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City and developer work on 'Reisch Addition'

By Lori Sorenson

Underground utilities are in place and a street nearly finished for Luverne's next residential neighborhood, the Reisch Addition.

The city has a tentative agreement with a local developer to build three twin homes in the new neighborhood north of Mary Jane Brown and Rock County Opportunities.

Melissa Sterrett, Dan Serie and Diane Weick, doing business as SW Design Build Inc., have agreed to pay \$29,000 per lot for the three lots to construct three twin homes (six units total) utilizing a homeowners association or similar common interest community ownership arrangement.

They will be single-story structures, 1,400 square feet per unit, with attached two-stall garages and sidewalks on the property.

Per the agreement, all three must be completed no later than Nov. 15, 2020. Construction on the first twin home must start in May 2019; the second will start in November and the third will start no later than May 2020.

Payments for the lots will follow the same schedule — \$29,000 by May 1, \$29,000 by Nov. 1, and \$29,000 by May 1, 2020, for a total of \$87,000.

The seven-acre parcel was previously owned by the Good Samaritan Society, which sold it to the city in July 2017 for \$133,000.

Since then, the city has worked to extend Walnut Avenue to the north to accommodate the twin homes on the lots known as the Reisch Addition, named for the late Marcel Reisch whose farm acreage once occupied that ground.

That initial stub street is about 400 feet long with water, sewer, curb and gutter. The water and sewer lines were installed farther to the north (about 1,200 feet) toward Dodge Street so that those services are available.

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Local drone operator Ryan Gee shared this image with the Star Herald of the Cozy Rest light display in December 2017 when the Hensleys put up their most spectacular display ever, thanks to mild weather that fall.

Cozy Rest lights up the town with annual display

By Lori Sorenson

For nearly 20 years, Cozy Rest Motel owners R.G. and Judy Hensley have been lighting their little corner of the world with Christmas cheer.

With hundreds of feet of string lights and thousands of bulbs, each year they transform their motel property on Highway 75 in Luverne into a dazzling holiday display.

Why do they do it?
"Because we're crazy," said Cozy Rest co-owner Judy Hensley.

She credits her husband, R.G. Hensley, as

the driving force behind the holiday dazzle.

He said it started with some icicle lights on the roofline and a few bulbs on trees, but as the trees grew so did the number of lights that wrapped around them.

"Pretty soon anything standing out there got lights put on them," Judy said, adding that it's a tradition she and R.G. started when they lived in the Black Hills.

And as the Hensley family grew, so did the number of helpers to decorate the property.

Now the whole family is involved, and the

decorating starts in October as soon as the leaves are off the trees.

"Our goal is to have them mostly done by Thanksgiving," Judy said. "The grandkids know when it's time, and they ask, 'When can Papa get in the trees?'"

At 74 "Papa" R.G. shimmies up a tree trunk with the strength and confidence of a man a third his age. "... but you don't want to get too confident," he warns.

Cozy Rest Christmas lights/see page 9A

City rezones future tru Shrimp property for agricultural use

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members took action at their Dec. 11 meeting to rezone the future tru Shrimp property from industrial to agricultural use.

The company is building its first bay harbor, hatchery, water treatment facilities and other affiliated structures on 70 acres of land located north of I-90 in Luverne's

industrial park.

The new zoning classification will allow tru Shrimp's aquaculture products to be considered agricultural products if they're produced on land zoned for agricultural use.

Luverne's Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing Dec. 10 and recommended the zoning change to the city council.

At Tuesday's meeting the council

approved an ordinance amending the city's zoning map due to 2017 state legislation that allows for a special agricultural tax rate for aquaculture businesses.

It's unclear what the tax implications of the zoning will be for tru Shrimp, depending on the property valuation once the \$120 million project is built and operating.

The council noted that the new

zoning district will be used only for aquaculture businesses; other types of agricultural businesses will not qualify as allowed uses.

In other business, the council:

• Set the fees, rates, and charges for services for the upcoming 2019 fiscal year. These fees include water,

Luverne City Council/see page 3A

'O Christmas Tree'



Mavis Fodness photos/1213 Hardwick Tree
Dean and Linda Wenzel assemble the new Christmas tree for the Hardwick Community Club in Hardwick Nov. 27.



Hardwick Community Club member Dawn Kindt helps Dean Wenzel attach light strands to the metal pole.

Hardwick welder makes tree for community

By Mavis Fodness

The Hardwick community received a special holiday present on Nov. 29 when an "elf" erected a 21-foot metal Christmas tree in the middle of town.

In weeks leading up to that day, Dean Wenzel of rural Luverne designed and constructed the elements necessary for the metal tree at his welding and repair shop.

It involves a tall center pole topped

Hardwick welder makes tree/see 3A

'Angel Fund' pays late school lunch accounts

By Mavis Fodness

A concern over negative student lunch account balances led Luverne Schools to proactively seek a solution through a fundraising supper.

Thursday night, Dec. 13, 114 plates of spaghetti and meat sauce were served during the two-hour event in the elementary school commons.

The number fell short of what Food Service Director Ann Rigney had hoped to serve (150 to 250) and the free-will donations came in at just over \$1,000 for the district's Angel

Fund. More donations, however, are still coming into the district.

"I am really proud that our food service workers recognized that some kids needed help," said Superintendent Craig Oftedahl.

The "Angel Fund" was established last year for private donations earmarked for specific needs in the school.

Proceeds from the Dec. 13 spaghetti fundraiser will cover a portion of the negative meal balances, which

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County denies request to waive late fee on tax payment

By Mavis Fodness

Rock County Commissioners continued their practice of denying abatement requests for late tax payment penalties.

Rickard A. Jensen of Holmes Beach, Florida, sent a letter to the commissioners requesting a late penalty refund of \$70.36.

Commissioners discussed and voted 4-0 to deny Jensen's request at a special Tuesday night, Dec. 11,

meeting.

The regular meeting was conducted prior to the county's evening Truth in Taxation hearing.

Jensen's letter indicated he wrote and mailed a personal check for \$1,759 on Oct. 25 for the second half property tax payment due Nov. 15.

The Rock County auditor-treasurer's office didn't receive Jensen's

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, at the Luverne Library. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. Call 507-220-0137 with questions.

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.

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

Bell ringers needed

The Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign is looking for individuals or groups to ring the bell this holiday season for 2-hour shifts between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at either Teal's or Shopko. The campaign is through Dec. 24. Call or text Carrie at 507-220-8897 or go to www.signup.com to sign up at either location (for Teal's: <http://signup.com/go/RPLDfEg> or for Shopko: <http://signup.com/go/byXNLpk>). All money raised stays in Rock County.

United Methodist Church sponsors free Christmas Eve meal

The United Methodist Church in Luverne will serve a free Christmas Eve meal open to the community at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24. Call 283-4529 with questions.

First Day Family Hike at Blue Mounds State Park set for Jan. 1

The Blue Mounds State Park will host a First Day Family Hike from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, starting at the picnic area. Start off the new year with a one-mile hike along the Upper Cliff Line Trail, the Lower Cliff Line Trail and on a bit of the bike trail. Warm clothing and sturdy boots are recommended. Call 507-283-6051.

Candlelight Hike at Blue Mounds State Park set for Jan. 12

The Blue Mounds State will host a Candlelight Hike from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, starting at the north picnic area. Enjoy the crisp night air along a 2-mile candlelight trail for all ages and abilities. The event includes a bonfire, hot beverages and refreshments. Call 507-283-6051.

Register for grades 5-6 Luverne basketball tournament

Luverne Community Education will host an invitational basketball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 26, for grades 5-6 boys' and girls' basketball teams. Register your team at www.isd2184.net (select Community Ed under "schools") or call 507-283-4724. Cost is \$125 per team payable with registration.

Community Ed

Contact LuverneCommunityEducation@C.Arends@isd2184.net or 507-283-4724.

*Need gift ideas for adults or children on your Christmas List? **School of Fish on Ice** Feb. 2 for grades 3 & older with an adult, \$30; **Twins Trip** July 21, \$92; **Mama Mia** at Chanhassen April 13, \$115; **Minnesota Wild Trip** March 19, \$115; Guthrie Theatre **Guys & Dolls** Aug. 24, \$113; **Kids in the Kitchen Class**, \$18; or gift certificates are available in any amount.

Great gift idea! Mike Frisch School of Fish for students in third grade and older will be Feb. 2. Each child receives a new rod and reel with tackle. One adult per child may attend at no additional cost. Fee is \$30.

Com Ed is trying a new venue for a dinner theatre bus trip. Enjoy Daytrippers Dinner Theatre (located near the Mall of America) presenting **Ain't Retirement Grand** on Dec. 9. Fee is \$85. (Register by Nov. 30).



Lori Sorenson photos/1220 LACF grants

Luverne Area Community Foundation celebrated its 2018 grant recipients during a reception Tuesday night, Dec. 11, at Take 16 Brewing Company. Pictured are **(front, from left)** Tom Rolfs (Sanford Luverne), Sara Hartquist (SHARE), Beth Capistran (Luverne Elementary Music), Tara Zewiske (Luverne Backpack Program), Janine Papik (Luverne Street Music), Dawn Anderson (#Luv1LuvAll), **(second row)** Lee Sells (Rock County Ag Society), Molly Carbonneau, LaDonna Van Aartsen (Blue Mound Area Theatre), Jamie Reisdorfer (Sanford Luverne), Lois Leenderts (Hills-Beaver Creek Schools), Sarah Anderson (Lutheran Social Services/Luverne Senior Dining), Corrine Bonnema (Luverne Farmers Market Kids POP Club), Joan Kindt (Hardwick Fire Department), Mary Lou Mulligan (Rock County Food Shelf), Louella Voigt (Blue Mound Area Theatre), Emily Crabtree (LACF director), **(back row)** Dan and Marie LaRock (Rock Ranch), Beth Schear (Rock County Opportunities) Rick Peterson (LIFT/Governors Pheasant Opener), Scott Loosbrock (Rock County Sportsman's Club), Phil Paquette (Luverne Public Schools), Joe Schomacker (Good Sam Mary Jane Brown Home), Tammy Johnson (Hardwick Fire Department), and Mary Gehrke (Rock County Food Shelf). Not pictured are Paul Tweet (City of Kenneth) and Kim Rockman (Project Food Forest).

Community celebrates philanthropy

Foundation awards \$77,000 worth of grants to 21 organizations over the past year

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Community Foundation hosted its 2018 Celebration of Philanthropy Dec. 11 at Take 16.

LACF director Emily Crabtree said the event is one of her favorite times of the year.

"It's a night when everything comes full circle with the donors who see value in supporting charitable organizations and with the people who put those dollars into the amazing programs that serve people of all ages," she said. "And you're all part of it."

Tuesday's event recognized 21 organizations that received a total of \$77,600 from LACF over the past year. Representatives from those groups spoke briefly about their work and about how the grant money is utilized.

Crabtree said these testimonials are an inspiration for everyone.

"That's why I love this event — we get to hear all these stories about how these organizations are making an impact in the community."

The annual Celebration of Philanthropy also recognizes award winners in three different categories.

Nonprofit Spotlight award

The Rock County Food Shelf received the 2018 Non-profit Spotlight award for its generosity through direct involvement and support.

Crabtree introduced Food Shelf director Mary Gehrke and also shared background on the program.

It was started in the 1970s



Minnwest Bank was named LACF 2018 Outstanding Business. Pictured are (from left) LACF Director Emily Crabtree, Minnwest Bank president Isaac DeBoer, Dana Klay, Nancy Scheidt, Matt Overgaard, Becca Renken, Melissa Fick and Patti Wieneke.

by the Rock County Ministerial Society and churches took turns supporting it with food and cash donations.

The food shelf now operates out of the United Methodist Church as a 501(c)(3) organization with a board representing many different areas of the community.

It continues to depend on food donations, as well as cash, which buys vouchers for eggs, meat and fresh produce at the local grocery store, as well as the farmers market.

It also pays for milk at local schools for students who wouldn't otherwise afford to

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The Rock County Food Shelf received the LACF Non-Profit Spotlight Award. Pictured are Mary Lou Mulligan (left), Food Shelf Director Mary Gehrke and LACF Director Emily Crabtree.



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Hardwick tree/

with a metal five-point star with 20 strands of Christmas lights radiating from under the star and staked to the ground in a circle around the pole. When lit, the outline resembles an evergreen tree.

Hardwick Community Club members had discussed replacing the town's holiday decorations, which were damaged by winter winds.

The club primarily decorates the area south of the city's veterans memorial and the town square area.

Large evergreen trees near the corner of Main and Ross streets are too large to allow for easy decorating from the ground so the group sought other solutions for a decorated tree.

Several years ago, Wenzel constructed a similar metal Christmas tree for his wife, Linda, to display on their yard near Highway 75.

Their daughter, Jen Lui-tjens, told her dad about the community club's decorating dilemma and suggested a metal tree as a possible solution.

He immediately went to

work and within weeks produced a tree that is easily put up and taken down and can withstand the blustery winter winds.

The Christmas tree is the latest project Wenzel has designed and constructed for the Hardwick community.

Last Christmas, he created a metal bell tower for Hardwick Zion Lutheran Church along with directional signs to the church on Second Street.

"Dean is passionate about Christmas and Hardwick," said community club member Tammy Johnson. "Hardwick is his hometown and he has loved working on this for us."

Helping Wenzel put the new Community Club tree into place Nov. 29 were his son, Rob, grandson, Mason, wife, Linda, and community club member Dawn Kindt.

Johnson said she was filled with awe when she saw the tree and its 2,000 multi-colored lights illuminating the town square.

"I didn't envision anything like this," she said.

County tax late fee/

payment and indicated in a letter to Jensen on Nov. 25 that the payment was not received.

Since the notification, Jensen has paid the property tax and the late penalties.

In his abatement request to commissioners, Jensen included a photocopy of the duplicate check he wrote to the auditor-treasurer office.

"I would not have a problem paying the penalty if I forgot to send it, but since it was sent and lost somehow, I feel I should not be penalized," he wrote in the letter.

Without sufficient documentation showing the payment was processed through a bank, commissioners voted to deny Jensen's request. Commissioner Jody Reisch left the meeting prior to the abatement request.

Stan Williamson made the motion to deny.

"It makes it pretty easy for us, we just don't do them," he said.

Overgaard seconded.

"If you start giving it to one, you have to give it to all of them," he said.

State statute indicates tax penalty abatements are to be granted in instances where a penalty or interest has been "erroneously or unjustly" paid.

Auditor-treasurer Ashley Kurtz said she frequently answers questions about forgiving penalties for late payments.

However, without sufficient documentation that the payment received was by the county, her office automatically denies any abatement requests.

"I am pretty straightforward with them and say, 'They have the right to appeal, but they (commissioners) have never approved one before,'" she said.

Jensen's abatement request is the fifth such request the commissioners received in the past three years.

All have been denied.

City Council/

sewer, electric and other services. The average residential sewer bill were set to increase 4.7 percent over the three-year period of 2017, 2018 and 2019. Water rates were set to increase 13.2 percent over that time period, and electric rates are increasing 1.5 percent for next year.

In general, the average Luverne resident's utility bill will increase about 5.5 percent from 2018 to 2019.

- Conducted a public hearing for the proposed 2018 tax levy collectible in 2019 and the proposed 2019 budget and five-year capital improvement plan. The levy will increase 5.5 percent, by about \$100,000, for a total levy amount of \$1.9 million.
- Amended the Luverne Fire Relief Association bylaws to raise the pension factor from \$2,200 to \$2,400 for each full year of service as an active Luverne firefighter, not to exceed 30 years of service.
- Approved a trail permit with the Rock County Snow-Masters for amendments to the trail related to ongoing city development. Club mem-

ber Terry Connell attended the meeting to discuss trail changes in the Hatting Street area near the former Sharkee's lot and in the North Walnut Avenue extension area.

"We've been adapting as things are happening in Luverne," Connell said. "We still want to get in and around the businesses that support the club, such as Howling Dog and the gas stations."

- Reminded residents of their responsibility to clear snow and ice off sidewalks within 24 hours of a weather event. Call reported that 75 residents needed to be reminded with door tags after the last snowfall.
- Heard that the Poplar Creek drainage project is complete for the year. The waterway was cleaned from Mary Jane Brown, under County Road 4 and up toward Donaldson.

"Hopefully that will help those areas drain better," Call said. He added that the other stretches of Poplar Creek also need attention, but this particular area of work was permitted this year.



Mavis Fodness photos/1220 Spaghetti Fundraiser
Anna Ahrendt (left) and Gladys Hemme remove garlic toast from the baking sheets into the serving container.

Spaghetti supper raises money for 'Angel Fund'/



Ann Rigney, director of food service, stirs spaghetti Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13, in preparation for a public supper at the elementary school. Proceeds from the spaghetti fundraiser were placed in the District's Angel Fund to assist families with overdue lunch accounts. **Pictured below,** Colleen DeSchepper tops her spaghetti with Parmesan cheese.

has more than tripled this school year.

