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State park turns on tap water

Rural Water now connected at park office, campground work starts this year

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mounds State Park is officially using Rock County Rural Water in its office and shop after testing revealed the pipes and water are free of bacteria.

Henning Construction started June 4, 2018, on the state-funded project to bring rural water to the park, and crews estimated taps would be running by summer.

But record rain and unforgiving bedrock caused repeated delays until last week when — finally — park staff had access to clean safe water.

“That’s good news,” Park Manager Chris Ingebretsen said Thursday.

He said Rural Water lines were connected to the office and shop several weeks ago, but testing needed to confirm bacteria isn’t in the pipes.

Short track, many hurdles

The 3.5-mile connection enters the park from the south, cuts through the park pasture and turns toward the park office at an elbow located 300 feet east of the bison corral.

The first mile took excavators nearly two weeks to open a six-foot-deep trench to accommodate the 4-inch pipe and repack the area.

“This has been a challenging project,” said rural water manager Ryan Holtz. “We were all expecting rock and big rock; we just didn’t know where it would show up.”

Jackhammers mounted to an excavator extracted hard rocks south of the park, and dynamite finished the final stretch near the park office.

Henning Construction submitted the low bid for the work at \$450,481 and Brent Henning said he feels good about how the project turned out.

“It really wasn’t that bad,” he said this fall. “We would have been done a long time ago if it hadn’t been so wet.”

Workers abandoned the project for a month during a particularly rainy stretch in the construction season.

Even when they returned, they found the ground was too soft to accommodate heavy equipment, especially in a low-lying area along the final stretches of the project.

“That creek bed is normally dry,”



Lori Sorenson photo/0221 state park dynamite blasting

Last fall Keith Klink, who works with SX Blasting, out of Menomonie Falls, Wisconsin, drops dynamite sticks in newly drilled holes and covers each one with ammonium nitrate fertilizer mixed with diesel fuel.

Dynamite blows through bedrock

By Lori Sorenson

How do you cut through 4 feet of Sioux quartzite bedrock to bury a 3-inch waterline six feet underground? Dynamite, of course.

Workers with Henning Construction, Adrian, are connecting Rock County Rural Water to the Blue Mounds State Park, but they hit a snag on the final stretch to the park office.

The last 300 feet of pipe stretches across an unforgiving plate of quartzite several feet under the soil surface, and the only way to get through it is to blast the rock apart.

“For most projects, if you hit that much rock, you go around it, but for the park, this was the only option,” said Brent Henning, who added that this was a first for the family business.

“That’s part of why we bid this project, because we knew it would be fun,” he said, adding that his grandpa, the late Norbert Henning, encouraged



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Blue Mound Area Theatre hires manager

By Mavis Fodness

If the first month’s work in his new position at the historic Palace Theatre in downtown Luverne is any indication, Shawn Kinsinger may have found his perfect job.

Kinsinger, of Luverne, was hired for the newly created executive director position within the Blue Mound Area Theatre, a nonprofit group who oversees the theater and its activities. Before the executive director position, members volunteered their time for various tasks.

Some of those tasks will now be Kinsinger’s responsibility.

Event scheduling, preparing for guest performers, and preserving the functionality of the more than 100-year-old building are



Blue Mound Area Theatre board members hired Shawn Kinsinger, Luverne, to be the first executive director of the Palace Theatre.

among his duties.

“My biggest goal is not to mess with what BMAT has accomplished. I don’t want to tip the boat over as

I get in,” Kinsinger said. “It just seems every weekend and even multiple days throughout the week there is some sort of performance art going on you can watch or take part in.”

Over the years, Kinsinger himself watched movies, acted, sang or played an instrument on the Palace stage.

He tracked his first performance to a church Christmas program as a toddler.

“When I was 3 or 4 years old, I had a small solo of ‘Silent Night,’” he said. “I belted it out and sang really loud — I loved it.”

Singing loud was one activity he had in common with his late father, Mike Kinsinger, who often performed popular songs from the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s with Kinsinger sitting attentively at his feet.

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City inks deal with PIP

By Lori Sorenson

Premium Iowa Pork has signed an agreement with the city of Luverne that outlines its responsibilities for managing wastewater loads discharged from the plant.

The significant industrial wastewater agreement, as it’s called, is a technical guide for the pork processor that spells out the maximum daily and monthly wastewater loads it can send to the city’s wastewater treatment facility.

PIP is planning to install state-of-the-art pretreatment equipment (two dissolved air flotation units) that will pretreat the effluent to a level that the city wastewater plant can

then further treat with a new wastewater plant.

The city and PIP have previously signed an agreement that shares the cost of a new renovated city plant that will cost nearly \$11 million. PIP’s cost is capped at \$6.7 million.

“With PIP and the city of Luverne working on this project as partners, the newly renovated plant can handle the pork plant effluent and also provide increased capacity for the city of Luverne to grow into for the next 25 to 30 years,” Call said.

The Hospers, Iowa, company, which specializes in antibiotic-free meat, purchased the former

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Senior Citizens Meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Senior Citizens Building.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Sewing Basket in Luverne. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Vienna Township will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Community Center.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet for lunch and games at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 8, at the Howling Dog in Luverne. RSVP to Donna at 507-283-8019 by March 6.

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.

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.

‘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. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Central Lyon High School Auditorium in Rock Rapids, Iowa. 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.

UMC serves free meal Feb. 27

The Luverne United Methodist Church will serve a free community meal open to the public starting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the church lower level.

World Day of Prayer events March 1

•Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne invites the community to a World Day of Prayer service at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 1. Focus will be on the country of Slovenia.

•Area women are invited to the Women’s World Day of Prayer at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the Steen Reformed Church. Speaker will be Jim Byrne of Hills.

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.

Prarie Rose scholarships available

The Prairie Rose Community Fund is accepting applications for grants and scholarships through April 1. Visit prairierosecommunityfund.com to apply.

Community Ed

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

Using yarn and beads and a loom, students in grades 3-5 will do **Circular Weaving on Feb. 21** to make a unique piece. Fee is \$12 and includes all materials.

Learn some practical techniques to grow big yields of vegetables and fruits in **Big Yields in Small Places class on Feb. 21 and 28.** Fee is \$20.

Juniors and seniors: **ACT Prep Class** begins Feb. 25. Fee is \$125 which includes study guide.

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

The **8-hour Defensive Driving Class** for adults 55 years and older is on **March 4 and 11 (4 hours each evening).**



Students snowmobile to school

More than a dozen Luverne High School students rode their snowmobiles to school Wednesday, Feb. 13, as part of the school’s Snow Week scheduled activities. Snow Week was observed last week, but classes were canceled due to winter weather Wednesday, Feb. 6, when the snowmobile ride was set to go. Participating in the rescheduled event Wednesday were (from left) Jamie McCarthy, Elliot Stoltzenberg, Jaden Hoag, Colton Schutz, Quinn Buss, Mason Wenzel, Carson Ehde, Connor Overgaard, Leah Wynia, Lacey Saker, Carter Loosbrock, Riley Siebenahler, Gaige Nath and Carter Davis.

Submitted photo/0221 snowmobile group

PIP prepares facility without abatements, incentives/

Gold’n Plump property on the west edge of town.

The company, which already operates a plant in Hospers, plans to use roughly 150,000 gallons of water per day, so a “significant use agreement” with the city is required by the state (for anything over 25,000 gallons per day).

Company officials say no pollution or negative impacts to the environment are anticipated, and technology will be installed to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration.

All processes will take place inside the facility, including effluent treatment before it’s sent to Luverne’s water treatment. No sludge or waste will be land-applied, and blood and rendering is handled off site.

Facility improvements and retrofits, some of which have already begun, are estimated to cost PIP about \$30 million.

Start at 1,200 hogs per day, build up to 2,200 per day

The company will start out slaughtering 1,200 hogs per day and eventually build up to 2,200 allowed by its conditional use permit.

Initial production will require 200 workers (at \$13 to \$20 per hour) to Luverne. That number could grow to more than 300 employees, depending on growth.

Luverne has been steadily addressing housing shortages outlined in a 2016 study.

Among other projects, two apartment buildings on the former Sharkee’s lot have been approved for workforce housing.

ing funding support from the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

Those 54 apartment units, a mixture of one- and two-bedroom apartments, are expected to rent for \$750 per month for a one-bedroom apartment and \$950 for two bedrooms, depending on final construction costs.

PIP President Dan Paquin, Hospers, said he hopes to draw back some of the 200 employees displaced by the 2017 chicken processing closure, but the company will recruit workers from the tri-state area.

The Hospers plant processes 3,100 hogs per day and employs 415 people with an annual payroll of \$17 million.

Paquin said work would take place over the next 12 to 15 months to retrofit the existing 78,000-square-foot facility to accommodate pork slaughter, processing and packing.

The company will also expand the east side of the building by roughly 12,500 square feet for a total area of 90,500 square feet.

Changes to the property will conform to the existing uses permitted by the zoning.

In terms of other neighborhood impacts, the company estimates 30 trucks will enter and exit the site per day as part of its operations, and current parking allows for 355 stalls for employee vehicles in addition to space for truck parking.

Other than cost-sharing on wastewater treatment, he said PIP is paying its own way, with no tax abatements or other incentives.

Palace to host sneak preview of PBS documentary Feb. 28
Afternoon Escape movie, ‘Landmarks of Minnesota,’ is free and open to the public

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne’s Historic Palace Theatre will debut the spring PBS documentary “Landmarks of Minnesota; Keeping History Alive” during its popular Thursday Afternoon Escape on Feb. 28.

According to photographer and storyteller Doug Ohman, the film features churches, barns and schoolhouses of western and southwestern Minnesota.

Of interest to Rock County viewers will be special segments with Historical Society President Betty Mann and caretakers of the Blue Mound Lutheran Church.

The documentary will air on PBS Appleton stations starting on March 9, but the Feb. 28 showing in the Palace Theatre will be what Ohman calls a “sneak preview” to that broadcast.

“I’m optimistic it’s going to be a pretty good show,” he said. “I think it will resonate with our local viewers and especially with our senior audience members.”

Ohman will be in Luverne on Feb. 28 to introduce the film and moderate the show, which starts at 2 p.m. in the Palace Theatre. It’s free and open to the public.



The Blue Mound Lutheran Church northeast of the state park is featured in the PBS film, “Landmarks of Minnesota.”



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The true meaning behind granddaughter's silent treatment

My soon-to-be 2-year-old granddaughter Jayden is a fast learner. She walked and said words before she was a year old, and she is a master at the iPad.

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

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

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

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

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

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

I didn't expect to receive the silent treatment.

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

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



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Knowledge is power'

Attend March 1 LIFT Gala to gain insight on opportunities in Luverne community

Knowledge is said to be the key to success.

As far back as 1597, Sir Francis Bacon coined the phrase, "Knowledge is power," in his book, "Meditationes Sacrae and Human Philosophy."

Today more than ever, the same is true.

Learning and knowing what is happening in our community will give you powerful information as you make important decisions about your business.

That information will allow you to make strategic decisions in things such as staffing, product mix, new product lines, and business changes to take advantage of the opportunities that are created when change happens in our community.

