
•Complainant requested a deputy for court.
•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle in Beaver Creek.
•Deputies out for a warrant service on W. Warren St.
•Complainant reported property damage on W Warren.
Feb. 5
•Received an alarm from E. Brown St.
•Complainant stopped

deputy and told him of a water main break between Cedar and Oakland.
•Complainant reported a vehicle parked in his driveway on Hwy. 75.
•Deputy conducted a follow up on W. Lincoln St.
•Complainant reported they will be in the area of County Rd. 4.
•Complainant reported a train stopped in Jasper on Hwy. 23 and is blocking traffic.
•Complainant reported a stalled motorist on Hwy. 75.
•Complainant requested a fingerprint appointment.
•Complainant reported a multiple vehicle accident in Magnolia.
Feb. 6
•Alarm reported on E. Brown St.
•Deputy accompanies another department on W. Hatting St.
•Complainant requested to get property out of impound.
•Deputy conducted a follow up on E. Lincoln St.
•Deputy Conducted a warrant check on W. Brown St.
•Civil Defense testing.
•Complainant reported an accident on S. Freeman Ave.
•Complainant reported a theft on E. Lincoln St.
•Alarm reported on E. Brown St.
•Alarm reported on E. Brown St.
•Alarm reported on E. Brown St.
Feb. 7
•Alarm reported on E. Brown St.
•Deputy reported a parking complaint on Freeman St.
•Deputy reported a parking complaint on E. Fairway Dr.
•Complainant reported an alarm on E. Brown St.
•Complainant reported a disorderly person on N. Oakley St.
•Alarm reported on E. Brown, Commissioners room.
•Complainant reported two stalled vehicles in Hardwick.
In addition, officers also responded to 1 deer accident, 3 vehicles in the ditch, 2 transports, 6 escorts, 14 ambulance runs, 2 animal complaints, 11 burn permits, 4 drug court tests, 4 permit to purchase/carry, 4 abandon 911 calls, 6 paper service attempts, 11 traffic stops, and 3 tests.

Grandpa/ from previous page

man by the name of Jim Kleuver.
He apparently shopped for his work clothes and key chain at the same place Harlow did. Jim of course knew all our names and our parents. He, like most janitors, was generally the first one in the building each day and more then likely the last one to lock up the place at the end of the day.
I continued my janitor acquaintance journey into adulthood when I became close friends with the head

janitor for the Redwood Falls School district, Scott Becker.
My relationship with Scott was more about hunting and not so much about sweeping floors and of course the shoveling coal is a thing of the past.
From my grandpa to Scott Becker, janitors have played a role in my life that I haven't given much thought to until now. I thank them for the part they played in my life not as just grandpa, hall monitors and friend but as their role as janitors.



Mavis Fodness photo/0214 ALICE Courthouse

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge addresses a group of courthouse employees about active shooter response methods of ALICE.

Courthouse staff completes ALICE training to prepare for active shooter scenarios

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County employees, administration and elected officials joined the list of public agencies introduced to an active shooter response method.
ALICE is an acronym for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate. Use of one (or all five) of the actions are intended to save lives.
Sheriff Evan Verbrugge led the training Tuesday night, Feb. 5, with 16 county employees whose offices are located in the courthouse. Deputy Dallas Hamm assisted with the training.
The training included several simulations within the employees' offices along with a classroom lecture.
A YouTube video of a 9-1-1 call from the Columbine High School active shooting incident in 1999 was played.
On the recording, instructions were to hide in classrooms during the incident where 34 students and staff were shot with 13 dying from their injuries.
Because of that incident, the trainings now instruct participants to be more proactive before outside help arrives.
"A lot of these incidents are already over and done with (by the time law



Mavis Fodness photo/0214 ALICE Courthouse

Rock County deputy Dallas Hamm acts as an active shooter at the Rock County Courthouse Tuesday night, Feb. 5, in an exercise where courthouse employees did nothing to confront the shooter as they hid under desks or in closets to wait for help outside help to arrive.

enforcement arrive)," Verbrugge said.
ALICE is one response to violent incidents that allows potential victims to engage in during the 4- to 14-minute average timeframe for law enforcement to reach the scene.
"You are learning life skills here that could save your life," he said. "Seventy-five percent of gunshot wounds are survivable if you move or do something."
More ALICE trainings are planned with additional courthouse staff.
Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek school districts, city of Luverne and some staff at Sanford Luverne Medical Center have been introduced or trained in the ALICE principals.
Verbrugge is a certified ALICE trainer. For more information, contact him at the law enforcement center in Luverne, (507) 283-5000.



Scott Adams (left) and Gary Kurtz barricade the door to the Land Records Office in a defensive move to combat consequences of an active shooter in the Rock County Courthouse Tuesday night, Feb. 5. The Rock County Sheriffs Office taught the ALICE method to 16 employees and officials. Lockdown is one action to employ against an active shooter.

Papik picks of the week...

2012 Buick Enclave
145K • Stock #136356U **save \$2,000**
Was \$10,000 Now \$8,000

2014 Chevrolet Traverse
121K • Stock #259656N **save \$2,000**
Was \$14,990 Now \$12,990

2015 Chevrolet Traverse
98K • Stock #121731U **save \$1,500**
Was \$17,990 Now \$16,490

2014 Dodge Durango
98K • Stock #481724N **save \$2,000**
Was \$19,990 Now \$17,990

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Kindness 7 years later High school students still showing kindness



At left: Youth Frontiers leader Ben Nordquist (far right) addresses Luverne Elementary School fourth-graders at the start of the Kindness Retreat in the American Reformed Church fellowship hall Feb. 5. Helpers included high school juniors, who were members of the first class to attend a Kindness Retreat seven years ago and remember the positive experience. **Below:** Fourth-grader Lauren Stegenga leads her classmates through a greeter tunnel of high school juniors into the fellowship hall.

Photos and story by Lori Sorenson

Luverne Elementary School fourth-graders learned lessons in kindness during an annual Youth Frontiers retreat Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the American Reformed Church.

Students talked about why and how to make kind choices, how words and actions affect others and how to resolve conflict to address bullying.

A handful of 11th-grade students are recruited each year to help with the fourth-graders, and the older students meet for an hour ahead of the event to be briefed about their roles in the retreat.

This year's 11th graders were Luverne's first group of fourth-graders to partici-

pate in the Kindness Retreat seven years ago.

Jordan Winter said he could tell the message was having an impact on the fourth-graders.

"... they were able to think of their own experiences where they saw others treated poorly," Winter said. "Keeping these situations in mind, I hope they now know ways they can help out a classmate who is having a hard time."

High School Junior Gunnar Oldre said he remembered his own fourth-grade experiences with a positive high school role model.

"I hope students not only know how to treat others with kindness but also that they get to experience a full day of kindness," Oldre said. "A day like this is hard

to find, but I think that now they can find it themselves."

Throughout the retreat, students learned about "kindness boomerangs" that, when thrown out, often come back with more kindness.

At the end of Thursday's event students filled out individual notecards addressing "How will I throw kindness to others?"

They answered the questions:

1. I will be kinder to my teachers and classmates by _____.

2. I'm going to thank _____ (someone from school) for _____.

3. I'm going to say "I'm sorry" for _____.

When they were done, some students voluntarily shared their answers at the

microphone.

"It's amazing when students realize they can be the change in our school and the world," said Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Luverne Elementary counselor. "This can be a really powerful experience."

Youth Frontiers Inc. of Minneapolis has presented retreats on important values such as kindness, courage and respect in schools all over the state for the purpose of building character in young people.

Luverne High School 10th-graders attended a Youth Frontiers Respect Retreat later in the week at ARC.

Both retreats are funded by Parents Partners in Education, Sioux Valley Energy, Main Street Financial, American Reformed Church and Luverne Public Schools.



CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Don Johnson will celebrate his 70th birthday at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Valley Springs, South Dakota, American Legion Hall. No gifts are requested.

Helmer Haakenson will celebrate his 100th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the St. Catherine Church gathering space in Luverne. Greetings may be sent to 1018 N. Elmwood Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

Card showers

Ruth McClure will celebrate her 90th February 25. Greetings may be sent to 611 Camden Dr., Marshall, MN 56258.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Feb. 18: Barbecue pulled pork on bun, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, pineapple. Program: Presidents Trivia.

Tuesday, Feb. 19: Honey mustard chicken breast, potato salad, broccoli, fruit cup, bread, pudding. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Oasis Care Home.

Wednesday, Feb. 20: Signature Meal: Barbecue riblet sandwich, tri taters, corn, mandarin orange gelatin. Program: Hawkie's 100th birthday; Site Council.

Thursday, Feb. 21: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce,

bred, pumpkin dessert. Program: Half-Price Day; Food Give-away.

Friday, Feb. 22: Hamburger tomato hotdish, pineapple, corn bread, bar. Program: Birthday Party with Kitchen Band.

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

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

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

1954: Highway to Hills receives blacktop

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on February 18, 1954.

Blacktopping of T.H. 270 Is Scheduled

Minnesota's 1954 construction program includes the blacktopping of Trunk Highway No. 270 from U.S. 75 to Hills.

O. L. Kipp, assistant commissioner of highways and chief engineer, announced that base and bituminous surfacing of the road, built last summer, was on the agenda this year, following a revision of plans, made since Rep. Roy H. Cummings was advised on November 20, 1953 that the 1954 construction program did not include any work on T. H. 270.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

Senator Andy Anderson told the Star-Herald this week that while blacktopping was not scheduled for T. H. 23,

completed a year ago last summer, plans have been made to complete the bridge over the Beaver Creek just north of the intersection with U. S. 16 near Bly's service station at the Manley corner.

