



Broadband buried, Alliance customers connecting to high-speed Internet

By Mavis Fodness

Rural Rock County connections to high speed Internet will ramp up this month, according to Alliance Communications officials, now that fiber optic cable is underground, With 100 percent of the mainline ring construction complete, the next step is to connect service to individual customers. As of Dec. 18, Alliance has connected 96 out of the more than 1,000 interested customers. "We will kick it hard after the first (of the year)," said Alliance general

manager Ross Petrick. The company plans to finish installations this summer. Petrick and Alliance's technical supervisor, Andy Hulcher, updated Rock County Commissioners on the progress of the \$14 million broadband project at their Dec. 27 meeting. Once finished, the project will bring high-speed Internet service to all Rock County residents outside of the city limits of Luverne. Since April 2016, Alliance has been working with crews to install the mainline fiber optic ring that makes

a circle around Luverne. The ring is connected to equipment huts near Jasper, Hardwick, Beaver Creek and two near Magnolia. Work will progress a little faster than burying the 526 miles of cable, when workers had to cut through 18,819 feet of rock. "We tried to avoid as much as possible," Hulcher said. "You never know until you break the ground open." Crews had plotted 36,000 feet of rock but found some areas were easily bypassed. With all the cable lines buried,

focus has turned to equipment installation. Alliance is estimating 40 installations a week will be completed starting this month. An increase in installation crews will bring connections to 60 a week in February. Petrick said crews have finished connects in the northwest corner of the county and are currently working in the Beaver Creek area. From Beaver Creek, workers will progress clockwise around the county until all customers are connected to the service.

Crews stay together during installations in order for the connections to go more smoothly. As crews progress into a new installation area, Alliance mails out notifications and representatives make appointments by phone, as customers need to be present during the installation. So far, those connected are making good use of the Internet, especially during inclement weather. "Typically if you can't go outside, Alliance broadband/see page 12A

County levy to rise more than 6 percent

By Mavis Fodness

In a 4-1 decision the Rock County Commissioners voted to increase the levy for 2017 by \$253,761, or 6.13 percent. The added revenue will primarily go toward salary increases (\$54,000), an additional sheriff's deputy (\$84,576), prisoner cost increases (\$20,000) and county reserves (\$60,000). Commissioners approved the final levy amount during their regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 27, one day before the state's levy certification deadline. "I would have liked to have seen something different but it looks to me that the figures are there," said commissioner Ken Hoime. "So I probably have to support it." Traditionally the commissioners have lowered the final levy percentage once all budget requests were taken into consideration, according to county administrator Kyle Oldre. "In setting the preliminary levy in September, I think we were all hopeful that things were going to work out differently," Oldre said. "(Prisoner care) has really thrown a wrench in ending the ability to any substantive changes." The 2016 prisoner care costs are projected to be over the \$80,000 budgeted amount by \$60,000. For 2017, commissioners have increased the budget to \$100,000. The prisoner care budget includes the \$52.50 per day/per pris-

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Lori Sorenson photo/0105 glens sign

A new chapter in Luverne's history unfolded last week with the Teal family taking over ownership of Glen's Food Center and Glen's Food and Gas. Signage coming down at the grocery store Thursday, Dec. 29, illustrated that reality for local shoppers and residents.

Glen's Food Center becomes Teals Market

By Lori Sorenson

Glen's Food Center officially transitioned to Teals Market last week when Glen Gust and the Teal family signed closing paperwork Dec. 27. The store closed early Tuesday for inventory and reopened under Teals ownership the next day. According to Andrea Teal, all the store employees remain the same at their same pay and benefits. The store will remain under Sherri Thompson's management, as it was before.

"We're excited about the transition," Thompson said after closing. Gust said the inventory process involved accounting for 47,000 items on store shelves, because as part of the sale, the store items are also sold. He said a third party inventory team of 14 people worked seven hours to complete the process. "It went well," he said. For Gust, the sale of his grocery store — plus the gas station and convenience store

on Highway 75 — marks the end of a 40-year career in the grocery industry. "I'm going to miss the employees and customers and the activity — a lot," he said. "But I'll be around; I'm not falling off the planet." The Glen's signage started coming down last week, marking the first physical evidence of change for customers. "We're excited for this opportunity," Teal Glen's becomes Teals Market/see page 2A

County Board loses 56 years of experience

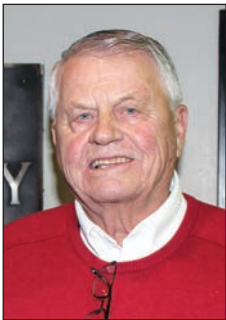
Hoime, Boyenga bid adieu to commissioner posts

By Mavis Fodness

Dec. 27 marked the last meeting for two commissioners who served Rock County for a combined 56 years. Ken Hoime and Ron Boyenga leave the board after serving 24 and 32 years respectively. Junior members Sherri Thompson and Jody Reisch made and seconded a motion officially recognizing their fellow commissioners in the minutes of their final meeting. Several county employees were also on hand to offer their congratulations. County Attorney Don Klosterbuer spoke to the motion made by Thompson and Reisch on behalf of the employees and county citizens alike. He said public service isn't an easy task, and he commended the



Ron Boyenga



Ken Hoime

two for making tough decisions that weren't always popular with constituents. Hoime was quick to defer praise to his colleagues. "I couldn't be more appreciative of the 24 years working with an exceptional board," he said. After the meeting Hoime, rural Kenneth, reflected on the decisions

he made while serving as commissioner. "I voted for what was best for the whole county and not just my district," he said. District 1 is the largest county district encompassing six townships in northern and western Rock County. "I always let people know they could call and I would get back to them," he said. Hoime estimated he spent an average of two to three days a week attending various committee and liaison meetings as part of his commissioner duties. Some of the issues he tackled as a commissioner included the merger of the Luverne police department and the sheriff's office, the formation of Boyenga, Hoime/see page 12A

Councilwoman Frakes reflects on community leadership

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Councilwoman Esther Frakes made the motion to adjourn the final meeting of 2016 on Dec. 20, the final meeting of her 12-year stint on the council. During her brief farewell comments after the meeting, Frakes fought back tears. "I want to thank the council, mayor and city staff — and I thank the community for putting me in this position," she said. Mayor Pat Baustian praised Frakes as his "go-to" person when something needed research. "She has given it always her personal honest best effort... those efforts have not gone unnoticed,"



he said. "I've always looked to her personal recommendation." Among all she learned about city business as a council member, Frakes said she was most struck by the ambitious and capable people who work for and with the city. "The community is in such good hands," she said. "I was just happy to be part of it — and part of some of the hiring. Thank you." Frakes also said she was impressed by conscientious Luverne residents. "I've had citizens — those who are already busy with their own Frakes leaves council/see 2A

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Statenline Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Pizza Ranch in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Call 507-920-2871 with questions.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Luverne Senior Center. Mary Akkerman will be in charge of the program.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Pizza Ranch in Luverne.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxilliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the Post home.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet for lunch at the Senior Dining Center at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13. Bring your Red Hat items for the Red Hat Rummage Sale. For a reservation call Senior Dining at 283-9846 by Jan. 12.

Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at St. John Lutheran Church. Contact Dianne Karlstad at 507-530-3307 for more information.

Vienna Township meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Kenneth Community Center.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the lower level of Sanford Luverne. Call 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Call 605-321-4324.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Bank Nite Movie, 'Storks' at Palace Jan. 5

The January Bank Nite movie is "Storks," rated PG. Showtime is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Sign up for basketball tourney Jan. 28

Luverne Community Education is sponsoring an invitational basketball tournament Saturday, Jan. 28, for both boys' and girls' fifth- and sixth-grade basketball teams. Format guarantees each team at least two games. Teams can register at www.isd2184.net under Community Education or call 507-283-4724. Cost is \$125 per team, and payment must accompany registration.

'Getting Ready for the Next Generation'

The Blandin Foundation and Southwest Regional Development Corporation have combined with other area groups to present **Succession Planning: Getting Ready for the Next Generation**. This five-session evening class begins Jan. 31. The first three sessions will split into two groups — one for the business owner looking at change, and the other for the prospective small business owner down the road. The last two classes combine both groups to work on business plans, sale packets, financing and other issues with local experts. The fee is \$95.

Register by Jan. 30 for Driver's Ed

Students in eighth grade and older may register for Student Driver Education class by Jan. 30 for the class that begins Feb. 6 or by June 12 for the class that begins June 19. Limited seats available. Fee is \$325 due at the time of registration at the Luverne Community Education office.

Community Ed announces classes

Discovery Time Preschool has openings for children ages 4 and 5 year olds in January. Registrations for Fall 2017 are also open. Call 283-4724 for more information.

Do you live in the Luverne School District and have a child that is 3 ½ years old or older who has not come into school for the **early childhood screening**? Call 283-4724 to set up an appointment time for **Jan. 12**.

Drop in and play at the preschool rooms at school on **Jan. 10** for a little **Cabin Fever Cure** for you and your children ages 0-5 years. Register for either the 9 a.m. or the 5:30 pm time.

Learn the basics of operating a computer and using the internet and e-mail at **Computer Surf Day on Jan. 27**. Class size is limited to 4. Fee is \$5.



Lori Sorenson photo/0105 glens to teas

Glen's Food Center became Teals Market last week with the sale of the business to the Teal family. From left are Andrea Teal, Glen Gust, Sherri Thompson, Jennifer (Teal) Klapotz and Amber Teal. Not pictured is Cassie Teal. Gust is retiring and Thompson will continue to manage the store. The Teal sisters all have a role in the family business. They are great-granddaughters of George and Pearl Teal, who opened the first store in Cass Lake in 1942.

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was quoted as saying in the Dec. 8 Star Herald story about the sale. She and her three sisters are taking over the business from their father, Roger Teal. They are great-granddaughters of George and Pearl Teal who opened the first

store in Cass Lake in 1942.

"I've known Glen a long time through the grocers' association," Teal said. "Luverne is the type of town that fits where we do business. We prefer smaller towns where we can best serve our communities."

Glen's will become the 12th Teals Market under the Teal family.

There are Teals Market stores in Albany, Cass Lake, Cold Spring, Isle, Milaca, Paynesville and Spicer in Minnesota, two stores in North

Dakota — Gwinner and Lisbon, and one in South Dakota, Sisseton. One store, in Lake City, operates under the name Fiesta Foods.

An open house at the Luverne store will be announced at a later date.

Luverne couple dies in crash

By Lori Sorenson

A Luverne couple lost their lives in a two-vehicle crash in northern Rock County Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27.

According to information from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the crash occurred around 12:30 p.m. at the intersection of County Road 2 and County Road 10, the Leota blacktop.