That is why it is important for you make plans to attend the Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow (LIFT) Annual Gala on March 1.

All of us in Rock County are lamenting over the decision made by tru Shrimp to build the first harbor in Madison, South Dakota.

Their decision may be a lost opportunity for Luverne and Rock County but that doesn't mean that opportunities still don't exist.

The Chamber fervently believes that 2019 will be a great year for Luverne. Even though we won't see construction on a shrimp plant, we are going to see plenty of construction in other areas.

Think about the \$30 million project that will start in March at the school, the huge renovation and remodeling investment by Prime Iowa Pork on the west edge of town, major infrastructure investment

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Jane Wildung Lanphere, Luverne Area Chamber director

LIFT Annual Meeting Gala

A night to celebrate Luverne and benefit the work of LIFT

•Gathering time is 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, in Grand Prairie Events

•Program starts at 6 p.m., dinner served at 7:30 p.m., entertainment starts at 8:15 p.m.

•Reservation deadline is Feb. 25 at Chamber, 507-283-4061 or luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight.

in roads and the waste water treatment plant and groundbreaking for the first new apartments built in Luverne in a generation.

This list doesn't even touch on the work being done on farms, homes and businesses in the community. Learning and hearing about what is and will be happening will give you "power" for your business.

The LIFT Annual Gala will be a great opportunity to hear, first hand, the work that is going to happen in Luverne over the next year and beyond.

The meeting will also be an opportunity to meet the people responsible for the work that will happen. Social networking may bring opportunities you never thought of before.

It is not the time to complain about what isn't going to happen.

Now is the time to celebrate all the great things that will be happening in the next few years!

The event is open to all people, businesses, institutions and organizations who want to "arm themselves" with great information about Luverne and Rock County.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Join together in LIFTing our community higher.

The successes of Luverne and Rock County are the result of the work of individuals, businesses, organizations and institutions.

What makes our community extraordinary is that we know that the power of individual success is amplified when we work together.

Working together is built on knowing each other and understanding what our friends, neighbors and associates are doing.

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Question: Do you turn in front of an approaching vehicle or behind it when two vehicles both want to turn left at an uncontrolled intersection?

Answer: If two vehicles approach the intersection close to the same time, both vehicles should carefully make a left turn in front of each other while ensuring that the intersection is clear from approaching vehicles.

Before beginning the turn, it's important to ensure your safety and the safety of the motorists around you. According to the Minnesota Driver's manual, move safely into the correct lane well ahead of where you will make the actual turn. Signal your intent at least 100 feet before the turn to let pedestrians and drivers know what you plan to do.

Additional important reminders for making a safe turn include:

- While waiting to turn, keep your wheels straight and your foot on the brake. If your vehicle is struck from the rear, you will be less likely to be pushed into oncoming



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

traffic.

- Continue signaling until you begin your turn.

- Do not make sudden turns from the wrong lane of traffic.

- Watch for traffic or obstacles in the road you plan to enter.

- Always finish your turn in the correct lane.

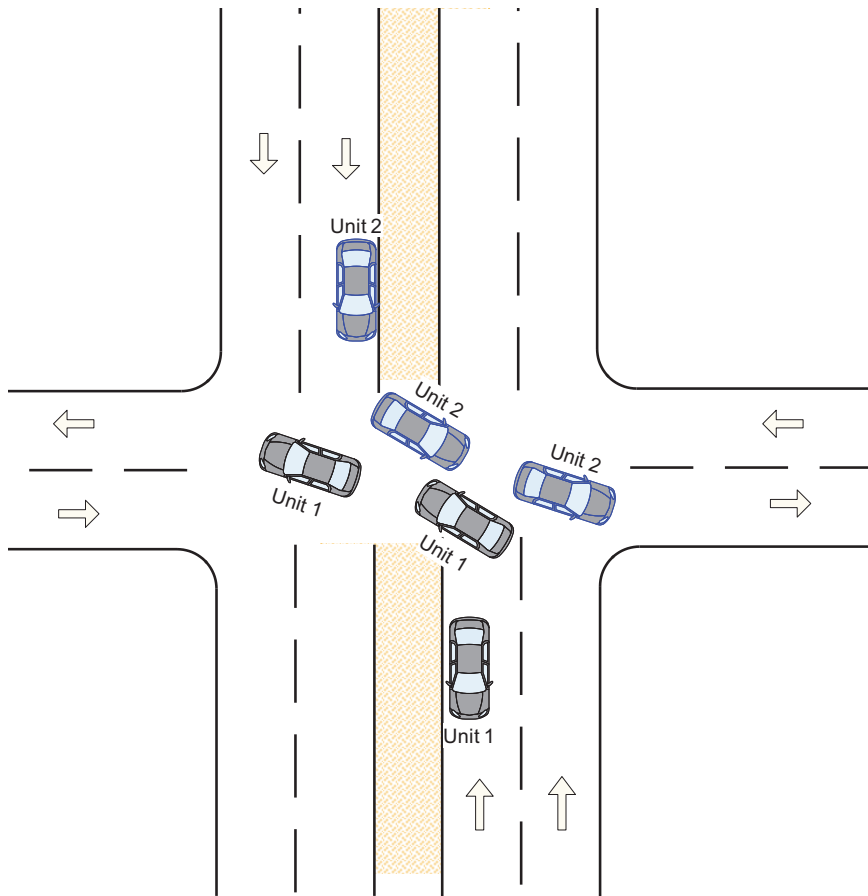
- If the car ahead of you is signaling for a left turn, slow down and prepare to stop.

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Lori Sorenson photo/0228 blue mounds state park blasting

Each detonation required 32 sticks of dynamite placed in predrilled holes in the underground bedrock (and worn-out drill bits were occasionally replaced). The dynamite sticks were daisy-chained together to punch 140 pounds of explosive power into each blast, partially contained under heavy rubber mats constructed out of tractor tire pieces.

Blue Mounds State Park Rural Water/continued from page 1

Ingebretsen said about a waterway that drains to the south into the state park.

“But if I drove my pickup on it this year, I’d be buried up to my dipstick — much less drive a backhoe over it.”

Contractors decided to bore under the creek to connect the pipeline, but they discovered more bedrock in the process.

Buying access

This required the return of heavy equipment through John Bowron’s property where the county had arranged an easement along the edge of the park property.

With his pasture already torn up from construction traffic, Bowron balked at allowing further access.

“I have been more than accommodating,” he told the Star Herald in early November.

“If they want to come back in, they can do it on the park property where the ground is firm.”

Bowron had been paid \$30,000 in the easement contract for access, but the ground was indeed more passable on the state park side of the property line and heavy equipment was rerouted.

“The park was originally opposed to this because of compaction and prairie habitat,” Ingebretsen said.

“But we need the water, and once the funding is approved, you don’t want to stop the project.”

Henning agreed to use lighter loads and twice as many trips, which the company was compensated for.

Easements were difficult to obtain from the early stages of the rural water connection to the park.

The more direct path to the park would have been from the west beside County Road 20, but property owners along that route declined to allow an easement, so engineers opted to enter from the south.

Bowron agreed to allow the access, but negotiated a rate based on potential risk to his bison herd.

Background on water woes

Since 2014, visitors to the state park have been unable to drink or bathe in the water that repeatedly tests positive for E. coli bacteria.

According to park manager Chris

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adventure.

“He always said, ‘When things are going well, that’s when you want to try something different.’ Well, this was different,” Henning said.

“We’ve excavated through rock before, but nothing to this extent.”

SX Blasting out of Menomonie Falls, Wisconsin, was called in to help.

After several days and nearly 100 sticks of dynamite, the Henning crews were back to working on pipes in early October ... until they hit more bedrock in November.

Getting through the rock was slow and tedious, according to Keith Klink, whose finger was on the detonator for the eight explosions in the project.

Each detonation required 32 sticks of dynamite placed in

predrilled holes in the underground bedrock (and worn-out drill bits were occasionally replaced).

Klink, who works with SX Blasting, dropped dynamite sticks in the holes and covered each one with ammonium nitrate fertilizer mixed with diesel fuel.

The dynamite sticks were daisy-chained together to punch 140 pounds of explosive power into each blast.

They would have produced spectacular explosions, but the would-be flying debris was contained under heavy rubber mats constructed out of tractor tire pieces by a Canadian manufacturing company.

Once the Sioux quartzite bedrock is broken apart, crews remove the boulders and are able to burying pipeline.

Final 1.5 miles in campground left

Funding from the current bonding bill provides \$1 million to connect the park to Rock County Rural Water and also replace the park’s 40-year-old underground pipes.

Rural Water has taken the lead on the engineering and construction to connect the park to its system.

The state will handle the 1.5 miles of infrastructure improvements within the park boundaries, but that work won’t start until late summer.

Meanwhile, the old pipes will be used for clean water until they can be replaced — starting after Labor Day.

“We’ll be closing the campground down right after Labor Day for construction, which should be completed by the end of October,” Ingebretsen said.

He said the old pipes will be tested first be tested for bacteria before they are used by campers. This will happen at the end of April when frost is out of the ground.

ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 8

•Deputy out with a stalled vehicle on I-90.

•Complainant reported a vehicle off the road on Kniss Ave.

•Complainant reported an accident on Hwy. 75.

•Complainant conducted a warrant check on E. Luverne Street.

•Complainant reported a warrant hit on subject in Flan-dreau.

•Complainant reported an alarm on S. Spring Street.

•Complainant requested a background check for housing.

•Complainant reported a fire in Hardwick.

•Complainant reported an accident on S. Kniss Ave.

•Complainant paid a war-rant.

Feb. 9

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy on W. War-ren Street.

•Complainant requested a guest be removed on W. Virginia Street.

•Deputy reported they are out with subject in Worthington on Rock County warrant.

•Complainant requested a welfare check.

Feb. 10

•Complainant reported a hit and run on Bishop Street.

•Alarm reported on W. Brown Street.

Feb. 11

•Three alarms were report-ed on W. Brown Street.

•Complainant reported a vehicle on the shoulder on 141st Street.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy on W. War-ren Street.

•Complainant reported an

accident on County Rd. 4

•Complainant reported a transient on I-90.

•Complainant reported a wrong way driver on County Rd. 4.

•Complainant reported a vehicle stuck in the driving lane in Beaver Creek.

•Complainant reported a vehicle facing the wrong way on the I-90 ramp in Beaver Creek.

Feb. 12

•Welfare check requested in Beaver Creek.

•Deputies reported a sub-ject with a warrant in Sioux Falls.

•Complainant reported a fire in Hardwick.

•Complainant reported unsafe road conditions in Magnolia.

•Complainant reported sus-picious activity on Christensen Drive.

Feb. 13

•Complainant reported accident property damage on Sioux Valley Drive.

•Complainant requested a roadside assist near Jasper.

•Complainant reported someone without a license or insurance on E. Luverne Street.

Feb. 14

•Complainant presorted a raccoon on Pine Drive.

•Complainant reported a possible fight on E. Main Street.

•Complainant reported suspicious activity on W. Har-ri-son Street.