The senator also said that future plans of the highway department call for changing the route of 16 slightly in that particular area, and for the construction of an underpass to replace the present crossing over the Great Northern railroad tracks.

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.



Joe and Maddie Brake

Brake, Stegenga wed at First Presbyterian, Luverne

Joe and Maddie Brake were married Saturday, Aug. 22, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church, Luverne.

Parents of the bride are Craig and Anne Stegenga, Luverne. Parents of the groom are Jerry and Julie Brake, Wilmont.

Reverend Dr. Jason Cunningham officiated.

The bride's matron of honor was Sarah Stegenga. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Riggs, Morgan Dodd, Erika Brake, Emmie Jackson, Kyla Stulen, and Danielle Kniep.

The best men were Jesse Brake, Jared Brake, and Jordan

Brake. Groomsmen were Jordan Stegenga, Will Stegenga, Dalton Jeffers, and Jake Diekmann.

A wedding reception followed the ceremony at the Holiday Inn Event Center, Brandon, South Dakota.

Beth graduated from Luverne High School in 2015 and from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, in 2018. She currently works at the Fulda Elementary School.

Joel graduated from Adrian High School in 2013. He is currently the owner/operator of Brake Trucking.

They live in Wilmont.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•Several City Council agenda items Tuesday night dealt with Luverne's airport runway expansion project.

Work began last summer to expand the existing runway from 2,400 feet to 4,200 feet, and plans are in place for Phase II of the project to be completed this summer.

Phase I of the project included land acquisition and grading work.

Phase II includes paving and lighting, and council members accepted the low bid of \$1,255,200 from Central Specialties, Alexandria, for that work.

Their action Tuesday tentatively awards the bid, subject to receipt of federal funds.

25 years ago (1994)

•Luverne's Second Annual Winterfest is just around the corner, and Mother Nature has been cooperating perfectly. ...

"I think the word is out, and people are looking for something to do this time of year," said Luverne Chamber of Commerce Director Norma DeJongh. ...

When the ice arena booked the Minnetonka Figure Skaters Ice Shows, representatives at the arena thought it would be a good time to invite the entire community to their facility. From there, Winterfest blossomed to include smooch racing, ice sculptures, snowmobile runs, and plenty of indoor activities such as plays and sporting events.

50 years ago (1969)

•Luverne High School will again be represented in the state high school debate tournament as the Luverne debaters were picked, along with Worthington and Mankato, to represent Region II after debating in the region tourney at Mankato Feb. 4. The state tournament will be held at the University of Minnesota Friday and Saturday. ...

The debaters include B.J. VanderKooi, Stan Tofteland, Kenneth Olson and Gary Overgaard and are coached by Marlin Spangrud.

75 years ago (1944)

•Owners of steel wheeled tractors and other farm equipment who had planned to convert to rubber but who had neglected to make their applications are "out of luck" for now. ...

Reasons for the move, listed in the letter were: Current tire production is not sufficient to meet the demands of airplane and military requirements.

Adequate stocks for replacements must be maintained. ... The third reason is that manufacturers may deliver the maximum number of 1944 tractors on rubber.

AAA committees everywhere have been advised to emphasize retreading wherever practicable, to reduce the volume of replacement tires required.

100 years ago (1919)

•Initial steps towards providing Luverne with a home rule charter were taken Tuesday, when Judge L. S. Nelson appointed a commission of fifteen members to draft a new charter for the city.

Those named as members of the commission are: E.H. Canfield, C.H. Christopherson, E.A. Brown, J.P. Coffey, S.A. Coss, B.S. Dodds, O.E. Ferguson, A.O. Moreaux, E.H. Moreland, A.D. LaDue, C.J. Martin, O.P. Huntington, C.O. Wright, S.B. Nelson and J.W. Hawkinson.

These men are to serve as members of the commission for a term of four years, and have thirty days in which to accept or decline the appointment, and six months in which to draft a charter.

The charter is then to be presented for adoption at the first general election to be held within six months of that time or at a special election to be called for that purpose.



Submitted photo

The Luverne Cardinal speech team claimed the first-place trophy in the Viking Invitational Tournament Saturday in Minneota. Earning recognition at the day-long event were (front row from left) Adriana Gonzalez, Shane Berning, Lindsey Roemeling, (second row) Gunnar Oldre, Gretchen Jacobsma, Sage Ver Steeg, Xavier Carboneau, Jonah Louwagie, (third row) Isabelle Hoiland, Nicole Hoogland, Destiny Matthiesen, Melanie Rittenhouse, (fourth row) Meagan Hansen, Cameron Wessels, Chance Tunnissen, Parker Carboneau, Luke Thorson, (back) Alexa Chesley, Solveig Tofteland, Seno Chanthalangsy and Jordan Winter.

Speech team earns another first-place

The Luverne Cardinal speech team captured the first-place team trophy at the Vikings Invitational in Minneota on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Thirty-six Cardinal speakers competed against 200 other students in three rounds of competition. The team also earned the top team trophy Feb. 2 in Worthington. This was the first time the Cardinals have attended the Vikings Invitational.

Of the 36 Cardinal students, there were seven first-time competitors.

“Coach (Gavin) Folkstad and I were very happy with how they fared in their rounds for their first competition,” said Coach Caroline Thorson.

“It can be very intimidating for new, young members to compete against junior and senior students who have been competing for several years, but they did great a job. Contributing points to the team win and receiving individual honors include:

- Creative expression: Cameron Wessels, fourth; Solveig Tofteland, fifth; Meagan Hansen, blue ribbon;

- Discussion: Alexa Chesley, second; Melanie Rittenhouse, fifth;
- Dramatic duo: Gretchen Jacobsma and Isabelle Hoiland, blue ribbons;
- Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, second; Destiny Matthiesen, fifth;
- Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first; Shane Berning, second; Parker Carboneau, fifth;
- Great speeches: Jordan Winter, blue ribbon;
- Humorous: Luke Thor-

- son, second; Seno Chanthalangsy, third; Gunnar Oldre, fifth;
- Original oratory: Lindsey Roemeling, second;
- Poetry: Adriana Gonzalez, sixth;
- Prose: Sage Ver Steeg, second;
- Storytelling: Xavier Carboneau, third; Jonah Louwagie, fourth;

Blue ribbons signify finishing one place out of the final round.

The speech team next competes Saturday in Redwood Falls.

Luverne issues second quarter honor rolls

Quarter 2: A Honor Roll

Seniors: Greta Ahrendt, Caitlyn Allen, Jadyn Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Giulia Cilleni Nepis, Carissa Cunningham, Jedidiah Dooyema, Julia Ferguson, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jackson Golla, Quinn Graber, Jake Haugen, Jacinda Hustoft, Josiah Luethje, Courtney Nath, Rylee Olson, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Riley Severson, Jade Smith, Emilie Staeffler, William Stegenga, Grace Sweeney, Melissa Teal, Courtney Wendland, Austin Winter, Jenna Zawiske, Matthew Ziegler.

Juniors: Dalwa Alinzi, Michelle Arevalo, Isaiah Bartels, Claire Baustian, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Justice Brandt, Alexa Chesley, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Brody DeBates, Carson Ehde, Hannah Ehlers, Madigan Flom, Zayda Holmgren, Nicole Hoogland, Heather Huether, Anna Huisman, Amelia Jarchow, Kacie Kracht, Sophia Lanoue, Jonah Louwagie, Reka Meinerts, Gunnar Oldre, Melanie Rittenhouse, Nicholas Rogers, Jacob Von Tersch, Austin

Watts-Boll, Sydney Wicks, Jordan Winter.

Sophomores: Russell Aanenson, Kaitlyn Anderson, Rebecca Austin, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Xavier Carboneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Regan Feit, Bella Gagieva, Rylee Gee, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Emma Hinz, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Destiny Matthiesen, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, McKenzie VanGrootheest, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Gracie Zawiske.

Freshmen: Trista Baustian, Seth Bose, Kendall Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Elise Ferrell, Trygve Gangestad, Kayetlin Huiskes, Olivia Huisman, Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Kristin Rud, Madeleine Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz, Casey Sehr, Jacey Smith, Hope Thorson, Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen, Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Brielle Waters, Olivia Wieneke.

Quarter 2: B Honor Roll

Seniors: Nicole Aanenson, Shane Berning, Payne Bonnett, Matrim Borth, Thomas Brown, Brookelynn Brust, James Chanthalangsy, Timothy Click, Carson Davis, Zoe DeBates, Lillian Donohue, Autumn Emery, Tia Hadler, Halle Hough, Brayden Jacobsma, Luke Jarchow, Matthew Jelken, Brianna Jonas, Suwapah Kongchan, Michelle Kramer, Ty Lindemann, Derek Lundgren, Faith Mounce, Joel Ortiz, Kaylie Ossefoort, Madison Reisdorfer, Breanna Richters, Naomi Ring, Justyce Ripka, Adayla Rouzer, Grace Steensma, McCall Stegenga, Eric Thorson, Evan Ushijima, Sage Ver Steeg.

Juniors: Martin Anderson, Quinn Buss, Anita Cole-Kraty, Jacqueline Diaz, Jonah Friedrichsen, Meagan Hansen, Alexandra Hartman, Ivy Hudson, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Kyia Leeds, Carter Loosbrock, Kaitlyn McDowell, Michael Meeker, Gabrielle Miller, Meghan Mollberg, Alyssa Nattress, Samantha Niessink, Marshal Oakes, Mallory Oye, Henry Rolling, Ainsley Rysdam, Maren Schaap, Colton Schutz, Matthew Sehr, Isabel Smeins,

McKenzie Swenson, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Andrew Wagner, Meghan Witte.