"I think the spaghetti feed brought the need to the forefront," said business manager Marlene Mann.

Changes at the state level now prohibit school districts from serving a less expensive meal to a child whose lunch account balance is in the red. As a result, districts are experiencing a greater number of negative lunch accounts.

The daily tally of overdue lunch accounts sometimes reaches \$10,000, fluctuating downward as payments are made after parents are reminded.

Food Service Director Rigney brought the fundraising idea to school officials earlier this month.

"There are some families that could use the help," Rigney said.

She shared her idea with lunch staff with many volunteered their time to prepare and serve the cafeteria-style meal.

Negative student meal accounts are not a new struggle for school districts, but the issue is coming to the forefront with the reports of districts turning to private collection agencies or covering the accounting deficit with general funds.

Certified public accountant Jim Gilman with Conway, Deuth and Schiesing in Willmar, Minnesota, has worked with Luverne and other districts across the state to balance food service accounts.

He said Luverne has fared well over the past 20 years in keeping food service costs inline with expenditures.

With the change in state rules to serve all students, negative lunch accounts are becoming more of a concern.

"No one has wanted to take an aggressive approach to this (the collecting negative lunch accounts)," he said. "The spaghetti supper is an outstanding way to raise funds."



At right, Brenda Fodness finishes cutting brownies.

Below, Mark Robinson (left) tops his serving of spaghetti and meat sauce with grated Parmesan cheese while Anna Ahrendt holds a plate for his sister Ainslie (right).



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It's all relative ...

A short grown-up to kid is still tall enough to help

Some people call it “vertically challenged.”

Others say “short in stature.”

Most of the time I find my inability to reach items from floor level frustrating.

Over the past five decades, I’ve found ways to stretch my 5 feet, 4 inches, either by standing on tiptoes or with the failsafe use of a chair or a step stool. Both of these techniques get a workout at home.

Overcoming my short stature is easy when I’m at home, but not when I go out into the “real” world.

There are countless times where store items are located on the very top shelf with none of the desired items at eye level.

I have asked those employees taller than me to reach the item I need. (If no one is available, I take it as a budget-saving sign that I don’t need it.)

On a recent Tuesday evening, my stature was an advantage.

I entered Teal’s Grocery just after the supper hour. The aisles were free of customers since I purposely came later to avoid the after-work rush.

I enjoyed filling the three-gallon water jug without interruption and decided to shop the store in a counter-clockwise circle.

I passed the deli and



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

turned down the first aisle (or last aisle, depending on how you view the store) and noticed a boy looking up at the two-liter pop bottles on the top shelf.

He looked at me then glanced down at the dollar bills he had grasped in his hand.

For a brief moment I saw indecision in his eyes until he spoke, “Could you reach a bottle of root beer for me?”

For a moment I didn’t think I heard the young man correctly. Did he really want short-legged me to reach something for him?

Instantly I said I would be happy to reach a bottle for him.

Standing on tiptoes, I had to use both hands to grasp and pull the plastic bottle over the brackets that hold the items on the shelf.

Then I successfully handed the shorter-than-me boy his merchandise and was rewarded with a big smile and a “thank you,” as he hurried off and I proceeded down the aisle quite pleased with myself.

I couldn’t help feeling like I was 10 feet tall.

Aptly named ‘Angel Fund’ shows community compassion

Earlier this month, school officials in Rhode Island hired a collections agency to force parents to pony up for unpaid school lunch balances.

The action occurred after district officials tried for two years through written reminders to coax parents to pay what they owed to the school.

The gentle reminders were unsuccessful in reducing the \$95,000 worth of overdue lunch accounts. Already in the first three months of the new school year, the Rhode Island school’s balance is \$45,000 in the red.

Rhode Island has a state policy that prohibits districts from denying students their lunch or offering an alternative (less expensive) option until the lunch account is caught up.

Minnesota joined Rhode Island this year, so all its children are offered the same lunch items, regardless of overdue accounts.

The rationale behind the legislation is that it’s not the students’ fault the lunch balances are unpaid.

At the same time, overdue accounts can become a drag on a food service budget, so last week Luverne School food service staff took action

to address the shortage.

Director Ann Rigney, organized a spaghetti supper fundraiser to cover overdue lunch accounts, and she found support from her fellow food service staff and district administration.

The outreach shows no one needs to go hungry in the Luverne district, and it shows there are generous supporters to help make up for the shortfall in the food service budget.

Jim Gilman with the public accounting firm of Conway, Deuth and Schmiesing in Willmar said Luverne is lucky its district can absorb the effects of negative school lunch accounts.

Some districts are not as blessed, and these negative lunch balances are affecting the overall fiscal health of their schools.

Gilman encourages families to fill out paperwork with the district office for the state to cover costs, regardless if they are eligible or not.

Another option (for those who simply forget to pay) is to use the online payment portal through the school website. Families receive email reminders when balances get low, and funds are easily transferred electronically into student accounts.

So far, Luverne has not had to hire a collections agency.

Let’s keep it that way.

The spaghetti fundraiser was a great idea and was supported by many organizations donating food items and funds.

Financial gifts were placed in an account labeled “Angel Fund.”

The fund will continue to accept meal account donations.



We’ll miss the ‘disadvantages’ of a quiet Christmas holiday

I know the big day we all look forward to this month is Christmas and rightfully so. But for me coming in at a distant second is Saturday, Dec. 22, because that is the day after the first day of winter and —albeit hardly noticeable —daylight hours start to increase.

For me the first day of winter is like the Wednesday or hump day of winter. Shorter days are behind us (for 6 month anyway) and while it’s true we have the worst of winter still ahead, spring is just 90 days or so away.

But it is the Christmas season, and the Peterson clan got together this past weekend for our family Christmas. Celebrating Christmas 10 days early was a bit strange, but it did have some advantages — as well as some disadvantages.

Advantage No. 1 was that the Christmas shopping was completed shortly after Thanksgiving this year. While many of you are scurrying around to finish your shopping this week, I’ll already be in the return line.

Advantage No. 2 was the kids and grandkids were able to travel to Luverne before the peak Christmas



FOR WHAT IT’S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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travel days, and they were all able to avoid the traditional bad Christmas travel weather.

Advantage No. 3 was if the wife doesn’t like her gift you still have time to get her something to open on Christmas Day.

There are, however, some disadvantages to celebrating Christmas early.

Disadvantage No. 1 is the house will be really quiet on Christmas morning.

Disadvantage No. 2 is there are no grandkids at Grandma and Grandpa’s house on Christmas morning.

Disadvantage No. 3 is no grand-

kids to play games with on Christmas Day.

Disadvantage No. 4 is no scuffles between the three grandsons to break up.

Disadvantage No. 5 is no toys to put together, no quick trip to the gas station because we bought the wrong size batteries.

Disadvantage No. 6 is no Nerf gun fights with the grandkids.

As I look at the list of disadvantages, you wouldn’t think some of those would fall under the disadvantage list, but those are the ones that make Christmas special, and frankly I know Grandma and Grandpa are going to miss them all.

Permit to carry only applies to handguns ... with exceptions

Question: If a person has a permit to carry in Minnesota, can they transport a loaded rifle or shotgun in a vehicle?

Answer: The permit to carry law applies only to handguns, so the answer is no with some exceptions.

MS 97B.045 – A person *may not* transport a firearm in a motor vehicle unless the firearm is:

(1) unloaded and in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm, and the case fully encloses the firearm by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, and without any portion of the firearm exposed;

(2) unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle; or

(3) a **handgun** carried in compliance with sections **624.714** and **624.715**

Subd. 3. Exceptions; hunting and shooting ranges – a person may transport an unloaded, uncased firearm, excluding a pistol, in a motor vehicle while at a shooting range, lawfully hunting on private or public land; or traveling to or from a site the person intends to hunt lawfully that day or has

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hunted lawfully that day, unless:

(1) within Anoka, Hennepin, or Ramsey County;

(2) within the boundaries of a home rule charter or statutory city with a population of 2,500 or more;

(3) on school grounds.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Dec. 7
•Complainant reported possible theft activity.
•Complainant requested driver's license record.
•Complainant reported subject arrested in Fairmont on Rock County warrant.
•Deputy spoke with complainant on West Lincoln Street regarding trespassing issue.
•Traffic stop on County Rd. 8 and 110th Avenue resulting in narcotic citation.
•Complainant requested a welfare check.
Dec. 8
•Reserved for DWI arrest
•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle on 131st Street.
•Complainant requested a welfare check.
•Complainant reported a theft on East Luverne Street.
•Complainant reported a theft on Commerce Road.
•Complainant reported harassing communications on South Kniss Avenue.
•Possible animal neglect on East Maple Street.
•Harassing communications reported on South Kniss Avenue.
•Reserved for DWI arrest.
Dec. 9
•Complainant on East Luverne Street reported harassing communications.
•Complainant requested deputy for property exchange on North Oakley Street.
•Complainant reported theft on E. Luverne St.
Dec. 10
•Complainant on Commerce Road reported a vehicle was stolen from their lot.
•Complainant on South Main Street in Steen reported a property issue.
•Complainant reported a parking complaint on South Donaldson Street.
•Complainant reported a break-in on Main Avenue in Steen.
•Complainant on Highway 75 reported the theft of a horse.
•Complainant reported a vehicle accident on West Main Street with no injuries.
•Complainant reported an accident on South Kniss Avenue with property damage.
•Complainant reported the theft of a wallet on North Spring Street.
•Complainant reported order for protection violation

in Steen.
Dec. 11
•Deputy out with trooper on South Kniss Ave.
•Complainant reported a silver Impala not stopping at I-90 exit near Magnolia.
•Complainant reported a runaway on 121st Street.
•Complainant reported an alarm on West Main Street.
•Complainant reported a man on the ground on North Oakley Street.
•Complainant reported a vehicle was taken from Watertown by subject.
•Complainant reported debris in the passing lane at mile marker 9 of I-90.
•Complainant reported a harassment order violation in Steen.
Dec. 12
•Complainant reported a panic alarm on East First Avenue in Beaver Creek.
•Complainant requested welfare check.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a property issue.
•Deputy assisted Family Services.
•Complainant reported a two-vehicle accident at 120th Avenue and 251st Street near Edgerton.
•Complainant reported illegal burning on 141st Street.
•Alarm activation reported in Magnolia.
•Deputies conducted a warrant check on East Luverne Street.
•Deputy escorted subject to impound.
Dec. 13
•Welfare check requested in Hills.
•Complainant reported a theft in Hills.
•Deputies conducted a warrant check.
•Deputy out with party sleeping in his car on Interstate Drive.
•Complainant reported hearing gunshots in Magnolia.
•Complainant on West Brown Street reported son ran away.

In addition officers also responded to 1 deer accident, 3 transports, 6 escorts, 26 ambulance runs, 4 animal complaints, 2 burn permits, 3 permit to purchase/carry applications, 2 fingerprint requests, 20 traffic stops, 2 tests, 5 abandon 911 calls, 2 paper services, and 2 background checks.



Mavis Fodness photo/1220 Post Office Flagpole

Troy Malcolm with Malcolm Construction and Welding of Chester, South Dakota, looks to the top of the flagpole at the Luverne Post Office Dec. 11. He used a come-along winch attached to his pickup truck to straighten the 20-foot pole.

Leaning post office flagpole put back to plumb

By Mavis Fodness
A South Dakota company straightened the flagpole at the U.S. Post Office in Luverne earlier this month.
Postmaster Clint Roozenboom saw the pole's noticeable southeast lean in March and made the necessary calls for repairs that took place Dec. 11.
"The pole is not perfect but it's better than it was," he said. "He did what he could."
Troy Malcolm with Malcolm Construction and Welding from Chester, South Dakota, worked most of Tuesday in 20-degree temperatures in an attempt to straighten the flagpole.
Since March, temperature fluctuations allowed water to pool in the 20-foot flagpole's base, rotting the wooden wedges that center the flagpole within the cement cylinder.



Mavis Fodness photo/1220 Post Office Flagpole

With the protective plate around the flagpole raised, Troy Malcolm sprinkles Ice Melt in the exposed hole to remove the ice that forced the flagpole four feet out of plumb. Malcolm said he would remove the ice and the rotted wooden braces before welding metal plates inside to keep the pole straight.

The pole was 4-feet out of level when the straightening process began last Tuesday, Malcolm said.
He used a Styrofoam cup to spread Ice Melt in the cement cylinder, and as the ice melted and the chunks were removed, he used a come-along winch tied to his pickup truck to slowly move the flagpole back into place.
Malcolm then replaced the rotten wooden wedges that had held the 8-inch diameter-tapered flagpole in place with metal wedges that he welded into place.
According to district communications specialist Kristy L. Anderson, a plaque on the building indicates the U.S. Post Office arrived in the Lincoln Street building in 1961. "I would say the pole has been there at least since then," she said.

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Appreciation
during the
HOLIDAY SEASON.



Sheryl Staeffler,
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SIMPLY CHRISTMAS

December 23
10:30 - 11:30 am

December 24
5:00 - 5:45 pm

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Christmas Eve Service

Candles *Carols*

Celebration of Christ's birth

**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE AT 5 P.M.**

Communion
(open to all)

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 16 • 10:30 am
Service at Bethlehem- Sunday school program, lunch to follow
Hills, MN

Sunday, December 23 • 9:00 am
Regular Church Services at Tuff Chapel

Sunday, December 23 • 10:30 am
Regular Church Services at Bethlehem

Monday, December 24 • 4:00 pm
Christmas Service at Tuff Chapel

Monday, December 24 • 5:00 pm
Bethlehem Christmas
Candlelight Service

Christmas Services

**Sunday, December 16
10:30 a.m.**
Children's Ministry Christmas Musical

**Sunday, December 23
9:30 a.m.**
Christmas Brunch

10:30 a.m.
Christmas worship service

**Monday, December 24
5:30 p.m.**
Christmas Candle light service



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Advent - Christmas Worship Schedule

December 16
9 a.m. Third Sunday in Advent - Worship & Choir Christmas Cantata
4:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program

December 18
7 p.m. Little Lambs Preschool Christmas Service

December 19
6 p.m. Advent Worship
6:40 p.m. Advent Supper

December 22
5:30 p.m. Worship, Holy Communion

December 23
9 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent - Worship, Holy Communion

December 24
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight & Carols Service

December 25
9 a.m. Christmas Day Worship, Holy Communion

December 29
5:30 p.m. Worship

December 30
9 a.m. First Sunday after Christmas

December 31
6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship, Holy Communion

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar
LUVERNE



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 23 • 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service

Monday, December 24 • 6 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Palisade Lutheran Church

We will not be hosting a Christmas Day service on December 25.

LOCATION: Rural Rock County, MN
Corner of MN Hwy 23 & Cty Rd 5 (121st Street)



Join us Christmas WEEK

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**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 19
6:00 PM**
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION
"THE REASON FOR THE SEASON"
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
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COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE.
ANISSA'S CHRISTMAS PIANO MUSIC AND TREATS. COME ENJOY SOME TIME FOR REFLECTION AND MEDITATION!

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 24
5:00 PM**
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

6:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER





Below: Many of Millie Steece's gift creations are neatly packaged into small, clear plastic bags. One such item is a dollar bill folded into a T-shirt, slid into a plastic bag and stapled to tag board. The tag board contains the message, "I made you this little shirt, but it is sure to be too small. As a matter of fact, I am certain it won't just fit at all. So, if you just unfold it, you'll see in the end that this little shirt will be ready to spend."



Mavis Fodness photos/1220 Millie Steece

Below: Candy is a popular item Millie Steece transforms into gifts, including these Hershey miniatures now dressed as snowmen.



Millie Steece of Luverne brought dozens of her holiday crafts to the Luverne Senior Dining site Dec. 11, where diners could view and/or purchase her hand-crafted items. Steece spends most of the day creating gift items that she sells at The Warehouse in Brandon, South Dakota.

Millie Steece displays crafty sense of humor

By Mavis Fodness

Visitors to the Luverne Senior Center received an unexpected surprise Dec. 11 when Millie Steece set up a display of the holiday crafts

she makes and sells locally. The intricately knitted and assembled gifts have been regular daytime activities for most of her adult life, Steece said. "I only read at night and

do crafts during the day." That includes completing a project while waiting for meals to be served at Senior Dining and tending to her first-time display at the Senior Center.

Between customers, Steece picks up her needles to complete yet another Scrubbie, one of her best-selling crafts.

In the past three years, Steece estimates she's crocheted 10,000 of the palm-sized cloths used to hand-wash plates and pans.

She's also made dozens of "Itty Bitty Boxes" out of Altoids breath mint tins.

Inside the tins she's assembled activities such as a miniature ring toss game, a tic-tac-toe board and a make-your-own puzzle design.

"I got carried away and have 12 different ones now," Steece said.

Craft ideas come from a variety of sources including ones she designs though experience.