Driver Jerome Feist, 81, and passenger Janice Feist, 79, had been traveling west on County Road 10 when they reportedly failed to stop at the stop sign.

Their car, a 2006 Chevrolet HHR, collided with a southbound Spronk Farms semi driven by 51-year-old Arlan Spronk, Holland.

Spronk was transported to Pipestone Medical Center where he was reportedly treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The Feists died from their injuries.

All involved in the crash were wearing their seatbelts.

Assisting at the scene were the Rock County Ambulance, Edgerton Fire and Rescue, Minnesota State Patrol, Jasper Fire and Rescue and Sanford Trauma 1.

Correction: The Star Herald in the Dec. 29 edition incorrectly reported the driver of the semi to be Kenneth Bowen, who was in fact a witness to the crash. The Sheriff's Office at first released the wrong name, but corrected the information after the Star Herald print edition had gone to press. We regret the error.

Esther Frakes reflects on council service/ continued from page 1A

professions — willing to serve on subcommittees," Frakes said.

"They're an integral part of this process, and all of them have one goal in mind, *to make Luverne great*."

Following that final meeting, Frakes shared some personal reflections of her time on city council, and they mostly centered on her respect for others in Luverne leadership.

She said it was a privilege to work with Baustian as "an excellent leader," not only as mayor but also as part of the LIFT organization to encourage private development in the city.

"His positive, encouraging leadership 'lifts' everyone to work harder and imagine more possibilities," Frakes said.

She referred to John Call as a "blessing" and a great city administrator. "His love of his work and commitment to this community are easy to see," Frakes said.

"His calm, steady leadership style provides everyone with the ability to have input and discussion, eventually leading to the best decisions for the city."

Frakes said she's gained a deep respect for finance officer Barb Berghorst and her direct role in Luverne's solid financial footing.

"When projects are considered, the council can always count on accurate numbers and solid recommendations," she said.

"The financial department works diligently to get the most out of each taxpayer dollar."

She similarly credited EDA director Holly Sammons and her predecessor Jill Wolf for their many development contributions.

For example, Minnesota West Community and Technical College and city hall in the former hospital, Dingmann Funeral Home on the former Fledgling Field and the Manfred Heights housing development on former Sanford land are all proud accom-

plishments over the past 12 years.

More recently home and business façade improvements, the Loop trail, The Lake project, blight removal and other projects have come about under Sammons' direction. "Holly is a visionary and excellent grant writer," Frakes said.

She said Luverne's public works, electric and water departments "take great pride in their work and go above and beyond" to meet citizens' expectations for services and pride in their community.

In her final remarks, Frakes spoke of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System as the "most anticipated project" to become a reality during her service on the council.

"The city can now seek out industries that are heavy water users, if the fit is right," she said. "It was an exciting day when we sampled the first L&C water at the ribbon-cutting event in Luverne."

During her tenure on the council, Frakes said she was able to see the whole system constructed to date and water delivered from the Missouri River aquifer to Luverne.

"For those of you who have not been particularly following the process, that is a huge deal," she said.

Frakes again pointed to progressive community members as "the greatest asset of Luverne," in terms of their volunteer contributions, and she thanked Jane Wildung Lanphere and Lorna Bryan at the Chamber for their "enthusiastic" promotions of Luverne.

"We have so much going in Luverne," Frakes said.

"I want to thank you for allowing a retired German teacher who knew very little about city government to have the exciting experience of serving on city council for 12 years."

Dan Nath was elected to replace Frakes on the council, and Lori Hallstrom will replace Eugene Marshall who served three years. They began their terms this week.



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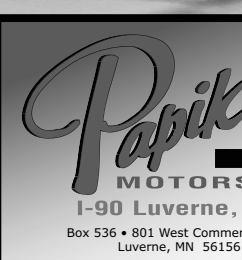


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ritory. From Hawes’ biography: “From the summit of the Blue mounds he gazed in profound admiration at the scene which met his eye as he turned it in the four directions. With his eye he followed the course of the winding Rock into Iowa, its banks skirted with the only indication of timber in the vicinity. The rich expanse of prairie, here and there undulating into delightful billows of green, but for the most part one level tract of splendor, unbroken by a single evidence of human habitation or handicraft, was a view to rightly inspire the beholder. We know that it did prompt this intrepid frontiersman to exclaim in rapture to his sole companion at the time that he was not to be shaken in the belief that it was given to him to be the discoverer of the Garden of Eden.”

Accompanied by four workmen, Mr. Hawes again visited the Rock September 18, and on the following day he selected the site of Luverne as a place for the mail carriers and as a future home for himself.

On September 19, 1867, the first building in Luverne was erected, a stable built of poles and hay. After making the improvement Mr. Hawes and his workmen continued on their way to establish other stations.

He returned again November 25, accompanied by John Lietze and family and Miss Miranda J. Skinner, who were the first white persons to claim residence in Luverne.

Mr. Lietze was in the employ of Mr. Hawes and came out to the frontier for the purpose of “holding down” his employer’s claim and to maintain a “Half-Way House” on the mail route. For the accommodation of himself and family a dug-out was constructed in a bank near where the Rock Island elevators now stand (by the current Luverne Public Works buildings). In this building the Lietze family and Miss Skinner passed the winter of 1867-1868.

Philo Hawes moved on his farm with his family in March 1868, and Mr. Lietze and his family departed for their former home in Blue Earth City. Mr. Hawes erected a log cabin and in the fall built a 12-by-24 addition. For two years this was the only building on the townsite, and in it centered the activities of the immediate neighborhood.

With Mr. Hawes came George McKenzie, who took an adjoining claim; Edward McKenzie came in April, 1868, and was a mail carrier in the employ of Mr. Hawes and made his home in the pioneer cabin; E. N. Darling and family and George Blasdel came in October and during the next winter Mr. Darling’s family resided in the Hawes cabin; Edwin Gillham was also employed as a mail carrier and made his

headquarters there. In the pioneer log cabin the mail for all the residents of Rock county was handled, the work being attended to by Mr. Darling, who, although not a regularly commissioned postmaster, made out the reports and did the other clerical work. In 1869 Edward McKenzie was commissioned postmaster. At this early period there seems to have been no intention on the part of Mr. Hawes or any one else to found a town where later Luverne was built. But the Hawes home gradually become recognized as the social and business center of the little community that grew up along Rock river. Here were located the post office and mail route station and a genial family, and here transpired most of the neighborhood gossip and business transactions. In a cabin on an adjoining claim in 1869, Abraham McMurphy put in a small stock of staple goods, which he retailed to the neighbors. His stock consisted principally of sugar, tobacco, calico and a few other articles of common necessity, the total value of the stock never exceeding \$100.

The goods were brought in at various times from the nearest trading points by Mr. McMurphy or his neighbors, and he continued to conduct this primitive and pioneer store nearly two years. The enterprise added to the importance of the place, and for two years before a town was started the little community was known as Luverne, in honor of Philo Hawes’ daughter, Eva Luverne.

An important addition to the Luverne settlement was P. J. Kniss, who arrived June 6, 1870, took a claim on the northeast quarter of section 11, and there erected a log cabin, the second building on the future townsite. Then came an event of the greatest importance – no less than the selection of Luverne, boasting building improvements to the extent of two log houses, as the county seat of Rock county. This important step was taken September 1, 1870, when J. F. Shoemaker, Jonathan Phelps and Amos Estey, the commissioners named for the purpose by Governor Austin, decided that Luverne (described as situated on the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 11) should be the seat of government of the new county.

Upon the consummation of this selection, with the organization of Rock county an assured fact, came the certainty that a town would be founded at Luverne to uphold the dignity bestowed upon the site. A correspondent writing from Luverne December 15, 1870 said: “There is an

important addition to the Luverne settlement was P. J. Kniss, who arrived June 6, 1870, took a claim on the northeast quarter of section 11, and there erected a log cabin, the second building on the future townsite. Then came an event of the greatest importance – no less than the selection of Luverne, boasting building improvements to the extent of two log houses, as the county seat of Rock county. This important step was taken September 1, 1870, when J. F. Shoemaker, Jonathan Phelps and Amos Estey, the commissioners named for the purpose by Governor Austin, decided that Luverne (described as situated on the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 11) should be the seat of government of the new county.

Luverne 150 years/see 5A



Submitted Photo

Don Luitjens (left) directs Rob Wenzel as he operates the pay loader to lift the 1,600-pound bell into the tower at Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. The bell was in place for the Christmas Eve service. Below, Dean Wenzel of Luverne constructed a new bell tower for Hardwick’s Zion Lutheran Church. It replaces the one damaged by a fallen tree in June 2014.

Local ‘iron man’ rebuilds bell tower for Hardwick Zion Lutheran Church

By Mavis Fodness

Bell tones once again can be heard outside Hardwick’s Zion Lutheran Church, thanks to one of its congregation members.

Dean Wenzel of Luverne spent 80 hours re-fabricating a new steel frame for the bell tower that was damaged by a fallen tree in June 2014.

On Christmas weekend, Dec. 24-25, the bell tolled for the first time in two years, seven months and 14 days.

“The members of the congregation on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were just elated to hear it again,” said Pastor Mark Mumme.

The fallen tree damaged the bell tower’s original I-beams beyond repair, and parishioners knew a new tower would need to take its place.

Family tradition propelled Wenzel to accept the task of constructing the new tower.

His late father, Arnold “Bud” Wenzel, constructed several furniture items still in use at the church.

“My father did a lot of different things for the church,” Wenzel said. “I guess it was my turn.”

Wenzel was the first baby baptized in the current church facility built in 1949, and he has been a parishioner ever since.

Insurance money was used to purchase the new steel tubing to hold the Liberty No. 26 bell, estimated to weigh about 1,600 pounds. Wenzel used to operate W & W Welding in Luverne.

Like his dad, he had the experience to complete the church project, with one slight difference.

‘Iron man’ makes new bell tower/see 5A



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Why not just embrace stoo-pid?

I don't know what it is about the arrival of another year that makes us, at least briefly, decide to better ourselves, our lives and our habits.



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Perhaps the real key to happiness in the new year is to simply decide to remain stuck in our bad habits, maybe even celebrate them!

Perhaps it's the same reason that causes us to start diets on Mondays instead of Thursdays.

With sincere hearts, at the dawn of a new year, we pledge (for real this time) to really — no kidding — become better people. Thinner people. Healthier people. Fitter people. Nicer people. Smarter people. More financially secure people.

Our good intentions generally last at least until January 4th or 5th — which it now is, so I'm here to give us a little pep talk.

We can do this (insert good intention here)!

We are not quitters of (insert name of plan here)!

We will give this (important thing) 100 percent of whatever it is we are supposed to give it!

Sigh ...