Sophomores: Zachary Ahrendt, Cooper Arends, Tiffany Berrios, Anna Boltjes, Megan Click, Ethan Curtiss, Tyler de Cesare, Justin Dohlmann, Isaac Eidem, Sophia Eisma, Cassie Flanagan, Mia Halverson, Trevor Halverson, Katarina Horn, Gretchen Jacobsma, Kameron Keene, Camron Kopp, Shelby Kracht, Hailey Kruger, Alex Mann, Katlin Petrone, Sadie Reisdorfer, Savannah Siebenahler, Haleah Soto, Nathan Spillman-Lindsley, Leah Wynia.

Freshmen: Rylee Anderson, Hannah Baker, Reghan Bork, Billi Connell, Sam Emery, Kyle Ferguson, Trissa Finkral, Blake Frahm, Jordan Friedrichsen, Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Isabelle Hoiland, Burke Johnson, Catalina Oakes, Chase Overgaard, Ethan Rahm, Silvia Recuero, Jonathan Saarloos, Grace Sandbulte, Lacey Saker, Alenya Sayavong, Brenn Siebenahler, Macie Swenson, Mia Wenzel.

H-BC releases second quarter, semester honor rolls

Quarter 2: A Honor Roll

Seniors: Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Ana Hagen, Mary-Frances Ladd, Luke LaRock, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

Juniors: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Larinda Kellenberger, Kailey Rozeboom, Jax Wysong.

Sophomores: Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Taryn Rauk, Lauren Tatge.

Freshmen: Austin Allen, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen.

Eighth grade: Devon Dysthe, Jenifer Martinyuk, Brayden Metzger, Leif Tollefson.

Seventh grade: Grace Anderson, Peyton Bennett, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Tahliya Kruger, Ty Leuthold, Brynn Rauk.

Amber Bos, Oana Ela Hagen, Madison Spath, Levi Vandenbosch, Preston Wilhelmi.

Juniors: Easton Harnack, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd.

Sophomores: Tyson Bork, Annie Bos, Chase Bosch, Ethan Gray, Jacob Sheppard, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

Freshmen: Sean Elbers, Weston Kellenberger, Josephyne Klosterbuer, Ethan Kruger, Donavon Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Dallas Page, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, MacKenzie Voss.

Eighth grade: Carter Abels, Tyrae Goodface, Britton McKenzie, Cody Moser, Joshua Wiersema.

Seventh grade: Layla Deelstra, Alexis Gardner-Swenson, Cooper Gehrke, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Damion Meinerts, Mikah Mygrant, Justin Roelfs, Taylor Spykerboer, Larissa Steinhoff,

Avril Susie, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

Semester 1: A Honor Roll

Seniors: Amber Bos, Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Ana Hagen, Luke LaRock, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

Juniors: Josie Bartels, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Kailey Rozeboom.

Sophomores: Calvin Erickson, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Allison LaRock, Taryn Rauk, Lauren Tatge, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

Freshmen: Austin Allen, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Leeanna Gaugler, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser, Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen.

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Seventh grade: Peyton Bennett, Lanae Elbers, Sylvia Fick, Taylor Gehrke, Brynn

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Semester 1: B Honor Roll

Seniors: Oana Ela Hagen, Madison Spath, Levi Vandenbosch, Preston Wilhelmi

Juniors: Easton Harnack, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Jax Wysong.

Sophomores: Annie Bos, Chase Bosch, Erika Dysthe, Ethan Gray, Jacob Sheppard, Gavin Wysong, Zander Wysong.

Freshmen: Weston Kellenberger, Ethan Kruger, Donavon Leenderts, Drew Leenderts, Daniel Martinyuk, Dallas Page, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, MacKenzie Voss.

Eighth grade: Carter Abels, Tyrae Goodface, Alexander Harris, Britton McKenzie, Cody Moser, Elisha Taubert.

Seventh grade: Grace Anderson, Layla Deelstra, Alexis Gardner-Swenson, Cooper Gehrke, Aiden Kerkhove-Brandt, Tahliya Kruger, Justin Roelfs, Taylor Spykerboer, Larissa Steinhoff, Olivia Susie, Riley Tatge.

OBITUARIES

James Leenderts

James Leenderts, 80, of Hills, formerly of Ellsworth, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A funeral service will be 3 p.m., Feb. 23, at Zion Presbyterian Church in Ellsworth. A time of fellowship will be one hour prior to services at the church. A private family burial will be at a later date.

James Leenderts was born on Aug. 17, 1938, to Abel and Rakie (Mulder) Leenderts in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

He served his country in the United States Army.

Jim married Peggy Gertsema in August of 1980 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ellsworth.



Doug (Sara) Gertsema, Overland Park, Kansas; Peggy's children, Joe (Mary) Gertsema, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Jim (Sandi) Gertsema, Slayton; Margaret (Keith) Esman, Adrian; Mike (Vicki) Gertsema, St. Joseph, Missouri; Dan (Barb) Gertsema, Overland Park; Rick (Carrie) Gertsema, Duluth, Minnesota; Caroline (Joe) Davis, Midland, Michigan; and Tracey (Ray) Lorang, Hartford, South Dakota; 26 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; five siblings, Reva Hoff, Richard Leenderts and Leonard (Delores) Leenderts, all of Hills; Harold (Torberg) Leenderts, Olso, Norway; and Henrietta Hughes, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Peggy; grandson, Brad Gertsema; great-grandson, Isaac Gertsema; three sisters-in-law, Hendrene, Lois and Kari Leenderts; and two brothers-in-law, Cornie Hoff and Al Hughes.

Arrangements are provided by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0214 F)

Florence Connell

Florence Carlson Connell, 99, Kansas City, Missouri, formerly Luverne, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, at her home surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

A funeral service was Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, at the St. Thomas More Church in Kansas City. Burial was at Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Kansas City.

Florence Carlson was born on Sept. 6, 1920, to David and Hulda Carlson, near Luverne. She was raised on a farm near Luverne, and grew up in the Great Depression.



Florence loved golf and was especially proud of a hole-in-one. She was an avid bridge player, but loved being with her friends most of all. She was fun and loved to laugh, sing silly songs and made the best pot roast in town.

She was a member of the St. Thomas More Parish and the 18 Hokers at the Blue Hills Country Club.

Florence is survived by her four children, Elliot (Marty), Lee's Summit, Missouri; Keith (Bonnie), Leawood, Kansas; Connie (Kevin) Fahey, Leawood; Kevin (Nancy), Leawood; 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jim in 2006; eight siblings; and grandson, Thomas.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Little Sisters of the Poor; Sisters, Servants of Mary or LINK.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0214 Evening Story Time
Participants in the first Evening Story Time at the Rock County Library Tuesday night, Feb. 5, raise their arms as children's librarian Bronwyn Wenzel reads "Snow Happy."

Library attendance doubles/

library materials checked out in recent years.
Last year, 66,642 in physical materials were checked out locally with another 4,331 in ebook and eaudio offerings available free online.
The numbers seem large, but they represent a decline of 6,000 from 2017 and 10,000 from five years ago.
"This is a (downward) trend that libraries across the country have been seeing," Jarvie said. "We are still well used, but the

numbers show a decline."
As a remedy, the Rock County Library staff weeded the older and unused titles from stacks allowing the remaining collection to be more "browseable," with titles facing outward from the shelf.
Some books have been wrapped in brown paper, displayed together as a "Blind Date With a Book," intended to intrigue potential readers to unwrap the book through story hints written on the wrapping.

In-house program attendees have taken note, often stopping at the library shelves before leaving.
"Programs get community members here who might not be regular users, and all the better if they stop and check out books afterward," Jarvie said.
More events are planned for this year, such as learning to swing dance and several upcoming author visits are intended to bring more patrons inside the library.
For those who chose not to leave home, the staff also promotes its ebook and eaudio lending library.
Staff bring notice of the online collection by visiting junior high classrooms, and flyers at the circulation desk tout the easily downloaded app to phones or iPads.
The change in how the local library operates comes from the director herself.
"I believe libraries are essential parts of their communities, and with that role comes responsibility to engage your community," Jarvie said.
"My overall goal, while a bit intangible, is for the residents of Rock County to love their library and know it is a place for them."



Mavis Fodness photo/0214 Evening Story Time
Mom Kelli DeBoer (left) and daughters Athena and Daphne make rabbit ears with their fingers as they sing the words "that hungry little bunny," during one singing opportunities.

The big three: restore, protect, enhance

What is the Outdoor Heritage Fund and why should we care about it?

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist
In my previous column, I covered where the funding came from for the most recent Wildlife Management Area purchase in Rock County.
This parcel was called Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area. It was funded with dollars from the Outdoor Heritage Fund.
These funds are overseen by and pass through the Leasard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, which makes recommendations for funding.
This 12-member council is made up of eight citizens and four elected officials. They screen all of the applications for funding and then forward their recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature, which has the final say in which awards are ultimately made.