Among her creations are jewelry, picture and recipe holders, can koozies, paper designs slipped over various sized candy bars, and book-



Many of Millie Steece's craft creations are humorous including topping a small water bottle with a miniature stocking hat and scarf. The bottle's label reads, "Melted Snowman. Snow, snow, go away. Come again another day!"

marks in different shapes and sizes.

"Sometimes I see something, change it and then make it," she said.

Steece and her husband, John, moved to Luverne in 1991. She sells her items at The Warehouse in Brandon, South Dakota, and she is a regular vendor

at the Odin Craft Mill.

Steece's dedication to creating and keeping items fresh for customers comes from a need to keep busy and her doctor's advice to exercise her hands after carpal tunnel surgery.

"If people want it, I will make it," she said. "I like to make everything."



Neva Clausen reacts to one of Millie Steece's Itty Bitty Boxes. The one Clausen holds is the "Color Me Puzzle." Steece creates 12 different Itty Bitty Boxes.

CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Carol Kuhlman will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, Dec. 23, with an open house from 1-4 p.m. at Grand Prairie Events located at 105 S. Estey Street in Luverne.

Card showers

Russell Wenzel will celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday, Dec. 28. Greetings may be sent to him at 787 171st Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Monday, Dec. 24: Closed for Christmas Eve.
Tuesday, Dec. 25: Closed for Christmas Day.

Wednesday, Dec. 26: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, coleslaw, oatmeal cookie bar.

Thursday, Dec. 27: Cubed roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mandarin orange whip, bread, cake.

Program: Half-Price Day.

Friday, Dec. 28: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, lemon mousse.

Program: 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

Help us find out what kinds of programs, events and activities you'd like to see from the library. Complete the survey at rockcountycommunitylibrary.org. Paper copies are available at the library counter.

Trivia Night at Take 16, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3. One to 4 people on a team. Register at Take 16 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

DIY Minnesota String Art at the Library, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 for ages 12+. Registration required.

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

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•Luverne City Administrator John Call announced wage freezes this week for all non-union city employees.

This wage freeze, which he will recommend at the Dec. 23 City Council meeting, will affect about a dozen city employees, mainly supervisors and department heads, including Call himself.

"It's a sign of the times, and it's really a sign of the Local Government Aid cuts," Call said.

Call's recommendation to staff comes in response to the state's budget woes.

The state is considering "unallotments" for the remainder of 2008 in light of the projected \$5 billion budget deficit.

The state could opt to not pay the second half of Luverne's Local Government Aid for 2008, which amounts to \$625,000.

As of this week, Luverne's specific losses are estimated at anywhere from \$26,000 to \$140,000, but the state hasn't taken action yet.

25 years ago (1993)

•Rock County stood head and shoulders above most other counties in the Association of Minnesota Counties awards banquet on Dec. 6

It didn't win County of the Year but did win Highway Department of the Year and received honorable mention for Sheriff's Department of the Year and County of the Year.

Rock County won Highway Department of the Year based on several factors. Criteria for selection include member loss reduction, employee training and safety policies and procedures, and a positive attitude toward risk management

50 years ago (1968)

•Rock County survived the first winter snow storm Thursday and Friday with very little damage.

Near blizzard conditions were reported in all parts of southwest Minnesota including Rock County. Power and telephone lines were down, a family was stranded on I-90, the radio station was off the air, the fire department was called to an automobile fire, and all schools in the county were dismissed at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Freezing rain fell before the blizzard conditions arrived in Rock County causing almost every road and street to become slippery. The sheriff's department warned all motorists that visibility was down to 150-300 feet and advised everyone to travel only in an emergency. Not one accident was reported to the city police or the sheriff's office.

75 years ago (1943)

•In an effort to plug possible unnecessary allotment of truck gasoline rations, the local ration board announced this week that the office of price administration ordered that all recipients of

T or truck coupons must apply at their respective ration boards to receive their quarterly issue due Jan. 1.

The allotments, issued, have in the past been sent to truck operators by mail.

Under the new system, it was explained, it will be possible to determine whether applicants are operating their trucks on the same schedules as shown in their original requests for gasoline.

Some truckers may have disposed of their vehicles, while others are not covering as much territory as they did before, yet they have been receiving the same amount of gasoline.

Because of the shortage of gasoline, all these loopholes must be plugged, officials state.

100 years ago (1918)

•These days everyone is looking for the practical Christmas gift. In the past, some have said that money was the most practical gift.

The difference between a five dollar bill and a War Savings Stamp is that while they are both promises to pay, backed by all of the resources of the richest government in the world, a five dollar bill never gets any bigger than \$5.00 and War Savings Stamps are worth a penny more each month for five years. War Savings Stamps are United States \$5.00 bills which the government is now offering for \$4.12. In February they will be worth \$4.13 and in March \$4.14 and so on each month until January 1st, 1923, when they will reach \$5.00

OBITUARIES

Carol Burtness

Carol Ann Elise Burtness, 79, Solvang, California, died unexpectedly Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, California.

A memorial service was Saturday, Dec. 15, at Bethania Lutheran Church in Solvang.



Carol Umland was born to William and Aagot Umland on Feb. 27, 1939, in Luverne. She went to school in Hills and Magnolia, graduating at the top of her class. Four years later she graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield with a music major.

After graduation Carol moved to Los Angeles for two years and taught special education while attending UCLA. She then moved to Solvang and continued teaching at the elementary school.

On June 20, 1964, Carol married Paul Burtness in Luverne. The next 52 years Paul and Carol lived in the Santa Ynez Valley. Carol continued teaching until her children were born. When their youngest was in junior high, Carol opened a store in Solvang catering to children,

The Lolly Shop, which she operated for the next 15 years.

Carol was a true leader, active in many organizations and activities throughout the years: Bethania Lutheran Church, Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series, Santa Barbara Women's Community Art Association, American Field Service, Shelter Services for Women, PEO, and the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society.

Carol was also a gourmet cook and a gracious hostess. Family was always Carol's Number 1 priority in life.

Carol is survived by three children, William of Tucson, Arizona, Georgette of Buellton, California, and Jeremy and his wife, Emily, and their son Nathan, Ramona, California. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Dan Rohr, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, and her sister Linda Holte.

Arrangements were provided by Loper Funeral Chapel of Solvang.

(1220 F)

Margaret Emery

Margaret Agnes Emery, 80, Luverne, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, with visitation at 9:30 a.m., at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.



Margaret Bjerke was born to Everett and Margaret (Van Klie) Bjerke on March 24, 1938, at the family home near Hadley. In 1948 the family moved to a farm near Lake Wilson. Marge's schooling began in Chandler. She then attended a country school which consolidated with Edgerton Public School. After her schooling, she worked as a car hop in Slayton.

On Sept. 14, 1957, she married Marlen Emery in Jasper. The couple made their home on a small farm near Iona until moving to Kanaranzi where she raised their three children while Marlen drove truck. Marge worked for five years at AR Wood Manufacturing in Luverne until its closing. During this time she also was a waitress at the Magnolia Steakhouse. Marlen and Marge then ran Hadley Municipal Liquor Store for the next five years. Marlen died in 1987. Marge then moved to Woodstock. She worked at the meat

market in Pipestone for a short time and then spent eight years with the United States Post Office in Woodstock before retiring.

Following Marlen's death, Marge met Delbert "Deb" Feyerisen and the couple enjoyed 20 years of companionship together before he died Aug. 3, 2015.

Marge was a former member of the Magnolia Methodist Church. Throughout her life she enjoyed crafting and crocheting afghans, watching television and camping.

Marge is survived by her children, Kevin (Virginia) Emery of Brandon, South Dakota, Leland (Tricia) Emery of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Denny Holtrop of Luverne; grandchildren, Austin (Ashley) Kurtz, Adam (Ashley) Kurtz, and Ashlee Kurtz, Kody (Heather) Emery, Jarrad (Kristina) Emery, Justin (Allison) Black and Amanda Black; great-grandchildren Rylee, Hayden, Kinley, Mati, Serenity and Brady Kurtz and Kayla and Alivia Emery; a brother, Harvey Bjerke of Hadley; and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marlen; a daughter, Tami Kurtz; and a special friend, Deb.

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

(1220 F)



Luverne woman brings 'An Enchanted Christmas' to South Dakota Capitol

By Lori Sorenson

Nearly 100 finely decorated evergreen trees fill the Capitol rotunda in Pierre, South Dakota, and a Luverne woman can take credit for one of them.

For the second year, Lorraine Stoel, a native of the Okaton, South Dakota, area, was invited to decorate a tree under the theme, "An Enchanted Christmas."

"It was a great experience," she said.

"It was very sparkly this year with all the white lights, and the trees were fresh and soft. ... It was pretty.

There are guidelines she must follow in decorating her 7-foot tree. For example, the lights must be all white — not blinking — and the decorating material can't be promotional or selling a product.

According to the Capitol website, cities, businesses, nonprofit groups and other civic organizations apply throughout the year for a tree.

If selected, they spend the weekend before Thanksgiving busily stringing lights and tinsel and hanging handcrafted ornaments.

Stoel's granddaughter, Chelsey

Schmidt (originally from Luverne, now in Brandon), traveled with her to Pierre where they met Stoel's brother and his wife and their great-grandson, all from Custer.

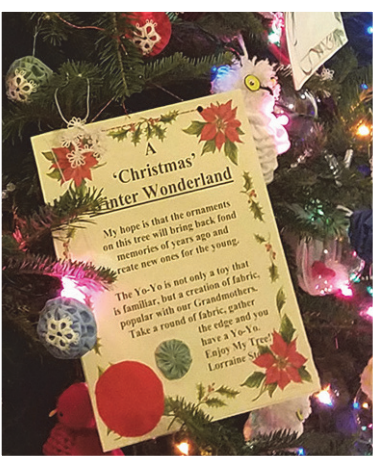
The trees are on display through the holiday season.

To view the display, visit Christmas at the Capitol on Facebook, hosted by the South Dakota office of tourism.



Submitted photos

For the second year, Lorraine Stoel (left) of Luverne was invited to decorate a Christmas tree at the South Dakota State Capitol in Pierre (pictured above). Her theme this year is "Remembering Grace and Jack Roghair."



Remember as we celebrate this Christmas...

Having a joyous, happy Christmas isn't always possible. With the death of a loved one, holidays are particularly stressful. The social role of the loved one will need to be filled by someone else or altered significantly because that person will no longer be sharing in the holiday experiences with family and friends. For families dealing with such a loss, there will be difficult days coping with their feelings about the holiday season. Such families may fear the pain of the actual holiday, they may wish to avoid the whole season, they may feel pressure wondering what their friends expect of them and what traditions they should now follow or change.

The names below are the loved ones of families served by our funeral home during this past year. With Christmas upon us, these families need a gift of love from you. Maybe the best gift you could give them is a few moments of your time to show them your concern for them and their loss during this time.

Mark Verba	Stanton Petersen	Tillie Bork
Karen Ward	Menford Monger	Bernard Heikes
Louise Stegemann	Charlotte Griffin	Dick Richters
LaVerle Lorenzen	Martha Vanderberg	Lance Meyeraan
Annie Boll	Baby Boy Hargesheimer	Lois Kindt
Ignacio "Nacho" Lomeli	Patricia Mills	Jerome "Jere" Ohme
Ruth Ashby	Cathryn Hoeck	Esther Farwick
Christina "Toots" VanIperen	Diana Reisdorfer	Johanna Aykens
Ruth Chovancek	Bernard Jacobsma	James Reisch
Susan Hert	Rev. Bert DenHerder	Cynthia Barnard
Gladys Hemme	Gladys Blom	Jordan DeGroot
Dr. Paul Rud	Daniel Kopp	Brian Cox
Clifford Boom	Karl Heinz Evers	Bernice Nelson
Virginia Allen	Francis "Tony" Haper	John Krogmann
Ronald Griffin	Marinus Cross	James Smith
Wanda Pendley	Henry Van Dyke	Zachery Cowell
Ronald Mulder	Frederick Von Der Lieth	Darlene Matus
	Evelyn Ankrum Herder	

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-Jeff & Sara Hartquist



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Holiday season is good time to check on aging loved ones

Minnesota has an array of resources to keep in mind when gathering with family and friends during the holidays.

"As we spend more time together during this season, we may see changes in our loved ones we haven't noticed before," said Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper.

"This can be a good time to ask our friends and family members who are older or have disabilities about loneliness, struggles with daily tasks and safety. Fortunately, we have resources that can help address concerns."

Face Aging MN shares some signs that may indicate a caring conversation is needed:

- Trouble with balance when walking, getting up from a chair or using stairs.
- Weight loss or gain.
- Decrease in attention to personal hygiene.
- Sad mood or expressions of hopelessness.
- Recent injuries such as cuts, bruises or burns.

- Forgetfulness and losing things.
- Neglect of housekeeping.
- Piles of unopened mail, newspapers or bills.
- Late notices for utilities or other bills.
- Old and expired food.
- Overuse or underuse of medications.
- Being observant around our loved ones at this time of year and following up to ask for help can mean a healthier and happier new year," said Piper.

Help is available

The Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Board on Aging offer these helpful resources:

- Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 and by chat at www.seniorlinkageline.com provides help with a wide range of issues — from prescription drug coverage and health care options to supports that help older adults remain healthy and safe at home.
- Disability Hub MN at 1-866-333-2466 and by chat

at disabilityhubmn.com, a resource that helps people with disabilities and their families solve problems, navigate the service system and plan for their futures.

•MinnesotaHelp.info is an online directory of services and service providers rich in resources for all Minnesotans in need of help and information.

•LinkVet at 1-888-LinkVet and linkvet.org is a Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs service line and website that provides support to veterans and their families.

•The Minnesota Board on Aging website also has resources for people who are caregiving for family members and friends. These include The Caregiver Resource Guide, which includes checklists to plan for caregiving and tips for how people who are caregiving can take care of themselves.

•The Own Your Future website includes resources to

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Wishing residents a ‘green’ Christmas

Frank Mongold (left and below) with the Luverne Public Works Department spread a little holiday cheer last week when he completed the weekly recycling truck route in a Santa Claus suit. In a social media greeting posted Friday on the city of Luverne site was the message: “Santa would like to wish everyone a ‘Green’ Christmas and remember to recycle this holiday season!” ... But not wrapping paper, these items go in the garbage can.

Chantel Connel photo



Rooster Ridge near Beaver Creek illustrates how wildlife management areas are established

Step 5 — the final of five steps in the process — is to obtain a clean title

By Scott Rall
Outdoors columnist

Land purchases for wildlife habitat have many phases. I have chronicled the steps that were taken for Rock County Pheasants Forever to acquire the Rooster Ridge Wildlife Management Area that was dedicated near Beaver Creek during the 2018 Governor’s Pheasant Hunting Opener in Luverne on Oct. 13.

To review, it starts with a willing seller and then a commitment from a long-term land manager like the DNR or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Then the different funding sources are compiled and a determination made as to how much and when funds would become available. With the funding in place, an appraisal is ordered and the seller decides whether or not to sell. If the seller accepts the offer, a survey is completed and the exact number of acres is ascertained.

The survey is reviewed yet again and the appraisal is updated to reflect exact acres. When this is complete, the appraisal also needs to be reviewed by yet another appraiser for accuracy.

Now we get to the fun part, the final step in the process: The title opinion.

A title opinion is generally done by an attorney to track all of the transactions and transfers of the property going back 50 years or more. A title opinion is done to ensure that the seller actually holds a proper, marketable title for the parcel he is trying to sell.

In some cases the land was used as collateral in a loan and the loan still shows on the title, even long after the loan was paid off. This requires a loan release to



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be created by the lender and then recorded on the title.

There are times when at some point in the past the property changed hands and the deed used to transfer ownership used the wrong legal description. This makes every transition that came after that to use the wrong legal description as well.

These issues all have to be fixed prior to the close date in order for the title to be marketable and in good order.

Sometimes the people that need to sign the forms have already died. This might cause an estate to have to be reopened to name an executor to handle the necessary paperwork. This all takes time. Some titles have no issues and other have tons of issues.

When the title is deemed marketable and in good order, the process of closing the deal can commence.

Pheasants Forever then makes sure that all of the conditions of the sale have been met.

An example might be the seller had to clean up a junk pile or remove an old car body. Depending on what time of year the sale takes place, a renter for the property might need to be found to farm the parcel one more year until the restorations can start. This is often the seller.

Restorations of these projects take time and cost large sums of money. Timing of these restorations often has to do with what

chemicals were applied to the crop across the growing season before.

For example, Flexstar herbicide has an 18-month residual. This means that if flowers and forbs were planted one year after the sale, all of the flowers would die and the money for those flower seeds would be wasted.

There are many steps in the land acquisition process. Start to finish they go like this: willing seller, cooperating long-term land manager, appraisal, survey, title opinion, survey and appraisal review and then a closing of the deal.

This can easily take up to 18 months or more but in the end, there is a new parcel of permanently protected wildlife habitat that can be utilized by all members of the public. These lands will be there for your children and grandchildren.

That guarantee is something that moves my very soul. Forever is a very long time. Whatever challenges these projects present, they are worth every ounce of human effort required to make them happen.