In addition, officers re-sponded to 2 vehicles in the ditch, 3 transports, 6 escorts, 15 ambulance runs, 7 animal complaints, 8 burn permits, 6 drug court tests, 4 permit to purchase/carry, 8 paper service attempts, 5 abandon 911 calls and 7 traffic stops

Luverne-Adrian, H-BC celebrate National FFA Week Feb. 16-23

The Luverne-Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek FFA chapters will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 16-23.

FFA week embraces more than 91 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organiza-tion’s future.

Nearly 670,000 members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members (pictured on page 15) have a pas-sion for agriculture.

Designated a national week in 1947, the week of George Washing-ton’s birthday, National FFA Week runs from Saturday to Saturday and gives FFA members an oppor-tunity to educate the public about agriculture.

During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and

community about FFA and agri-cultural education.

Today’s FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agriculture and hands-on learning, they are preparing for more than 250 unique career opportunities in the food, fiber and national resources industry.

The National FFA Organiza-tion provides leadership, per-sonal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 669,989 student members who belong to one of 8,630 local FFA chapters through-out the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

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 also be sent to him at 1018 N. Elmwood Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

Card showers

Shirley Ann Nolte will celebrate her 85th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 24. Greetings may be sent to her at 401 N. Walnut, Ellsworth, MN 56129.

Ruth McClure will celebrate her 90th birthday on Monday, Feb. 25. Greetings may be sent to her at 611 Camden Dr., Marshall, MN 56258.

Joyce Wessels will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, March 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 106 S. Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Feb. 25: Creamy vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, peaches, crackers, cookie.

Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Feb. 26: Cubed roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin salad, bread, cake.

Program: 9 a.m. Board Meeting. Half-Price Day sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, bread, pears.

Thursday, Feb. 28: Chicken lasagna, tropical fruit, broccoli raisin salad, garlic bread, bar.

Friday, March 1: Meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, country blend vegetables, bread, ice cream.

Program: Joke Day; Half-Price Day.

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

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

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

Undeclared and state bound



Submitted photo

Students from Luverne High School Mock Trial Team defeated Springfield Friday afternoon for their fifth consecutive Region 4 Mock Trial title. They will compete at the state tournament Feb. 28-March 1 in Duluth. Team members include (from left) Chance Tunnissen, Seno Chanthalangsy, John Miller, Alexa Chesley, Peter Baustian, Kaitlyn Anderson, Grace Sweeney, Sophie Lanoue, Lauren Ver Steeg, Gunnar Oldre, Griffen Jarchow, Luke Thorson, Solveig Tofteland, Xavier Carbonneau (hidden), Jessica Anderson and Jady Anderson. Missing are Julia Ferguson and Jordan Winter.

Luverne earns fifth-straight state Mock Trial appearance

By Mavis Fodness

For the fifth straight year, Luverne High School is sending a Mock Trial team to the state tournament.

Luverne students earned the return trip Friday when the defense team took on the plaintiffs from Springfield High School.

The win takes the team to Duluth Feb. 28-March 1 to represent Region 4 at the state tournament.

There are 16 regions represented at the state tournament.

Friday's win capped a 4-0 season for the Cardinals.

Second-year coach Jason Berghorst pointed to the past and present student participants for the team's continued success.

"Mock trial is really a unique activity. It's very student-led," he said.

"During the trial there is no coaching or timeouts or a half time. They're on their own during a trial utilizing the knowledge and skills passed down from older to younger

'Mock trial is really a unique activity.

It's very student-led.'

— second-year coach Jason Berghorst

team members for many years now."

Luverne started its consecutive region win streak in 2015.

Comprising this year's team are seniors Jessica Anderson, Grace Sweeney, Jady Anderson and Julia Ferguson; juniors Gunnar Oldre, Alexa Chesley, Sophie Lanoue and Jordan Winter; sophomores Kaitlyn Anderson, Lauren Ver Steeg, Solveig Tofteland, Seno Chanthalangsy, Peter Baustian, John Miller and Xavier Carbonneau; and freshmen Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen and Griffen Jarchow.

This year's case involves a defamation lawsuit between a county

commissioner named Hayden Brooks and the Cahill, Minnesota, Monitor newspaper.

Until next week's state competition, the students will hone the skills used throughout the two-month season that started in early January.

"Our witnesses will prepare for more aggressive cross examinations and our lawyers will continue to work at making and responding to objections during our trials and refining their opening and closing statements," Berghorst said.

During the season the students were consistently recognized for their poise and case knowledge.

Attorney coach Jeff Haubrich

assists students with their performances in the courtroom.

"The biggest thing we always work on before state is making sure they are solid on objections," he said. "And getting away from the note cards for everything, if possible."

All mock trial teams are going into the state tournament one round short of the traditional five-round season.

Weather prompted the Minnesota Bar Association, who organizes the mock trial competitions, to cancel all competitions across the state during the week of Feb. 4.

Luverne was scheduled to compete at home Feb. 7 at the Rock County Courthouse against Springfield.

The two teams met Friday in Ivanhoe to decide the regional representative.

At last year's state competition, Luverne placed 11th out of 16 teams.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

•The Luverne Elementary School third-grade classes enjoyed an afternoon of skating as part of their Valentine's Day party.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, third-grade teachers Patsy Amborn, Pam Christensen, Delaine Jensen and Karla Osterday took their classes open skating at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

For as long as they've been teaching third grade, these teachers have helped students lace up their skates and enjoy a fun-filled hour on the ice for their Valentine's party. The February tradition was started by former third-grade teacher Rhonna Jarchow, Luverne, and has continued every year since.

25 years ago (1994)

•Luverne (school district) has canceled school Nov. 19, Jan. 7, 17, 18, 27, 28, and Feb. 8 and 10 because of a football game and bad weather. As of Thursday's School Board meeting, the district was three days in the hole. Scheduled make-up days are Feb. 18, Feb. 21 and March 14, which would otherwise be in-service days or holidays.

If there are more cancellations, as everyone seems sure there will be, and if the Luverne district doesn't come up with ways to either make up the days or get a special waiver from the state, the district could lose \$25,000 in state aid for each day short of the state's required 170 instructional days.

Superintendent Norman Miller asked the Board to consider the options and provide him with guidance about the best ways to make up time.

50 years ago (1969)

•The Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved a 76-unit low-rent housing project for the elderly in the Luverne area, according to word received here last week from Congressman Ancher Nelsen and Senator Walter F. Mondale.

The Housing Authority in Luverne, which includes five men, Ray Frick, Robert Hendricks, W.J. Estenson, Reid Cleland, and A.H. (Pete) Petersen, can now proceed to complete the arrangements to start construction of the project.

Luverne's city council first discussed the low-rent hous-

ing project June 13, 1967 at a regular monthly city council meeting. That night the council set July 17, 1967 as a date for the hearing on the proposed project.

Between 75-100 citizens were present at the July 17 meeting, some for the project and some against. On July 20, 1967 the city council voted to go ahead and apply for the low-rent housing unit for the elderly in Luverne and to set up a Housing Authority.

75 years ago (1944)

•Students and teachers in the local schools bought well over \$1,000 worth of war bonds and stamps in an auction conducted by the student body here Tuesday.

Given an hour and a half free time from their studies in the forenoon, and an hour in the afternoon, the students showed their appreciation by more than doubling the amount of sales anticipated.

Using persuasive auctioneering methods, "Cols." Sam Pelstring and Bill Cameron obtained bids that amazed students and faculty members alike. For instance:

One student pledged \$75 for a group of snapshots of senior girls. A pound of butter, donated by one of the students, and sold without ration points, brought a pledge of \$20. Seven pork chops sold at \$2 each, and one of the instructors paid \$4 for a T-bone steak. Two cartons of Hershey candy bars sold for \$37.50 each, and one brought \$38. Three packages of gum brought \$5 a package. ...

100 years ago (1919)

•In response to a call from division headquarters of the American Red Cross, plans are now being perfected for a new and extensive knitting and garment-making program to be carried out by the various auxiliaries of the Rock County chapter of the Red Cross, and the co-operation of every worker is asked.

The garments are to be used for the relief of the refugees of Northern France, Belgium, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Greece, Montenegro, Palestine, Albania, Poland and other countries where the number of destitute people has reached appalling proportions and great suffering is resulting from lack of proper clothing.



Joe and Maddie Brake

Brake, Stegenga wed at First Presbyterian, Luverne

Joe Brake and Maddie Stegenga were married Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

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

The Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham officiated the ceremony. Organist was Barb Antoine.

The bride's maid of honor was Sarah Stegenga. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Riggs, Morgan Dodd, Erika Brake, Emmie Jackson, Kyla Stulen and Danielle Kneip. Personal attendants were Blair Altman and Lexi Rust.

The best men were Jesse Brake, Jared Brake, and Jordan Brake. Groomsmen were Jor-

dan Stegenga, Will Stegenga, Dalton Jeffers and Jake Diekmann.

Flower girl was Elise Crawford, and ring bearer was Kaleb Brake.

Ushers were David Brake, Jaydan Bullerman, Tony Reker and Connor VanDyke.

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

Maddie 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.

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

They live in Wilmont.

This wedding announcement is being reprinted to correct names and include omitted information.

OBITUARIES

Marlis Kleinke

Marlis M. Kleinke, 84, husband, Les, were also foster Walker, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at Edgemont Place in Blaine.



A celebration service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker. A visitation begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday until the time of the service.

Marlis Gonnerman was born on July 28, 1934, to Roy and Florence Gonnerman in Luverne. She lived with her family in the Luverne City Park, where her dad was the park caretaker. She met Les Kleinke on a blind date before he was deployed to Korea in 1952.

The couple was married in December 1954. They made their home in Luverne, where they raised their two children, Leslee and James.

Marlis did home day care for a number of families including her great niece and nephew. While raising her children, Marlis was an active leader in girl and boy scouts, church groups and youth league. She loved crafting, ceramics, cooking and spending time surrounded by family and her grandchildren. She was also a willing participant in many snowmobile and fishing adventures. Marlis and her late

husband, Les, were also foster parents.

In 1991 the couple moved to Walker, where they were active in their local church, community and Friday Night Supper Club. Marlis was known for her quick wit.

She is survived by her daughter, Leslee (Mark) Yseth, Ham Lake; a son, James (Mary) Kleinke, St. Cloud; grandchildren Andrew Yseth, Kennon Kleinke, Jordan Yseth, and Ethan Kleinke; a twin brother, Marvin Gonnerman, Luverne; a sister, Ruth McClure, Marshall; a foster daughter, Kristen Hurd; and many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Les, on Dec. 19, 2018; her parents; her sister Dorothy Ann; and her brothers LeRoy and Doug.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's association, Team Kleinke, at <http://act.alz.org/goto/teamkleinke> or mailed to Alzheimer Association/ St. Cloud, Team Kleinke, 600 25th Ave S., Suite 201, St. Cloud, MN 56301.

Arrangements are provided by Miller Carlin Funeral Home, www.millercarlin.com.

(0221 F)

Minnie Bosch

Minnie Bosch, 97, to an apartment at the Tuff Luverne, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.