OK, let's just admit that the effort required to make (insert important change) is going to be hard work. And we are by nature basically big, lazy blobs.

Repeat after me, "We are, by nature, basically big, lazy blobs."

So what are big, lazy blobs like us to do so as to better ourselves in the new year?

Maybe we should reconsider the premise that there is anything about us that needs changing.

What's wrong with eating, drinking, talking and spending too much? What's wrong with being overweight, sick, out of shape, dumb, broke and a boor?!!

Who says thin, healthy, fit, gracious, smart, financially

secure people are any better off or happier than we are?!!

Perhaps the real key to happiness in the new year is to simply decide to remain stuck in our bad habits, maybe even celebrate them!

I propose the following anti-motivational posters and T-shirts for those of us who like us just the way we are.

"Sick, out of shape and lovin' it!"

"Getting my 10,000 steps between the TV and the fridge!"

"Got no savings! Planning to retire on yours!"

"Loud, proud and stoo-pid!"

"My bad choices are your problem now!"

"Alienating my co-workers. Every day."

If we all agree to make no positive changes in the new year, I think these items could sell like hotcakes. But, if we might feel foolish hanging one of these posters on our walls, or wearing a T-shirt like this to the next family dinner, perhaps now is exactly the right time to start making a change.

I'll hold off on printing the posters and ordering the T-shirts — for now.

Luverne's founder in 1867: 'I have found my garden of Eden ...'

It's not every day we get to celebrate 150 years of anything, so if the opportunity arises, it should be a pretty big party.

At least we think so.

That's why we at the Star Herald are pretty excited about the fact that this year, Luverne is observing 150 years since its founding.

The "event" perse, didn't happen at a single moment in time, but like many things worth having, the town evolved year by year through the efforts of progressive, hard-working frontiersmen and women.

As our history books tell us, Luverne's beginnings can be traced to a mail carrier who in 1867 established a route between Jackson, Minnesota, and Yankton in the "Dakota Territory."

That mailman, Philo Hawes, is credited with founding the town after setting up a rest station by the Rock River.

The history books tell us he first saw the Rock River valley from atop the Blue Mounds and is quoted as saying, "I have seen my garden of Eden, and that is where I am going to lay my bones."

Named after his daughter, Eva Luverne, Philo's humble mail station grew to become the proud and thriving town we know today.

While the Arthur Rose History Book tells the early story about Hawes finding Luverne, much of the town's

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history from then on unfolds in the pages of the Star Herald, which began publishing in 1873.

With that in mind, we are proud to celebrate Luverne's 150th with weekly reminders — glances back in time — of the events, activities, triumphs and tragedies that made our community what it is today.

The first appears on the front page of today's paper, and we thank our sponsors, Luverne Area Chamber

and Convention and Visitors Bureau, for being the first to support it.

As a weekly publication, we have only 52 Thursdays in 2017 to commemorate 150 years of Luverne highlights, but we'll do our best to share the stories that had the most impact on Luverne and its residents.

Happy anniversary, Luverne, and congratulations, Luverne residents, past and present, who have contributed to our beloved town.



There's still more pepper than salt, but there seems to be more forehead between my eyebrows and hairline

This is my first column of the New Year. I usually scribe out my predictions and resolutions, but this year I am going to change things up a bit.

I turn 60 later this year, and frankly I have been thinking about that a lot lately.

Maybe my thought process has been somewhat influenced by my overall general health. There's been nothing serious, but it seems I've had my share of nagging aches, pains, bumps and bruises — not to mention I am maxing out the volume control on the television, car radio and the ring tone on my cell.

The belt had to be loosened a notch — okay, maybe two. I did step on the scale between Christmas and New Year and was happy to see it was 10 pounds less than it was last year at this time. That may sound good, but the scale still reads 30 pounds more than it should.

This turning 60 thing has a way



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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of creeping up on you, and along with the aforementioned aches and pains and extra pounds, my hair color has taken on that ever-popular salt and pepper look.

There's still more pepper than salt and I still have a full head of hair, but I think those extra pounds are showing up on my forehead because there seems to be more space between my eyebrows and my hairline.

Earlier bedtimes and naps are now my friends. I haven't seen

the 10 o'clock news in a year, and 10-minute naps are almost a daily occurrence.

By now you are probably asking yourself why I'm telling you all this. Good question. I have decided to embrace the 60s — not the decade of the 60s, but the next 10 years of my life and hopefully longer.

So this year I have no resolutions or predictions — just a dedication to a happier, healthier life, and I hope you do the same.

Happy New Year.

Snow should not be placed on public roads

Question: Are people allowed to push their leftover snow out onto the highway for the snowplow to move it?

Answer: According to Minnesota State Statute 160.2715, "It shall be unlawful to obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon."

This law prohibits the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow on to public roads, including the ditch and right-of-way along the roadway. Violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties may also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard, such as a slippery area or frozen rut or bump, that contributes to a motor vehicle or pedestrian crash. The civil liability may extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Dec. 23
•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject who has not been heard from for several weeks. Found out he is out of town.
•Complainant reported that there is a spike sticking up out of the railroad tracks west of Magnolia. If a vehicle drives over the tracks, it will probably do a lot of damage.
•Complainant reported that after a concert that was held at the Palace Theatre, a Kia multi function key and automatic start fob were found on a seat. Concert was on Dec. 8. It is in dispatch.
•Complainant reported a mother is not sending her children to school.
•Complainant reported theft of a purse.
•State Patrol reported a gray Jeep with South Dakota plates that do not match vehicle description is driving over center and fog line on I-90 mile marker 20 westbound. Requested deputy check on this.
•Complainant reported driving conduct on vehicle in front of him on the interstate. Transferred to State Patrol.
•Complainant reported a gray SUV traveling down the center of the road at approximately 25 mph. Vehicle was swerving. Complainant was in South Dakota when Lyon County, Iowa, transferred call, but vehicle headed north into Minnesota toward Manley.
•Complainant reported her brother was walking intoxicated on County Road 4 west of Magnolia by the bridge, and he went off into a field. Subject is wearing a black T-shirt and carrying a camouflage bag. K-9 from Nobles County called to assist as well as fire chief with lights. Deputy advised subject was located in Magnolia at a residence. Complainant was contacted.
Dec. 24
•Reserved for narcotics information.
•Deputy arrested male for assault and took him to jail.
•Complainant reported 2-3 people dressed in black on the 200 block of East Main Street. When complainant came around the corner onto Main Street, the subjects scattered.
•Deputy arrested subject on two warrants from other counties. He was taken to jail.
•Pipestone County reported subject called them to report harassing communications from an ex. Complainant asked to have a deputy call subject.
•Complainant requested a deputy at his residence to see the living conditions of a child.
•Complainant reported road rage on Highway 270.

Subject vehicle is a dark blue Buick Regal with South Dakota plate and cardboard in front of the radiator. Driver is wearing a neon yellow hat, sunglasses and a blaze orange hunting vest. Vehicle driving erratically and tailgating complainant. Incident started in Rowena, South Dakota. Trooper spoke to complainant. Squads to search for subject vehicle. Squads unable to locate. Notified Minnehaha County.
•Complainant requested information about a vehicle that was towed from a hit and run incident. Complainant was acting on behalf of the Power of Attorney for the subject. Complainant was told the conditions of release and given the number for Erwin's Towing.

Dec. 25
•Complainant called 911 crying and said she was at 300. Map showed the area of South East Park Street. Language barrier, then complainant stopped talking and would not answer. Deputy located them, and they had been drinking and arguing.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. Subject sent a text message to complainant this morning saying he had been attacked last night and needed a place to live. Complainant is concerned the subject may need help. Deputy reported the subject is OK.
•Complainant requested a deputy be present during a child exchange with subject. Complainant has had verbal issues with subject's mother in the past.
•Complainant reported a big piece of cement on I-90 mile marker 14. Transferred to Patrol. Received two more calls on debris in the roadway at location. Deputy assisted trooper, but they did not find the debris.
•Complainant reported that rainwater is flooding the end of the street at location. Water is running up her neighbor's driveway.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on his stepdaughter. Complainant is concerned for her wellbeing. Complainant says man there is abusive to her. Complainant also stated that his daughter has been receiving text messages from subject all day about how she wants to leave.
•Complainant reported sexual abuse of subject. Father believes subject has been sexually abused. Evidence was collected by complainant. Complainant believes he has a suspect.
Dec. 26
•Complainant reported debris flying around Edgemoor Street. Possibly steel and something lying on the yard across on the south side of the

street. Deputy went to check but was unable to locate because it was very windy.
•Deputy reported a vehicle at Freeman and Luverne broke down. Towed by G&S.
•Complainant called to speak to Family Services regarding possible neglect. Put complainant in contact with on-call Family Services worker.
•Complainant reported vehicle on shoulder on Highway 75 and 151st Street. Possibly occupied. Vehicle unoccupied and well off roadway.
•Dispatch received a 911 call with a child crying in background. No voice. Deputy reports all is OK.
•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about neighbor blowing feces into his yard.
•Complainant reported that his friend is making suicidal statements.
•Complainant came to the Law Enforcement Center with two young men. Asked to speak to a deputy regarding harassment.
Dec. 27
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding driving complaint.
•Complainant reported they are having issues with someone who made threats, and some of them were violent.
•Complainant requested welfare check on tenant who has been despondent the last few days. Deputy reported no body home. Did a walkthrough of the apartment.
•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle came onto his property and pulled onto his yard. Gray F-150 with extended cab and gray top, pulling into farm places. Sometimes blacked out. Driver is a black male and passenger is a white male. Eventually went south on Highway 75. Notified Lyon County. Possibly with South Dakota plate.
•Complainant reported pickup trucks tearing around the area of County Road 19 and 181st Street. Wished to speak to deputy about it.
Dec. 28
•Complainant reported shoplifting at Shopko. Subjects described as a male and female Native American. The female with dyed red hair. Subjects left location in a dark blue four-door vehicle with white dealer tags in the back window. Direction of travel is westbound on I-90. They were stopped in Brandon, South Dakota, with a vehicle full of stolen merchandise.
•Complainant reported concerns about a baby.
•Complainant reported concerns about child neglect.
•Complainant reported concerns about possible sexual abuse.

•Complainant reported that his mother hit him across the face in her car. Complainant reported that his mother has choked him in the past. Complainant was upset. Dispatched deputies to the scene.
•Complainant reported that there is some abusive activity taking place between subjects. Complainant requested to speak to a deputy.
•Complainant requested residence check for a week.
•Complainant reported a male trying to hitchhike at location. White male wearing black coat and jeans carrying a duffel bag and wearing an orange backpack. Possibly wearing a stocking cap.
•Complainant reported that county deputies were with subject. Complainant arrested subject on Rock County warrant. Deputy transported subject to Nobles County jail.
•Deputy reported that two credit cards found in man's wallet did not belong to him.
•Complainant reported two 10-year-old boys hanging out in the area of South Blue Mound Avenue and Maple Street.
•Trooper arrested male for DWI. He was taken to jail. Vehicle was towed by G&S.