Great job, Rock County Pheasants Forever, and congratulations to everyone who played a role in making Rooster Ridge a wildlife management area.

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1953: Children invited to Saturday parties

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on December 3, 1953.

C&C To Fete County Children At Saturday Theatre Parties

Arrangements Made For Santa Claus Visit Also

Youngsters in Luverne and the surrounding trade area are invited to be the guests of the Luverne Civic and Commerce association at a series of theatre parties, beginning this Saturday.

For the next three Saturdays, there will be three free shows at the Pix theatre, one in the forenoon, beginning at 10 a.m. and two in the afternoon, the first beginning at 1 p.m., followed by a second which will begin at approximately 2:45 p.m.

As in the past, Luverne youngsters are urged to attend the morning showing. This will enable out-of-town children to get in during the



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann,
president Rock County Historical Society

afternoon. Children under 14 years old may attend. Parents are asked to place someone older in charge of the smaller children.

Saturday’s Pictures Announced

Saturday’s show will feature a “Disney Festival,” a

group of Walt Disney cartoons that are sure to delight the children, and with it will be shown a feature, starring the three comedians known as the “Three Stooges” in the film, “Three Arabian Nuts.”

Santa Claus will make his first appearance here a week from Saturday. The C and C has arranged to have Santa on the street or in the various stores on Saturday afternoons, December 12 and 19, and Wednesday afternoons, December 16 and 23.

Stores remained open last evening, the first Wednesday evening of the current holiday season. They will also be open the next three Wednesday evenings, as well as Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22.

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 manmade@iw.net.



Submitted photo/1220 twelve days of pizza

Local families receive ‘12 days of Pizza’

First Farmers & Merchants Bank is partnering with Luverne Pizza Ranch for a “12 Days of Pizza” project to give 15 local families coupons for a free large pizza or eight-piece chicken for each day for 12 days. Many students rely on the Backpack program for weekend food, but when school closes for the holidays, some families don’t have dependable meals during that time, so the Christmas pizza program helps out.

Pictured are (from left) FF&M regional auditor Tara Zewiske (also on the board for Child Guide and Backpack programs), school counselor Amy Cook, middle school-high school principal Ryan Johnson, Child Guide and Backpack director Lisa Dinger, elementary principal Stacy Gillette, FF&M president Ryan Wynia, Pizza Ranch owner Lila Bauer, FF&M operations officer LaDonna Van Aartsen and school social worker Stacy Schepel.

Seventy-eight Pizza Ranch locations across the Midwest have partnered with local businesses to provide 13,700 meals to nearly 1,150 families this year, the fourth year of the program. “We are proud of our franchisees and the local businesses in our communities for expanding this great grassroots effort again in 2018,” said Perry Krossschell, Pizza Ranch chief vision officer.

Checking on loved ones/ continued from Page 7A

prepare and pay for your own long-term care. Services are also available when maltreatment of a vulnerable adult is suspected.

The Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center is administered by the Department of Human Services and has a toll-free number at 1-844-880-1574 available 24/7 to report possible abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of a loved one.

More information is available at mn.gov/dhs/adult-protection.

EARLY DEADLINES

Deadline for the December 23 issue of the Luverne Announcer for advertising will be at 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 19.**

Deadline for the December 27 issue of the Star Herald will be at noon on **Thursday, December 20.**

Deadline for the December 30 issue of the Luverne Announcer for advertising will be at 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 26.**

Deadline for the January 3 issue of the Star Herald will be at noon on **Thursday, December 27.**

any questions, please call 283-2333

BUSINESS NEWS

Papik Motors receives Community Heroes Award

The Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) named Papik Motors of Luverne as one of its 2018 Community Heroes at its annual luncheon on Friday, Dec. 7.

The dealership received this recognition for its strong commitment of time and money to charities and events in Luverne and the surrounding communities.

“MADA is proud of the tremendous work dealers do to give back to their communities,” said Scott Lambert, president of the association.

“That’s why we are pleased to showcase the efforts of Papik Motors and its employees who went above and beyond this year to meet the needs of local charities and

events in its backyard.”

In 2018, Papik Motors and its employees donated to more than 60 organizations and volunteered over 670 hours for groups and events, including:

- Chevy Youth Baseball-funding for youth baseball in Luverne.

- Various events at the Palace Theatre including the monthly Bank Nite Free Family movie.

- FFA Chevy Trucks Scholarship.

- “Flags Honoring America Display” at the Tri State Band Festival.

- Support of the new community-wide events website-www.luverneevents.com.

- Numerous committees and boards of directors in-

cluding Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow.

“Luverne is a great place to live and raise a family,” said owner Gary Papik.

“I’m proud and honored to be able to support the community through various groups, organizations and events both financially and with the gift of time.”

Other Minnesota dealerships winning the award in its second year are Miller Auto & Marine of St. Cloud, Minnesota Motor Company of Fergus Falls, Lenzen Chevrolet-Buick of Chaska and Village Automotive Group of Wayzata.

Papik Motors, established Jan. 1, 1995, in Luverne, offers Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Jeep, Buick, Cadillac and GMC brands under one roof.



Decorating the Cozy Rest for Christmas is a family affair for the Hensleys. They are (front, from left) granddaughter Gabriella and daughter Diana Hensley, (back) granddaughters Candace, Aisha, owners Judy and R.G. Hensley and grandson Deven. (Submitted photo)

Cozy Rest Christmas lights/from page 1A

He starts on a ladder and then finds footing the on branches that will hold his weight as he climbs higher. He uses painter poles, one of them 12 feet and the other 24 feet to reach the outer extremities of the branches. They're adapted at the end with metal hooks to manipulate the light strands.

A few years ago they bought a lift that gets him 23 feet off the ground. "And with my poles, I can reach pretty close to 50 feet up," R.G. said.

He said Judy and the kids are in charge of color and design, and it's his job to make those conceptions reality.

"These guys have ideas about what color lights they want where," he said. "But once I get up in the tree, I decide where I can go. The trees grow and change, and what worked one year might not work the next."

Dozens of living trees —

ash, maple, elm, crabapple, mulberry, hackberry, walnut, oak and evergreens — near the Cozy Rest buildings get decorated for Christmas, and that doesn't count the fresh-cut trees they bring in each Christmas.

Most years they get a tree permit in the Black Hills forests to harvest their own spruce trees (five to 10 of them) to haul back to Luverne on a car trailer.

This year they didn't make it to the Hills and instead bought their fresh trees from commercial lots in the area. A few "bonus trees" this year were salvaged from the South Dakota rest area on I-90 where some evergreens were torn out for the remodeling project.

A 25-footer got propped in a hole dug on the south side of the property, another was plopped in a hole on the east side toward the street, and a third was secured to a large

block of wood on the north side of the parking lot entrance.

"We just dig a hole and pour cement around them, and in the spring we dig them up," R.G. said.

The Cozy Rest Christmas lights have garnered public compliments from passing motorists and local residents.

"I see people stop and try to get a photograph," R.G. said, but as his daughter, Diana, can attest, it's difficult to capture the true splendor in a single image.

"I've been out there with my camera and tripod and you have to have the light set just right," she said.

R.G. admits the lights require time and effort, "but to me it's not work; it's a pleasure," he said. "It makes me feel good, otherwise I wouldn't do it."

He said it's especially rewarding when people stop in to thank them or if they mail cards and letters — sometimes



R.G. Hensley climbs a tree at the Cozy Rest Motel Monday to demonstrate how he uses an adapted painters pole to adjust the strands of lights each year. (Lori Sorenson photo)

with gifts to support their efforts. "It's for the neighborhood," he said. "When you sit in your house, you don't see your lights; the neighbors do. It's for everyone else."

Last year, Father Tom Jennings penned a letter to the

Star Herald editor about the Cozy Rest light display.

He called it "one of the most beautiful spots in Luverne for Christmas and winter" and thanked the Hensleys for their work in beautifying the neighborhood.

"The outdoor lighting is absolutely magnificent," he wrote. "... It is stunning."

The Cozy Rest Motel, with its 17 available units, has been in business in Luverne since 1946. The Hensleys have had it since 1994.

Community celebrates philanthropy at Take 16 event Dec. 10/continued from page 2A

participate in milk breaks.

Gehrke said the Food Shelf served 18 to 20 families per week — 966 individuals — in 2017 with 55,000 pounds of food. She said she spends \$2,500 to \$3,000 per month at Teal's Market in Luverne on vouchers for families to get milk, bread, eggs and produce.

"All this is done by donations from the big hearts of people who live in this community," Gehrke said.

Outstanding Business

Minnwest Bank received the Outstanding Business award, which recognizes a business that creates a culture of philanthropy within its organization.

Crabtree provided background on Minnwest Bank,

which was founded in 1987 during the farm crisis when local banks played a critical role in a community's ability to thrive.

Bank founder M. D. (Pete) McVay's interest in serving has inspired 350-plus employees to also build and sustain their local communities.

As a company Minnwest provides each employee up to eight hours of paid volunteer time, and in 2017 employees volunteered more than 600 hours during work time in addition to time serving on leadership boards and making fiscal contributions.

"We want to make contributions that will make a positive impact," said Min-

nwest Bank president Isaac DeBoer, "specifically supporting new initiatives and programs that cover gaps in meeting the health, nutrition or educational needs for the most vulnerable people in our communities."

Among its other contributions, Minnwest Bank is the core supporter of the Luverne Child Guide Program that supports all students but specifically connects at-risk students and their families with local and school resources.

Minnwest Bank also provided seed money for the newly created southwest Minnesota CEO program, which encourages students from seven area schools to be entrepreneurs.

Crabtree said the bank has held true to its purpose since 1987. "Through good times and bad, Minnwest Bank has been serving and steadfastly supporting the communities within their footprint," she said.

DeBoer said Minnwest's staff over his past 20 years with the bank have always embraced a spirit of giving.

"They have taken it upon themselves to think of ways to have an impact in the community," he said.

"Most of our folks are involved in other organizations that have a significant impact in the community."

Crabtree closed out the evening remarking on the stories of donors and recipients.

"You can see how we're all connected," she said.

Spirit of Philanthropy

This year's Spirit of Philanthropy award was given to an anonymous donor for the person's commitment to charitable responsibility and generosity to inspire others to philanthropic action.

Crabtree said the donor lived and worked in this community all his or her life and wanted to give back to a community that allowed the person to have a good life.

"As my relationship with this friend has developed over the years, I have come to learn that their giving is out of wanting a better opportunity for future generations," Crabtree said.

She quoted the donor as saying, "I want the money I made to stay in the community in which I made it to build a

solid community for people to return to." The person donated unrestricted funds to be used where LACF sees need.

"This trust and generosity is something the LACF board and I accept with great care and gratitude," Crabtree said, adding that the individual has also supported the local Dollars for Scholars program to help future generations.

"You may be wondering, 'Why anonymous?' It could be for any number of personal reasons but for our friend, a lead by quiet example mixed with humble shyness and a desire to not draw attention is what makes this award choice so appropriate," Crabtree said.

"Thank you, anonymous friend, let us celebrate your spirit and congratulate you."



Mavis Fodness photo/1220 Salvation Army 2018

Salvation Army kettles coming up short

Rock County's Red Kettle Campaign 2018 is falling short of its \$7,500 goal, collecting \$4,200 or 56 percent from its annual fundraiser as of late last week, according to new campaign coordinator Carrie Soto. "It's important for people to know that all money raised here stays here," she said. "Money is used to fill the gaps for those in need. It is used to help with utility bills, shelter and rental assistance, work-related needs, etc."

The Salvation Army's distinctive red kettles are located at Teal's Market and Shopko Hometown in Luverne. Volunteers don a red Salvation Army apron at each of the collection locations. They ring a bell for shoppers to place change into the red collection kettles. Volunteers are also needed, Soto said. An online signup is available at both the Teal's and Shopko locations at <http://signup.com/go/RPLDfEg> and <http://signup.com/go/byXNLpk> respectively. The month-long campaign ends the afternoon of Dec. 24.

First-time bell ringer Milo Hamann (right) directs Beverly Oeding of Luverne to the Salvation Army collection kettle Thursday afternoon at Shopko Hometown in Luverne.

USDA announces July 15 is new deadline for reporting perennial forage acreage changes

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has established a new acreage reporting deadline for perennial forage for 2019 and subsequent years. Previously set in the fall, the new deadline is July 15 for all states, except for Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Timely and accurate acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented planting or failed

acreage, are the foundation for many FSA program benefits, including disaster programs for livestock owners. Producers must report their acreage to maintain program eligibility.

Producers who have coverage for perennial forage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) must report their crop acreage by the earlier

of either the established acreage reporting date (July 15); or 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop acreage being reported; or the established normal harvest date for the end of the coverage period.

Contact the Rock County FSA Office at 507-283-2369, or the Pipestone County FSA Office at 507-825-5478.

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able for future development.

The base aggregate work of the street was completed this fall, along with the first lift of asphalt, but wet weather delayed the project, and the second lift of asphalt will be completed in the spring.

Walnut Avenue may eventually connect with Dodge Street west of the school campus, depending on wetland considerations in the area.

That intersection will be in the area of the former Mike and Vi Uithoven acreage that the city bought and demolished this summer to make way for Walnut Avenue and additional future residential housing.



Lori Sorenson photo/1220 LSM food shelf

Luverne Street Music raises \$2,000 for local food shelf

Janine Papik (right) of Luverne Street Music presents a check in the amount of more than \$2,000 to Mary Gehrke of the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf. The LSM Carnegie Minstrels raised the money with its Dec. 8 cantata involving instrumentalists and vocalists.

Frosting,
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and a dab of love
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batch of holiday cheer



Staff members with Luverne Early Childhood Special Education partnered with the Rock County Community Library Monday night for a special “Gingerbread Holiday Event” in the library basement. Twenty-one children, ages 2 to 5, worked with aunts, parents or grandparents to create a gingerbread house from graham crackers, white frosting and an assortment of candies. Children’s librarian Bronwyn Wenzel read the book “Gingerbread Baby,” by Jan Brett, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus (aka Dianne and Rodger Ossenfort) made an appearance handing out books and candy.

In the photo **above**, grandparents Pam and Mark Luettel help twin grandchildren Ava and Aiden Meyeraan, 3, construct their gingerbread houses.

Pictured at right, Kade Schneekloth, 5, adds extra frosting to the marshmallow for his two-story gingerbread house.



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Mavis Fodness

At right, Miles
Hananburg, 4, poses
with his completed
gingerbread house.



Above, eating a little of the frosting while decorating his gingerbread house with chocolate chips is 2-year-old Julien Marshall-Booker with mom, Shawna Marshall.

Pictured **at left**, Beverly Hoover (left) presses the graham crackers in place as great-grandson Brecken Gallman, 5, waits to add a marshmallow to their gingerbread house.



Pictured **above**, Aubren Hoven, 3, eyes the graham cracker her mom, Stephanie, places on the empty milk carton.



Emery Sandager, 2, makes a silly face for her photograph with Mrs. Claus.

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H-BC's Bundesen nets 1,000th career point

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' extended their basketball winning streak to seven games with a pair of road victories in a three-day span. The Patriots posted a 25-point victory over Red Rock Central in Lamberton Thursday before downing Flandreau Indian School by 26 points Saturday in Flandreau, South Dakota. H-BC, 7-0 overall, hosts Southwest Christian Friday.

H-BC 55, FIS 29

The Patriots kept their perfect record intact when they rolled to a 26-point win in Flandreau Saturday. FIS remained in contention when it faced a 28-17 deficit at the intermission, but the second half belonged to the Patriots.

H-BC outscored the hosts 27-12 in the second stanza to prevail by 26 points at game's end. Senior Grace Bundesen, who turned in an 18-point, eight-rebound effort, reached a milestone by netting her 1,000th point in the second half.

Sidney Fick (13 points and three assists), Kenadie Fick (12 points and six rebounds), Abby Knobloch (six rebounds) and Whitney Elbers (six rebounds) made key contributions during the win as well.

Box score
K. Fick 1 2 4-4 12, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 1 0 0-0 2, S. Fick 3 2 1-1 13, Bundesen 4 2 4-4 18, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 1 0 0-0 2,

Elbers 4 0 0-0 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 20 of 55 field goals (36 percent), nine of nine free throws (100 percent), 39 rebounds, 20 turnovers.
FIS: 12 of 46 field goals (30 percent), three of eight free throws (38 percent), 14 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

H-BC 64, RRC 39

The Patriots recorded their third consecutive Red Rock Conference win of the season when they disposed of the Falcons by 25 points in Lamberton Thursday.

H-BC controlled play in both halves of the contest.

The Patriots more than doubled RRC's scoring output (35-18) in the first 18 minutes of play.

When H-BC outscored the hosts 32-24 in the second half, a 25-point victory was complete.

Sidney Fick (23 points, four assists and four blocked shots), Elbers (14 points, 15 rebounds and four blocked shots) and Bundesen (11 points and nine rebounds) played well in the win.