The council is restricted to a very tight list of things that it can support.
The statute language says that the funds collected and placed in the Outdoor Heritage Fund can only be spent to restore, protect or enhance Minnesota's wetlands, prairies, forests and other habitat for game fish and wildlife.
So, what does that actually mean?
There is certainly more detail than what I can fit in this space, but what follows is a generalization of what is allowable.
I will jump to No. 2 first — protection — as this is what was done in Rock County with Rooster Ridge.
Protection generally means the purchase of property. This can be fee title acquisition, like the Rooster Ridge property. They can also

purchase the wildlife benefits of a parcel through the purchase of a habitat easement.
This is where property ownership is retained by the seller, but restrictions are placed on the property to perpetually protect the wildlife habitat benefits of the upland, shoreline, wetland or other types of habitat.
When land is purchased in fee title and becomes a WMA, the state makes payments to the county to replace the lost tax revenue.
I will cover Payment in Lieu of Taxes in a different column. In southwest Minnesota these state payments to the counties is almost always substantially higher than the private lands taxes received from the previous owner.
Restoration is another allowable use of the funds.
Restoration in my mind means creating habitat where no habitat existed before. For example, if there was a small farm field that was part of an acquisition, the restoration of that parcel would include the planting of native grasses and other forbs and flowers in order to provide the best habitat for the wildlife that lives in that part of the state.
This would take place on land that had been row-cropped acres before the purchase.
Restoration in southwest Minnesota might be very different than restoration in northeast Minnesota where trees might be planted in habitat areas that were destroyed by a fire or other destruction of great magnitude.
Enhancement work can come in so many different forms.
On Rooster Ridge WMA

there are areas that currently exist in smooth broom grass. This is not a great grass for wildlife, because it lays down the first time it snows less than an inch.
Enhancement of this site might include inter-seeding native grasses. Or, if it's bad enough, they might spray it with chemicals and start over. Because there was some habitat there to begin with, this would still be an enhancement project.
Enhancement work is often done in wetland ecosystems would include drainage every 10 years or so to imitate a drought to stimulate vegetation and kill off rough fish.
Other work to benefit other habitat for game, fish and wildlife could include stream bank stabilization, removal of invasive species like buckthorn or removal of debris from a lake bed. All of these can be considered as improving various wildlife habitats.
The strict limitations put on these funds from the very outset was deliberate.
Stakeholders that help create the dedicated funding wanted to insure it went where it was supposed to go. By keeping the focus narrow, these funds would less likely be diverted to other state projects.
Next week we will cover some of the biggest habitat projects completed in the first nine years of the fund.

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



Submitted photo

Theater gift

Bill Stegemann (center) of CenterPoint Energy donated \$300 to the Blue Mound Area Theatre Board Tuesday morning, Feb. 12, in the Palace Theatre lobby in Luverne. Pictured are (front, from left) Luella Voigt, LaDonna Van Aartsen, Shirley Connor, Stegemann, Heidi Sehr, Lori Hallstrom, (back) Lorna Bryan, Shawn Kinsinger, Jim Juhl and Verlyn VanBatavia. Not pictured is BMAT board member Deb Aanenson who took the picture.

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Gym team prevails in regular season finale

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal gymnasts wrapped up a 9-11 regular season by registering a 128.05-124.5 home win over Windom Friday.

With Meghan Witte leading the charge by winning all four individual event titles and claiming the all-around championship with 134.4 points, the Cardinals won the meet by three-plus points to finish Big South Conference competition with a 3-3 record.

Witte dominated the scene by winning the vault (8.925), beam (8.725), bars (7.9) and floor (8.85) titles.

LHS received second-place efforts from Meghan Mollberg (8.8 on the vault), Anna

Huisman (8.45 on the beam) and Madigan Flom (8.125 on the floor).

Huisman also placed fourth on the bars with a 7.525.

Luverne competes at the Section 3A Gymnastics Championships at noon Saturday in Redwood Falls.

The Cards placed sixth at the section event last season in Luverne.



Witte

Individual scores
Vault: Witte, 8.925; Mollberg, 8.8; Melissa Teal, 8.5; Huisman, 8.45; Tiana Lais, 8.1.
Bars: Witte, 7.9; Huisman, 7.525; Teal, 7.4; Flom, 6.55.
Beam: Witte, 8.725; Huisman, 8.45; Flom, 7.5; Mollberg, 7.5; Sydney Wicks, 6.175.
Floor: Witte, 8.85; Flom, 8.125; Huisman, 8.0; Mollberg, 7.875; Wicks, 7.55.

Six Luverne wrestlers place in Morris

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team experienced its most successful outing of the season at the Morris Area-Hancock-Chokio-Alberta Dr. Busian Tiger Invitational in Morris Saturday.

Eight Cardinals competed at the tournament and six of them placed for an LHS team that placed seventh in a nine-team field with 66.5 points.

St. Francis claimed the team title with 215 points.

Riley Cowell turned in Luverne's top effort by nipping Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg's Chase Magaard 6-5 before pinning MA-H-CA's Davin Rose in 5:39 to win the 113-pound title.



Cowell

LHS seniors Jed Dooyema and Tom Brown placed third at 152 and 182 respectively with 1-2 records.

Noah Mehlhaff (3-1 at 106), Camden Janiszski (0-1 at 126) and Braydon Ripka (3-1 at 132) placed fifth for the Cardinals.

Justyce Ripka and Dalton DeSollar lost both of their matches at the event.

Luverne drew the fourth seed for the South Section 3AA Team Tournament and meets No. 5 Fulda-Murray County Central to open the event Thursday in Fairmont.

The winner of the opening match takes on No. 1 Fairmont-Martin County West later in the evening.



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Luverne's Kamryn Van Batavia moves the puck in front of Windom's Meakin Bang during Friday's Section 3A Tournament game in Luverne. Van Batavia scored two goals and charted one assist during a 3-1 win.

Girls advance before falling

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team wrapped up the 2018-19 season during the Section 3A Tournament over the weekend.

The fourth-seeded Cardinals posted a two-goal home win over Windom Friday to reach the semifinals, where they dropped a one-goal decision in overtime to No. 1 Mankato East Saturday in Mankato.

Luverne ends the campaign with a 16-7-3 record.

MW 4, Luverne 3

The Cardinals completed the campaign by taking a gut-wrenching loss from the Cougars during Saturday's semifinals in Mankato.

LHS sported a 2-1 lead after 17 minutes of play and rallied from a deficit to knot the score at three late in the third period

to force overtime.

Mankato East, however, found a way to answer the challenge.

The Cougars successfully killed a penalty late in regulation play and settled the issue with 1:57 remaining in overtime when Gracie Bowman netted the game-winning goal.

ME drew first blood in the contest when Madison Davis scored 5:34 into the game, but the Cardinals found the net twice in the final 5:11 of the stanza to gain a 2-1 edge.

Claire Baustian knotted the score with an unassisted tally before Kamryn Van Batavia registered a power-play goal with 29 seconds left in the opening period.

The Cougars tied the game when Kaylee Eykyn scored

5:11 into the second period before taking a 3-2 lead with a goal by Eykyn 1:20 into the third period.

Van Batavia tied the game for LHS with a goal at the 8:40 mark of the third period.

Cheyenne Schutz made 34 saves in net for an LHS team that was outshot 38-31 by the Cougars.

Regan Bork charted one assist for the Cards.

LHS 3, Windom 1

The Cardinals opened the tournament by posting a two-goal win over the Eagles at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday.

Luverne scored three goals in the second period and outshot Windom 39-14 during a victory that sent the Cards to Saturday's semifinals in Mankato.

After the teams skated to a scoreless draw through the first 17 minutes of play, Van Batavia scored twice in the first 3:53 of the first period to give the Cards a lead.

Van Batavia's first goal came 2:10 into the stanza and was followed by a short-handed tally with 13:07 remaining in the second stanza.

Mallory Nelson capped Luverne's three-goal second period with a tally that came with 3:29 left.

Windom's Dakotah Oddson netted an unassisted goal with 9:34 remaining in the third period, but that proved to be the final goal of the contest.

LHS received a 13-save effort from Schutz.

Van Batavia, Bork, Rozilyn Oye and Brynn Thier recorded one assist each.

LHS boys split BSC hockey contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team broke even when it played a pair of Big South Conference games over the weekend.

The Cardinals lost a three-goal game in Marshall Friday before posting a six-goal home win over Worthington.

Luverne, 10-12 overall, hosts Minnesota River Friday.

Luverne 6, Worthington 0

The Cardinals bounced back from a loss less than 24 hours earlier to register a six-goal victory over the Trojans at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Saturday.

Ben Serie and Cade Wenninger netted two goals each for an LHS team that outshot WHS 45-23 and Shaïd Shearer posted a 23-save shutout in goal to highlight the win.

The team skated to a scoreless draw in the first period before the Cards exploded for five second-period goals in a span of 9:14.

Jacob Von Tersch opened the scoring 2:21 into the second stanza and Serie registered goals at the 12:53 and 9:55 marks to make it 3-0.

Wenninger netted his first varsity goal with 9:21 left in the period before Gaige Nath capped the five-goal period with a power-play tally that came with 6:25 remaining.



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Luverne junior Colby Crabtree wins a battle for a puck during Saturday's 6-0 home win over the Worthington Trojans. Crabtree contributed one assist to the winning effort.

Wenninger's second goal capped the scoring with 7:16 left to play in the game.

Serie and Nath led the Cards with two assists, while Easton Braun, Colby

Crabtree, Wenninger, Mark Sterrett and Von Tersch chipped in one assist each.

Marshall 4, LHS 1

The Cardinals took their

second loss of the season from the Tigers when the teams met in Marshall Friday.

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Patriots rally to win in Fulda Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team staged a second-half rally to pull out a 78-68 victory in Fulda Friday.

The home-standing Raiders played well early and sported a 39-36 advantage at the intermission.

H-BC turned things around in the second half, when the Patriots outscored the Raiders 42-29 to prevail by 10 points at game's end.

Jax Wysong (23 points, five rebounds and four assists), Preston Wilhelmi (19 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals) and Kyle Kueter (12 points and seven rebounds) led H-BC offensively.

Cole Baker collected five rebounds and charted three steals, while Easton Harnack chipped in four assists.

The 11-9 Patriots host Edgerton Thursday.



Star Herald file photo

H-BC senior Preston Wilhelmi tossed in 19 points during Friday's come-from-behind win in Fulda.

Box score
Harnack 1 0 0-1 2, Baker 2 1 2-2 9, Westrum 1 4 5-6 19, Bork 0 0 1-2 1, LaRock 0 1 0-0 3, Wysong 10 1 0-0 23, Kueter 6 0 0-0 12.