Dec. 29
•Complainant reported illegal burning where subject is burning prohibited items. Sent deputy to check it out.
•Complainant reported a motorist assist on Highway 23, mile marker 1. Motorist has assistance on the way. Vehicle was well off of roadway with hazards on.
•Complainant reported that there is a pickup that is owned by the railroad that is partially on the road at Walnut Avenue and the railroad crossing. Pickup does not have any hazards or flashing lights on. Complainant does not want to fill out a statement and says the owner of the pickup needs a talking to about blocking the road.
•Complainant reported unknown driver of a blue Dodge pickup is drinking and driving. Gave plate number. When questioned, he said it is his wife driving and he doesn't want her to hurt anyone. Possibly en route to Brandon, South Dakota, where their daughter lives. Called back. She made it to Brandon safely.

In addition, officers responded to 9 motor vehicle accidents, 5 vehicles in ditch, 2 transports, 2 funeral escorts, 2 traffic stops, 10 ambulance runs, 2 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 traffic stops, 7 log/alarm sheets, 2 drug court tests, and issued 8 purchase/carry permits and 1 burn permit.

Bell tower in Hardwick/ continued from page 1A

"He was into wood. I was into metal," Wenzel said. Metal, however, is much heavier to work with than wood.
Wenzel estimates the completed 23-foot tower weighs 3,000 pounds. The salvaged 5-foot-high cross from the original tower that now tops the new tower weighs 60 pounds.
Four men helped Wenzel complete the project: his son Rob, his son-in-law Don Luitjens, and family friends Robert Carlson and Chris Gott.
"The tricky part was to cut the angles to get the four legs to come together," Wenzel said. "I never did pass algebra."
A little extra trimming was needed to square the tower's 7-foot-wide base.
The group moved the assembled tower the five miles from Wenzel's Mound Township acreage north to Hardwick on Dec. 22.
They placed the tower near the church's front entrance with no problems except one.
"We had it all standing up and looking proud when we noticed we didn't have the cross on top," he said.
The slight hiccup was easily remedied and Wenzel was able to give the bell's rope a ceremonial first tug, made easier by the addition of new bearings.
"It used to take two guys to pull it," Wenzel said.
Another rope operates a bong that taps the bell with each pull. The bong is typically used during funerals.
"Not just anyone is capable of cutting thousands of dollars worth of iron and making it (into a bell tower)," Pastor Mumme said.
Wenzel's pickup truck dons the words "The Iron Man" across its hood protector, a name he used when citizen band radios were popular. It's a name that has stuck with Wenzel through the years.
The name is appropriate for the Zion Lutheran Church project.

Luverne celebrates 150 years/continued from 3A

excellent opportunity for some enterprising merchant to establish himself in business here, as a store is needed very much. A winter school is about to commence in Luverne."

The town of Luverne started to grow. Luverne was not destined to remain a town of a few buildings.



Philo Hawes

"Philo Hawes joined with William Van Eps and Edward McKenzie in platting the Luverne townsite in the spring of 1872. The plat was surveyed by P. J. Kniss on May 20 and 21, 1872, and he was assisted in the work by Mr. Hawes and Mr. McKenzie.
The dedication of the plat was dated July 15, 1872, and was signed by William Van Eps, Inez Van Eps, Philo Hawes, Malvina Hawes and Edward McKenzie; the plat was filed for record the following day. The site was divided into sixteen blocks.
The north and south streets were named Cedar, McKenzie, Spring, Oakley and Blue Mound; east and west streets were named Luverne, Lincoln, Main, Maple and Fletcher. A citizen of the little village wrote on May 29, 1872: "Messrs. Hawes and Van Eps, proprietors of the townsite, are replatting it and making the streets wider; they are now eighty feet wide. They have a fine location for a town on the banks of the Rock river. They offer as an inducement to business men to locate here from one to three lots free if they will erect a building on the townsite."

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TOMMY RYMAN

Tommy Ryman grew up with a new-age, folksinging mother and a traditional, Lutheran insurance-agent father. This XY equation evidently equals: acclaimed comedian. Ryman has earned the title of Semifinalist on NBC's Last Comic Standing. Roseanne Barr, a professed fan, raves she has "... never seen anything like [Tommy] before in [her] whole life, [he is] one-of-a-kind, fantastic!"
Ryman's act can be described as absurdist and clever, masked behind a very likable and innocent demeanor, often thought of as disturbingly adorable. He is a favorite among audiences at top clubs, colleges, and companies around the nation, and he is regularly featured on Rooftop Comedy, SiriusXM, and iheartradio.
Ryman recently won the title of Best in the Midwest at the prestigious Gilda's Laugh Fest. He was invited to perform at the Great American Comedy Festival at the Johnny Carson Theater, and was featured as one of the "Twin Cities' Funniest People" by Metro Magazine. Ryman has two albums on StandUp! Records. Ryman's unique humorous storytelling and comedy stylings should not be missed.



PUBLIC WELCOME!

CELEBRATIONS

Card Showers

Eva Lu Hemme will celebrate her 95th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 619 West Lincoln, Luverne, MN 56156.

Kay Franklin will celebrate her 101st birthday on Jan. 9. Greetings may be sent to her at 110 South Walnut St., Luverne, MN 56156.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Jan. 9: Creamy potato soup, turkey sandwich, fruit cup, crackers, cookie.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle

Tuesday, Jan. 10: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas, dinner roll, pudding dessert.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Main Street Financial.

Wednesday, Jan. 11: Liver or pepper steak, scalloped potatoes, carrots, bread, fruit crisp.

Thursday, Jan. 12: Chicken lasagna, tropical fruit, lettuce with dressing, breadstick, bar.

Friday, Jan. 13: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, ice cream.

Program: Red Hats

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Luther College accepts Lonneman

Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, has announced that Mitchell Lonneman, Adrian, has been accepted for admission for the 2017-18 academic year. Lonneman has been awarded the President's Scholarship.

Editor's note: This is being republished because the headline in the Dec. 29 edition stated Lonneman "will attend Luther" when in fact he is undecided about where he will attend college.

Bethany releases fall dean's list

Andrew Jelken, son of James and Paula Jelken, Luverne, and Cora Mumme, daughter of Mark and Beth Mumme, Hardwick, were named to the Fall 2016-17 Academic Year Dean's List at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. Both are 2014 graduates of Luverne High School

To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale while carrying at least 14 credits.

SDSU releases fall dean's list

South Dakota State University in Brookings has named several area students to the dean's list for Fall 2016 semester. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a 4.0. (Key for acronyms at end.)

The following students were named to the list:

From Luverne: *Tanner Baustian, SAGBS; Brenna Brown, SEHS; Ellen Dahl, SA&S, NUC; *Hilary Deragisch, SPAHP; Karissa Hamann, SEHS; Tessa Klarenbeek, SA&S; *Brandon Klein, SNURS; *Elizabeth Scheidt, SEHS; *Kristen Scheidt, SA&S; Allie Skattum, SNURS; *Brenton Thompson, SENG; *Erik Tofteland, SAGBS.

From Beaver Creek: Stuart Plimpton, SA&S.

From Adrian: Madisyn Dingmann, SPAHP; *Bridget Kramer, SAGBS; Maggie Kruse, SNURS; *Aaron Marsh, SA&S; *Elizabeth Thier, SEHS.

From Ellsworth: Hanna Hieronimus, SA&S; *Cole Meester, SENG; *Paige Meester, SEHS.

From Lismore: Nicholas Lorang, SAGBS; Anthony Lynn, SAGBS.

From Steen: *Alexander Bonnema, SEHS.

Acronyms: SAGBS - College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences; SA&S - College of Arts & Science; SEHS - College of Education & Human Science; SENG - College of Engineering; SNURS - College of Nursing; SPAHP - College of Pharmacy; SPAHP - College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions; NUC - Northern State University's University College.

Fluit Family selected as county's 2016 Outstanding Conservationists

By Mavis Fodness

Farming and conservation go hand-in-hand for the Brent and Dorenda Fluit family, the recently named Rock County Outstanding Conservationists for 2016.

Fluit Farms Inc. was recently chosen by the local Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors based on conservation practices that save natural resources in Rock County.

The family was honored in early December along with 65 other families during the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Bloomington.

"All farmers have become better conservationists than years ago with fertilizer and tillage," Brent said. "But there are more ways for improvement."

For Fluit (pronounced Flight) one upcoming improvement is expanding the planting of cover crops throughout the family's 2,200 acres of corn and soybeans southwest of Luverne.

He said the last two years have been successful in growing a cereal rye mixture on limited acres. The use of a high-clearance applicator has increased the ability to plant seed between rows in the early stages of the first crop's development.

Cover crops increase the soil's organic matter, thus improving soil health by acting as a natural fertilizer. The growth of a cover crop also suppresses weed growth, saving on herbicide use, Brent said.

Ten years ago the Fluits began strip tillage practices as an effective soil erosion control. The Fluits have also implemented grass waterways, terraces and buffers to minimize soil erosion.

Brent is quick to credit local SWCD expertise along with that of his dad, Clarence, for his choice of conservation practices.

Focusing on tillage practices that minimize field passes has lessened gully development after a heavy rain event, resulting in keeping soil on the farm's rolling crop hills.



Fluit Farms Inc. of Luverne was chosen as the 2016 Rock County Outstanding Conservationist. Members of the Fluit family are (front from left) Emily, Trina holding Andrew, Devon (kneeling), (back) Jared, Brent, Dorenda, Shain and Shania.

Land stewardship practices and philosophy are being passed to the next generation with sons Shain and Devon joining the operation full time.

Devon, 22, is in charge of manure management from the farm's 6,800-head hog production barns as well as his recently acquired 1,800-head cattle feedlot.

All the manure is injected to within one inch of the narrow-width tilled crop strips using a global-positioning system, Brent said.