Kenadie Fick (five rebounds and three assists) and Knobloch (seven rebounds and three assists) emerged as key contributors as well.

Box score
K. Fick 1 0 1-23, Rauk 2 0 0-4, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 1 1 0-0 5, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 1 0 0-0 2, S. Fick 1 6 3-4 23, Bundesen 5 0 1-3 11, Moser 0 0 2-2 2, Elbers 7 0 0-0 14.

Team statistics
H-BC: 25 of 66 field goals (38 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 48 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
RRC: 15 of 67 field goals (22 percent), eight of 20 free throws (40 percent), 27 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

Girls win BSC opener Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team got off to a good start in Big South Conference play by recording a 74-62 home win over Redwood Valley Friday.

The Cardinals dominated play in the first half and thwarted a late challenge by RWV to prevail by 12 points at game's end.

The score was tied at two early in the game before LHS made a statement by going on a 17-5 run ending with a field goal from Brooklynn VerSteeg to open a 19-7 lead at the 9:05 mark of the first half.

RWV scored the next five points to make it a seven-point lead (19-12), but the Cards answered the challenge by putting together a 17-6 run to sport a commanding 36-18 advantage after Grace Sweeney registered a field goal with 1:50 remaining.

The visitors scored the final three points of the opening stanza to trail 36-21 at the intermission.

LHS controlled play through the first nine minutes of the second half and padded its lead to 20 points (56-36) when VerSteeg registered a field goal at the 8:53 mark.

RWV, however, made things interesting over the next 6:49 seconds.

RWV whittled away at Luverne's advantage and faced a seven-point deficit (66-59) after converting a field goal with 2:04 left to play.

The Cardinals bounced back to score the next six points and upped their lead to 13 points (72-59) when VerSteeg drained a pair of charity shots with 35 seconds remaining.

RWV sported a 3-2 scoring edge in the final 30 seconds to make it a 12-point difference at game's end.

VerSteeg tossed in 31 points



John Rittenhouse photo/1220 lgb 6

Luverne senior Gabrielle Ferrell slips past Redwood Valley defender Haley Garman to score two of her 20 points during Friday's Big South Conference girls' basketball game in Luverne.

and Gabrielle Ferrell netted 20 points for the winners.

The 4-2 Cards host Fulda Friday.

Box score
Ver Steeg 11 09-14 31, Anderson 1 0 0-0 2, Thorson 2 1 1-2 8, Sweeney 3 0 0-0 6, Petersen 2 0 3-3 7, Ferrell 5 3 1-3 20.

Team statistics
Luverne: 28 field goals made, 14 of 23 free throws (61 percent).
RWV: 21 field goals made, nine of 16 free throws (56 percent).



John Rittenhouse photo/1220 lgh 7

Luverne freshman Billi Connell leads a rush into the offensive zone during Saturday's hockey game against Mankato East in Luverne. Connell registered one assist during the game.

LHS hockey run ends with loss, tie

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team experienced its first winless week of the season.

The Cardinals had a run of five consecutive wins snapped when they lost a two-goal game in Albert Lea Dec. 11 before skating to a draw at home against Mankato East Saturday.

Luverne, 7-2-2 overall, plays in Worthington Thursday.

LHS 2, ME 2

Neither team blinked when two of the top squads in Section 3A squared off against each other at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Saturday.

Both Luverne and Mankato East sported one-goal leads in a game that ended in a deadlock at two after a scoreless third period and an eight-minute overtime session.

The Cougars drew first blood in the contest when McKenzie Keller found the net 1:05 into the first period.

The score remained 1-0 until the second period, when Luverne scored twice in the first 5:25 to gain a 2-1 edge.

Regan Bork knotted the score at one when she registered a power-play goal one minute into the second stanza that was set up by Billi Connell. Kamryn Van Batavia put the



John Rittenhouse photo/1220 lgh 2

Freshman goalie Cheyenne Schutz makes one of her 31 saves during Saturday's home hockey game against Mankato East.

Cards in front 2-1 when she scored with 11:35 remaining in the stanza after being set up by Regan Feit.

ME scored the game's final goal 33 seconds later when Madison Davis put the puck in the net with 11:02 left in the second period.

ME, which sported a 33-26 advantage in shots on goal in the game, outshot LHS 13-4

after the second period.

The Cougars sported a 6-1 advantage in shots in overtime. Cheyenne Schutz made 31 saves to preserve the deadlock for LHS.

Albert Lea 3, LHS 1

A five-game winning streak came to an end when the

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Patriots extend streak

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys are riding a five-game winning streak after posting two wins in a span of five days.

The Patriots secured a 20-point home conquest over Fulda Thursday before nailing down an 11-point victory at Flandreau Indian School Saturday in Flandreau, South Dakota.

H-BC, 5-1 overall, plays in Luverne Thursday.

H-BC 69, FIS 58

The Patriots extended their run to five straight games with Saturday's 11-point win in Flandreau.

FIS defeated H-BC when the teams met last season in Hills, but the Patriots gained their revenge by securing a 69-58 win Saturday.

The Patriots led 37-32 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the hosts 32-26 in the second half to seal an 11-point victory.

Preston Wilhelmi (26 points, eight rebounds and six steals) and Jax Wysong (23 points and seven rebounds) carried the scoring load for H-BC.

Luke LaRock collected five caroms, Kyle Kueter blocked



John Rittenhouse photo/1220 hbb 6

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Preston Wilhelmi draws contact from Fulda's Payton Marquardt as he drives to the basket during Thursday's basketball game in Hills. H-BC posted an 85-65 win.

four shots and Cole Baker charted three assists for the winners.

Box score
Harnack 0 0 3-4 3, Baker 1 1 0-0 5,

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Lourdes trips boys with late goals

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team put up a good fight when the Cardinals squared off against Rochester Lourdes Saturday in Rochester.

After surrendering a pair of first-period goals, the Cardinals rallied to knot the score at two early in the third period.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they couldn't complete the comeback.

The Eagles scored three unanswered goals in a span of 8:24 in the third period to secure a 5-2 victory.

Lourdes looked like it might

run away with a victory after Paul Hofbauer scored 4:09 into the game and Cort Buck added a power-play tally with 8:45 remaining in the first period.

Luverne simply didn't let that happen.

The Cardinals made it a one-goal difference (2-1) when Mason Steensma registered a power play tally 7:39 into the second period before knotting the score at two when Gaige Nath found the net early in the third period.

Lourdes answered the challenge as the game progressed. Hofbauer and Buck netted

goals 42 seconds apart and Dustin Sorensen added an insurance tally with 5:28 left to play to ice a three-goal victory for the Eagles.

Lourdes sported a 39-29 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Making his first varsity start, LHS goalie Shaid Shearer made 34 saves.

Ben Serie and Nath contributed two and one assists respectively to the LHS cause.

The 2-3 Cardinals play in Worthington Thursday before hosting St. Cloud Cathedral Friday.

Cardinal boys fall in league contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team opened Big South Conference play by taking a pair of league losses last week. The Cardinals fell by 32 points in Worthington Dec. 11 before taking a 10-point setback from Redwood Valley Friday in Luverne. Luverne, 2-3 overall, hosts Hills-Beaver Creek Thursday.

RWV 80, Luverne 70

The Cardinals couldn't collect their first league win when they met Redwood Valley Friday in Luverne. LHS staged rallies in both halves of the game, but the Cardinals were unable to complete a comeback and fell by 10 points at game's end. The Cards led 5-0 when Derek Lundgren sank one free throw 2:17 into the game only to fall behind by three (8-5) when RWV registered eight consecutive points. LHS trailed 10-9 moments later and faced a 17-13 deficit when Isaiah Bartels converted a field goal at the 10:27 mark, but RWV made a statement over the next five minutes. RWV went on a 17-5 run to open a commanding 34-18 advantage with 5:51 remaining in the half. The Cards countered with



John Rittenhouse photo/1220 lbb 4

Luverne senior Derek Lundgren slides past Redwood Valley's Michael Mace to put up a shot during Friday's Big South Conference boys' basketball game in Luverne.

a 13-6 surge of their own to trim the difference to nine points (40-31) when Lundgren drained a field goal with 1:05 remaining. RWV, however, outscored LHS 5-2 in the final minute to

sport a 45-33 lead at the break. The Cardinals wouldn't let RWV pad the lead in the second half. LHS trimmed the difference to seven and six points at a couple of different occasions

and trailed by five (68-63) when Bailey Cowell canned a shot with 2:56 left to play. RWV withstood the challenge by outscoring the Cards

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Edwards, Anaya secure titles for AHS at Warrior invite

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team participated at a triangular meet and an individual tournament late last week. The Dragons split matches at the Fulda-Murray County Central Triangular Thursday in Slayton. AHS placed sixth in a nine-team field at the Sioux Falls Washington Warrior Invitational Saturday. Adrian competes at an individual tournament in Redwood Falls Friday and Saturday.

Warrior invite

Two Dragons captured individual titles and AHS placed sixth as a team during Saturday's tournament in Sioux Falls. Adrian's Brayan Anaya and Scot Edwards pinned their way to titles at the 106-pound and heavyweight classes to highlight a 112-point effort as a team. AHS placed sixth in a nine-team field led by Watertown (237 points). Anaya posted consecutive pins over Washington's Eli Tanuah (37 seconds), Mitchell's Brock Sparks (2:40) and Yankton's Tucker Bahm to prevail at 106. Edwards prevailed by pins over Sioux Falls Roosevelt's Devonte Murphy (12 seconds), Brandon Valley's Sam Krohnke and unattached entry Caleb Dagle (11 seconds) to shine at heavyweight. Logan Taylor placed third at 126 with a 3-1 mark, while Quentin Wolf went 2-2 to place fourth at 145. Isaac Bullerman went 2-2 and placed fifth at 132, while Breyer Hieronimus and Preston Nelson placed sixth at 113

and 160 with respective 1-3 and 0-3 marks. Rilee Heidebrink, Brody Loosbrock, Tylor Hix, Cameron Wieneke and Jaren Winselman went 0-2 for the day.

F-MCC triangular

The Dragons broke even during Thursday's F-MCC triangular in Slayton. Marshall handed Adrian a 54-18 setback in the opening match, but the Dragons bounced back to pound the Warriors 66-10 in the finale. Adrian's Bullerman, Taylor and Edwards went 2-0 with one pin and one forfeit at the event. Bullerman pinned Marshall's Collyn Marcy in 2:57, Taylor stuck Marshall's Mitchell Bouwman in 1:22 and Edwards covered Marshall's That Pease in 2:25. Adrian's 2-0 entries drew forfeits from F-MCC.

Match wrap-ups
Marshall 54, AHS 18
106 (M) Louwagie 9-8 Anaya.
113 (M) Lar by forfeit.
120 (M) Eh by forfeit.
126 (A) Taylor pins Bouwman.
132 (A) Bullerman pins Marcy.
138 (M) Hodges pins Loosbrock.
145 (M) Jensen by forfeit.
152 (M) Hughes pins Wolf.
160 (M) Louwagie 5-0 Nelson.
170 (M) Timm pins Wieneke.
182 (A-M) open.
195 (M) Bahr pins Lehmann.
220 (M) Felcyn pins Winselman.
285 (A) Edwards pins Pease.

AHS 66, F-MCC 10
106 (A) Anaya by forfeit.
113 (A) Hieronimus pins Bonstetter.
120 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.
126 (A) Taylor by forfeit.
132 (A) Bullerman by forfeit.
138 (A) Loosbrock by forfeit.
145 (F) Kuball pins Tonsay-Buarapha.
152 (F) Boehnke 15-7 Wolf.
160 (A) Felcyn pins Wolf.
170 (A) Wieneke pins Henning.
182 (A-F) open.
195 (A) Lehmann pins Wendorff.
220 (A) Winselman by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

Adrian boys slip to 0-3 after bowing to Falcons, Eagles

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team slipped to 0-3 for the season after dropping a pair of games at different venues. Red Rock Central nipped the Dragons by two points in a conference clash staged in Adrian Thursday. Adrian came up on the short end of a 79-57 decision in Windom Monday, but no information was made avail-

able from that game. The Dragons compete at the RRC Holiday Tournament Friday and Saturday. **RRC 55, Adrian 53** A second-half rally fell two points short when the Dragons entertained the Falcons for a Thursday game in Adrian. After falling behind 31-24 in the first 18 minutes of play, the Dragons put themselves

in a position to pull out a win in the second half. Unfortunately for the Dragons, their 29-24 scoring edge in the second stanza left them two points short of their ultimate goal. Christian Weidert (25 points, five rebounds and three steals) and Noah Reyne (13 points and four assists) led AHS offensively. Lance Luettel (nine rebounds), Ian Stamer (three

steals) and Dakota John (three assists) also played well for the Dragons. **Box score** Reyne 5 1 0-1 13, Weidert 6 4 1-1 25, Stamer 2 1 0-0 7, John 1 0 0-0 2, Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 3 0 0-0 6. **Team statistics** Adrian: 23 of 55 field goals (42 percent), one of two free throws (50 percent), 23 rebounds, 18 turnovers. RRC: 22 of 60 field goals (44 percent), three of four free throws (75 percent), 29 rebounds, 19 turnovers.



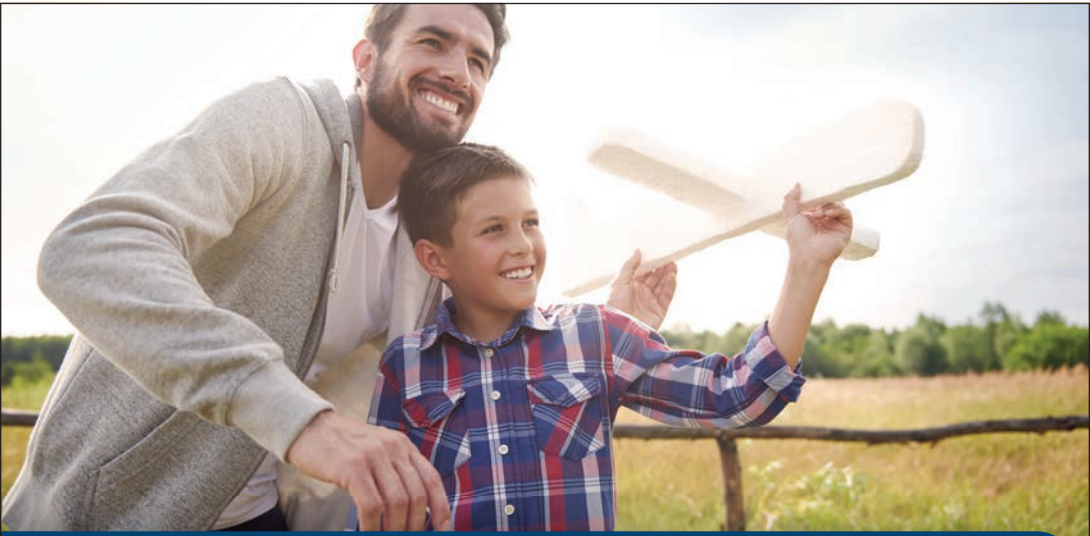
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Cardinals took on the Tigers in Albert Lea Dec. 11. The game was tied after one period of play, but Albert Lea scored twice in the third period to secure a two-goal victory. Sydney Collins gave the hosts a 1-0 lead with a power-

play goal 7:01 into the game only to have LHS knot the score when Bork scored after being set up by Brynn Thier with 43 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. The score remained deadlocked after a scoreless second period before the Tigers

settled the issue by scoring twice in the first 11 minutes of the third period. Lucy Stay netted both of Albert Lea's third period tallies. LHS sported a 22-19 edge in shots on goal in the game. Mallory Von Tersch made 16 saves in net for the Cards.



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Special tribute to longtime official set for Friday

A Luverne man who dedicated a good share of his life to officiating will be recognized for his service Friday at the Luverne Elementary School.



The Luverne boys' and girls' basketball teams are scheduled to play a varsity doubleheader that evening, a day that has been declared Jere Ohme Day in Luverne.

A special tribute will be paid to the longtime official at halftime of the second game.

All things considered, there's no better place to honor the late Jere Ohme than at a high school sporting event.

Ohme, who passed away on May 3 at the age of 71, will be the focus of the tribute.

Ohme officiated football, basketball and baseball games for a tenure covering 43 years.

Ohme's family (wife, Suanne, son, Derek, and daughter, Jackie (Ohme) Payne) will on hand to accept an award on behalf of the longtime administrator of the rules.

The Minnesota State High School Coaches Association named Ohme as a recipient of its Distinguished Service Award, and a plaque will be presented to his family during the ceremony.

Todd Oye, who will be presenting the plaque to the family as the LHS activities director, has a lot in common with Ohme.

Oye is the head football coach at LHS, and football was the sport Ohme loved officiating the most.

"He never officiated any of our varsity games, but he worked a lot of junior varsity and freshmen games for us," he said.

"I think he was the top official here in southwest Minnesota. He had a great demeanor as an official.

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

He was always in control of the game because he knew the rules. Jere never let his emotions get in the way of making the right calls."