Team statistics
H-BC: 31 of 52 field goals (50 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 31 rebounds, nine turnovers.
Fulda: 27 of 51 field goals (53 percent), four of five free throws (80 percent), 15 rebounds, eight turnovers.

Cardinals register road basketball conquests over Trojans, St. James

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team registered a pair of wins when it played two road games last week.

The Cardinals posted a 14-point win in Worthington Feb. 5 before securing a 17-point victory in St. James Friday.

Luverne, 12-9 overall, hosts Murray County Central Thursday.

LHS 66, St. James 49

The Cardinals turned in a solid effort during Friday's 17-point conquest in St. James.

LHS canned 59 percent of its shots from the field and outscored the Saints in both halves of a convincing victory.

The Cards led 36-29 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Saints 30-20 in the second half.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg (15

points, five rebounds, three steals and three assists), Mallory Thorson (13 points and four assists), Mackenzie Petersen (12 points, six steals and five assists) and Gabrielle Ferrell (12 points, five rebounds and three assists) led the Cards offensively.

Jadyn Anderson (six rebounds and four steals) and Grace Sweeney (five rebounds) made key contributions as well.

Box score
Ver Steeg 7 0 1-2 15, Anderson 3 0 1-4 7, Thorson 5 1 0-0 13, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Johnson 0 0 0-0 0, Nath 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 2 0 3-4 7, Petersen 5 0 2-4 12, Ferrell 4 0 4-8 12, Hadler 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 27 of 46 field goals (59 percent), 11 of 22 free throws (50 percent), 28 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
SJ: 19 field goals made, eight of nine free throws (89 percent).

Luverne 62, WHS 48

The Cardinals collected their fourth Big South Conference

win when they topped the Trojans by 14 points in Worthington Feb. 5.

Four Luverne players scored 11 or more points and the Cardinals outscored WHS in both halves of the contest.

The Cards led 34-26 at the intermission before using a 28-22 scoring cushion in the second half to complete the win.

Thorson (18 points and four assists), Petersen (15 points),

Ver Steeg (14 points, five rebounds and three steals) and Ferrell (11 points and five rebounds) played key roles in the win for LHS.

Box score
Ver Steeg 4 0 6-6 14, Anderson 0 0 2-2 2, Thorson 5 1 5-6 18, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 1 0 0-2 2, Petersen 6 1 0-0 15, Ferrell 0 3 2-4 11.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 43 field goals (44 percent), 15 of 20 free throws (75 percent).
Worthington: 17 field goals made, eight of 14 free throws (57 percent).

Postseason with promise opens with one tough break

Postseason competition is on the horizon and I'm getting ready for what should be an entertaining stretch of action.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

How long the second season lasts for our area athletes is anyone's guess, but I have a hunch some area teams and individuals have a chance to advance to the Twin Cities for state appearances.

Section team competition begins on Thursday for the Adrian and Luverne wrestlers, but it's the individual tournaments that are set for next week that have captured my attention.

I believe Adrian has three potential wrestlers in Brayan Anaya, Logan Taylor and Scot Edwards that could advance to St. Paul, and Luverne's Riley Cowell has a chance as well.

Luverne competes at the Section 3A Gymnastics Championships Saturday in Redwood Falls, where the Cardinals are huge underdogs in the team competition.

That does not mean LHS can't gain state representation individually, and junior Meghan Witte has a chance to become the program's first state qualifier in more than a decade.

With a 20-0 record, it's clear the H-BC girls have the best opportunity to make some noise in post-season basketball tournament play.

The Patriots reached the South Section 3A title game last year and already beat the SWC squad that kept them from winning the tournament for the first time since 2004 once this season.

The two teams met again Tuesday (Feb. 12) in Edgerton, and win No. 21 for H-BC would lock

up the No. 1 seed for the South Section 3A event.

Regardless of the result on Tuesday, I'm sure H-BC will play SWC for the tournament title in a couple of weeks.

One team that I thought had a chance to play in the state tournament will not get that opportunity due to some bad luck.

I secretly believed fourth-seeded Luverne would beat the odds and capture the Section 3A title, but an overtime loss to No. 1 Mankato East Saturday in Mankato put an end to that possibility.

It may sound like sour grapes, but I think Thursday's snowstorm, which kept the Cardinals from playing their quarterfinal game against Windom set for Thursday before being moved to Friday, worked against LHS.

Nobody can convince me that playing a tournament game on one night and jumping on a bus the next day and traveling two-plus hours before a second tournament game in less than 24 hours doesn't wear down athletes both physically and mentally.

The Cards made a bid to upset the Cougars just the same, but that came up one goal short.

That's a rough situation I believe the Cards will avoid next year.

With all of the team's key players returning for the 2019-20 season, I think the Cards could earn the No. 1 seed and host a semifinal-round game in 3A play.

Trojans, Saints upend LHS boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team dropped a pair of games last week.

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a 15-point decision during a home game against Worthington Feb. 5 before falling by three points in overtime Friday in St. James.

Luverne, 10-9 overall, plays in Marshall Thursday.

SJ 63, Luverne 60

The Cardinals lost a three-point game in overtime when they took on the Saints Friday in St. James.

St. James' Parker Jones hit a field goal with 11 seconds left in regulation play to knot the score at 56 and send the game to overtime.

The Saints outscored LHS 7-4 in overtime to secure the win.

Luverne, which sported a 28-27 lead at the intermission, received a 14-point effort from Brayden Jacobsma.

Isaiah Bartels (13 points and eight rebounds, Derek Lundgren (12 points and 10 rebounds) and Matt Sehr (seven rebounds) played solid games for LHS.

Box score
Cowell 2 1 1-2 8, Jacobsma 4 0 6-10 14, Lundgren 4 0 4-6 12, Sehr 4 0 0-0 8, Bartels 3 0 7-8 13, DeSollar 2 0 1-2 5, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 20 of 45 field goals (44 percent), 19 of 28 free throws (68 percent), 33 rebounds.
SJ: 24 field goals made, 10 of 13 free throws (77 percent).

WHS 73, Luverne 58

The Cardinals received their seventh conference setback of the season when they lost a 15-point home game to the Trojans Feb. 5.

Luverne put together a pair of extended runs in both halves of the game to remain in contention most of the night, but a late surge by the Trojans settled the issue.

Worthington, which led 34-27 at the intermission, opened the second half with a 6-2 spurt to open a 40-29 lead 2:39 into the stanza.

Luverne answered the challenge by mounting a 19-10 run capped by a field goal from Lundgren at the 9:02 mark to trim Worthington's lead to two points (50-48).

The game's final nine minutes belonged to the Trojans.



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Luverne junior post Isaiah Bartels works his way around Worthington's Will Brandner to score two of his 13 points during a Feb. 5 game in Luverne. WHS saddled the Cards with a 73-58 setback.

WHS went on a 23-8 run to open a 17-point lead (73-56) with 20 seconds left and put the game out of reach for LHS.

Luverne led 4-1 early in the first half when Sehr turned an offensive rebound into a field goal.

The Trojans countered with an 18-4 run to move in front 19-8 at the 10:18 mark of the opening stanza.

Luverne clawed its way back into contention with a 13-4

surge ending with a layup from Bailey Cowell to trail by two (23-21) with 5:17 remaining.

Worthington, however, led by as many as nine points (30-21) as the half progressed before settling with a seven-point cushion at the intermission.

Lundgren (14 points and six rebounds), Bartels (13 points and six rebounds) and Cowell (12 points) led the Cards offensively.

Jacobsma grabbed five rebounds for LHS.

Box score
Cowell 4 1 1-2 12, Jacobsma 1 0 4-4 6, Lundgren 7 0 0-0 14, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 2 0 2-6, Bartels 5 0 3-5 13, Ahrendt 0 0 0-0 0, Feit 0 0 0-0 0, DeSollar 0 1 2-2 5, Cunningham 0 0 0-0 0, McLaughlin 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Golla 1 0 0-0 2, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 22 of 53 field goals (42 percent), 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent), 26 rebounds.
Worthington: 27 field goals made, 11 of 15 free throws (73 percent).

Dragon wrestlers best Luverne in Adrian Feb. 5

By John Rittenhouse

Wrestling teams from the Star Herald coverage area squared off in a match Feb. 5 in Adrian.

The AHS Dragons entertained the Luverne Cardinals for an annual showdown on the mat.

The night belonged to Adrian, which won seven of the 10 matches staged on the

mat and drew three forfeits to set the stage for a 57-15 victory.

Brayan Anaya (3:14 over Noah Mehlhaff), Breyer Hieronimus (1:29 over Justyce Ripka), Logan Taylor (57 seconds over D.J. Swenson), Isaac Bullerman (24 seconds over Camden Janiszski), Tylor Hix (3:49 over Zach Bradley) and Preston Nelson (4:58 over Jed Dooyema)

registered pins for the 11-16 Dragons.

Adrian's Quentin Wolf nipped Dalton DeSollar 5-3. Riley Cowell (2:31 over Reese Morrison) and Tom Brown (1:12 over Cameron Wieneke) recorded pins for 2-14 Luverne.

Luverne's Brayden Ripka posted a 6-2 win over Brody Loosbrock.

Match wrap-up
106 (A) Anaya pins Mehlhaff.
113 (L) Cowell pins Morrison.
120 (A) Hieronimus pins J.Ripka.
126 (A) Taylor pins Swenson.
132 (A) I.Bullerman pins Janiszski.
138 (L) B.Ripka 6-2 Loosbrock.
145 (A) Hix pins Bradley.
152 (A) Wolf 5-3 DeSollar.
160 (A) Nelson pins Dooyema.
170 (A) M.Bullerman by forfeit.
182 (L) Brown pins Wieneke.
195 (A-L) open.
220 (A) Winselman by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

Viking boys roll to big win in Adrian Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team couldn't contend with the Minneota Vikings when the teams met in Adrian

Monday.