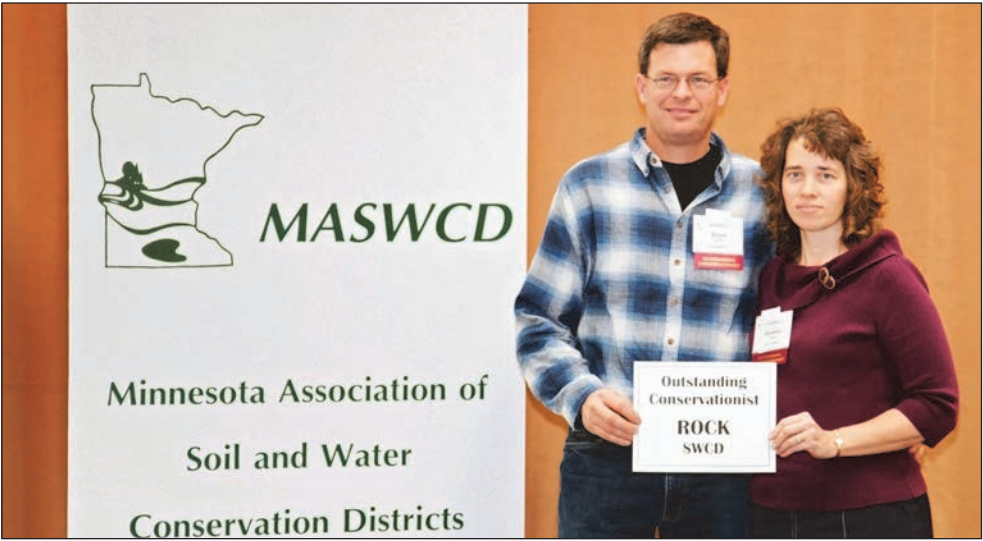
Shain, 19, also demonstrates the same precision as he completes the majority of the planting with the high-clearance applicator. The applicator allows the Fluits to split nitrogen applications as well as plant the cover crops. Shain also operates a custom application business.

Brent said they regularly scout the growing crops for insects and/or disease development. They will use a treatment once yield damage thresholds are reached.

Brent said he relies on the recommendations from various university field studies.

The Fluits also have three other children who lend a hand with the farm operation between home school studies. Shania is 16, Emily, 13, and Jared, 11.

Devon is married to Trina and the couple has one child, Andrew.



Submitted Photo

Brent and Dorenda Fluit accepted the Outstanding Conservationist Award for Rock County at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts meeting.

1925: Barberry bushes destroyed due to grain rust

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on July 3, 1925:

FEDERAL FIELD AGENTS NOW MAKING SURVEY OF ROCK CO.



Work This Week Confined to Rose Dell and Springwater, Where Many Barberry Bushes Are Destroyed.

One hundred fifty barberry bushes, most of which are heavily infected with grain rusts, have been destroyed during the past week in Rose Dell and

BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

Springwater townships by A. G. Peterson and F. B. Powers, field agents of the United States Department of Agriculture.

These agents are making a re-survey for barberry in Rock county. Messrs. Peterson and Powers report that practically all of the bar-

berry found is wild bushes in woodlots within a mile of where bushes have been planted. The agents will be in Rock county for several weeks making a farm to farm survey.

Any information concerning the location of bushes may be addressed to A. G. Peterson, Luverne. Co-operation on the part of residents of Rock county by reporting bushes will greatly aid in the campaign. The campaign, which is now being carried on in thirteen west-central states, is an effort to help farmers in this region to have better success with wheat raising.

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuw.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•The city of Luverne grew by 91.11 acres last week when the Luverne City Council passed a resolution for orderly annexation of land from Luverne Township.

The land is visible from Interstate 90 and is located west of Papik Motors. ...

Economic Development Director Jill Wolf said, "The annexation of the property into the city of Luverne will offer great economic development opportunities for future industrial and commercial development. It will allow the city to expand its existing industrial park."

25 years ago (1992)

•The 220-member Rock County Soybean Growers Association has plans for expansion.

President Tom Arends said the next step for the Association is beginning a Corn Growers Association. Statewide, the Corn Growers Association has 3,200 members. Ivan Maas, a board member of the state Corn Growers, said that's "not enough." ...

Mass guesses that more than 1,000 farmers in Rock County

raise corn. And all farmers are becoming increasingly aware that their products are getting harder to market. Selling corn for consumption isn't enough to keep farmers out of financial problems.

50 years ago (1967)

•Luverne Jaycees will be around the city this Saturday to pick up discarded Christmas trees. Beginning Saturday noon the annual Christmas tree pickup will be carried out by Jaycees as a service to city residents.

On Sunday, January 8, Girl Scouts and Brownies will hold their annual Burning of the Greens in a new location.

This year, at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon the firing of the evergreens will be done in Hatting Gravel Pit, just south of the Luverne Creamery.

75 years ago (1942)

•First price of \$10 in the eighth annual home Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Rock County Bank was

awarded Sunday evening by a board of three judges to E.L. Connell for the lighted exterior display at his home at 307 North Kniss avenue, with Aanen Skoland, whose home is located on East Main street, taking second prize of \$5. ...

The judges — Fred Chabot, Stanley Remme and Irid Bjerk — found that picking the winner was a difficult task, with most of the entries being outstanding in one way or another this year.

100 years ago (1917)

•The school fair which was held at the school house Friday was a decided success. This was a new feature in our school work, and was thoroughly enjoyed. The industrial exhibit in Miss Lindsoe's room was a revelation to a great many. There was a ball game between the Luverne grade boys and Beaver Creek grade boys; score 28-8 in favor of Beaver Creek. ...

After the races the Home orchestra gave a concert. One of their most pleasing selections was Memories of Stephen Foster, variations of Swanee River. The fair was concluded by an auction conducted by George Loe and Vance Tatge.

OBITUARIES

Boyd Landsman

Boyd Francis Landsman, 85, Luverne, formerly of Lake Benton and Tyler, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at First English Lutheran Church in Tyler with visitation at 10 a.m. at the church. Burial with military honors will be at Danebod Cemetery in Tyler.

Boyd Landsman was born Oct. 31, 1931, to Ralph and Lillian (Erickson) Landsman in Flandreau, South Dakota. He moved to Centerville, South Dakota, in 1936 with his parents. Boyd graduated from Centerville High School in 1949 and then attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for 2 1/2 years. He joined the United States Naval Cadets in Pensacola, Florida, in 1952. He terminated his flight training and then went into the United States Navy.

On April 30, 1953, Boyd married Donna Bishop in Sioux Falls. In 1953 they moved to a farm northeast of Centerville and raised cattle with his father and brother. They retired from farming in 1995 and moved to their lake home in Lake Benton. He worked at the Tyler Golf Course after retiring and loved being on the mower. They lived there 15 years until Boyd's health failed. They then moved to Danebod Village in Tyler in 2009.

Boyd loved pheasant

and duck hunting, fishing, golf, snowmobiling, traveling in their motorhome for 18 years, woodworking, making pheasant feather articles and spending time with his family. In May of 2014, Boyd and Donna moved to Luverne, and Boyd became a resident at the Minnesota Veterans Home.

Boyd was a member of the First English Lutheran Church in Tyler. He was a Past Commander of the Frank Holcomb Post of the American Legion in Centerville and member of the Sollie Henry Post of the American Legion in Lake Benton. He was a Past Grand Marshall for the Grand Lodge AF and AM and also was a Past Master of Myrtle Lodge #9 AF and AM. Boyd was also a member of the El Riad Shrine in Sioux Falls. He was Past Patron of Ivy Chapter #25 and also a Past Grand Patron of OES for South Dakota in 1985-86.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, Luverne; four children, Cindy (Mike) Eiserman, Gold Canyon, Arizona, Brenda (Bob) Sichmeller, Tyler, David (Lisa) Landsman, Lake Benton, and Lou Ann (Sam) Massengill, Friendsville, Tennessee; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dick (Priscilla) Landsman, Centerville; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Tyler, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0105 F)

Gerald Mahlberg

Gerald Robert "Jerry" Mahlberg, 76, Luverne, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial with full military honors will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Jerry Mahlberg was born to Eric and Mildred (Carlson) Mahlberg on Nov. 15, 1940, in Worthington. He was raised in Worthington and attended Worthington High School, graduating in 1958. After high school Jerry enlisted in the United States Navy in July of 1958. He was stationed on the USS Lexington and worked as a specialist mechanic in maintenance of aircraft.

He was united in marriage in 1960 though they later divorced. Jerry was honorably discharged on July 30, 1961, and settled in Fremont, California, where he began his employment with United Airlines as a lead mechanic at their maintenance base in San Francisco. He also completed a two-year aeronautics technical program in California. Jerry

specialized in sheet metal work with jet engines.

In 1996 he moved to Avon, Indiana, continuing as lead mechanic on jet engines and serving as a floater and observer of airframe quality checks. He retired in 1999.

Jerry's passion for engines carried over to his lifetime hobby of fixing and restoring cars. He co-founded the LOBES Hot-rod Club in Worthington and raced many cars over the years, proudly belonging to the "Low Buck" racing team. He eventually moved to Luverne, where his sister lived, in 2010. Jerry became a resident of the Minnesota Veterans Home in June of 2013. In the spring of 2016, Jerry became a resident at Golden Living Center in Slayton.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Robin (David) Elgin, Fremont, California; three granddaughters, Corrine, Carly, and Candice; a sister, Signe (Buck) Underwood, Luverne; and two brothers, Doug (Andrea) Mahlberg, Portland, Oregon, and Steven (Jean) Mahlberg, Littleton, Colorado.

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

(0105 F)

Mavis Herman

Mavis Darlene Herman, 84, Luverne, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 2, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Mavis Schoeneman was born Sept. 12, 1932, to Jake and Elizabeth (Jonker) Schoeneman on the family farm near Rock Rapids, Iowa. She was baptized at Bethel Reformed Church of rural Ellsworth and was also later confirmed there. Mavis moved with her family to Rock Rapids before starting school. She attended Rock Rapids High School and graduated in 1950. After graduation Mavis worked at Pettengill's Concrete Lumber until 1952 when she began working at Lyon Rural Electric.

On Nov. 9, 1954, Mavis married Robert Herman at the Bethel Reformed Church. The couple settled in Rock Rapids. They later moved to a farm on Highway 75 and Mavis then stayed home to help Bob on the farm and raise their two daughters. The family

moved to a farm near the state line in 1960. Bob died in May of 1976, and Mavis moved to Luverne and worked as a cook with the Luverne High School for twenty years until her retirement in 1996.

She most recently attended the American Reformed Church in Luverne and had been an active member of Stateline Presbyterian Church where she was a Bible School teacher and attended circle. Mavis enjoyed sewing, gardening, baking, spending time with her grandchildren, and going out to eat with her friends. She was most known for her Christmas baked goodies and party mix.

Mavis is survived by two daughters, Charmaine Baker, Edina, and Robin (Doug) Heeren, Lead, South Dakota; and five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Tyler, and Ethan Baker, Sierra (Steven) Beardsworth, and Chantel Heeren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; four siblings, Dick Schoeneman, Grace DeBeer, Tillie Roskam, and Harvey Schoeneman; and a son-in-law, Doug Baker.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0105 F)

Kathryn Aaker

Kathryn Irene Aaker, 92, Luverne, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

A funeral was Friday, Dec. 30, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Luverne.