In a way, Ohme was a crutch Oye could lean on during a good share of his 16-year tenure as the LHS activities director.

Ohme was in charge of lining up games for a lot of officials, and he was only a phone call away if Oye found himself in a bind.

"All I had to do is give him a call if we were short on officials for a game, and he would line some up for us," Oye said.

"Jere always was very flexible to our needs in that way, and it was nice to have him here in Luverne. A lot of places we go to for junior varsity and freshmen games, they are officiated by teachers or staff members. We are lucky because we have a lot of officials right here who have experience working games at the high school and college levels, and Jere was one of them."

Not only did Ohme make sure LHS had officials to work games, he also was available to Oye for rules interpretation calls.

"I would call him anytime I had questions about rules just to make sure I'm interpreting them right," Oye stated.

"Now I call his son, Derek, who lives in Sioux Falls and is a member of an officiating crew that will work our games if we are at home on Wednesday nights for MEA."

It's clear that Jere Ohme was a guy Oye could count on, and that's why he will take pride in handing a much-served award to his family members Friday night.

Patriots prevail in Rock County battle with LHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team entertained Luverne for the 2018 edition of a Rock County rivalry game Dec. 11 in Hills.

LHS sported a lead early in the contest, but the rest of the game belonged to the Patriots.

H-BC outscored the Cardinals 54-33 in the final 34 minutes of play to register a 56-39 victory.

The Patriots scored the first two points of the night only to have Luverne register six consecutive counters to gain a 6-2 lead after Mackenzie Petersen registered a field goal at the 16:02 mark of the first half.

H-BC countered with a 12-0 run capped by a field goal from Taryn Rauk to gain a 14-6 lead with 9:51 remaining in the stanza.

The Patriots sported a five-point advantage three minutes later before going on a 15-0 run to open a 31-11 cushion after Sidney Fick drained a three-point shot with 1:56 left.

LHS produced the final point of the first half to trail 31-12 at the break.

Luverne scored the first five points of the second half as a part of a 15-8 surge that left the Cards facing a 12-point deficit (39-27) when Mallory Thorson canned a field goal at 11:41.

H-BC answered the challenge by putting together a 12-2 spurt ending with a free throw from Fick that gave the hosts a 51-29 with 6:06 left to play.

Luverne closed the gap to 15 points (54-39) when Grace Sweeney scored with 1:03 remaining, but that proved to be as close as the Cards would come to catching the Patriots.

Fick (24 points, six rebounds and five steals), Whitney Elbers (11 points and five rebounds) and Grace Bundesen (10 points and three assists) led H-BC offensively.



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Luverne's Mackenzie Petersen releases a shot under pressure by H-BC's Abby Knobloch during a Dec. 11 girls' basketball game in Hills. H-BC posted a 56-39 win over LHS.

Abby Knobloch added six rebounds to the winning cause.

Petersen and Thorson tossed in 12 points each for the Cardinals, who received a

five-rebound, four-steal effort from Brooklynn Ver Steeg.

Box score
Luverne
Ver Steeg 2 0 4-5 8, Anderson 0 0 1-2 1, Thorson 5 0 2-3 12, Nath 0 0 1-2 1, Sweeney 1 0 0-0 2, Petersen 1 2 4-6 12, Ferrell 0 1 0-0 3, Hader 0 0 0-0 0.
H-BC
K. Fick 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 2 0 1-3 5, Spath

0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 1 0 4-6 6, S. Fick 5 3 5-7 24, Bundesen 4 0 2-2 10, Moser 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 5 0 1-3 11.

Team statistics
Luverne: 12 field goals made, 12 of 18 free throws (67 percent), 15 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
H-BC: 20 of 46 field goals (43 percent), 13 of 21 free throws (62 percent), 27 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

Panther girls pick up season's second win

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team went 1-1 when it played a pair of home games late last week.

Murray County Central saddled the Panthers with a 29-point setback Friday, but EHS bounced back to post a 13-point victory over Sibley-Ocheyedan (Iowa) Saturday.

The 2-4 Panthers cap their 2018 schedule by hosting Mountain Lake Area Friday.

Ellsworth 53, S-O 40

The Panthers snapped a four-game losing skid when they topped the Generals

by 13 points Saturday in Ellsworth.

EHS faced a halftime deficit before staging a second-half rally that produced its second win of the season.

S-O sported a 21-19 edge after 18 minutes of play before being outscored 34-19 in the second half by the Panthers.

Morgan Dreesen (14 points and three assists), Kallie Chapa (13 points and 10 rebounds), Claire Popkes (13 points and five steals) and Lizzie Chapa (12 points) played key roles in the win for EHS.

Sierra Smith collected six rebounds and charted three

assists for the winners.

Box score
Ellsworth: 19 of 58 field goals (33 percent), 10 of 20 free throws (50 percent), 29 rebounds, nine turnovers.

MCC 60, Ellsworth 31

The Panthers slipped to 1-4 in the Red Rock Conference when they dropped a 29-point home decision to the Rebels Friday in Ellsworth.

EHS remained in contention throughout the first half and faced a 31-23 deficit at the

intermission.

MCC settled the issue in the second half, when the Rebels turned a 29-8 scoring advantage into a convincing victory.

Kallie Chapa turned in a strong performance for the Panthers by scoring 14 points and charting three steals.

Lizzie Chapa led EHS with six rebounds.

Box score
Dreesen 2 1 0-0 7, K. Chapa 2 2 4-4 14, L. Chapa 2 0 2-3 6, Nussbaum 0 0 2-4 2, Smith 1 0 0-1 2.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 10 of 40 field goals (25 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 22 rebounds, 21 turnovers.

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Team High Scratch Series: Don't Know 1622; Three Chumps 1381.
Team High Handicap Game: Don't Know 676; Three Chumps 628.
Team High Handicap Series: Don't Know 1943; Three Chumps 1837.

Gymnasts place second in St. James Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team experienced a busy weekend that included a pair of road events.

The Cardinals lost a tight decision to Blue Earth Area in Welcome Friday before placing second in a five-team field at the Snowflake Invitational

in St. James Saturday.

LHS, 4-3 overall, capped the 2018 portion of its schedule by hosting Pipestone Tuesday (Dec. 18).

Snowflake invite

The Cardinals turned in a strong performance at Saturday's Snowflake Invitational

in St. James.

LHS scored a season-high 125.625 points to place second in a five-team field led by Redwood Valley (131.625).

The Cardinals topped Windom-Mountain Lake Area (120.825), Pipestone (118.125) and St. James (109.25).

LHS received event wins

from Meghan Witte and Meghan Mollberg.

Witte, who placed second on the bars (8.1), third on the vault (8.75) and third all-around (33.125), took top honors on the floor with an 8.9.

Mollberg shared first place

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Luverne junior Isaiah Bartels tossed in a team-high 26 points during Friday's 80-70 home loss to Redwood Valley.

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12-7 the rest of the way to prevail by 10 points.

Bartels tossed in 26 points for the Cardinals, while Lundgren and Cowell chipped in 17 each.

Box score
Cowell 3 3 2-2 17, Jacobsma 1 0 6-8 8, Lundgren 5 0 7-10 17, Sehr 1 0 0-0 2, Bartels 5 0 16-19 26, Feit 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Golla 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 18 of 64 field goals (28 percent), 31 of 40 free throws (78 percent), RWV: 27 field goals made, 17 of 25 free throws (68 percent).

WHS 79, Luverne 47

The Cardinals opened their conference slate by taking on the Trojans in Worthington Dec. 11.

Worthington dominated

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with RWV's Emma Stevenson on the vault as both athletes registered 8.9 efforts.

LHS also received place-earning efforts from Madigan Flom (third on the beam with an 8.275) and Anna Huisman (fourth on the floor with an 8.575).

RWV's Stevenson won the beam competition with an 8.55, while teammates Mikayla Opatz and Avery Wilson claimed the bar and all-around titles with respective 8.2 and 33.75 tallies.

Individual results
Bars: Witte, 8.1; Melissa Teal, 7.15; Huisman, 7.0; Flom, 5.3; Cedar Viessman, 5.15.
Vault: Mollberg, 8.9; Witte, 8.75; Ivy Hudson, 8.7; Huisman, 8.6; Teal, 8.55.
Floor: Witte, 8.9; Huisman, 8.575; Flom, 8.125; Mollberg, 7.775; Sydney Wicks, 7.5.
Beam: Flom, 8.275; Witte, 7.375; Huisman, 7.1; Wicks, 7.0; Mollberg, 5.6.

BEA 118.325, LHS 118.2

The Cardinals received a heart-breaking setback when they took on the Bucs in Welcome Friday.

BEA and LHS are evenly

play on its home court by outscoring LHS in both halves of a 32-point victory.

The Trojans rolled to a 44-24 halftime lead before outscoring the Cards 35-23 in the second half.

Lundgren led LHS with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Bartels collected five caroms.

Box score
Cowell 2 0 0-0 4, Jacobsma 1 1 0-2 5, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 1 1 4-6 9, Bartels 2 0 4-4 8, Feit 0 0 2-2 2, Lundgren 6 0 1-2 13, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Golla 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 1 0 2-2 4, McLaughlin 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 16 of 52 field goals (31 percent), 13 of 24 free throws (54 percent), 24 rebounds.
Worthington: 33 field goals made, six of seven free throws.

matched teams, but the Bucs were better by less than one point on their home equipment during the meet.

Witte had a standout night for the Cardinals.

Along with winning the all-around title with 32.425 points, Witte took top honors on the vault (8.75), bars (7.6) and floor (8.75) as well as placing fourth on the beam (7.375).

Flom and BEA's Sydney Blagg both registered scores of 7.6 to share the vault title.

Mollberg and Huisman also competed well for LHS.

Mollberg placed second on the vault and third on the beam with respective 8.55 and 7.4 tallies, while Huisman finished fourth on the bars with a 6.5.

Individual results
Vault: Witte, 8.75, Mollberg, 8.55; Ivy Hudson, 8.15; Melissa Teal, 8.125; Huisman, 8.1.
Bars: Witte, 7.6; Huisman, 6.5; Teal, 6.25; Flom, 4.225; Cedar Viessman, 3.8.
Beam: Flom, 7.6; Mollberg, 7.4; Witte, 7.375; Sydney Wicks, 6.45; Huisman, 6.25.
Floor: Witte, 8.75; Mollberg, 7.6; Flom, 7.55; Huisman, 7.375; Wicks, 7.125.

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Westrum 2 0 0-2 4, Wilhelmi 5 4 4-4 26, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Susie 0 0 1-2 1, Wysong 9 1 2-4 23, Kueter 2 0 3-6 7.

Team statistics
H-BC: 25 of 65 field goals (38 percent), 14 of 22 free throws (64 percent), 32 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
FIS: 24 of 68 field goals (35 percent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent), 35 rebounds, seven turnovers.

H-BC 85, Fulda 65

The Patriots upped their Red Rock Conference record to 3-0 with Thursday's 20-point home win over the Raiders.

H-BC prevailed by 20 points at game's end, but Fulda sported leads in both halves of the contest and forced the Patriots to earn the victory.

A 34-13 run in the final 12 minutes of play clinched the win for the Patriots.

H-BC, which sported a 41-36 lead at the intermission, fell behind 52-51 at the 12:02 mark of the second half.

Unfortunately for the Raiders, that would be the last time they sported a lead in the game.

An 11-0 H-BC run capped by a field goal from Wysong with 8:18 left to play gave the Patriots a 62-52 advantage.

The Patriots went on to pad their lead to 22 points (85-63) when Kueter converted a layup with 1:11 remaining before the Raiders scored the final two points of the night.

H-BC faced a pair of two-



John Rittenhouse photo/1220 hbb 1
H-BC junior guard Easton Harnack delivers a pass during Thursday's home win over Fulda.

point deficits early in the first half before going on a 15-0 run ending when Baker turned a steal into a layup at 10:31 to give the hosts an 18-5 advantage.

The Raiders controlled play over the next eight minutes.

A 24-10 run gave Fulda a 29-28 lead with 3:43 remaining in the opening stanza, and the Raiders led by three (34-31) with 2:17 left in the half.

The Patriots regained their footing in the final two minutes of the half by going on a 10-2 run that ended with Wilhelmi converting a layup before time expired to make it a 41-36 game at the break.

Wysong (29 points and seven assists), Kueter (19 points and seven rebounds) and Wilhelmi (18 points, eight steals and three assists) played key roles in the win for H-BC.

Bailey Susie added five rebounds to the winning cause.

Box score
Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Baker 3 0 0-0 6, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Westrum 1 0 2-2 4, Wilhelmi 3 3 3-5 18, Z. Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 1 1 0-0 5, Susie 1 0 2-2 4, J. Wysong 10 1 6-8 29, Kueter 8 0 3-5 19.

Team statistics
H-BC: 32 of 56 field goals (57 percent), 16 of 23 free throws (70 percent), 26 rebounds, seven turnovers.
Fulda: 23 of 47 field goals (49 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 14 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

Dragons split games with Windom, HL-O-F

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team picked up one win and took one loss during a span of playing two games in four days.

The Dragons topped Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda by seven points in Adrian Friday before falling by 29 points in Windom Monday.

Adrian, 4-2 overall, plays at the Wabasso Holiday Tournament Thursday and Friday.

Windom 72, AHS 43

The Dragons played a strong first half before struggling in the second stanza when they took on the Eagles in Windom Monday.

Adrian played with Windom during a first half that ended with the hosts sporting a 32-20 edge.

The Eagles, however, outscored AHS 40-13 in the second half to prevail by 29 points.

Bailey Lonneman led AHS with 13 points, eight rebounds and three assists.

Kristina Cauwels collected six caroms.

Box score
J. Zebe 2 0 5-5 9, B. Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, Bullerman 1 0 3-6 5, Balster 1 0 3-6 5, Nelson 0 0 0-2 0, Lonneman 5 0 3-3 13, Cauwels 2 0 0-0 4, Grussing 2 0 1-2 5, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Fuerstenberg 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics

Adrian: 14 of 41 field goals (34 percent), 15 of 26 free throws (58 percent), 25 rebounds, 26 turnovers.
Windom: 25 of 61 field goals (41 percent), 16 of 21 free throws (76 percent), 33 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

Adrian 42, HL-O-F 35

The Dragons nailed down their third consecutive victory when they took on the Coyotes in Adrian Friday.

The game was a tight battle the entire night, but AHS sported scoring edges in both halves of a seven-point win.

Adrian led 25-21 after eighteen minutes of play before outscoring HL-O-F 17-14 in the final stanza to ice the win.

Avery Balster turned in a

16-point, three-steal performance for the Dragons.

Jayden Zebe (five rebounds and three assists), Jennifer Preuss (six rebounds), Lonneman (11 rebounds), Cauwels (five rebounds) and Moriah Bullerman (three steals) also played well in the win for AHS.

Box score
J. Zebe 1 0 0-2, B. Zebe 0 0 0-0, Bullerman 2 0 1-2 5, Balster 5 0 6-8 16, Preuss 2 0 0-1 4, Lonneman 1 0 3-4 5, Cauwels 1 0 1-2 3, Lehnhoff 2 0 1-2 5, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2, Fuerstenberg 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Adrian: 16 of 54 field goals (28 percent), 12 of 19 free throws (63 percent), 42 rebounds, 25 turnovers.
HL-O-F: 15 of 58 field goals (26 percent), three of nine free throws (33 percent), 30 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

Generals, Eagles saddle EHS boys with setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team lost a pair of games late last week.

The Panthers fell by 36 points to Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday before taking a 25-point setback from Sibley-Ocheyedan (Iowa) Saturday in Ellsworth.

EHS, 1-3 overall, ended the 2018 portion of its schedule by hosting Adrian Tuesday (Dec. 18).

S-O 69, Ellsworth 44

The Panthers came up on

the short end of a 25-point decision when they entertained the Generals in Ellsworth Saturday.

A turnover-filled first half by EHS enabled S-O to open a 34-16 halftime lead.

When the Generals outscored the Panthers 35-28 in the second half, their 25-point win was complete.

Grant Jansma (19 points), Brandon Kramer (14 points and nine rebounds) and Sean Boltjes (10 points) led EHS offensively.

Kade Boltjes contributed

four assists to the cause.

Box score
Jansma 2 5 0-0 19, B. Kramer 7 0 0-0 14, S. Boltjes 2 2 0-0 10, Bossert 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 18 of 44 field goals (41 percent), one of two free throws (50 percent), 23 rebounds, 27 turnovers.

SWC 77, Ellsworth 41

The Panthers were unable stage an upset when they took on the Eagles in Edgerton.

SWC outscored EHS by comfortable margins in both halves of the game to secure a 36-point victory at night's end.

SWC rolled to a 40-18 lead in the first half.

The Eagles went on to outscore Ellsworth 37-23 in the second half to win handily.

Kramer tossed in 11 points to lead the Panther boys in scoring.