A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at the Eastside Cemetery near Steen. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Minnie VanderSteen was born on Oct. 15, 1921, to George and Elizabeth (Rodenburg) VanderSteen on a farm southwest of Valley Springs, South Dakota. The family moved to a farm southwest of Leota where Minnie was raised.

On Dec. 10, 1943, Minnie married Henry Bosch at her parents' farm. They later built their new home in Steen. In 1973 Minnie and Henry moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, where Minnie worked at the local hospital as the primary housekeeper for the OB department. In March 1995, Minnie and Henry moved to Luverne to rejoin their friends and relatives in this community. While in Luverne, Minnie became a caretaker to her neighbor and friend, Olga Maddison. In August 2005, Henry became ill and died on Oct. 12, 2005, at the age of 87 years. Minnie continued living in their home until October 2017, when she moved

to an apartment at the Tuff Village in Hills.

Minnie was a former member of the Reformed Church of Mitchell, where she taught Sunday School for 18 years, and is currently a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Her favorite

hobbies were refinishing furniture, needle point, creating afghans, decorative dish towels and doilies. She also loved baking cookies, bars and pies which were greatly enjoyed by all who ate them.

She is survived by her children, Duane (Jan) Bosch of Plymouth and Lynette (Larry) Ford of Arlington, Texas; a granddaughter, Emily Bosch of Minneapolis; a sister, Marie Veldhuizen of Edgerton; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; brothers Bill VanderSteen and Cornie VanderSteen; and sisters, Tracy Veenstra, Gertrude De Boer, Margaret Vlietstra, Betty Brouwer and Dorothy Bos.

Memorials may be directed to the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage (304 N. McKenzie St., Luverne, MN 56156) or the Minnesota State Services for the Blind (2200 University Ave. N., St. Paul, MN 55114).

Arrangements are provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneralhome.com.

(0221 F)

DEATH NOTICES

Ida Langstraat

Ida Langstraat, 91, Hills, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at Hillcrest Health Care Center in Hawarden, Iowa.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial will follow in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Arrangements are provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(0221 DN)

Marie Walraven

Marie Walraven, 96, Hills, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial will follow at Flower Field Cemetery in rural Hills. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, with the family present from 6-8 p.m. at Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills.

Arrangements are provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com.

(0221 DN)



Submitted photo

The Luverne High School speech team took home the second-place trophy Saturday at the Redwood Valley Speech Invitational. Earning medals/ribbons were (front row, left) Jonah Louwagie, Alexa Chesley, Adriana Gonzalez, Lindsey Roemeling, Julia Ferguson, Cameron Wessels, (second row) Seno Chanthalangsy, Luke Thorson, Isabelle Hoiland, Gretchen Jacobsma, Sage Ver Steeg, Melanie Rittenhouse, (back) Nicole Hoogland, Meagan Hansen, Gunnar Oldre, Chance Tunnissen, Parker Carbonneau and Xavier Carbonneau.

Luverne finishes second in large-team speech event

Twenty-nine Luverne students were among the 230 speakers from 16 schools who competed Saturday at the Redwood Valley Speech Invitational.

The Cardinal team captured the second-place large team trophy.

"With so many schedule changes due to weather events, all schools had students who could not compete due to make-up games, etc.," said coach Caroline Thorson.

Eighteen Luverne students received awards at the

event.

•Creative expression: Cameron Wessels, second; Meagan Hansen, blue ribbon.

•Discussion: Alexa Chesley, third; Melanie Rittenhouse, sixth.

•Duo interpretation: Isabelle Hoiland and Gretchen Jacobsma, blue ribbon.

•Extemporaneous Reading: Nicole Hoogland, blue ribbon.

•Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first; Parker Carbonneau, fourth.

•Humorous interpretation: Gunnar Oldre, third;

Seno Chanthalangsy, fourth; Luke Thorson, blue ribbon.

•Original oratory: Lindsey Roemeling, fourth.

•Poetry: Sage Ver Steeg, second; Adriana Gonzalez, blue ribbon.

•Prose: Sage Ver Steeg, third.

•Storytelling: Xavier Carbonneau, fourth; Jonah Louwagie, fifth; Julia Ferguson, sixth.

The Cardinals host their junior high meet on Thursday, Feb. 21, and compete Feb. 23 in Adrian.

1986: Vocational director eliminated in budget cuts

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on March 13, 1986.



Schools terminate vocational center director's position

In a move Luverne Superintendent Norman Miller called a "painful procedure," the School Board approved the elimination of the director's position at the Blue Mound Vocational Center, held for a decade by Bill Beimers.

Meeting in regular session Thursday, the Luverne School Board approved with little formal discussion the move made by the vocational center board on Feb. 24.

The vocational center will offer Beimers the opportunity to accept a position as instructor of auto mechanics courses, a position already filled at the center. According to Miller, should Beimers accept that job, he would have seniority over the present employee, whose job would

then be terminated.

Officially, the School Board called the move to eliminate the half-time director's job an "unrequested leave," which Miller said was required of them by state law. An unrequested leave means termination of a job position, and then offering

different responsibilities to the individual.

The director's responsibilities would be absorbed by other offices in the district, Miller said.

"We would not, per se, have a director as we have one now," Miller said. The director's salary was \$18,000.

The School Board and vocational center have been working in an on-going effort to cut expenses.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

SCHOOL NEWS

UNL announces fall dean's list

The following Luverne High School graduates have been named to the dean's list at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for fall semester 2018: Samantha Pierce, Emma Verbrugge and Ashton Krueger.

SMSU releases Fall 2018 dean's list

Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall has named several area students to the Fall 2018 dean's list.

Students named to the High Honors list with a 4.0 are Brenna Kramer, Adrian, Karli Schilling, Ellsworth, and Alizabeth Prekker, Chris Syphokham and Cassidy Teunissen, all of Luverne.

Those named to the Honors list with a 3.5 GPA or higher are Benjamin Henning, Adrian, Darcy Lowman-Craig, Beaver Creek, Kelli Esselink, Hills, and Alexis Ferrell and Tara Sudenga, both of Luverne.



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LIBRARY NEWS

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.

Teen Book Club, Thursdays 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.



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Cardinals turn late run into win

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne boys' basketball team racked up its third Big South Conference victory of the season by defeating Windom 90-80 Saturday in Luverne.

LHS trailed by as many as six points in a wild second half that included a number of lead changes, but the Cards put together a run late in the game that paved the way to a 10-point win.

Windom scored the first two points of the second half to turn what was a four-point halftime lead into a 50-44 advantage.

Luverne countered with a 13-3 run ending with a field goal from Kaden DeSollar at the 13:13 mark to give the Cards a 57-53 lead, but the Eagles countered with a 12-4 spurt to regain the lead at 65-61 with 9:56 left to play.

The Cardinals made their move at that point as Isaiah Bartels converted a field goal at the 4:03 mark to cap a 16-2 run that left LHS sporting a 77-67 lead.

Windom closed the gap to five points (77-72) as the game progressed, but the Cards outscored the Eagles 13-5 the rest of the night to win by 10 points.

LHS led 5-0 when Brayden Jacobsma converted a three-point play 29 seconds into the game.

Windom, however, rallied to knot the score twice before moving in front 14-13 at the 13:01 mark.

LHS battled back to sport a six-point lead (25-19) when Bartels scored on the paint at 10:14 before Windom went on a 15-2 run to gain a 34-27 advantage with 7:28 remaining in the stanza.



Luverne sophomore guard Bailey Cowell finds a gap in the Windom defense on his way to the basket during Saturday's boys' basketball game in Luverne. Cowell scored 13 points to help the Cards post a 90-80 win.

LHS trimmed the difference to one point (34-33) when Derek Lundgren sank one free throw and the Cards trailed by two (44-42) when Lundgren hit a field goal with 1:33 left.

The Eagles bounced back to score four of the next six points to lead 48-44 at the break.

Bartels (33 points and 20 rebounds), Lundgren (23 points and eight rebounds) and Bailey Cowell (13 points and six rebounds) paced the Cards statistically.

Luverne, 11-9 overall, hosts Pipestone Thursday.

Box score
Cowell 2 2 3-6 13, Jacobsma 3 0 3-3 9, Lundgren 10 0 3-6 23, Sehr 1 0 1-3 3, Bartels 11 0 11-13 33, Ahrendt 2 0 1-5, DeSollar 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Luverne: 33 of 58 field goals (57 percent), 22 of 31 free throws (71 percent), 43 rebounds.
Windom: 23 field goals made, 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent).

LHS girls split weekend contests

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls' basketball team split a pair of games over the weekend.

The Cardinals posted a nine-point victory over Martin County West in Sherburn Friday before falling by one point in a home game against Windom Saturday.

Luverne, 13-10 overall, finished the regular season with a home game against Russell-Tyler-Ruthon Tuesday (Feb. 19).

Windom 61, LHS 60
The Cardinals squandered a 20-point lead in the second half during Saturday's home game against the Eagles.

Luverne, which led by 18 points at the intermission, scored the first two counters of the second half to sport a 43-23 lead.

Windom bounced back to outscore LHS 38-17 the rest of the way to pull out a one-point win.

After falling behind by 20 early in the second stanza, the

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Mallory Thorson scored 13 points during a home loss to Windom Saturday.

Arrows oust Adrian matmen from section field

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian Dragons bowed out of the Section 3A Team Wrestling Tournament after taking an opening-round setback in Tracy Saturday.

Adrian, the tournament's ninth seed, took on No. 8 Pipestone for a match

that sent the winner to the event's quarterfinal round.

Pipestone earned the chance to wrestle again by handing the Dragons a 49-22 setback, ending Adrian's 11-15 team campaign.

AHS won three matches

on the mat and Scot Edwards drew a forfeit for the Dragons during the battle against the Arrows.

Adrian's Logan Taylor (59 seconds over Allen Tubbs) and Isaac Bullerman (1:33 over Rogen Smidt) pinned their opponents.

Dragon Brayen Anaya

rolled to a 15-4 major decision against Hudson Burnett.

Adrian wrestles at the Section 3A Individual Tournament in Windom Friday and Saturday.

Match wrap-up
106 (A) Anaya 14-4 Burnett.
113 (P) Martens 6-0 Hieronimus.

120 (P) Bobendrier pins Heidebrink.
126 (A) Taylor pins Tubbs.
132 (A) Bullerman pins Smidt.
138 (P) Budden pins Loosbrock.
145 (P) Wipf pins Sherer.
152 (P) Fenton pins Tonsay.
160 (P) Lange 13-5 Wolf.
170 (P) Campos 9-5 Nelson.
182 (P) Colvin by forfeit.
195 (P) Hoss pins Wieneke.
220 (P) Krakow pins Winselman.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

Panthers register home victory over Coyotes

By John Rittenhouse
The Ellsworth girls' basketball team went 1-2 during a stretch of playing three games in four days.

The Panthers lost a 35-point game to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Friday before posting a 20-point victory over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Saturday in Ellsworth. EHS traveled to Slayton Monday and took a 19-point setback against Murray County Central.