Kathryn Thompson was born Sept. 15, 1924, to Arthur and Ruth (Brusse) Thompson in Martin Township near Hills. She graduated from Hills Public School in 1942.

Kathryn moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where her childhood sweetheart, Russell Aaker, was stationed in the service. While in Little Rock, Kathryn worked at a local upholstery shop.

The couple married on March 31, 1945, in Little Rock.

Upon Russell's discharge from the Army, the couple moved to a farm near Hills and Valley Springs, South Dakota where they farmed from 1947-1966. They then farmed in the Luverne area from 1966-1975.

Kathryn was a homemaker during their children's young years. Later on she worked at Luverne Paint and Glass. They sold the farm in 1975 and moved into Luverne. She joined

Russell in remodeling and decorating houses. Russell preceded her in death on July 29, 1987.

Kathryn continued to reside in Luverne. She later lived at The Oaks and then at Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home.

Kathryn was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was active in church choir and was a member of circle. She was a member of the Valley Springs Legion and the Luverne VFW. She enjoyed making rosettes at Christmastime, ice fishing, selling Avon, and hosting pool parties at their home on Spring Street. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Barb (Roger) Van Batavia, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Kevin (Mary) Aaker, Luverne; grandchildren Jill (Dale) Brausen, Jennifer (Chris) Rowan, Nicole (Cody) Henrichs, and Ruston Aaker (fiancée Lucy Hewitt); and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell; her parents, Art and Ruth; her siblings, Paul Thompson and Dorothy Larsen; and special friend Bud Sexe.

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

(0105 F)

Dorothy Britz

Dorothy L. Britz, 74, Rosemount and Lakeville High Schools.

She is survived by her husband, Jerome Britz, Lakeville; two sons, Todd (Cheri) Britz, Maple Grove, and Kevin (Larissa) Britz, Cologne; seven grandchildren, Aaron, Laura, Jenna, Nicole, Chase, Luke and Leah Britz; a sister, Lorraine Nelson, Faribault; a brother, Rev. Harold (Edith) Ross, Elgin, Illinois; a sister-in-law, Jerilyn Britz, Luverne; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Boldt Funeral Home of Faribault, www.boldtfuneralhome.com. (0105 F)

Doris Plahn

Doris Alberta Plahn, 98, died in 1997. Doris resided at Edgewood Vista senior apartments in Sioux Falls since 2003. She will be remembered for wonderful meals, cookies jars filled with love, and storytime on Grandma's lap.

She is survived by her sister, Elaine Pomeroy, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; her children, Sharon (Grant) Kringen, Garretson, Barbara (Steven) Lemke, Paullina, Iowa, Mary Koehler, Grand Forks, North Dakota, Donald (Deborah Beers) Plahn, Jasper, Jill (James) Willers, Luverne, James (Beth Engebretson) Plahn, Garretson, and Darcy (Royal) Ellefson, Garretson; 24 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and three infant children, (David, deceased shortly after birth and twin daughters deceased at birth); brothers LeRoy and Marvin Engelson; one grandson; and two great-grandsons. Arrangements were by George Boom Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, www.georgeboom.com. (0105 F)

In retirement the couple wintered in Sun City, Arizona, for many years until Donald



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DEATH NOTICES

Darla Chavis

Darla K. Chavis, 47, rural Beaver Creek, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

A memorial service was Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the First

Baptist Church in Luverne.

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

(0105 DN)

Dennis Schmuck

Dennis D. Schmuck, 65, Luverne, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.

A private family service will take place at a later date.

Funeral arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com

(0105 DN)

Jason Krueger

Jason Krueger, 35, Luverne, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016, at the Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center, in Fort Worth, Texas.

A memorial service is

planned for the spring of 2017.

Arrangements are by Dingmann Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Luverne, dingmannandsons.com.

(0105 DN)

Rosa Sandstede

Rosa Sandstede, 90, Hills, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Burial will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery near Steen.

A visitation will be from

4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, with the family present from 6-8 p.m., at Jurrens Funeral Home in Hills.

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

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Boys capture consolation title in St. Paul

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne boys' hockey team completed play in 2016 with a 9-3 record after going 2-1 in the last week. The Cardinals posted wins over Hastings and Hopkins to win the consolation title at the South St. Paul Tournament Dec. 27 and Dec. 28 respectively. LHS returned home to drop a four-goal game to Totino-Grace Saturday. Luverne hosts New Ulm Thursday.

T-G 5, Luverne 1
A rough first period for the Cardinals set the stage for Saturday's four-goal home loss to the Eagles.

Luverne surrendered two first-period goals and was outshot 15-3 in a stanza that put the Cardinals in a hole they couldn't climb out of. Cam Fagerlee opened the scoring with a power-play goal 4:42 into the game and Ryan Hall added a goal at the 7:03 mark of the first period to give the Eagles a 2-0 cushion. Sam Hentges upped T-G's lead to three goals 42 seconds into the second period, but Luverne's Tyler Reisdorfer made it a 3-1 game with 4:55 remaining in the stanza with an unassisted tally. T-G iced the game with a pair of third-period goals, including an empty-net tally from Ryan Jordan with 21 seconds left. Fagerlee scored his second goal of the game 4:13 into the third period. Daniel Tofteland made 30 saves in net for an LHS team that was outshot 36-31 in the contest.

LHS 4, Hopkins 0
The Cardinals captured the consolation championship at the South St. Paul Tournament by registering a four-



John Rittenhouse photo/0105 lbh 3
Luverne senior Trey Roberts clears the puck out of the defensive zone during Saturday's game against Totino-Grace at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. T-G saddled the Cardinals with a 5-1 setback in the final game of 2016. The Cardinals topped Hopkins and Hastings to place second at the South St. Paul Tournament.

goal victory over the Royals Dec. 28. LHS sported a 1-0 edge after two periods of play before putting the game out of reach with a three-goal eruption in the third period. Jesse Reed, who led the Cardinals with two goals in the game, opened the scoring with a counter 5:09 into the first period. Kaden Ericson recorded a

LHS netted a pair of power-play goals and added one tally when the teams were at even strength in the third period. Jim Erickson upped the lead to 2-0 when he scored 3:37 into the third stanza. Trey Roberts and Reed registered power-play tallies in the final 6:52 of the game to cap the scoring in the contest. Kaden Ericson recorded a

23-save shutout in goal for the Cards, who sported a 40-23 advantage in shots on goal in the game. Kasyn Kruse turned in a three-assist effort for Luverne, which received one assist each from Erickson, Mark Sterrett and Nick Harder. **LHS 4, Hastings 1** The Cardinals reached the

consolation championship game of the tournament by securing a three-goal win over Hastings Dec. 27. Luverne faced a 1-0 deficit after 17 minutes of play, but the Cardinals rallied to score two goals in the second and third periods to earn the victory. Hastings' Colin Sieh gave his team a 1-0 edge when he

scored a goal with 57 seconds left in the first period. LHS goalie Tofteland, who stopped 18 of the 19 shots he faced in the game, blanked the Raiders the rest of the night. Harder knotted the score at one with an unassisted tally with 7:43 remaining in the second period before Chris Jelken

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Luverne caps winless appearance at Schwan Cup

By John Rittenhouse
The Luverne girls' hockey team wrapped up a winless appearance at the Schwan Cup in Blaine by dropping two games last week. Henry Sibley nipped the Cardinals during the consolation semifinals Dec. 27. Northland Pines (Eagle River, Wisconsin) topped the Cardinals by three goals in the seventh-place game Dec. 28. The 7-5-1 LHS squad returns to action in Morris Friday.

NP 5, Luverne 2
A late rally by Northland Pines proved to be the difference during the seventh-place game of the Schwan Cup Dec. 28 in Blaine. Luverne battled back from a 2-0 deficit to knot the score at two in the second period, but NP outscored the Cards 3-0 in the final 19:32 of play to secure a victory. NP received goals from Amanda Sergeant and McKenzie Ebert in the first 14:41 of the game to take a 2-0 advantage into the second period. Luverne answered the challenge by scoring twice in the first 10:11 of the second period.

Maddie Dinger registered an unassisted goal 4:39 into the second stanza before Carly Serie tied the score at two with a power-play goal that came with 6:49 remaining in the period. Mariah Aukes received an assist for Serie's goal. NP, however, regained the lead (3-2) when Abbigale Ahlborn scored with 2:32 remaining in the second period before adding a pair of third-period goals to put the game out of reach. Sergeant and Gabby Herfindahl netted third-period goals in a span of 2:04 to make it a three-goal difference at game's end. Emilie Bartels turned in a 27-save effort for the Cards, who were outshot 32-9 in the contest.

HS 2, Luverne 1
The Cardinals dropped their second consecutive game of the tournament when they met Henry Sibley in the consolation semifinals Dec. 27 in Blaine. The Warriors controlled play on the ice by outshooting the Cards 46-14 in a game in which they never trailed. HS opened the scoring when Melissa Teal netted a goal with

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John Rittenhouse photo/0105 agb 10
Adrian junior Alexia Kemper protects the ball in front of a Red Rock Central defender during a game at the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Holiday Tournament in Tracy Dec. 27. The Dragons went 0-2 at the tournament after falling to Wabasso Dec. 28.

Dragon girls fall twice at T-M-B tourney

By John Rittenhouse
The Adrian girls' basketball team was unable to snap what stands as a six-game losing streak at the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Tournament last week. The Dragons lost a 25-point game to Red Rock Central in the opening round Dec. 27 before falling by 24 points to Wabasso during the third-place game Dec. 28. Adrian, 3-7 overall, hosts Ellsworth Friday.