The 19-1 Vikings dominated play in both halves of a 90-44 victory over the Dragons.

Minneota exploded for 51

points in the first half to sport a 27-point (51-24) advantage at the intermission.

The Vikings capped their 46-point conquest by outscoring the Dragons 39-20 in the second half.

Noah Reyne turned in a 14-point, seven-rebound effort for Adrian.

Christian Weidert netted 14 points for the hosts.

Box score
Reyne 32-2-414, Weidert 32-2-314, Wolford 0 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 0 0 0-0 0, Domeyer 1 0 0-0 2, Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Heidebrink 0 0 2-3 2, Schnoor 0 0 1-2 1, Frodermann 0 0 2-2 2, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Hornstein 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 1 0 4-5 6.

Team statistics
Adrian: 13 of 48 field goals (27 percent), 13 of 19 free throws (68 percent), 19 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
Minneota: 33 of 70 field goals (47 percent), 15 of 21 free throws (71 percent), 38 rebounds, 10 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0214 lbb 3

Luverne senior Ben Serie scored a pair of goals and registered a pair of assists during Saturday's home win over WHS.

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Cardinals by four goals in Luverne Dec. 4 and swept the season series between the teams by prevailing by three goals in Friday's finale.

The Tigers scored the first two goals of the game in the second period and iced the win by adding two more tallies in the third period.

Bryson Whyte opened the scoring at the 6:12 mark of the second stanza before Mason Plante made it 2-0 with a power-play tally that came with 1:42 remaining in the period.

Serie netted a short-handed tally that was set up by Nath with 1:15 left in the second period for the Cards, but that proved to be the lone goal LHS would register in the contest.

Plante scored his second goal of the game 12 seconds into the third period before Tristan VanDeVere capped the scoring for the Tigers later in the final stanza.

Shearer made 27 saves in goal for an LHS team that came out on the short end of a 31-25 tally in shots on goal.

Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund Grant and Scholarship Opportunity

The Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund supports local projects and initiatives through grants, donations, gifts or contributions, related to the areas of environmental, biodiversity, amateur athletics, arts and cultural activities, education, health and wellness, disadvantaged individuals, community infrastructure improvements and community capital assets in the communities connected to the townships of Rose Dell, Denver and Springwater including the City of Hardwick in Minnesota and deemed eligible by the Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund Board of Directors.

Who can apply for a grant? If your non-profit organization is located within the footprint of the Prairie Rose Wind Farm (townships listed above) you are probably eligible to receive grants from the PR Community Fund.

Who can apply for a scholarship: Applicants must meet two of the following four criteria:

1. Be a resident of Rose Dell, Denver, or Springwater townships, the City of Hardwick or the portion of Jasper located in Rock County, Minnesota.
2. Be a landowner or a child of a landowner in Rose Dell, Denver or Springwater Townships, the City of Hardwick or the portion of Jasper located in Rock County, Minnesota.
3. Be a graduate of a local high school.
4. Non-traditional students must reside in Rose Dell, Denver or Springwater Townships, The City of Hardwick or the portion of Jasper that is located in Rock County, Minnesota.

Grant & scholarship recipients are determined by the Board of Directors of the Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund.

Applications can be obtained from www.prairierosecommunityfund.com or by emailing Loma Bryan, Director at LomaBryan@alliancecom.net.

Applications must be received by April 1, 2019 to be considered eligible for awards.

NOTICE TO THE POLICYHOLDERS OF BEAVER CREEK MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Any policyholder wishing to be a candidate for the Office of Director must file such notice in writing with the Secretary, at the Home Office of the Company in Luverne, MN, at least thirty days prior to the April 2, 2019 Annual meeting of the Company, as provided by the Article of Incorporation. Last day for filing will be March 4, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS
Bernard Uilk, President
Mike Engesser, Secretary

Star Herald CHURCH

St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne
St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net
 Thursday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Head Start. Friday, Feb. 15: 10 a.m. Mass at Poplar Creek and The Oaks. Saturday, Feb. 16: 2:15 p.m. Vets Bingo. 5 p.m. Saint Catherine's Mass. Sunday, Feb. 17: 8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Catherine's, 10:30 a.m. Worship at St. Leo. 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. WWP. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 9:30 a.m. WWP. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 9 a.m. St. Catherine's Mass. 3:30 and 7 p.m. FF. 7 p.m. WWP. Thursday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Head Start.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne
Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvnrcrc.com — office@luverneccrc.com
Roger Sparks, Pastor
 Sunday, Feb. 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Church Education Classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 19: 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. 14: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 17: 9:15 a.m. Membership Class, Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Quarterly business meeting. Monday, Feb. 18: 7 p.m. Constitution Review Team meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 10 a.m. Senior Coffee at FBC. 6:30 p.m. Awana Grand Prix.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor
 Thursday, Feb. 14: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Feb. 15: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 16: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Feb. 17: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult study. No Sunday School. Monday, Feb. 18: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ride and Dine. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8:15 a.m. Caring Visitors meeting. 3:30 – 5 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:15 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal. 7-7:30 p.m. 6th-8th Confirmation. 7:30-8:15 p.m. 9th grade Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 21: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
 Thursday, Feb. 14: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. S.S. 9:15 a.m. B.C. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 3:45 p.m. Catechism Classes

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Mike Altena, Pastor
 Friday, Feb. 15: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Feb. 18: 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50 – 11:50 a.m. Family Education. Monday, Feb. 18: 9 a.m. Playtime at ARC. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 12 p.m. Staff Meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs, Jr. and Sr. Youth Clubs.. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle, Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
 Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
 Thursday, Feb. 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 16: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. Confirmation Retreat in Shalom Hills (Feb. 17-18) Monday, Feb. 18: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 6 p.m. PPR Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 21: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

Magnolia United Methodist Church

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

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
 Thursday, Feb. 14: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. Choir. Thursday, Feb. 21: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor
 Thursday, Feb. 14: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at the Veteran's Home. Saturday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Circuit Elder Retreat at St. Paul's, Pipestone. 5:30 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Chopped, Spanish Worship. Sunday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 Junior Choir. 2 p.m. Circuit Forum. Monday, Feb. 18: 7 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle Meetings. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth Supper. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group, Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 21: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jess Devotions at Mary Jane Brown. 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: newlifeceleration@gmail.com
 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
 Thursday, Feb. 14: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 15: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Circuit Elders Retreat at St. Paul in Pipestone. Sunday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2 p.m. Circuit Forum at Zion. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 3 p.m. Movie Night at Zion.

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. 17: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 7 p.m. First Council Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 21: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
 Sunday, Feb. 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Steen Reformed Church

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
 112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemiuth@alliancecom.net
 Sunday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 19: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Feb. 20: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope at Marilyn Nelson's home. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Confirmation Students and Mentors.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

“We are one in Christ”

How

do you see yourself? Are you short or tall, slim or not-so-slim, smart or not-so-smart? Are you faithful, honest, encouraging or are you not? Do you see yourself as you are or would you rather be someone else? It seems that when we try to define or identify ourselves we tend to compare ourselves to other people rather than who we really are. This is a result of the sin that we inherit from our first parents. When Adam and Eve were still innocent and holy they didn't notice that they were naked because they were both beautiful in the way that God had made them. After they sinned, they were embarrassed with their nakedness because of the guilt and shame that they felt. There was nothing they could do to remove this guilt and shame so they tried to cover it up with leaves sown together for coverings.

All human beings struggle with this same guilt and shame because we still have no way to deal with it on our own. We try to cover it up with clothing, makeup, jewelry, perfume, status, education, achievements, and all sorts of other things. But in the end these are only temporary fixes and never really get rid of the shame and guilt. We struggle with this shame and guilt because our sin is not just the wrong that we do, but it is who we really are. We are sinful by nature.

But our Creator/God has pity and mercy upon us. We can't change our human nature but He can. For Adam and Eve it was God who killed the first animal and made lasting clothes for His beloved children. He taught them that sin required the shedding of blood in death in order for its consequences to be satisfied. They also learned that God's love for



BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Gary Klatt,
St. John Lutheran
Church**

them had not changed and was not dependent upon how they saw themselves. He would always see them as the people He created with love.

All people struggle with their sin for as long as they live on this earth. We are constantly being tempted by our sinful nature, the world, and the devil. By ourselves we would never know anything but sadness and despair (look at the majority of people in the world). But our Creator/ God has provided us with a way to be healed. He sacrificed His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be born-again (forgiven) to live as His holy and innocent people. He has clothed us in the blood of Jesus in Holy Baptism. He has shown us that His love for us doesn't depend upon the things that we do (good or bad). He has created and redeemed us to be His beloved people forever.

So when you are tempted to cover yourself with the things of this world because you don't feel like you are good enough remember your Baptism and the promise that God made to you there, "You are my beloved child, with you, I am well pleased (because of Jesus)." Also be sure to share this "Good News" with those you encounter in your journey of life. The more we can lift each other up and share in the truth of God's Word, the happier and more joy-filled-life we can all have. There are no limits to the good that Jesus has accomplished for all of mankind.