Ellsworth, 6-12 overall, opens the South Section 3A Tournament by taking on SWC at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Worthington.

MCC 73, Ellsworth 54
The Panthers were unable to string together a pair of victories when they met the Rebels in Slayton Monday.

MCC rolled to a 36-23 lead in the first half and outscored EHS 37-31 in the second half to complete a 19-point win.

Kallie Chapa (16 points, nine rebounds and three assists), Morgan Dreesen (11 points) and Lizzie Chapa (11 points) turned in solid offensive efforts for the Panthers.

Sierra Smith pulled down 14 rebounds and charted three steals, while Ashlyn Meester added four assists to the cause.

Box score
Meester 1 0 4-6 6, Dreesen 1 2 3-5 11, K.Chapa 4 2 2-4 16, L.Chapa 4 1 0-0 2, Popkes 0 0 2-3 2, Smith 4 0 0-0 8.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 19 of 53 field goals (36 percent), 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent), 34 rebounds, 25 turnovers.

EHS 66, HL-O-F 46
The Panthers picked up their sixth win of the season when they took on the Coyotes in Ellsworth Saturday.

Ellsworth had three players scored 15 or more points in the game and outscored HL-O-F in both halves of a 20-point victory.

The Panthers opened a 31-20 advantage in the game's first half before outscoring the Coyotes 35-26 in the second half to complete the win.

Meester (24 points and seven steals), Kallie Chapa (17 points, seven rebounds and five assists) and Smith (15 points, nine rebounds and four assists) carried the offensive load for Ellsworth.

Dreesen contributed seven rebounds to the winning effort.

Box score
Meester 5 3 5-8 24, Dreesen 2 1 1-4 8, K.Chapa 2 4 1-2 17, L.Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, Smith 3 1 6-8 15.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 22 of 65 field goals (34 percent), 13 of 22 free throws (59 percent), 28

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Wrestlers wrap up team competition

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne Cardinal wrestlers completed team competition at the Section 3AA Team Wrestling Tournament in Worthington Saturday.

Luverne, the tournament's fourth seeded, topped No. 5 Fulda-Murray County Central 48-6 in the opening round.

LHS squared off against top-seeded and defending Section 3AA champion Fairmont-Martin County West in the semifinals.

The Red Bulls saddled the Cardinals with a 79-0 setback, ending Luverne's 3-15 team campaign.

LHS registered four pins and drew four forfeits during the win over F-MCC.

Noah Mehlhaff (1:41 over Landen Like-Bonstetter), Zach Bradley (1:09 over Christian Kuball), Dalton DeSollar (1:18 over Ryder Henning) and Jed Dooyema (32 seconds over Keigan Behnke) pinned their opponents in the opening match.

Riley Cowell, Justyce Ripka, Camden Janiszkeski and Braydon Ripka drew forfeits.

F-MCW recorded four pins, drew eighth forfeits, notched one major decision and one decision win during the semifinal match against LHS.

Luverne competes at the Section 3AA Individual Wrestling Tournament in New Ulm Friday and Saturday.



Luverne senior Jed Dooyema gains control of the leg of Fulda-Murray County Central's Keigan Behnke before taking him down during Saturday's section tournament match in Worthington.

145 (L-F) open.
152 (L) Bradley pins Kuball.
160 (L) DeSollar pins Henning.
170 (L) Dooyema pins Behnke.
182 (L-F) open.
195 (F) Wendorff by forfeit.
220 (L-F) open.
285 (L-F) open.

F-MCW 70, LHS 0
106 (F) Potts pins Mehlhaff.
113 (F) Jagodzinske 10-2 Cowell.
120 (F) Jagodzinske pins J.Ripka.
126 (F) Rohman by forfeit.
132 (F) Simmonds pins B.Ripka.
138 (F) Steuber by forfeit.
145 (F) Anderson by forfeit.

152 (F) Fitzgerald pins DeSollar.
160 (F) Simmonds by forfeit.
170 (F) Maldonado 8-2 Dooyema.
182 (F) Myren by forfeit.
195 (F) Steinbrink by forfeit.
220 (F) Rahn by forfeit.
285 (F) Hernandez by forfeit.

Weird February weather needs to let go

What had been a pretty typical winter has recently turned into a nightmare for area teams and athletic directors.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The first eight weeks of the winter sports season, when all 13 teams from the Star Herald coverage area started competing on a regular basis, included limited interruptions.

There were a few events canceled or postponed on the first day of December, but the rest of the month pretty much went on as planned.

The same can be said about the first two-plus weeks of January, when area athletes returned to action after the holiday break.

There were a couple of bad weather days in the second half of January that halted some activities, but that comes with the territory we live in.

All things considered, I thought the winter season had been flowing rather smoothly up to that point.

As everyone knows, things have changed dramatically so far in February.

Shortly after Groundhog Day, even though Punxsutawney Phil let America know everyone was in for an early spring, our free-flowing winter took a turn for the worse.

In a span of one week (Feb. 7-14), four activity-filled dates turned into idle nights due to horribly dangerous weather conditions.

Peeking at the forecast as I write this column on Monday, some more inclement weather could influence events slated for the rest of the week.

How that plays out remains to be seen, but I have come to the conclusion that my take on February was way off base.

It may have been wishful thinking, but I always liked to believe the middle of the second month of the year was a time when we would start to make the transition from winter to spring.

That's definitely not been the case in 2019. With tournament time underway or slated to begin shortly for some sports, it's clear that some of the events that were on the schedule simply will not take place.

That's a tough break for the coaches and kids who invest a lot of time and energy in their quest to be playing at the highest level at this time of year, but it is what it is.

All of the postseason events will take place eventually if not on the dates listed on the original schedule.

That means there is a lot of fun left to be had, but we could use a little help from Mother Nature to enjoy the experience.



Photo courtesy Joel Alvstad/Cottonwood County Citizen

Luverne's Meghan Witte finished the 2018-19 season on a strong note during the Section 3A Gymnastics Championships in Redwood Falls Saturday. Witte placed among the top 10 finishers in two individual events.

Girls place seventh at section meet

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals completed the 2018-19 gymnastics season at the Section 3A Championships Saturday in Redwood Falls.

Luverne turned in a 120.975-point effort to place seventh in an eight-team field led by Worthington, which advances to state by claiming the team title with 141.75 points.

LHS topped Pipestone (117.025) in the final standings.

Martin County Area (133.675), Jackson County Central (133.35), Redwood Valley (131.15), Marshall (123.75) and Windom (123.15) placed second through sixth respectively.

Since no Cardinals qualified for state competition individually, Luverne's 10-17 season comes to a close.

Junior Meghan Witte turned in a strong showing at the section meet.

Along with earning Luverne's top score of 7.8 on the bars, Witte tied for eighth place in the vault (8.775) and finished ninth on the floor (8.825) and in the all-around competition (32.9).

Junior Anna Huisman turned in Luverne's top tally of 7.975 on the beam.

Worthington's Gracia Elias won the all-around and beam titles with respective 35.9 and 9.1 tallies, while teammate

Hali Bullerman claimed the vault and bars crowns with 9.175 and 8.75 efforts.

MCA's Anna Blanchard captured the floor title with a 9.225.

Individual scores
Vault: Witte, 8.775; Meghan Mollberg, 8.625; Huisman, 8.425; Melissa Teal, 8.275; Tiana Lais, 8.25.
Bars: Witte, 7.8; Huisman, 7.25; Madigan Flom, 6.075; Teal, 5.95.
Beam: Huisman, 7.975; Witte, 7.5; Sydney Wicks, 6.375; Mollberg, 5.975; Flom, 5.95.
Floor: Witte, 8.825; Huisman, 8.225; Mollberg, 7.55; Wicks, 7.375; Flom, 7.1.

SPORTS BRIEF

Try hockey

The Luverne Hockey Association is staging a Try Hockey for Free event at the Blue

Mound Ice Arena on Saturday.

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Notice is hereby given that the following townships will hold their annual meeting and elections on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. In case of inclement weather, they will be held one week later on March 19, 2019.

Battle Plain Township
Justin Prins' farm - 1941 231st St., Edgerton. Meeting at 7 pm

Beaver Creek Township
Beaver Creek Township Hall. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term

Clinton Township
Business meeting at the Township Hall. 4-5pm Voting from 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Treasurer 2-year term

Denver Township
Hardwick City Hall. Meeting 1:30-2:30 pm

Kanaranzi Township
Kanaranzi Elevator. 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term

Luverne Township
Luverne Pizza Ranch. Business Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Treasurer 2-year term

Magnolia Township
Arends Farm 1581 121st Luverne. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Treasurer 2-year term

Martin Township
New Township Building 598 51st St Hills. Meeting at 8 pm

Mound Township
Rock County Highway Building. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term

Rosedell Township
Township Hall. 4-5 pm Business Meeting

Springwater Township
594 141st Beaver Creek (new town hall). Business meeting 1:30 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term

Vienna township
Kenneth Community Hall. Business Meeting 7 pm

Rock County Township Association
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John Rittenhouse photo/0221 lbh 2
Luverne sophomore Cade Wenninger battles for the puck with Minnesota River's Zack Wendorff during Friday's Big South Conference hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. The Bulldogs rolled to an 11-1 win.

MR Bulldogs rough up Cardinal boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team completed a 10-13 regular season hosting Minnesota River for a game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday. The Cardinals opened the season by losing a 5-3 game to the Bulldogs Nov. 30 in Le Sueur and were unable to turn things around on their home ice. MR outshot the Cardinals 52-32 in the game and rolled

to an 11-1 victory. Hunter Wilmes recorded a hat trick and Tyson Sowder scored twice to lead the Bulldogs to victory. MR received goals from Ken Ringler and Jade Reicks in the first 3:06 of the game to take a two-goal lead that swelled to 4-0 when Wilmes and Sowder found the net one time each in the final 4:11 of the opening period. The score was 5-0 when

Sowder scored 25 seconds into the second period, but Tyler Roberts scored for Luverne at the 10:22 mark of the stanza after being set up by Colby Crabtree and Mark Sterrett. Wilmes scored his second goal of the game 2:32 later and Lane Schwarz added a counter with 47 seconds left in the second stanza to make it a 7-1 game. MR received one goal each from Danny McCabe, Seth

Reicks, Wilmes and Jake Rimstad in the final 13:52 of the third period to ice the win. Shaid Shearer yielded seven goals in the first two periods of the game before giving way to Colton Schutz, who surrendered four goals in the final stanza. Luverne drew the fourth seed for the Section 3A Tournament and hosts No. 5 Hutchinson Thursday to open the event.

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Eagles went on a 28-4 run to move in front 51-47 with 7:04 left to play. LHS battled back to knot the score at three different occasions over the next three minutes only to fall behind by four (61-57) with 2:22 remaining in the game. Luverne's Brooklynn Ver Steeg drilled a three-point shot to trim the difference to one point (61-60) at the 1:11 mark of the second stanza, but neither team could produce another point in the final 71 seconds of the game. The score was tied at five in the first half when the Cardinals went on a 17-0 run ending with Mallory Thorson turning a steal into a layup that gave the hosts a 22-5 lead at the 11:02 mark. Windom closed the gap to nine points (27-18) with 6:38 remaining, but the Cards countered with a 14-5 surge capped by two free throws from Gabrielle Ferrell that gave LHS a 41-23 lead it would take into the second half.