Wabasso 59, AHS 35
The Dragons fell behind early and couldn't recover when they squared off against Wabasso during the third-place game of the tournament in Tracy Dec. 28. The Rabbits set the tone for the night by rolling to a 33-18 lead in the first half. Wabasso went on to outscore the Dragons 26-17 in the second half to complete a

24-point victory. Paige Bullerman turned in a 13-point, five-rebound effort for Adrian. Lexi Slater grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds for the Dragons, while Hannah Bullerman and Miah Kunkel nabbed seven rebounds each. **Box score** Kemper 0 0 0-0 0, H. Bullerman 1 0 4-7 6, M. Bullerman 1 0 0-2 2, Balster 0 0 0-0 0, Kunkel 2 0 1-3 5, Christians 1 0 0-0 2, Jeffers 0 1 0-0 3, Slater 2 0 0-1 4, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, P. Bullerman 4 0 5-9 13. **Team statistics** Adrian: 12 of 42 field goals (29 percent), 10 of 22 free throws (45 percent), 38 rebounds, 27 turnovers. Wabasso: 26 of 56 field goals (46 percent), four of 10 free throws (40 percent), 32 rebounds, 17 turnovers. **RRC 66, Adrian 41** The Dragons opened the tournament by dropping a 25-point decision to the Falcons Dec. 27 in Tracy. Adrian sported a one-point

lead with 4:45 remaining in the first half, but RRC outscored the Dragons 42-15 the rest of the night to win handily. Hannah Bullerman canned a three-point shot 48 seconds into the game and the Dragons trailed by one (8-7) when Kaitlyn Christians converted a field goal at the 14:43 mark of the first half. RRC, however, countered with a 12-0 run to open a 13-point (20-7) cushion with 11:26 remaining. Adrian battled back to trim the difference to one point (22-21) when Christians converted a layup at 6:51 and the Dragons moved in front 25-24 when Kunkel drained a field goal with 4:45 remaining. RRC answered the challenge with a 13-3 run to end the half and the Falcons took a 37-28 advantage into the second stanza. The Falcons canned a pair of

three-point shots in the first 27 seconds of the second half as a part of a 9-0 run that left them sporting a 46-28 lead. RCC continued to pad its advantage and led by 28 (62-34) with 5:02 left to play before settling with a 25-point win at game's end. Christians led AHS with 10 points. Kunkel and Mikayla Jeffers pulled down 10 rebounds, Slater collected five caroms and Hannah and Paige Bullerman nabbed five rebounds each. **Box score** Kemper 1 0 0-0 2, H. Bullerman 1 1 2-4 7, M. Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Balster 0 0 1-2 1, Kunkel 2 0 0-2 4, Christians 5 0 0-0 10, Jeffers 1 2 0-0 8, Slater 1 0 0-2 2, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, P. Bullerman 1 0 3-4 5. **Team statistics** Adrian: 16 of 49 field goals (33 percent), six of 15 free throws (40 percent), 42 rebounds, 27 turnovers. RRC: 27 of 65 field goals (42 percent), six of 17 free throws (35 percent), 38 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

Figure skaters to host Ice Crystal Classic 2017

By John Rittenhouse
The Blue Mound Figure Skaters will host the Ice Crystal Classic 2017 at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Jan. 13-15. More than 100 competitors from six different clubs are expected to skate in individual and team events during the Ice Skating Institute-sponsored District 10 event. Along with the local skaters, clubs from Hutchinson, Buffalo, Sioux Falls, National Sports Center (Blaine) and Yankton are expected to be on hand. Team events (Team Compulsory and Synchronized Skating) are set for Friday evening with individual events taking place on Saturday. The competition wraps up Sunday afternoon. There is no admission charge to attend the event.

Luverne's Janiszeski draws track honor

A man who works with the Luverne High School track program will be honored for a job well done later this month.



Pete Janiszeski, who has served as an assistant coach under Craig Nelson for the past 14 years, is about to be recognized for his contributions to one of Southwest Minnesota's strongest programs on a yearly basis.

Along with being named the Section 3A Assistant Coach of the Year, Janiszeski has been selected as the Minnesota State Class A Assistant Coach of the Year by members of the Minnesota Track and Field Coaches Association.

Janiszeski receives his award Jan. 27 at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington.

The award ceremony

takes place that evening, where coaches from throughout the state will be on hand for the annual coaching clinic that is set for Jan. 26-28.

Based on his work over the past 14 years, Janiszeski is a worthy recipient.

Along with offering instruction to the high jumpers in the LHS program, Janiszeski has made a name for himself as the man who leads Luverne's distance runners.

His girls' cross county teams have placed fourth at the last two state meets, and one LHS runner, Madison Schandelmeier, and the 3,200-meter relay turned in all-state performances at the state track meet last June.

While the success experienced by LHS distance runners has been evident, Janiszeski refuses to take credit for it.

"I've been fortunate and blessed to work with a lot of special athletes over the years, so I don't know how much of this has to do with me," he said.

"The credit should go to these amazing athletes along with all the members of our coaching staff because we all work together as a team."

Janiszeski's role with the track program will change this year.

After working as an assistant coach under Nelson since arriving in Luverne in 2002, Janiszeski has been named the track

program's head coach after Nelson stepped down from the post at the end of last season.

"We do have some new coaches coming in, but not much will change," Janiszeski said.

"I'll still work with the distance kids and possibly the high jumpers as well as taking care of all the other head coaching duties. Other than that, our philosophy will remain the same. We don't want to fix what isn't broken."

That's music to my ears.

LHS has always fielded strong track and field teams since I've been here, and I'm sure that won't change with Janiszeski calling the shots as a head coach in years to come.



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Coy Gonnerman advances the puck into the offensive zone during Saturday's home game against Totino-Grace.

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gave the Cards a 2-1 edge when he cashed in during a power-play situation with 5:48 remaining in the stanza.

Ben Serie netted a power-play goal with 7:18 remaining in the third period before Sterrett capped the scoring with 4:11 left to play.

Jelken recorded two assists and Harder charted another for the Cardinals, who sported a 33-19 advantage in shots on goal in the contest.

RRC denies Adrian crown in Wabasso

Adrian's bid to win the championship of the Wabasso Holiday Basketball Tournament fell short Dec. 28.

Adrian battled Red Rock Central to a draw during the first half of the title tilt.

The Falcons, however, made 51 percent of their field goals in the game and outscored the Dragons by 11 points in the second half to secure a 58-47 win.

Both teams scored 24 points in the game's first 28 minutes.

RRC captured the tournament title by sporting a 34-23 scoring cushion in the second half.

Mitchell Lonneman netted 14 points and grabbed eight

rebounds for AHS, which has dropped three consecutive games.

Zach Hendel and Nate Lonneman collected six and five rebounds for the Dragons, while Jacob Stamer charted three steals.

The 5-3 Dragons play in Okabena Thursday.

Box score
Stamer 0 1 0-0 3, Serrao 1 1 0-0 5, Bierman 0 3 0-0 9, White 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 0 0 0-0 0, N.Lonneman 4 0 0-0 8, Hendel 4 0 0-2 8, M.Lonneman 6 0 2-5 14.

Team statistics
Adrian: 20 of 50 field goals (40 percent), two of seven free throws (29 percent), 24 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
RRC: 25 of 49 field goals (51 percent), four of 10 free throws (40 percent), 32 rebounds, nine turnovers.

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2:01 remaining in the second period and upped the lead to 2-0 when Kayla Lucken registered an unassisted tally 1:33 into the third period.

Aukes recorded Luverne's lone goal with 10:26 left to play.

Claire Baustian and Rozilyn Oye received assists for the goal.

Bartels saved 44 of the 46 shots she faced in net for Luverne.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Night Bowling League Dec. 29

Games won: Billy Goats, 4; Kruser's Bruisers, 3; The Troublemakers, 3; Mark's Electric, 1; PD's Bar Files, 0.

High Scratch Game: Zach Runia, 235; Jeff Runia, 211; Dave Nelson, 204.

High Scratch Series: Zach Runia, 599; Billy Debates, 565; Jeff Runia, 540.

Team High Scratch Game: Kruser's Bruisers, 676; Billy Goats, 675; The Troublemakers, 625.

Team High Scratch Series: Billy Goats, 1892; The Troublemakers, 1771; Kruser's Bruisers, 1666.

Team High Handicap Game: Kruser's Bruisers, 909; Billy Goats, 843; The Troublemakers, 786.

Team High Handicap Series: Billy Goats, 2396; Kruser's Bruisers, 2365; The Troublemakers, 2254.

STANDINGS

BSC girls' hockey		Worthington	0-7
New Ulm	8-0		
Marshall	5-1	BSC West boys' hoops	
Luverne	5-2-1	Marshall	3-0
Fairmont	3-3-1	RWV	3-1
SP-L-H-TCU	2-4-2	Pipestone	2-1
Windom	2-5	Worthington	2-2
Waseca	0-3	JCC	1-1
Worthington	0-7	Luverne	0-3
		Windom	0-3
BSC boys' hockey			
Luverne	6-1	BSC West girls' hoops	
Waseca	5-1	Pipestone	4-0
RWV	5-2	Worthington	3-1
Marshall	4-2	Marshall	2-1
SP-L-H-TCU	3-2	Luverne	2-1
New Ulm	2-2	JCC	1-3
Windom	2-5	Windom	0-2
Fairmont	1-6	RWV	0-4

Beaver Creek Township Filing Notice

Filing for township supervisor for a three-year term. Filing will open on January 1, 2017 and closes January 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

File with the Beaver Creek Township Clerk.

Kathy King, Clerk
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Mariah Aukes

Sport: Hockey
Position: Forward
Parents: Mark and Mary Aukes
Favorite Subject: Biology
Extra Curricular Activities: Cross Country, Hockey, Softball, Peer Helping, Student Council
Future Plans: Attend college for exercise science with an emphasis in physical therapy



Chris Jelken

Sport: Hockey
Position: Defenseman
Parents: Jim and Paula Jelken
Favorite Subject: Calculus
Extra Curricular Activities: Band, Choir, Football, Hockey, Tennis, BPA, Leadership Group, National Honor Society
Future Plans: Go to college for business accounting



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St. Catherine Catholic Church
203 E. Brown St., Luverne
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St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth
Father Tom Jennings

Thursday, Jan. 5: 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Saturday, Jan. 7: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 8: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Knights of Columbus breakfast at St. Catherine. 6 p.m. LCF. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine Fellowship Circle. 7 p.m. Cub Scouts. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jan Brown Home. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 6:30 p.m. RCIA. Thursday, Jan. 12: 1-4 p.m. Fun Day. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Mass. 4 p.m. Vets Mass.

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

Sunday, Jan. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Jan. 9: 9 a.m. PERK UP. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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

Thursday, Jan. 5: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 8: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 7 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 6:55 p.m. Awana/Double Share Friend Night. Thursday, Jan. 12: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 5: 8:30 a.m.—noon MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Jan. 6: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 7: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 8: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast; Worship. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship. Monday, Jan. 9: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; GLCW Executive Board. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meeting. 8 p.m. PPC. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faith Weavers. 5:30 p.m. Conference Supper. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 6th-8th Confirmation. 7-8 p.m. 9th grade. 7 p.m. Exaltation practice. Thursday, Jan. 12: 2 p.m. GLCW. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 5:30 p.m. Past Presidents.

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

Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 3:45 and 6:30 p.m. Catechism Classes. Thursday, Jan. 12: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

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

Friday, Jan. 6: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 5:45 p.m. Cornerstone Prison Worship Service. Sunday, Jan. 8: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Noon Care Shepard Dinner. 7 p.m. Junior and Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Choir.