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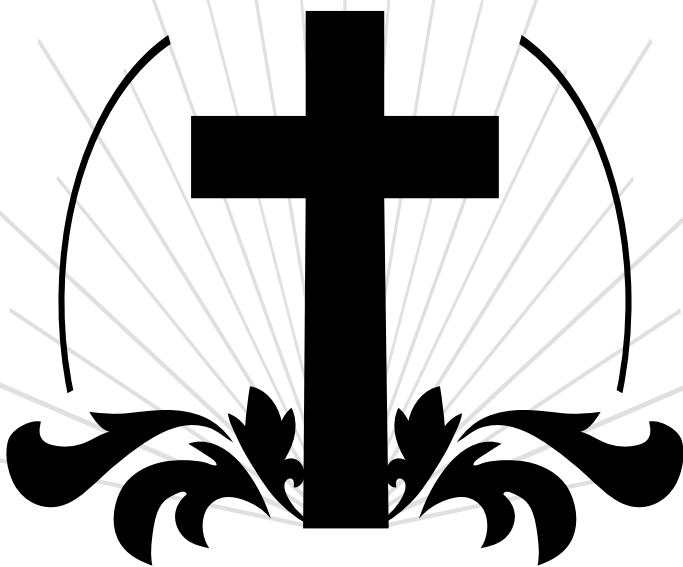
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Intent to dissolve Alit USA, Inc.

CORPORATE DISSOLUTION
Alit USA, INC.

NOTICE IF INTENT TO DISSOLVE Alit USA, INC. BY ITS DIRECTORS AND
SHAREHOLDERS AND NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, CREDITORS, AND CLAIMANTS:

Notice is hereby given that Alit USA, Inc. is in the process of dissolving. A notice of intent to dissolve has been filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota on January 23, 2019.

Notice is herby further given that ALL CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS having claims against said corporation are required to present the same, in writing, to Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke, as the legal representative of said corporation, within ninety (90) days after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: January 23, 2019.
Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Eisma & Eisma
Attorneys at Law
130 E. Main, P.O. Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156
I.D. # 389457

(1.31-2.21)

Freese probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 67-PR-19-40

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of

Duane Howard Freese, a/k/a Duane H. Freese,
Deceased

ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF
INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP
AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN
SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of February, 2019, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Debbie M. Andringa, whose address is 401 3rd Street, Armstrong, Iowa 50514, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 524.3-403 Subd. (a) notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Debbie M. Andringa, has reason to believe that the original will of the decedent has been lost or destroyed. Petitioner also states that an authentic copy of said will has been presented to the Court for formal probate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said administrator or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: February 4, 2019

/s/ Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main
Luverne, MN 56156
(507)283-4828
I.D. #389457

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
District Court Judge
Denise Brandel
Court Administrator
(COURT SEAL)

(2-7, 2-14)

Highway Dept. seeks bids by March 11

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
S.A.P. 067-615-007

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until **10:00 A.M. on Monday March 11th, 2019.**

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 88,227 Sq. Yds. Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation; 260,979 Gallons Bituminous Material for Mixture; 82,405 Sq. Yds. Mill Bituminous Pavement; 22,543 Tons Type SP 12.5 Bituminous Wear Course Mix; 6,713 Tons Aggregate Shouldering Class 1

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

The non-refundable cost for Plans and one proposal will be **\$50.00.**

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-615-007"**

(2.14-2.28)

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 131st 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 9, 2019, 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 11, 2019, by the order of the Board of Directors.

Gary Winter, President
Gerald Brockberg, Secretary
(2-14)

Highway Dept. to accept pavement marking bids by March 11

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
C.P. 067-401-020

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The Quantities of Work are: 3,491 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint – White & 1,858 gals of 4" ReflectORIZED Centerline Pavement Marking Paint – Yellow.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$50.00

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. SAP 067-401-020"**.

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(2-14, 2-21, 2-28)

Security Savings Agency assumes name

MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true ownership of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Security Savings Agency**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:

116 County Road 6 Hills, MN 56138

MAILING ADDRESS:

PO Box 487 Hills, MN 56138

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name: **Sioux Valley Insurance Services, LLC.**

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(2-14, 2-21)

Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 11

Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse

5:00 P.M.
December 11, 2018

The meeting was called order by Chair Thompson with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were County Attorney Don Klosterbuer, and County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the December 11, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board discussed items on the consent agenda; item #2 – Recycling contract with Ketterling Services and #4 Office Lease agreement with SWHHS were tabled until the December 27, 2018 County Board meeting; Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve the following items on the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Authorize Eric Hartman to sign SSTS Grant Agreement
3. Resolution No. 26-18, Hazard Mitigation Assistance Agreement for Rock County

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer presented the claims with addition of Johnson Controls claim of \$48,129.10 and per diems of \$2,300.00; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

DECEMBER 11, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$2,271.77
AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC	5,200.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	2,102.86
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	3,547.88
DIEBOLD LAW FIRM LLC	5,416.60
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	7,102.82
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,436.71
JOHNSON CONTROLS	48,129.10
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	9,164.27
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	14,405.40
M & L ELECTRIC LLC	4,216.14
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	7,073.86
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	8,186.49
RANDY'S PUMPING SERVICE	4,850.00
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	3,109.42
RUNCHEY, LOUWAGIE & WELLMAN	2,102.30
SANDERS INC	2,074.52
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	2,300.00
SNOW WHEEL SYSTEM INC	3,320.95
STONEBERG, GILES & STROUP PA	6,419.70
STURDEVANT'S AUTO SHOP	2,305.89
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	10,650.04
WEX BANK	5,400.85
96 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	40,693.65
	\$205,481.22

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Letter of Engagement with Clifton, Allan and Larson to conduct the 2018 audit, declared carried on a voice vote. The 2018 audit is tentatively scheduled to begin in July.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the final contract payment to Central Specialties, Inc. for \$60,877.17 for SAP 067-605-012, SAP

067-616-009, SAP 067-620-015, and SAP 067-620-014, bituminous pavement projects, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the final contract payment to Winter Brothers Underground, Inc. for \$39,517.33 on SAP 067-632-003, the reconstruction of Luverne Street from Cedar Street to Blue Mound Ave, declared carried on a voice vote.

Attendees of the AMC Annual Conference briefly presented an update from the conference; presented as informational only.

Annual Township meeting follow up, was well attended this year, requested attendance of Highway Engineer and Sheriff at next year's event.

Governor Elect Tim Walz meeting follow up, nearly 50 people attended and responded to the Governors question regarding characteristics the attendees would like in his State Commissioners.

The County Board was in receipt of a request from Rickard A. Jensen to abate a real estate property tax penalty; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to deny the request, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that they are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels on December 27 at 11:30AM.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch attended the Annual AMC Conference.

Commissioner Burger attended a Southern Prairie Community Care meeting, SWHHS, Annual Township meeting, and the Governor Elect event.

Commissioner Williamson attended an Extension meeting, Annual Township meeting, RCRW and the Governor Elect event.

Commissioner Overgaard attended a City/County Liaison, Solid Waste, Rural Energy, Extension meeting, Transit meeting, and Annual Township meeting.

Commissioner Thompson attended an A.C.E. meeting, SWHHS, AMC Annual Conference and the Governor Elect event.

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

(2-14)

Rock County Commissioners meet Jan. 8

Herreid Board Room
Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.
January 8, 2019

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

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

The meeting was turned over to Chair Burger.

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

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the January 08, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 27, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Appointment of Assistant County Attorney Don Klosterbuer

Ashely Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented a listings of claims paid on December 31, 2018 and claims for January 08, 2019; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

DECEMBER 31, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

CHS	\$7,267.43
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,523.00
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,261.34
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	2,029.58
HENNING CONSTRUCTION, INC	2,095.96
KENNING/MARY	3,000.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	7,001.68
MARCO	2,546.53
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	10,762.50
POWERPLAN	3,202.40
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	18,048.00
REKER CONSTRUCTION & AGGREGATE LLC	8,510.42
SANDERS INC	4,116.97
SANITATION PRODUCTS	32,580.00
TOWMASTER	2,545.33
110 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	51,024.23
TOTAL	\$166,515.37

JANUARY 8, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC \$	2,271.77
A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	4,419.75
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	6,200.00
HEAT TACTICAL TEAM	2,195.00
LUVERNE BODY SHOP	4,965.27
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	2,787.00
RACOM	7,560.55
REVIZE LLC	7,400.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,665.65
44 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	16,604.13
TOTAL	\$57,069.12

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a Fund Balance report; motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board reviewed a 2018 Year End budget report; no action was taken.

Mark Sehr, Engineer led a discussion regarding Bridge L2165 over the BNSF Railroad on county road 52. Project cost is \$1,160,542.50 that will be paid by 80% grant and 20% local match, estimated at \$295,622.50. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to pay the county's match from the Road & Bridge reserves up to \$250,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to adoption Resolution No. 01-19, the 2019 Housekeeping Resolution, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the recent announcement that TruShrimp is no longer building Harbor No. 1 in Luverne; the County Board discussed options regarding the Kane and Walnut road project. After considerable discussion, the County Board opted to continue with the Kane and Walnut road projects, stating that the City will also continue to develop the industrial site for other development opportunities.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from Board of Water and Soil Resources regarding One Watershed One Plan program updates; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from Sibley County stating their intent to withdraw from the Rural Minnesota Energy Board; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of commissioner appointments to various boards and committees; presented as information only.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the meeting regarding TruShrimp and the Meals on Wheels delivery event.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the meeting regarding TruShrimp and the Meals on Wheels delivery event.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the meeting regarding TruShrimp and the Meals on Wheels delivery event.

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

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the Meals on Wheels delivery event.

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

(2-14)

Rock County Commissioners meet Jan. 22

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse January 22, 2019

The meeting was called order by Chair Burger with all commissioners present; also in attendance were Assistant County Attorney Don Klosterbuer, Administrator Kyle Oldre and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the January 22, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the January 08, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

- 2019 Pay Equity Report
- Maintenance Contract with David Drowns for annual review of job markets nd job descriptions; \$3,500 annual
- Zuercher annual maintenance contract renewal – software, eCharging, CAD & Mobile; \$19,963.95 and is a E911 eligible expenditure.