Ver Steeg (15 points and five steals), Mackenzie Petersen (15 points) and Thorson (13 points and three steals) led LHS offensively. Jadyn Anderson paced LHS with seven rebounds and Grace Sweeney charted three steals.

Box score
Ver Steeg 4 1 4-9 15, Anderson 3 0 2-4

8, Thorson 5 1 0-0 13, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 0 0 1-4 1, Petersen 3 2 3-4 15, Ferrell 3 0 2-4 8.

Team statistics
Luverne: 22 of 52 field goals (40 percent), 12 of 25 free throws (40 percent), 22 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
Windom: 24 field goals made, 10 of 23 free throws (43 percent).

Luverne 54, MCW 45
A strong performance in the second half lifted the Cardinals to a nine-point win over the Mavericks Friday in Sherburn. The Cards struggled offensively in the first half and faced a 24-18 deficit at halftime. Luverne found its footing in the second half by outscoring MCW 36-21 to notch a third consecutive victory. Thorson (15 points and five rebounds), Ver Steeg (13 points, seven rebounds and four steals) and Petersen (12 points) played strong games for the winners. Ferrell added five rebounds to the winning cause, while Anderson chipped in three steals.

Box score
Ver Steeg 3 1 4-9 13, Anderson 0 0 2-4 2, Thorson 4 1 4-7 15, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 1 0 3-6 5, Petersen 4 1 1-12 12, Ferrell 2 1 0-0 7.

Team statistics
Luverne: 18 field goals made, 19 of 27 free throws (70 percent), 22 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
MCW: 17 field goals made, nine of 16 free throws (56 percent).



John Rittenhouse photo/0221 lgb 2
Freshman Brooklynn Ver Steeg scored 15 points and registered five steals during Saturday's home loss to Windom.

AHS Dragons nip Panthers in Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons entertained the Ellsworth Panthers for what turned into a hard-fought boys' basketball game in Adrian Saturday. The home-standing Dragons opened a 32-26 lead in the first half and withstood a late challenge by the Panthers in the second half to secure a 62-59 win. Ellsworth, which sported

a 33-30 scoring edge in the second half, was in a position to send the game into overtime when the Panthers put up a three-point shot attempt late in the game. The shot missed the mark, leaving the Dragons with a three-point victory. Ian Stamer (22 points) and Noah Reyne (18 points and three steals) helped the Dragons snap a five-game

losing skid. Dakota John contributed five rebounds and Christian Weidert three steals to the winning cause. Brandon Kramer (21 points and 16 rebounds) and Grant Jansma (12 points) led the Panthers offensively. Noah Kruse collected eight caroms for EHS.

Box score
Ellsworth
Lewis 2 0 1-4 5, Kruse 4 0 0-1 8,

Lenz 3 0 0-0 6, S. Boltjes 1 0 0-1 2, K. Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Jansma 3 2 0-0 12, S. Kramer 1 0 0-0 2, Boyenga 1 0 1-2 3, B. Kramer 10 0 1-3 21.

Adrian:
Reyne 1 3 7-8 18, Weidert 1 0 1-2 3, Stamer 4 4 2-5 22, John 1 2 0-3 8, Domeyer 0 0 0-1 0, Rahe 1 0 0-0 2, Frodermann 1 0 0-1 2, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luttel 3 0 1-1 7.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 27 of 63 field goals (43 percent), three of 11 free throws (27 percent), 36 rebounds, 23 turnovers.
Adrian: 21 of 59 field goals (36 percent), 11 of 21 free throws (52 percent), 25 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

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AHS girls win finale

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team split a pair of road games to wrap up a 7-15 regular season.

The Dragons lost a 22-point game to Red Rock Central in Lamberton Friday before besting Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda by 27 points Monday in Fulda.

Adrian drew the fifth seed for the South Section 3A Tournament. The Dragons play No. 4 Murray County Central at 12:45 a.m. Saturday in Worthington.

Adrian 51, HL-O-F 24

A suffocating defensive effort in the second half lifted the Dragons to a 27-point win in their regular season finale Monday in Fulda.

The game was up for grabs when the Coyotes and Adrian battled to a draw at 22 in the first half.

Adrian, however, limited HL-O-F to two points in the second half and produced 29 counters of its own to secure a lopsided victory.

Bailey Lonneman (24 points and 15 rebounds) and Avery Balster (22 points) led the Dragons offensively.

Moriah Bullerman (seven rebounds and three assists), Shawna Rogers (six rebounds), McKinley Nelson (five rebounds), Brisa Zebe (three assists) and Kristina Cauwels (three steals) emerged as key

contributors as well.

Box score
J. Zebe 2 0 0-0 4, B. Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, Bullerman 1 0 1-2 3, Balster 5 0 1-3 11, Nelson 2 0 0-0 4, Preuss 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 10 0 4-24, Cauwels 0 0 1-2 1, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Fuerstenberg 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Adrian: 22 of 53 field goals (42 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 53 rebounds, 26 turnovers.
HL-O-F: 10 of 56 field goals (18 percent), two of four free throws (50 percent), 25 rebounds, 19 turnovers.

RRC 51, Adrian 29

A rough offensive night for the Dragons led to a 22-point loss when they took on the Falcons in Lamberton Friday.

Adrian was limited to 20 percent shooting from the field and didn't produce more than 16 points in either half of the game.

RRC opened a 24-13 lead in the first half and outscored the Dragons 27-16 in the second half to win handily.

Balster led the Dragons with seven points.

Lonneman collected six rebounds for AHS.

Box score
J. Zebe 0 1 1-2 4, B. Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, Bullerman 1 0 0-1 2, Balster 2 1 0-0 7, Nelson 0 0 1-2 1, Preuss 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 1 0 3-4 5, Cauwels 1 0 0-0 2, Lehnhoff 1 0 0-0 2, Grussing 0 0 2-2 2, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2, Fuerstenberg 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Adrian: 10 of 49 field goals (20 percent), seven of 12 free throws (58 percent), 27 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
RRC: 21 of 44 field goals (48 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 32 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

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rebounds, 12 turnovers.

SWC 68, Ellsworth 33

The Panthers were unable to stage an upset when they took on the E-Gals in Edgerton Friday.

SWC controlled play on its home court to outscore Ellsworth in both halves of a 35-point victory.

The E-Gals led 37-21 after 18 minutes of play before using a 31-12 scoring cushion in the second stanza to complete the victory.

Meester tossed in 10 points for the Panthers.

Kallie Chapar registered four steals and three assists for EHS, while Smith and Dreesen collected eight and seven caroms respectively.

Box score
Meester 5 0 0-0 10, Dreesen 1 1 0-0 5, K. Chapar 3 0 0-0 6, L. Chapar 0 1 0-0 3, Smith 2 1 2-2 9.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 14 of 41 field goals (34 percent), two of two free throws (100 percent), 24 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League Feb. 14

Games won: Kougarettes 4; Bam Bams 3; Three Chumps 2 1/2; Don't Know 1 1/2; Three People 1; Three Hole Surprise 0.
High Scratch Game Men: Jim Williamson 242; Zach Runia 208.
High Scratch Game Women: Marie Opheim 199; Kathy Matson 162.
High Scratch Series Men: Jim

Williamson 577; Zach Runia 573.
High Scratch Series Women: Marie Opheim 458; Kathy Matson 436.
Team High Scratch Game: Don't Know 533; Three Chumps 507.
Team High Scratch Series: Don't Know 1468; Three Chumps 1395.
Team High Handicap Game: Kougarettes 699; Three Chumps 640.
Team High Handicap Series: Kougarettes 1851; Three Chumps 1794.

H-BC closes in on unbeaten slate

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team ran its record to 22-0 after posting a pair of Red Rock Conference victories.

The Patriots coasted to a 37-point win over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Friday in Okabena before besting Edgerton by 58 points Monday in Hills.

H-BC completed the regular season by taking on Southwest Christian in Edgerton Tuesday (Feb. 19). The Patriots drew the No. 1 seed for the South Section 3A Tournament and open the event with an 11 a.m. game in Worthington Saturday.

H-BC 94, Edgerton 36

H-BC completed its home schedule by roasting the Flying Dutchmen by 58 points Monday in Hills.

Edgerton sported leads in the first two minutes of the contest, but the Patriots dominated play over the final 34 points to secure a comfortable victory.

The Flying Dutchmen experienced a few shining moments in the early stages of Monday's game.

Edgerton led 8-3 at the 16-minute mark of the opening stanza before H-BC got rolling with a 25-4 run ending with a three-point shot from Grace Bundesen that gave the Patriots a 28-12 advantage at the 9:22.

The Patriots proceeded to pad their lead the rest of the half and sported a 54-25 advantage after Bundesen converted a free throw with five seconds remaining in the stanza.

Edgerton was unable to challenge the Patriots in the second half.

H-BC outscored the Flying



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H-BC senior Sidney Fick scored 31 points during Monday's home finale against Edgerton.

Dutchmen 40-11 in the final 18 minutes of play to complete a 58-point conquest.

Bundesen (32 points, six rebounds and four steals) and Sidney Fick (31 points, five steals and four assists) led the Patriots statistically.

Whitney Elbers pulled down a team-high seven rebounds for the winners, while Madison Spath kicked in three assists.

Box score
K. Fick 1 1 0-0 5, Raik 1 1 2-4 7, Birger 1 0 0-0 2, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 1 0 0-0 2, S. Fick 13 0 5-5 31, Bundesen 7 4 8-11 34, Boltjes 0 0 1-2 1, Moser 2 0 1-2 5, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 2 0 3-4 7.

Team statistics
H-BC: 34 of 58 field goals (59 percent),

20 of 28 free throws (71 percent), 35 rebounds, nine turnovers.
Edgerton: 12 of 43 field goals (28 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 18 rebounds, 27 turnovers.

H-BC 70, HL-O-F 33

The Patriots picked up their 21st consecutive victory when they upended the Coyotes by 37 points Friday in Okabena.

Playing their first game in 11 days, the Patriots struggled early and faced an 18-17 deficit during the first half.

H-BC, however, closed the stanza with a 20-7 run to open a 37-25 halftime advantage before outscoring the Coyotes 33-8 in the second half to win the game in a rout.
Bundesen (26 points, eight

rebounds, six steals and three assists), Fick (16 points) and Elbers (13 points, seven rebounds and six blocked shots) played key roles in the win.

Kenadie Fick added five rebounds and three assists to the cause, while Abby Knobloch added four steals.

Box score
K. Fick 1 0 2-2 4, Raik 1 0 2-6 4, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 0 1 2-2 5, S. Fick 7 0 2-2 16, Bundesen 12 0 2-4 26, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 1 0 0-0 2, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 6 0 1-2 13.

Team statistics
H-BC: 29 of 49 field goals (59 percent), 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent), 34 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
HL-O-F: 13 of 44 field goals (30 percent), two of six free throws (33 percent), 16 rebounds, 23 turnovers.