Box score
Lewis 2 0 0-0 4, Kruse 1 2 0-8, S. Boltjes 1 0 1-1 3, K. Boltjes 0 3 0-0 9, Jansma 1 0 0-0 2, S. Kramer 2 0 0-0 4, B. Kramer 5 0 1-3 11, Lenz 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 17 field goals made, two of five free throws (40 percent).



Jack Golla

Sport: Basketball
Position: Center
Parents: Nate & Molly Golla
Favorite Subject: Physics
Extra Curricular Activities: Cross country, golf, basketball, student council, peer helping
Future Plans: Undecided



Jadyn Anderson

Sport: Basketball
Position: Guard
Parents: Paula Bloemendaal & Chad Anderson
Favorite Subject: English
Extra Curricular Activities: Student council, mock trial, choir, peer helping, basketball, track, National Honor Society
Future Plans: Pursue my Master's in architecture and live a happy life!

James Chanthalangsy

Sport: Hockey
Position: Forward
Parents: Barry & Manivahn Chanthalangsy
Favorite Subject: Intro to military careers
Extra Curricular Activities: Hang out with friends, play Black Ops 4, watch football, hockey
Future Plans: Continue military career, play college football.





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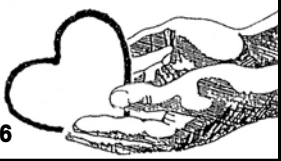
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SPORTS REPLAY

Patriots spoil Adrian's basketball debut

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team handed Adrian a 66-57 setback during the 2018-19 opener for the Dragons in Adrian.

H-BC sported a 33-27 lead in the first half before outscoring AHS 33-30 in the second half to secure a nine-point win.

Preston Wilhelmi (21 points and four steals), Jax Wysong (17 points and 10 rebounds), Wyatt Westrum (11 points), Kyle Kueter (10 rebounds and three assists) and Easton Harnack (three assists) led H-BC statistically.

Lance Luettel (19 points and nine rebounds), Christian Weidert (18 points, seven rebounds and three assists), Dakota John (six assists), Ian Stamer (four assists) and Noah Reyne (three assists and three steals) played well for the Dragons.

Dragon girls rally to victory in Westbrook.

The Adrian girls' basketball team staged a rally in the second half to pull out a 45-42 win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook.

W-WG sported a 32-27 lead after 18 minutes of play, but the Dragons outscored the hosts 18-10 in the second half to secure a three-point win.

Bailey Lonneman (13 points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots), Avery Balster (10 points), Jayden Zebe (three assists), Kristina Cauwels (three assists) and Shawna Rogers (five rebounds) led the Dragons to victory.

AHS matmen go winless at triangular in Tracy

The Adrian wrestling team went 0-2 during the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton-Westbrook-Walnut Grove Triangular in Tracy.

The host team saddled the Dragons with a 60-17 setback. AHS and Pipestone battled to a draw at 39, but the Arrows won the match by a tiebreaker.

Scot Edwards and Brayan Anaya went 2-0 for the Dragons.

Flying Dutchmen trip up EHS girls

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped its third consecutive game when it came up on the short end of a 54-48 decision against Edgerton in Ellsworth.

Edgerton doubled (28-14) Ellsworth's scoring output in the first half and withstood a late charge by the Panthers in the second half to win by six points.

Lizzie Chapa and Claire Popkes led the Panthers in scoring with 24 and 11 points respectively, while Kallie Chapa added eight assists and Sierra Smith seven rebounds to the cause.



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St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net

Friday, Dec. 21: 10 a.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Saturday, Dec. 22: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 23: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. CLW. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. Monday, Dec. 24: Church office closed. 4 p.m. Mass at St. Leo. 6 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Tuesday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. Wednesday, Dec. 26: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church
605 N. Estey St., Luverne

Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982
www.luvernecrc.com — office@luvernecrc.com

Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 23: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Tuesday, Dec. 25: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship.

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

Thursday, Dec. 20: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 23: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Christmas Caroling and Friendship. Monday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Wednesday, Dec. 26: No Awana. Thursday, Dec. 27: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net

Ron Nichols, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 20: 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. Friday, Dec. 21: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 23: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee/treats. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study. No Sunday School. Monday, Dec. 24: 3 p.m. Lessons and Carols. 5 p.m. Music prelude. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Dec. 26: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes assembly. No Faithweavers, confirmation classes or evening worship.

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

Saturday, Dec. 22: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program rehearsal. Sunday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Children's Christmas Program. Monday, Dec. 24: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship. Tuesday, Dec. 25: 10:15 a.m. Christmas Day worship service. Wednesday, Dec. 26: No Catechism classes.

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

Thursday, Dec. 20: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Dec. 21: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, Dec. 23: 9:30 a.m. Communion celebration. No Sunday School. 1:30 p.m. Service at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Wednesday, Dec. 26: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. No Midweek activities. 7 p.m. Praise Team.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. No Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Monday, Dec. 24: 4 p.m. Christmas service at Tuff Chapel. 5 p.m. Candlelight service at Bethlehem. Wednesday, Dec. 26: 9 a.m. Quilting.

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

Thursday, Dec. 20: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Friday, Dec. 21: 6-8 p.m. Third Annual Christmas Meditation. Saturday, Dec. 22: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10 a.m. New United Church Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. No ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service. 5:30 p.m. Free Christmas Eve Community Meal. 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Bible Study. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 25: Church office closed. Wednesday, Dec. 26: 9:30 a.m. Messenger folding team. No classes. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Dec. 27: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com
Thursday, Dec. 20: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 23: 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee time. Monday, Dec. 24: 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Tuesday, Dec. 25: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Thursday, Dec. 27: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, Dec. 20: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jess devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Saturday, Dec. 22: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. No Sunday School. Monday, Dec. 24: Church office closed. 5 p.m. Christmas Eve worship. Tuesday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. Christmas Day worship with Communion. Church office closed. Wednesday, Dec. 26: No Bible Study. 10:30 a.m. Assemble newsletter. No Wednesday evening activities.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church
110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Thursday, Dec. 20: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 21: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Sunday School; Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service. Tuesday, Dec. 24: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship with Communion. Wednesday, Dec. 26: No Confirmation. Thursday, Dec. 27: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

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

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

Sunday, Dec. 23: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Dec. 24: 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship.

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

Sunday, Dec. 23: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Dec. 24: 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship. No Christmas Day worship on Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Christmas is about God's humility

That's right! Christmas is about God's Humility.

Now maybe it seems odd to associate humility with God. After all, He is holy, glorious, almighty, and all-knowing. He is the creator of heaven and earth!

Yet Christmas is definitely about God's humility. This is what John 1:14 explains to us: "The Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us."

The passage clearly refers to Jesus' coming at Christmas. He is called The Word because all of God's Word is built upon Him. It says that He became Flesh, the Christmas miracle in which we see the Son of God lying in a manger as the holy infant. In becoming a man, He made His dwelling among us, or more literally from the original Greek language, He "camped out among us." God's camping out among us definitely tells us about God's humility.

Think about it. Jesus could have chosen to be born in a palace. He could have chosen a great city as His birthplace. He could have chosen a princess or queen for His mother. But that would not have been "camping out" among us.

"Camping out" implies "roughing it." Jesus came to "rough it" in order to save us sinners — we who all too often want to

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Andrew Palmquist, Bethany Lutheran Church

be treated like high and mighty kings and queens despite how often we fail God with our sins.

But Jesus, who is the king of kings, chose to be born in a stable for us. He chose the little town of Bethlehem as His birthplace. He chose a poor, unmarried virgin as His mother. All this reminds us that He did not come to save us by flexing His almighty glory. No, He came to save us by giving up all glory!

Being miraculously conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, He descended from His heavenly throne to become one of us and bear our sins on the cross. He suffered the judgment we deserved. He took our place, and in exchange gave us His righteousness. He did this so that you and I could be lifted up to heaven in salvation.

Believe this, and you will have a truly merry Christmas, and a blessed eternal life!

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025

Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com

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

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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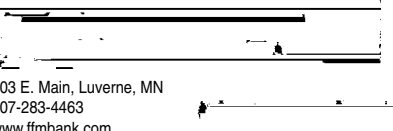
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for
Jan. 10

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:
Mortgagor:Charlene Ann Ver Meer a single person
Mortgagee: M&I Bank FSB
Dated: 03/22/2002
Recorded: 03/27/2002
Rock County Recorder Document No. 152525
Transaction Agent: N/A
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: N/A
Lender or Broker: M&I Bank FSB
Residential Mortgage Servicer: BMO Harris Bank, N.A.
Mortgage Originator: M&I Bank FSB
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Seven (7) in Block Nine (9), in the Original Plat of Hills, Minnesota, County of

Rock.
This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 15-0084-000
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

313 Church Ave S
Hills, MN 56138
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$39,000.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$32,658.59

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 10, 2019, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Lobby of Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 1000 N Blue Mound Ave, Luverne, MN
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is July 10, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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

Dated: November 7, 2018
BMO Harris Bank N.A., as successor to M & I Bank FSB, Mortgagee
By: PFB LAW, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Attorneys for:
BMO Harris Bank N.A., as successor to M & I Bank FSB, Mortgagee
55 East Fifth Street, Suite 800
St. Paul, MN 55101-1718
651-209-7599
651-228-1753 (fax)
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
16327-18-00067-1

(11-15, 11-22, 11-29, 12-6,12-13, 12-20)

Blom probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. _____

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
Estate of Pauline L. Blom

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 31st, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown St., Luverne, MN 56156, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated August 5, 1994 and codicil(s) to the Will dated _____ and separate writings under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Dean Blom whose address is 4649 Gettysburg Ave N., New Hope, MN 55428 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an Unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given the (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings to be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5
Dated: December 11, 2018

BY THE COURT
/s/ Terry Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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(12-13, 12-20)

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 6

ORDINANCE NO. 6;FOURTH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LUVERNE CITY CODE CHAPTER 153, ZONING, CREATING SECTION 153.064 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE "ZONING MAP" PROVIDED FOR IN CITY CODE, SECTION 153.022 TO DESIGNATE LOT 1, BLOCK 1, MAYES ADDITION, CITY OF LUVERNE AS AGRICULTURAL

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 273 is titled Taxes; Listing, Assessment; and
WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 273.13, Classification of Property, subdivision 23, i(2) was amended in the 2017 1st Special Session beginning with assessment year 2018 for taxes payable in 2019 to allow aquacultural products to be considered "agricultural products" if the aquaculture occurs on land zoned for agricultural use; and
WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Revenue specified the property producing an aquaculture product be zoned agricultural to qualify for the 2a agricultural classification.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:
SECTION 1. That City Code Chapter 153, ZONING, ADDING SECTION 153.064 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT is hereby amended to read as follows:

\$153.064 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT
(A) AG: Agricultural. This district shall only be used for aquacultural products for sale and consumption as defined by Minnesota Statutes 273.13, subdivision 23, i(2).

SECTION 2. The official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" governed and established by City Code, Section 153.022, originally adopted by Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, and succeeding amendments, is hereby amended and this ordinance constitutes the "Seventh Amendment to City of Luverne Zoning Map" to designate the said property as AG: Agricultural, described as follows:

DESCRIPTION
Lot 1, Block 1, Mayes Addition, City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.
SECTION 3. The City Administrator is hereby instructed to cause the official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" as adopted in said Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, to be amended consistent with the amendment adopted herein including the notation of this ordinance number and its adoption date thereon and when so amended, said Zoning Map shall henceforth be the "City of Luverne Zoning Map" of all zoning districts delineated in City Code, Chapter 153.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.
/s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor
/s/ John M. Call, City Administrator
(12-20)

2019 MINNESOTA CITY SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this Report is to provide summary 2019 budget information concerning the City of Luverne to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. 471.6965. This budget is a summary document only; the complete budget may be examined at the Luverne City Office, 305 E. Luverne. The council approved this budget on December 11, 2018.

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
Revenues		
Property Taxes	1,824,328	1,919,030
Tax Increments	60,500	59,000
All Other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	475,000	473,000
Special Assessments	-	-
Licenses And Permits	83,650	94,170
Federal Grants	450,000	-
State General Purpose Aid (LGA, Market Value credits)	1,422,199	1,424,725
State Categorical Aid (State Fire Aid)	503,714	93,264
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	-	-
Charges For Services	685,600	660,100
Fines and Forfeits	-	13,000
Interest On Investments	66,276	45,950
Miscellaneous Revenues	124,015	129,315
TOTAL REVENUES	5,695,282	4,911,554
Proceeds From bond Sales	-	575,000
Transfers From Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	1,641,950	1,755,715
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	7,337,232	7,242,269
Current Expenditures (Exclude Capital Outlay)		
General Government (board, administration, etc.)	723,705	778,520
Public Safety	1,230,700	1,292,105
Public Works (Streets and Airport)	1,047,500	1,025,070
Sanitation	-	-
Health	-	-
Culture and Recreation	1,152,870	1,180,765
Conservation of Natural Resources	85,000	117,525
Economic Development	-	-
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	140,000	285,900
Total Current Expenditures	4,379,775	4,679,885
Debt Service - Principal	412,956	417,956
Interest and Fiscal Charges	32,200	26,590
Streets & Highways Construction	-	-
Capital Outlay	1,696,000	1,751,000
Transfers To Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	761,950	799,715
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	7,282,881	7,675,146
Fund Balance		
General Fund - Beginning Balance (January 1)	2,488,296	2,388,296
General Fund - Ending Balance - (December 31)	2,388,296	2,388,296
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	100,000	-
Other Items		
Total property Tax Levy - All Funds	1,815,828	1,915,830
Net Unrealized Gain or (Loss) from Investments for 2016	4,893	134,176

Rock County Commissioners meet Sept. 4

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse September 4, 2018
The meeting was called order by Chair Thompson with all Commissioners present; also in attendance were County Attorney Don Klosterbuer, Assistant County Attorney Dana Hoffmann, County Administrator Oldre and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and guests.
Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the September 04, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the August 21, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to call a Public Hearing on a Proposed Repeal and Replacement of Section 27 Wind Power Development Parks of the Rock County Zoning Ordinance at 9:04AM, declared carried on a voice vote. Section 27 will be re-named to Renewable Energy and will include solar energy.

No comments were heard or received of the proposed changes; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to close the Public Hearing at 9:35AM, declared carried on a voice vote.

Action on the Repeal and Replacement of Section 27 of the Rock County Zoning Ordinance was tabled until the next.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, informed the County Board of a conditional use permit from RES/Walleys Wind to construct a MET Tower in Section 18 of Martin Township; the Planning & Zoning Committee held a public hearing for the conditional use permit on August 27 of which ten land owners were present of which some voiced concerns in opposition of the proposed permit, mainly due to a private air strip in the area. After the public hearing was closed, the Planning & Zoning Committee voted to deny the conditional use permit, however did not identify any findings for the denial. Hartman explained that after the Planning & Zoning meeting, additional information was disclosed regarding zoning requirements for an air strip; County Attorneys Klosterbuer and Hoffman also confirmed the zoning requirements of tower that is located near an air strip and determined that the location of the tower was outside of the air strip zone requirements. The applicant also applied to the FAA but zone requirements did not apply as the air strip is privately owned. Upon receipt of information identified above, the County Board and the County Attorneys discussed the status of the conditional use permit and how to proceed. After considerable discussion, the County Board reviewed the conditional use permit and determined that all (6) conditions were met; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the RES/Walleys Wind MET Tower conditional use permit, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman requested approval to purchase a 3/4 ton pickup truck from the state bid to replace the 2005 truck; half of the new purchase is grant funded by BSWR and \$36,000 is budgeted for the new purchase along with the sale of the 2005. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, authorize the purchase of new truck from the state bid with a total expenditure not to exceed \$36,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000
A & B BUSINESS INC 2,189.90

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AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	3,133.80
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS LLC	10,166.06
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	3,241.58
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,361.91
LIVERNE/CITY OF	3,647.25
MCCLURE PLUMBING AND HEATING	2,583.03
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	7,230.00
PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	16,373.50
63 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	31,171.50
TOTAL	\$85,098.53

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

The Auditor/Treasurer and Administrator presented a recap of a Budget Committee meeting; the committee met with the County Attorney, Sheriff, Librarian and Engineer where staff requests, capital equipment and bridge repairs were discussed. Preliminary estimates indicate 6.5% - 6.75% levy increase; the Preliminary levy will need to be adopted by September 30th.

Miranda Wendlant, CPA, CFE, Principal with CliftonLarsenAllen LLP conducted an exit audit for year 2017; the audit resulted in an un-modified/clean opinion with no findings. The County Board thanked Auditor/Treasurer Kurtz for the great audit results.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:
Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Budget Committee and Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) tour.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Budget Committee.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock County Opportunities, BWSR tour.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: BWSR tour, City/County Liaison, Planning & Zoning, AMC University of MN Extension.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: Southwest Regional Development Commission, TruShrimp ribbon cutting ceremony in Balaton; informed the County Board of a community meeting regarding opioid crisis on September 17th.