Calla Jarvie, Rock County Community Library Director, presented an update regarding the Blandin grant and PC's for People distribution event. PC's for People event distributed 53 PC's to eligible individuals and currently has additional units for distribution, therefore, they are still taking applications; Jarvie stated overall it was a great event and thanked the community for their collaborative efforts.

Jarvie also presented a Blandin Technology grant activity update, stating that Alliance Communications is taking the lead on a online technology tutorials and a WiFi wagon; other efforts include Ag Tech Day trainings, developing hot spots at the public library and WiFi on school buses.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, informed the County Board of a request from Duinink, Inc. to open and operate a new mineral extraction site with the purpose to mine and process gravel and other granular materials, as well as produce hot-mix asphalt from the site located in the SE 1/4 of Section 29 in Battle Plain Township. Hartman stated that an Environment Assessment Worksheet (EAW) was conducted which determines the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); Hartman stated that based on the results of the EAW and Findings of Fact, the proposed project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects and does not meet any of the mandatory EIS thresholds and recommends approval of Resolution No. 02-19, a Negative Declaration for an Environmental Impact Statement for proposed Duinink, Inc. Gravel Pit located in Battle Plain Township. There was considerable discussion regarding the permitting process; after discussion, motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 02-19, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman informed the County Board that the Land Management Office received an Outstanding Service Award from the Pork Producers at their annual banquet.

The County Board was in receipt of claims and per diems of \$1,000; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve payment, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

JANUARY 22, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
ASSN OF MN COUNTIES	\$2,375.00
CHS	8,100.64
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC	2,651.04
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,538.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	6,950.00
FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	7,655.75
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	7,532.70
LUVERNE/CITY OF	32,688.17
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	10,837.14
M & L ELECTRIC LLC	4,004.73
MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP	4,450.00
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	190,444.78
MN SHERIFFS ASSN	4,827.64
PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM	2,500.00

ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,569.03
RURAL MN ENERGY BOARD	2,500.00
SEATWORKS LLC	2,838.97
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	31,471.50
SW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD	2,190.00
SW MN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD	2,530.00
ZIEGLER INC	19,570.48
80 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	28,304.96
TOTAL	\$383,530.53

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of a License Center Fees recap from 2018, which remained the same from 2017. The total 5-year period reflected \$710,435.00 in transactions; presented as information only.

The Administrator and County Board discussed attendance at the 2019 Legislative Conference scheduled for February 13-14 at St. Paul; no action was taken. The County Board was informed that Southwest Health & Human Services is subject to a state audit rather than an independent audit due to the organization's structure of a joint powers agreement.

The Administrator and Assistant County Attorney led a discussion regarding the opportunity for the county to establish a Rock County Economic Development Authority (EDA) citing that the overall goal would be to develop an industrial park for the purpose of attracting more businesses and industries. An EDA would have the ability to levy 0.01813 percent of the county's estimated market value, which currently would be \$529,000. EDA's also have the authority to exercise the right of eminent domain, enter into partnerships, contracts, acquire easements for the economic development district and act as an agent for another governmental unit to carry out EDA purposes. Portions of Rock County are also designated as Opportunity Zones by the federal government, which encourages long-term investment in low-income rural and urban communities. Initial process of establishing an EDA is to establish a committee to study and determine whether or not the county should form its own EDA, and from that first meeting the committee will have 90-days to study the issue and make recommendations back to the County Board. After discussion, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to begin the process of establishing a Study Committee, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of Board & Committee appointments for 2019; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of an invitation to the 2019 Rock Nobles Cattleman's banquet scheduled for February 4th at the Grand Prairie Event Center.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southwest MN Opportunity Council, Community Corrections and Library.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings and events: Southwest Regional Development Commission, SWHHS and Pork Producers banquet.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southwest Mental Health, Rural Water; also thanked Kyle for reaching out to Senator Knochubar's office regarding the Farm Service Agency closure which resulted in a temporary solution for producers.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Land Use, Magnolia City Council, PC's for People distribution event and Pork Producers annual banquet.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: SWHHS, Southwest Mental Health, Community Corrections and Pork Producers annual banquet.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a meeting regarding Opportunity Zones scheduled for Janu 31st at Jackpot Junction in Morton, MN.

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

Central Specialties applies for Conditional Use Permit

Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit

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 7:15 p.m., Monday, February 25, 2019. 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

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(02-14, 2-21)

Planning Commission public hearing Feb. 25

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All interested parties are invited to attend. Written comments should be submitted to the Rock County Zoning Administrator by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2019. All persons desiring to be heard shall be given an opportunity to present testimony.

Dated: February 14, 2019

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, greetings, messages and emails to help me celebrate this milestone birthday. It was such a delight to hear from so many of you to make this day extra special. God bless each and every one of you.

Nori Welch Duchene

(2.14-2.17)

I would like to say thank you to the anonymous person who paid me car repair bill at Connells. My plan is to pay it forward! Thank you again!

Eileen Siebenahler

(2.10-2.14)

The Luverne Backpack Program Board would like to thank Security Savings Bank, formerly Exchange State Bank, for packing bags the month of January. Your unselfish work is appreciated!

Luverne Backpack Board

(2.10-2.14)

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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED Luverne Area Chamber & CVB ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Luverne Area Chamber and Convention & Visitors Bureau is seeking applicants for the full-time position of administrative assistant.

Job Description:

- Maintaining, managing and coordination of office operation and events
- Operation of Microsoft Office and Quickbooks
- Verbal and written communication with the public, members, government & organizations
- Operation and updating website and social media
- Occasional work on weekends and evenings
- Works under the general supervision of the Executive Director

Qualifications/Work Experience:

- Associate degree in office management or related field or 2-3 years of work experience in a secretarial or office management position
- Knowledge of the community

This is an at-will, hourly position. Salary dependent on qualifications. Position is open until filled. **First review date: February 12, 2019**

Applications are available Chamber office at 213 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN 56156 or on-line at www.LuverneChamber.com.

Deliver or mail application with resume to the Luverne Area Chamber.

MN VETERANS HOME

NURSING ASSISTANTS (HUMAN SERVICES TECHNICIANS)

The Minnesota Veterans Home is seeking applicants for nursing assistant positions.

Qualifications:

- Eligible for registration with the MN Dept of Health Nursing Assistant Registry
 - Ability to communicate effectively, follow instructions and take clear notes
 - Must be at least 18 years of age
- Apply online at <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers>. For more information call 507-283-6211.



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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Responsible for maintaining and ensuring effective administration of learning management system including updates of user licenses, development and maintenance
- Supports the development, delivery, evaluation and maintenance of training solutions and programs offered
- Coordination of training courses including compliance initiatives, business process and professional development efforts.
- System administration of the learning management system (LMS) to include course management and reporting.
- Train employees on use of the LMS system.
- Make recommendations on future improvements to content management, workflow processes and user experience.
- Track training sessions and attendance; manage training announcements to staff.
- Assist with training event administration and projects.
- More details available online

EDUCATION: BA degree or equivalent HR or training experience

EXPERIENCE: 3 years HR or training experience preferred
Experience with LMS preferred, but not required
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Mavis Fodness photo/0214 Monday Snow

Snow, scrape, load, repeat ...

Luverne Public Works crews spend another morning removing snow from emergency routes. The latest occurred Tuesday morning after several inches of new snow fell late Monday afternoon and evening. Tuesday dawned bright and sunny, but gusty winds and blowing snow prompted schools to cancel classes or dismiss early. This is the third time in seven days crews removed snow from the Main Street and other routes. Besides vehicles, public works director John Stoffel, reminds residents to place garbage and recycling containers in the driveways and not on the street until snow is removed.

At right, Glen Goemble plows a swath of snow from the sidewalk along Highway 75 Friday morning in Luverne following a blizzard that shut down most of southwest and south central Minnesota Thursday.

The bulk of the snow fell in counties north and northeast of Rock County, which received only a few inches, but Rock and Nobles counties had the most severe winds — up to 40 mph, which created crippling ground blizzards and caused treacherous travel conditions.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation advised no travel throughout the day and through the night Thursday in southwest and south central counties due to white-out conditions on roadways that prompted dozens of crashes and vehicles off the road.

Schools and many businesses were closed Thursday with local schools resuming class after a two-hour late start Friday.



Lori Sorenson photo/0214 snow blow goemble

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local agencies received copies of the EAW.

The dual purpose Duinick proposed for the property caught the attention of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and prompted questions.

Karin Kromer with the MPCA questioned the EAW's air quality statement that "there will be no odors generated from the proposed use at this pit" took a nearby residence into consideration.

She wrote: "It would seem that the hot mix asphalt production would generate odors and therefore this item was not addressed."

In their response to Kromer's question, Duinick agreed to secure all necessary air emission permits after an

applicability determination is completed.

The parcel is currently crop farmed and is located near other aggregate mines in the area. The parcel is also located a half mile west of the Rock River.

"This is the first EAW any of us have worked through in our office," Hartman said.

An EAW is a six-page questionnaire to determine if a more detailed environmental impact study is necessary.

With a negative EAW declaration (the project didn't meet the thresholds for a more detailed study), the Duinick project can proceed with additional permit requests to open and operate the gravel pit for an estimated 20 years.

Rock County Library announces winter events

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

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

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

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

Evening Story Time is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, for story reading, craft making and singing of songs.

Trivia Night at Take 16 (rescheduled) is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the brewing company on East Main Street in Luverne.

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

Teen Book Club, Thursdays, Feb. 14 through March 14, with games, snacks and book discussions about Angie Thomas' award-winning book, "The Hate U Give." Registration is required.

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

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

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

Little Minnesota in World War II, 10 a.m., Saturday, April 6. Authors Jill and Deane Johnson talk about their book, featuring 140 fallen heroes from small Minnesota towns.

Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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