Dragon boys take league lumps from MLA, RRC

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team came up empty when it played a pair of Red Rock Conference games on the road.

The Dragons lost a 24-point game to Red Rock Central in Lamberton Friday before falling by 14 points to Mountain Lake Area in Mountain Lake Monday.

Adrian, 7-13 overall, hosts Fulda Friday.

MLA 72, Adrian 58

The Dragons were unable to overcome a rough first half when they tangled with the Wolverines Monday in Mountain Lake.

The Dragons fell into an early hole and trailed 41-16 at halftime.

Adrian battled back to outscore the Wolverines 42-31 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Dragons from taking a 14-point loss.

Ian Stamer turned in an 11-point, nine-rebound effort for the Dragons.

Noah Reynen netted 10 points and Lance Luettel collected seven rebounds for AHS.

Box score
Reyne 5 0 0-0 10, Weidert 2 0 2-2 6, Wolford 0 1 0-0 3, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 3 0 5-8 11, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 2 0 1-3 5, Domeyer 1 1 1-2 6, Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Heidebrink 0 1 0-2 3, Frodermann 1 0 0-0 2, Schnoor 1 0 1-3 3, Thier 0 0 1-2

1, Hornstein 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 4 0 0-2 8.

Team statistics
Adrian: 22 of 65 field goals (34 percent), 11 of 24 free throws (46 percent), 32 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
MLA: 31 of 65 field goals (48 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 39 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

RRC 59, Adrian 35

A strong second half by the Falcons doomed the Dragons during Friday's game in Lamberton.

Adrian remained in contention for a victory when it faced a 29-20 deficit after 18 minutes of play.

RRC didn't allow the Dragons to stage a comeback in the second half as the Falcons out-

scored AHS 35-15 to complete a 24-point victory.

Reyne led the Dragons with 17 points and four steals in the game.

Luettel pulled down eight rebounds and Stamer charted three steals.

Box score
Reyne 4 1 6-7 17, Weidert 0 0 2-2 2, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 20 3-5 7, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 1 0 0-0 2, Domeyer 0 1 0-0 3, Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Adrian: 11 of 52 field goals (21 percent), 11 of 14 free throws (79 percent), 20 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
RRC: 23 of 53 field goals (43 percent), 10 of 12 free throws (83 percent), 35 rebounds, 10 turnovers.



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Sunday, Feb. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Church Education Classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Feb. 26: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 21: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 24: 9:15 a.m. Membership Class; Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening service. Tuesday, Feb. 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 27: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Store. Thursday, Feb. 28: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834
pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Sunday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Feb. 27: 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. 22: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Feb. 24: 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. Monday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m. Playtime at ARC. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Tuesday, Feb. 26: Noon Staff Meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Feb. 27: 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
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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.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Thursday, Feb. 21: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 22: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 25: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 26: 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 27: March Newsletter. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 28: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

United Methodist Church
109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net
Thursday, Feb. 21: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 23: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 3 p.m. New Members Class. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group – Great Bear trip. Monday, Feb. 25: 11:30 a.m. Sanctuary Care Lunch at Howling Dog. 6:30 p.m. Movie Night/W&M Meeting in Upper Room. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 26: 9:30 a.m. Folding Team. 1-4 p.m. Homeschoolers. Wednesday, Feb. 27: 5:30 p.m. Community Meal. 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 28: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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Thursday, Feb. 21: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Feb. 26: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 27: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Feb. 28: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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Living Rock Church
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First Lutheran Church
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
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Palisade Lutheran Church
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 5 p.m. Dinner and movie night at Palisade.

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By Rev. Andrew Palmquist
Bethany Lutheran Church, Luverne

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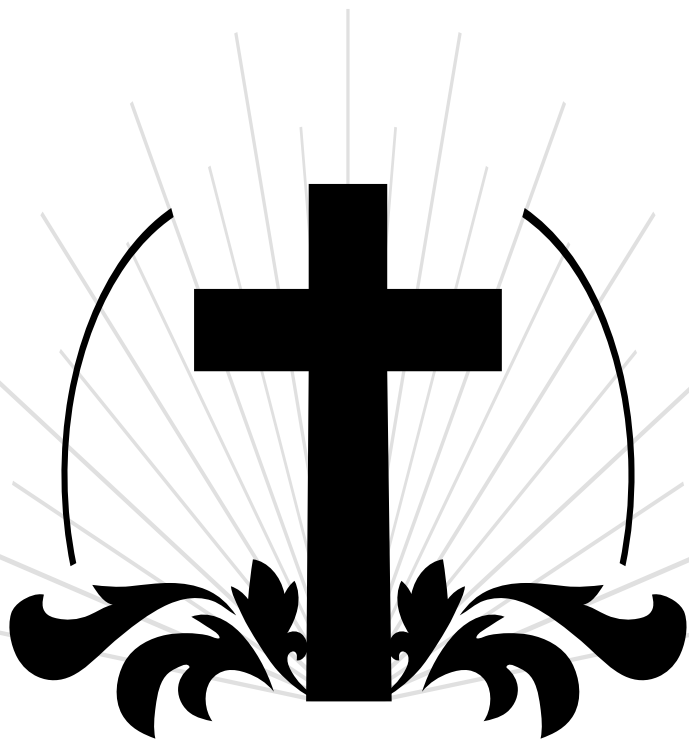
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Dated: January 23, 2019.

Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
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(1.31-2.21)

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

507-283-8862

(02-14, 2-21)

Planning Commission public hearing Feb. 25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That the Rock County Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center located at 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, Minnesota for the purpose of considering amendments and additions to the Rock County Zoning Ordinance and which amendments shall pertain to allowing campgrounds in the A-2 District.

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

By Order of the Rock County Planning and Zoning Commission

Eric A. Hartman, Zoning Administrator

311 W. Gabrielson Road
Luverne, MN 56156

507-283-8862

(2-14, 2-21)

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)

Highway Dept. to accept pavement marking bids by March 11

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

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

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Rock County Highway Engineer

(2-14, 2-21, 2-28)

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DATE: 1/4/2019

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Lachlan M. Bonander

(712) 477-2902.

(2-14, 2-21)

Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 27

9:00 A.M.

December 27, 2018

Herreid Board Room

Rock County Courthouse

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

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

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

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

- 1 5-year (2019-2023) Recycling Contract with Ketterling Services
2. 1-year (2019) Building Lease Agreement with SWHHS

Evan Verbrugge, Sheriff, presented a review of the Sheriff's Conference stating that there were excellent training topics with the focus on mental health; also stated 2019 will see a large turnover of Sheriff's due to retirement and election results and that District VIII is the most senior for Sheriffs. Verbrugge informed the County Board that he will be serving as President of the MN Sheriff's Association for 2019; the County Board congratulated him on his new position.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented Resolution No. 25-18, requesting from MnDOT a CSAH Funds Advance of the 2020 State Aid Construction Funds in 2019; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 25-18, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to pay claims through December 31, 2018 and per diems of \$2,500.00, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the 2018 Gravel Tax report; the county collected \$138,995.74 of gravel tax, and increase of \$30,550.73 from 2017. Distribution of the 2018 tax is as follows:

Road & Bridge	- \$56,119.50
Special Reserve Fund	- \$19,806.89
Townships	- \$56,119.50
Admin Fees	- \$6,959.85

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to accept the 2018 Gravel Tax report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the "Swearing In" ceremony for candidates elected in the November 2018 election is scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 8:30AM in the Courtroom of the Rock County Courthouse, with the Honorable Judge Terry Vajgrt conducting the ceremony.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all non union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the following elected official's salaries for 2019, declared carried on a voice vote.

- Commissioners - \$19,035.17
- Sheriff - \$92,342.67

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve a (2) year employment contract (2019-2020) for Tom Houselog, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to adopt the 2019 County Board meeting schedule, declared carried on a voice vote.

January 08, 2019	July 02, 2019
January 22, 2019	July 16, 2019
February 05, 2019	August 06, 2019
February 19, 2019	August 20, 2019
March 05, 2019	September 10, 2019
March 19, 2019	September 24, 2019
April 02, 2019	October 08, 2019
April 16, 2019	October 22, 2019
May 07, 2019	November 05, 2019
May 21, 2019	November 19, 2019
June 04, 2019	December 10, 2019
June 18, 2019	December 23, 2019 (Monday)

The County Board was informed that the publishing legal rate will increase 4% for 2019; presented as information only.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the 2019 levy; the preliminary levy was set a 6% increase. After considerable discussion, it was determined to adjust Road & Bridge and Reserves, decreasing the levy amount to reflect a 4.25% increase. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to set the 2019 Levy at \$5,872,592, a 4.25% increase, declared carried on a unanimous vote.

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	LAND MANAGEMENT	DITCH	DEBT SERVICE	2019 TOTAL
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	3,366,011	873,127	1,273,396	29,380	-	330,678	5,872,592
Other Taxes	34,900	385,000	-	-	-	485,593	905,493
Special Assessments	-	-	-	237,580	61,529	-	299,109
Licenses and Permits	1,890	-	-	34,125	-	-	36,015
Intergovernmental	504,953	1,687,776	112,113	299,287	-	29,114	2,633,243
Charges for Services	1,254,294	504,480	-	3,000	-	-	1,761,774
Fines & Forfeitures	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
Investment Earnings	100,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	105,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	161,900	33,000	-	18,800	-	-	213,700
TOTAL REVENUES	\$5,433,948	\$3,488,383	\$1,385,509	\$622,172	\$61,529	\$845,385	\$11,836,926

EXPENDITURES							
General Government	2,201,917	-	-	36,430	-	-	2,238,347
Public Safety	2,233,780	-	-	-	-	-	2,233,780
Highway	-	3,057,903	-	-	-	-	3,057,903
Sanitation	-	430,480	-	289,438	-	-	719,918
Family Services	-	-	1,385,509	-	-	-	1,385,509
Health	16,800	-	-	-	-	-	16,800
Culture & Recreation	454,069	-	-	-	-	-	454,069
Conservation of Natural Resources	156,719	-	-	408,112	-	-	564,831
Economic Development	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Intergovernmental	219,009	-	-	-	-	-	219,009
Capital Outlay	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	75,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	87,570	816,637	904,207
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,359,294	\$3,488,383	\$1,385,509	\$733,980	\$87,570	\$816,637	\$11,871,373

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch attended a Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council meeting.

Commissioner Burger attended meeting for Southwestern Mental Health, SWHHS and the CEO event.

Commissioner Williamson attended the CEO event, SWCD, and Southwestern Mental Health.

Commissioner Overgaard attended the CEO event and a Rose Dell Township meeting.

Commissioner Thompson attended an A.C.E. meeting, SWHHS, CEO event and Chief Elected Officials meeting.

The County Board acknowledged County Attorney Don Klosterbuer for his tenure as County Attorney for the past 31.5 years; Klosterbuer stated public service has been very rewarding and sites some the greatest accomplishments over the past 31 years has been the establishment of the Rural Water system, hiring a County Administrator, appointment of elected officials – Auditor/Treasurer and Recorder and the re-organization of county departments. Klosterbuer will transition from County Attorney to Assistant County Attorney in 2019.