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

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Rock County Commissioners meet Sept. 18

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse September 18, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and guests.
Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the September 18, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the September 04, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

The consent agenda items were moved to informational on the agenda.

Rick Petersen, an Event Representative of the Governor's Pheasant Opener presented an activity update stating that there has been a large amount of support and partnerships and activities throughout the county for the prestigious event; properties within nine townships will be utilized for hunting. All funds raised for the event will be spent locally. Petersen presented a funding request of \$2,500; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested a final contract payment of \$38,250.19 to Morris Sealcoat & Trucking, Inc. for the 2018 seal coat project, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer presented a price quotes for (2) roll off containers at the Transfer Station; price per container is \$16,290 or \$32,580 for two; the Engineer stated that a container will last 10-15 years and that the price has remained stable. Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to authorize the purchase of (2) roll off containers for \$32,580.00 from Sanitation Products, Inc., declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer stated the Phase II of the bike path is near completion and the Highway Department will begin construction on two bridge projects located in Luverne Township and Rose Dell Township.

By order of the County Board Chair, the road tour scheduled after the September 18 meeting will be re-scheduled to October 2nd, following the regular scheduled meeting.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$500.00; motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to approve the claims and per diems as presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	
AXON ENTERPRISE INC	\$3,883.80
BROCK WHITE COMPANY LLC	3,432.00
CHS	12,134.72
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP	7,797.31
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	4,500.00
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	3,296.12
FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES INC	6,502.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS	2,830.00
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	4,055.37
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	12,567.46
MD PRODUCTS & SOLUTIONS	17,887.00
MIDSTATES EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY	2,046.19
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	5,495.00
RETROFIT COMPANIES, INC	4,606.56
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	3,877.50
SMITH & JOHNSON	4,467.63
SOUTHWESTERN YOUTH SERVICES	3,859.50
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	2,880.00
TITAN MACHINERY-SIOUX FALLS	4,760.74
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	3,710.00
WEX BANK	3,040.80
67 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	2,094.90
TOTAL	22,283.04
	\$142,007.64

The Auditor/Treasurer requested approval the fee structure of a 3-year maintenance contract with MCCC for IFS support with the following fee structure: 2018 - \$2,487; 2019 - \$2,576; 2020 - \$2,666. Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; the Auditor/Treasurer stated that the monthly deposits from the Law Library are not covering subscription costs, so she is waiting direction from the Court Administrator. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to abate a real estate tax of \$6.00 on a mobile home parcel as the mobile home no longer exists; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the 2019 budget and setting the preliminary levy; also informed the County Board of regional data and the current tax levies. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to set the 2019 Preliminary Levy at \$5,971,164 a 6% increase, declared carried on a unanimous vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to schedule the Truth and Taxation meeting for December 11, 2018 at 6:00PM and to also change the December 11 County Board meeting start time of 9:00AM to a start time in the afternoon, to be determined, declared carried on a voice vote.

Don Klosterbuer, County Attorney and Dana Hoffmann, Assistant County Attorney led a discussion regarding Section 27 of the Rock County Zoning Ordinance; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 21-18, repealing and amending Section 27 Wind Power Development Parks to Section 27 Renewal Energy, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 22-18, Supporting the Small Town and Regional Vitality Investment Act of 2018, declared carried on a voice vote. The resolution of support is in reference to federal legislation (H.R. 6383) creating a new investment initiative by sharing federal revenues directly

with local government to address major challenges facing their specific communities while tying those decisions to their region's long-term strategic framework.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to the Local Emergency Management Plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 20-18, to approve Emergency Management Director Kyle Oldre as the signature authority for 2018 EMPG grant, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to move forward with the renewal process of the 5-Year Hazard Mitigation Plan, declared carried on a voice vote.

Oldre presented a disaster update as the weather events of June 15 to July 11, 2018 has resulted in a federal disaster in the state of Minnesota as a result from those events. FEMA applicant briefing meetings are scheduled for October 8 – 12 in the southwest area.

Commissioner Items:
Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Library, Southwestern MN Opportunities Council (SMOC) and a Budget Committee meeting. Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings: Budget Committee, SWHHS, RNCC.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: BRRRA, Rural Water, SWCD and Rock County Opportunities.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings: Lyon Co. Landfill, township meeting regarding fire protection, Cover Crop meeting and Representative Tim Walz Townhall meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: BRRRA, Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) and Opioid Abuse informational meeting.

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

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Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 2

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse October 2, 2018

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the October 02, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the September 18, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Letter of Support for Head Start grant
2. Maintenance agreement with RACOM - \$7560.55; E911 eligible.
3. Region V Homeland Security and Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement
4. Resolution 23-18, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water 2019 Board appointments

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

OCTOBER 2, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	2,120.85
ALADTEC INC	2,200.00
BROCK WHITE COMPANY LLC	9,660.00
COMMUNITY EDUCATION	4,000.00
DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	2,189.72
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,436.71
H & L MESABI	8,384.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	15,575.01
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	21,015.00
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	29,803.23
SUPERIOR CAULKING INC	10,750.00
ZIEGLER INC	13,775.91
65 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	20,575.76
TOTAL	\$145,486.19

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the 2019 BCBS Insurance renewal reflecting a five-percent increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the 2019 Cafeteria Contribution of \$727.70 for non-union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed of a Blandin Broadband Community meeting scheduled on October 08, 2018, to gather information to address broadband and technology gaps in the community.

The County Board was in receipt of information regarding the Nationwide 457 Deferred Comp Plan design changes; the guaranteed minimum interest rate of the fixed annuity will be changing and plan administrator must approve a change option. On a recommendation by Administrator Oldre, motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve a default option where the existing balance in the current Fixed Contract will maintain the current GMIR for those existing balances and new contributions will utilize the Plan's Default Investment Alternative, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed that there will be a FEMA applicate briefing on October 11 at 9:00AM in the Law Enforcement Center; applicants are (11) townships, (2) cities, the BRRRA and Rock County.

The County Board was in receipt of the 2017 MCIT Annual Report; no action was taken.

Aaron Backman, Treasurer of the Highway 23 Coalition, presented an update of the organization and its members; currently nine counties of joined the coalition where its mission is to see improvements in Greater Minnesota, specific to the Highway 23 corridor. Mr. Backman invited commissioners to their meeting scheduled for October 26 at 11:30 at Little Crow Resort.

Oldre and County Attorney Klosterbuer presented information regarding the permitting process for large wind farms as the county has no statutory authority in permitting process; permits are issued through the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Public Utilities Commission and a Judicial Review. Public participation opportunities include a comment period on issues to consider the draft permit, a public meeting and comment period on the draft permit, and if there is a contested case hearing.

Commissioner Items:
Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended a RNCC meeting.
Commissioner Burger stated that he also attended a RNCC meeting.
Commissioner Williamson stated he attended a RCO and SWCD meeting.
Commissioner Overgaard offered additional discussion regarding the Highway 23 Coalition; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to join the Highway 23 Coalition effective January 1, 2019, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Reisch voting nay. Membership to the Highway 23 Coalition is \$1,000.
Commissioner Overgaard also attended by the following meetings: Magnolia Township, Mound Township, Rural Energy Board, and meeting with townships regarding fire protection.

Commissioner Thompson stated she attended the following meetings: SWHHS, ACE, Opioid Drug meeting.

The County Board was scheduled to conduct a Road & Bridge tour after adjournment.

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

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Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 16

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse October 16, 2018

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

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve the October 16, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the October 02, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act/SWMN Workforce Council CEO Joint Powers Agreement
2. 2019 Rock County Opportunities services contracts (5); shredding, cleaning & miscellaneous services
3. Appointment of Louella Voight to Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$1,300; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims and per diems, declared on a unanimous vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

OCTOBER 16, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	4,044.50
CHS	4,852.22
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	16,227.00
EXPRESS AG	17,119.37
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	2,769.32
KETTERLING SERVICES INC	9,360.62
KRIS ENGINEERING INC	19,016.25
KRUGE AIR INC	15,683.00
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	15,046.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	4,611.25
ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	2,864.14
SEACHANGE	5,419.67
SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	29,666.50
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	3,872.00
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	3,654.16
ZIEGLER INC	3,000.00
91 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	39,096.85
TOTAL	\$196,302.85

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 Auditor/Treasurer presented a brief election update stating that 18 of the 24 precincts are utilizing mail ballots and as to date, there has been a high volume of absentee ballots.

The Administrator presented a Blandin Broadband Community meeting follow up stating that there was about 35 attendees from throughout the county that participated and that the next meeting is October 23.

The Administrator informed that Rock County's MCIT voting delegates are Oldre and Commissioner Thompson as the alternate and that if there is a need to change, action would be required; it was the consensus of the County Board to make no change.

The County Board was in receipt of information regarding the permitting process for solar, Rule 7850; the timeframe is one year (permitting process for wind energy is 180 days) and all hearings are held locally.

The Administrator presented a recap of the MN Governor's Pheasant Hunt event which was held in Rock County; the community hosted 125 hunters and the event was deemed a success.

The Administrator also informed the County Board of the status of the Southern Prairie Community Care organization and that they are dis-solving and that he would be requesting Rock County's share of the \$3 million in cash reserves.

Commissioner Items:
Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: City/County Liaison of which the following construction projects were discussed: TruShrimp, pork processing plant, new apartments on the Sharkees site on Highway 75, installation of a high pressure natural gas line along Highway 75, expansion of Midwest Dry Cast and potential of purchasing addition land for development and housing in the Reisch addition.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Blandin Community meeting.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Rural Water and Southwest Mental Health; also stated that he was a Host for the Governor's Pheasant Hunt event.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Land Use, Blandin Community meeting and City/County Liaison meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Blandin Community meeting and the Governor's Pheasant Hunt banquet event.

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

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Rock County Commissioners meet Nov. 6

Herreid Board Room 9:00 A.M.
Rock County Courthouse November 6, 2018

The meeting was called order by Chair Thompson with all Commissioners Reisch, Williamson and Overgaard present and Commission Burger was absent; also in attendance were County Administrator Oldre and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch to approve the November 06, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the October 16, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

1. Everbridge – Nixel Renewel - \$3,605.00 (E911), \$523.18 VSO, \$523.18 Rural Water
2. Fidar Fees rate increase – 0-250 minutes: \$50-\$60; 251-1000 minutes: \$100-\$110; \$25/minute overage fee and \$.35 copy
3. Rural Water Board appointment – Scott Loosbrock, effective 01/01/19

Jay Buchholz and Reggie Gassman, Representatives with Sioux Valley Energy, presented program updates regarding wind and solar energy; also briefly discussed renewal energy options for Rural Water.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$2,600.00; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
EVERBRIDGE INC	4,129.17
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,261.34
LIVERNE BODY SHOP	16,892.71
LIVERNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	2,700.25
M & L ELECTRIC LLC	2,251.64
NEOFUNDS BY NEOPOST	4,112.06
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	5,295.00
RANGER	41,411.20
SANFORD HEALTH	4,873.94
SHREFFLER/LAWRENCE	2,000.00
TRI-STATE GARAGE DOOR, INC	16,995.00
ZIEGLER INC	8,640.00
108 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	48,302.66
TOTAL	\$162,864.97

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report which reflected the first half of the Ag Market credit; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer gave a brief election update stating that voter turnout has been steady; the Auditor/Treasurer informed Commissioners Reisch and Overgaard are representatives of the Canvassing Board and reviewed the timeline when the committee is required to meet; it was determined that the Canvassing Board would meeting November 14th at 8:00AM at the Courthouse.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director presented an updated of the Planning and Zoning Administrator Conference of which he recently attended; the presentations included a review of case law and an overview from MPCA and SSTS representatives.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from the Nature Conservancy informing them of a Fee Title Land Acquisition in Section 21 of Vienna Township; the use of the property will be similar to Touch the Sky and will also be subject to PILT payments.

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Administrator Oldre and Deputy Administrator Skattum presented update of a MACA/MCHRNA Fall Conference they attended in October; they stated that overall the conference was good and they had presentations regarding employee engagement, social media in the workplace, PERA and an update of the 2019 Legislative priorities.

The Administrator presented an updated regarding the AMC District VIII meeting were the focus was the 2019 Legislative priorities and a review of counties preliminary levies.

The County Board was in receipt of a bid from Revise, a web developer to update the county's website. The Administrator stated that one of the projects from the Blandin Community Broadband project was the development of a community web site as well. After discussion, it was determined to table action on the Revise bid and gather more information of the other project.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: AMC District VIII, Recycling contract with Ketterling Sanitation and Luverne Economic Develop Commission meetings.

Commissioner Williamson state that he had attended the following meetings: Rock County Opportunities

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: 4H Round Up and congratulations all 4H participants and families for they successes in 2018; also attended Blandin Steering Committee and AMC District VIII meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: Southwest Health & Human Services.

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

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Rock County Commissioners

meet Nov. 20

Herreid Board Room

Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.

November 20, 2018

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 Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve the November 20, 2018 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the November 06, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Kia Harries, Extension Regional Director, presented a departmental update and requested approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the University of MN Extension and Rock County. The MOA is a 3-year agreement for 2019-2021 that reflects budget increases of two percent per year. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the MOA for 2019-2021, declared carried on a voice vote.

Kelsey Maeschen, Extension 4-H Coordinator presented a Rock County 4-H Summer Report stating that 200 youth were enrolled in some type of summer activity and that 187 youth participated in the Rock County Fair. Maeschen stated 2018 was her first year serving as Coordinator and was pleased with overall attendance and participation.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims for payment; motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the claims as presented, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

NOVEMBER 20, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000	
A & B BUSINESS INC	4,825.37
CHS	8,716.88
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY	6,519.00
DUININCK BROTHERS INC	28,402.67
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LUVERNE/CITY OF	30,231.30
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ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES	3,057.86
SANFORD HEALTH	2,680.00
SMITH & JOHNSON	3,224.75
STAPLES ENTERPRISES INC	6,648.75
SUPERIOR CAULKING INC	2,364.40
ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES LLC	2,700.00
72 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	20,849.20
TOTAL	\$195,647.19

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; the Auditor/Treasurer stated that the office is still collecting past due tax payments. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a brief elections update stating that the voter turnout for Rock County was 73.44%.

The County Board was in receipt of the tax capacity rates for the cities and townships, the county's tax capacity rate is 22.097%; presented as information only.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested authorization for out of state travel to attend the National County Engineer's Annual Conference in Wichita, KS on April 14-18, 2019; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Engineer informed the County Board that Rock County's grant application for Bridge L2165 over the BNSF Railroad on county road 52 has been approved (MnDOT Agreement 1032736). Project cost estimates are \$1,160,542.50 that will be paid by 80% grant and 20% local match, estimated at \$295,622.50. Grant authorization will be presented at a future meeting.

The Engineer also presented a brief construction update stating that bridge projects in Luverne and Rose Dell townships are progressing nicely and that those projects should be completed by the end of December; also stated that all county road ditches have been sprayed.

The County Board was receipt of information regarding Rock County's Opportunity Zone designation and the benefits of capital gain investments in a Qualified Opportunity Zone. The Opportunity Zone potentially will have a positive impact on economic development within the designated areas of the county.

The Administrator stated FEMA representatives are currently meeting with all applicants to include several townships, Rock County Highway and Buffalo Regional Rail Authority to review damages that were incurred from heavy rain events in July 2018.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve service contract with Revise for the development of a new county website, declared carried on a voice vote. Project cost is \$9,400 and will be paid from County Board advertising and publishing.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve Resolution No. 24-18, requesting Southern Prairie Community Care to contribute \$272,727.00 to Southwest Health and Human Services, declared carried on a voice vote. The contribution request of \$272,727.00 is Rock County's portion of a \$3-million dollar disbursement made to Prime West of which Rock County is not a member.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended the following meetings: Library, Southwestern MN Opportunity Council (SMOC) and Canvassing Board.

Commissioner Burger stated that he had attended the following meetings: Community Corrections, Kanaranzi Township, AMC District VIII.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had attended the following meetings: Southwest Mental Health, Rural Water and Extension.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he had attended the following meetings: Transit, Canvassing Board, Extension; also requested that the County Board schedule a date to deliver meals for the Senior Dining program.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had attended the following meetings: A. C. E.

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

(12-20)

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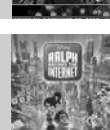
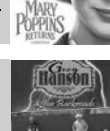
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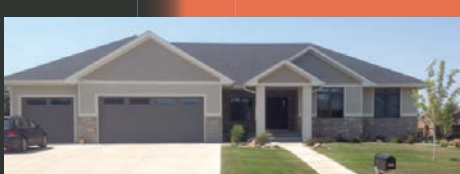
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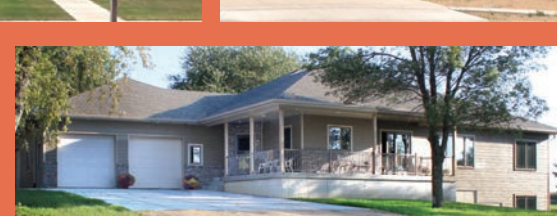
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