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

(2-21)

Deadline for LEGALS is MONDAY @ 10 a.m.

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Members of the Luverne High School FFA for 2018-19 include (front, from left) Peter Baustian, Gretchen Jacobsma, Cassie Flanagan, Kaylie Ossefort, Halle Hough, Michael Kinsinger, Trevor Mente, Max Skattum, Carson Ehde, Brayden Tofteland, (second row) Cameron Kopp, Justin Dohlmann, Hunter Sandulte, Chase Overgaard, Justin Mente, Ayden Bonnett, Drew Fick, Hunter Ahrendt, Mason Wenzel, Riley Siebenahler, McCall Stegenga, Grace Steensma, (third row) Jayson Rops, Eric Somnis, Destiny Matthiesen, Devin Susie, Chris Aning, Greta Ahrendt, Trista Baustian, Meghan Mollberg, Tacey Baustian, advisor Dennis Moritz, (back) Breanna Richters, Brooke Brust, Lacey Saker, Leah Wynia, Justice Brandt, Shelby Kracht, Anita Cole-Kraty, Kynzie Hamann, Macy Swenson and Honor Hough.

Members of the Adrian High School FFA for 2018-19 include (front, from left) Tanner Hinrichs, Hannah Kruse, Jaimie Ross, Blake Madison, (back) Emily Zemler, Paige Hinrichs, Austin Henning and Paige Madison.

Members of the Hills-Beaver Creek High School FFA for 2018-19 include (front, from left) Bailey Susie, George Merson, Hunter Bork, Easton Harnack, Luke LaRock, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Bailey Swan, Whitney Elbers, Madison Spath, Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Amber Bos, (second row) Kadin Doer, Parker Gehrke, Caleb Zomer, Jax Wysong, Kyle Kueter, Joslyn Birger, Jaxon Steensma, Ela Hagen, Ana Hagen, Ronnie Russell, Noah Hellerud, (third row) Seth Klarenbeek, Tory Knobloch, Ashlee Kelderman, Lauren Tatge, Erika Dysthe, Allison LaRock, Hannah Fick, Tyson Bork, Annie Bos, Sam Moser, Kenadie Fick, (fourth row) Dewell Rauk, Tryce Bennett, Thomas Dysthe, Zander Wysong, Calvin Erickson, Gavin Wysong, Taryn Rauk, Chase Bosch, Jacey Vanderhoeck, Emma Kodet, Taylor Durst, (fifth row) Kellie Vanderbrink, Journey Dwire, Josie Klosterbuer, Sean Elbers, Oliver Deelstra, Taylor Dolphin, Austin Allen, Troy Durst, Robbie Drake, (sixth row) Austin Ripperda, Drew Leenderts, Andrew Harris, Nathan Kruid, Casey Kueter, Cole Baker, Conner Vande Voort, Carter Hart, Ty Bundesen, Daniel Martinyuk, (back) Micheal Peterson, Max Scholten, Ethan Kruger, and FFA adviser Tom Sandager. Not pictured are Eve Burger, Donavon Leenderts, Carter Roozenboom, and Ethan Gray.

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Palace manager now in place/

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His interest didn't stop at singing, however, but flowed over to acting and playing musical instruments.

"I had quite the imagination as a kid," he said. "I don't know what it is, but I have always been able to pick up a musical instrument and make it do what I wanted it to do with a little bit of tinkering."

The early at-home skits and jamming with friends intensified as Kinsinger entered Luverne Middle-High School and continued when he left for the University of Minnesota, Mankato, in the fall of 1997.

Kinsinger had sights on a theater arts degree but soon found himself drawn to a variety of subjects ranging from history to astronomy.

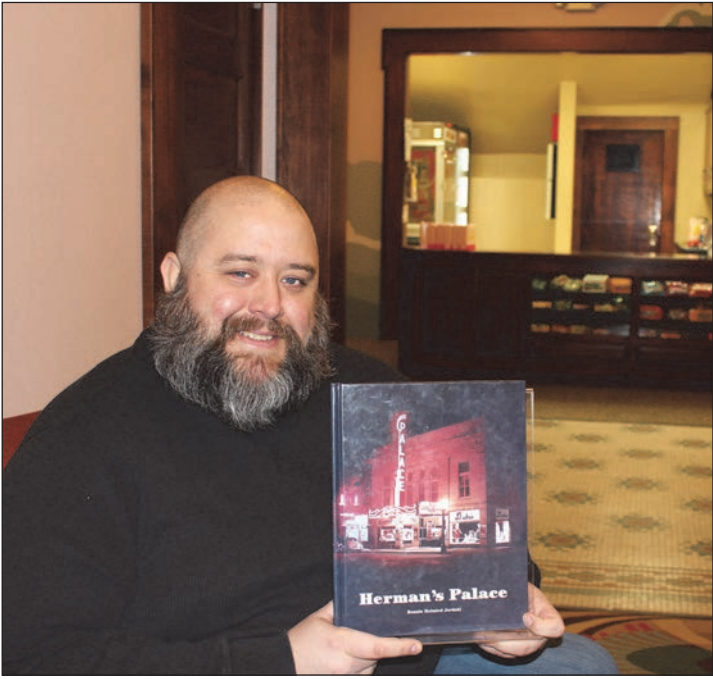
The birth of his first son, Michael, in 2000, brought him back to Luverne a half-year short of a four-year degree.

He's worked for Southwest Youth Services in Magnolia, Luverne Public Schools and was a stay-at-home dad for his nephew and his own children: Michael, now a high school senior; Nathan, a seventh-grader; and sixth-grader Brianna — with wife Theresa.

Being back in his hometown for the past 18 years also meant getting back to participating and supporting the fine and performance arts in Luverne.

"Being involved in the arts scene in the area put me in a pretty good position for the (executive director) job," Kinsinger said. "I've really enjoyed it so far."

The part-time status is also allowing him to take college



Mavis Fodness photo/0221 Shawn Kinsinger
Palace Theatre executive director Shawn Kinsinger holds the book, "Herman's Place," about the Palace's founding father, Herman Jochim. Kinsinger said Jochim loved the theater and he hopes to continue the performing arts tradition Jochim started 104 years ago when the Palace opened as an opera house.

courses to finish his degree. Kinsinger is also the high school play director.

"Whether it is live theater or concert performances, I really enjoy all of it equally," he said. "I plan on doing the best I can."

Infusion of energy and new ideas is what prompted Blue Mound Area Theatre members to seek an executive director.

LaDonna VanAartsen is a BMAT member.

"We are growing to a point where we are so busy that we've grown out of our volun-

teers," she said. "Our goal is to have something there (at the Palace) all the time."

The executive director would research new live acts, delve into grant writing and become the group's spokesperson.

The plethora of job duties falls on Kinsinger.

"He is someone with passion for the Palace, knows its history and our vision," she said. "Our hope is that it grows into a full-time job."

Mary Carroll continues to work the Palace box office.

School Board Recognition Week

Luverne salutes its leaders Feb. 18-22

The Luverne School District will join school districts across the state to salute their local education leaders during Minnesota's annual School Board Recognition Week Feb. 18-22.

The commemorative week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Minnesota's school board members, including the Luverne School Board, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Minnesota school board members are chosen by their communities through election or appointment to manage local schools. They oversee multi-million dollar budgets, which fund education programs for more than 825,000 students in approximately 2,000 schools. Their personnel decisions affect more than 52,000 teachers and thousands of administrators

Luverne School Board Members

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and support workers.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns

and complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in our community.

We salute the public servants of the Luverne School Board, whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible: Jodi Bosch, Katie Baustian, Eric Hartman, Colleen Deutsch, Reva Sehr, Tim Jarchow, and Shelley Sandbulte.

Please join us in saying thanks to our school board members during Minnesota's School Board Recognition Week.

Snow days/continued from page 1

instructional days to make up the five days missed when classes were canceled.

School will now be in session April 17, the Wednesday before Easter Break. A full-school day is also planned for May 30, with the early student dismissal day now occurring May 31.

"We currently have one student day that was not included in the 2/11 revised calendar," Holthaus indicated

in an email.

H-BC graduation is still planned for May 24.

Adrian plans to make up eight student days

The Adrian School Board meets at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, to determine how staff and students will make up eight snow days experienced so far in the district.

Superintendent Roger Graff said members will consider several options.

"They will consider adding make-up days to the end of the calendar and the possibility of adding student contact minutes to the instructional day," he said.

Adrian High School graduation is currently set for May 24.

Ellsworth used Monday for one of its six snow days

Ellsworth Superintendent of Schools John Wiley reported his board set the dates to make up for the six snow days.

One snow day was satisfied on Monday, Presidents

Day, which was normally slated as a no-school day. The other make-up dates are April 22, May 28, 29, 30 and 31.

"Graduation for Ellsworth is set for May 31 and that day will not change, even if we need to move into June for additional snow days," emailed Wiley.

Typically, weather in March and April brings more snow to the region than January and February and possibly more cancellation of classes.

E-learning: An option during school closures

Legislators adopted e-learning day measures during the 2018 session as alternatives to snow days.

E-learning days count as a day of instruction as students and staff work from home during inclement weather with lessons taking place online.

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Luverne, H-BC and Ellsworth district have not adopted e-learning plans.

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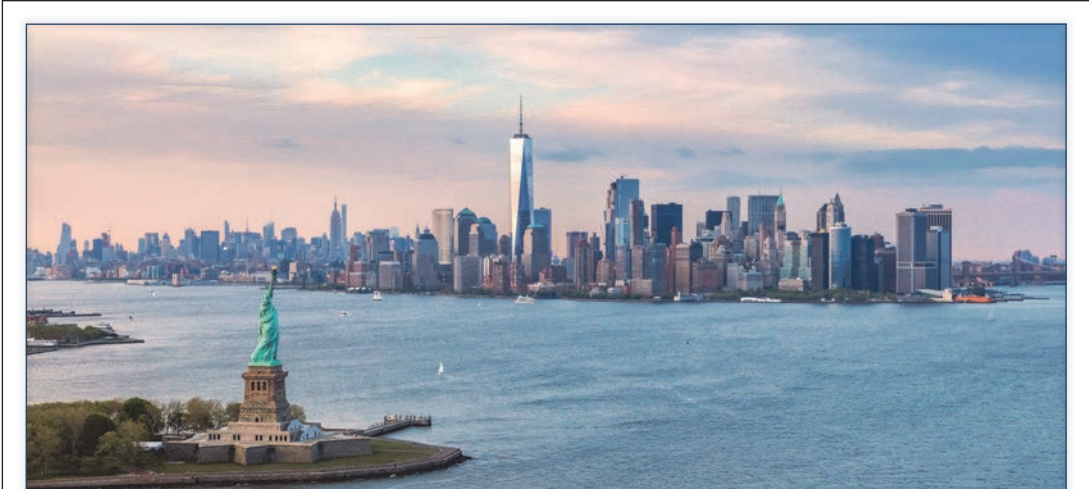
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