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 5: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 7: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Jan. 8: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service with Communion – Recognition of Leaders. Mission Trip meeting follows service. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 9: 6:30 p.m. Come as You Are meeting. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 10: PPR meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 6 p.m. Meal for F.U.E.L. and Confirmation families. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry and Confirmation. M&M Committee. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Jan. 12: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7-9 p.m. Coloring Ministry.

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Jan. 9: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 6 p.m. Confirmation; bells. 7 p.m. Choir.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 5: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, Jan. 7: 2 p.m. Circuit Pastors family gathering. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal; Take Christmas decorations down. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, Jan. 9: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors Conference in Jasper. 2 p.m. Communion in Brandon. 3 p.m. Communion in Sioux Falls. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 2:15 p.m. Communion in Hills. 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6:15 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. High School Bible Study; KFC; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 12: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Anniversary History Committee. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild annual meeting.

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
211 E. Main St., Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifeceleration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionluthernardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 5: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 6: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck dinner. Monday, Jan. 9: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 6:30 p.m. Elders meeting. 7:45 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 12: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

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

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 7 p.m. Confirmation; choir practice. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Sunday School program rescheduled during Worship Service.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Thursday, Jan. 5: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, Jan. 8: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Program. 11:30 a.m. Luncheon. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran. Sunday, Jan. 15: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

First Presbyterian Church
201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. (507) 673-2428 – lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle – Third Wednesday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

‘Consider your ways’ in the new year

As each year begins, we often make some type of resolution for the next year. We start the resolution with gusto, but soon lose excitement. Some make it a month, some only two or three weeks and some may never get started. After attempting and failing to complete a New Year's resolution, we often completely stop making New Year's resolutions.

I don't want you to make a New Year's resolution, but I do want you to take a few minutes to "consider your ways," as the prophet Haggai said. (Haggai 1:5) The Apostle Paul echoed Haggai's words when he said, "Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity." (Eph. 5:15-16)

Don Whitney recently suggested 31 questions to help us consider our ways or make the most of every opportunity that God gives us. I have listed just a few of them. Take a few minutes to ponder the questions. Some may not resonate in your life, but others will. As you read them, think through what changes need to be made in your life to accomplish what God has for you.

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?

2. What's the single most important thing you

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**By Pastor Walt Moser,
First Baptist Church**

could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?

3. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it? Spiritual disciplines include but are not limited to Bible reading, Bible memory, prayer, fasting, stewardship, serving and meditating.

4. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?

5. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

6. Who is the person you most want to encourage this year?

7. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?

8. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. This year, and each year, let God strengthen you to accomplish what he wants in your life. Make the most of every opportunity for the Lord.

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

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

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

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem Lutheran. 7-8:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Jan. 10: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Jan. 11: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7-8 p.m. Confirmation (students and mentors). 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night. 8 p.m. Council meeting.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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

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2017 Minnesota City Summary Budget Statement

The purpose of this Report is to provide summary 2017 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 13, 2016

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		
	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Revenues		
Property Taxes	1,598,623	1,728,393
Tax Increments	33,000	56,500
All Other Taxes (franchise, hotel/motel taxes, etc.)	440,000	450,000
Special Assessments	-	-
Licenses And Permits	85,600	85,600
Federal Grants	-	65,000
State General Purpose Aid (LGA, Market Value credits)	1,379,639	1,382,576
State Categorical Aid (State Fire Aid)	56,163	528,214
Grants from County and Other Local Governments	-	-
Charges For Services	656,993	682,193
Fines and Forfeits	-	-
Interest On Investments	61,801	64,364
Miscellaneous Revenues	84,080	102,980
TOTAL REVENUES	4,395,899	5,145,820
Proceeds From bond Sales	-	-
Transfers From Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	1,088,350	1,547,550
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	5,484,249	6,693,370
Current Expenditures (Exclude Capital Outlay)		
General Government (board, administration, etc.)	595,855	626,255
Public Safety	1,248,815	1,200,665
Public Works (Streets and Airport)	992,850	1,137,250
Sanitation	-	-
Health	-	-
Culture and Recreation	938,050	1,053,950
Conservation of Natural Resources	69,200	68,200
Economic Development	-	23,500
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	89,650	100,200
Total Current Expenditures	3,934,420	4,210,020
Debt Service - Principal	402,556	409,556
Interest and Fiscal Charges	41,936	37,825
Streets & Highways Construction	-	-
Capital Outlay	454,750	1,397,500
Transfers To Other Funds (incl. Enterprise Funds)	653,350	727,550
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	5,487,012	6,782,451
Fund Balance		
General Fund - Beginning Balance (January 1)	2,590,563	2,587,800
General Fund - Ending Balance - (December 31)	2,587,800	2,498,719
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(2,763)	(89,081)
Other Items		
Total property Tax Levy - All Funds	1,633,623	1,717,393
Net Unrealized Gain or (Loss) from Investments for 2015		58,859

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CONSTRUCTION CAREERS INSTRUCTOR – SWWC is accepting applications for a part-time Construction Careers Instructor for second semester of the 2016-17 school year, starting January 23, 2017. This position is for placement at Luverne Public Schools. MN teaching license in Construction Careers from MDE is preferred or considerable experience in a similar field. Online application can be filled out at www.swsc.org/application. Application deadline is December 29, 2016. Contact Tom Hoff at 507-537-2271 or tom.hoff@swsc.org or Lisa Gregoire at 507-537-2294 or lisa.gregoire@swsc.org for more information. EOE (12.22-1.8)

Nursing Assistant: Parkview Manor has openings for part-time nursing aides with benefits to include: health insurance, public retirement plan, and holiday pay. New wages \$11.90/ hr. or more with experience. \$2000 scholarships available for students. Will provide training or pay for experience. Contact Darnell Krull, 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call 507-967-2388. (tc)

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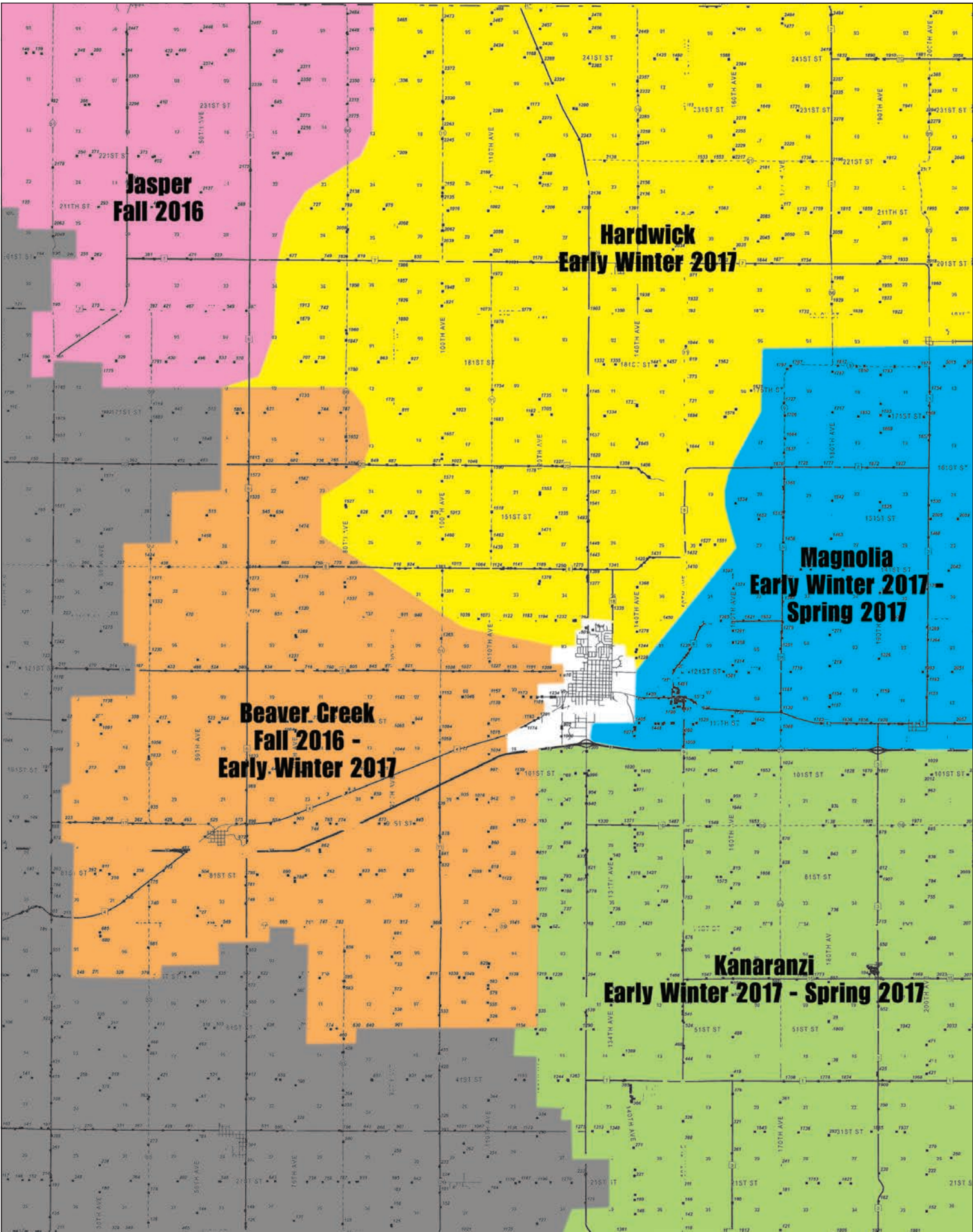
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Completion of the Rock County Broadband Project has been following the installation timeline since beginning in April. The above map shows an estimated timeline of when areas will be completed and able to use the high-speed Internet service.



Mavis Fodness Photo/Alliance Commissioners Update
Andy Hulcher, Alliance Communication's technical supervisor, explains to County Board members the options available to customers who signed up for the broadband Internet service in Rock County. It's expected that all Alliance customers will be connected to service by this summer.

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you go online," Petrick said. Current Rock County customers reached a peak bandwidth usage of 155 megabytes per second during the Dec. 16-18 winter storm.

"That's equivalent of downloading 31 HD movies at one time," Petrick said. The system is capable of handling usage at even higher levels as more service connections are added, Hulcher said.

As Alliance continues to make progress on the broadband project, Petrick said he is working at changing the cable offerings available to Southwest Minnesota customers.

Currently, Alliance is not able to offer a Minnesota news station in its cable packages due to a Federal Communications Commission's rule that only allows the most commonly offered news channel in the area.

For Rock County, those channels are out of South Dakota.

"You should be able to choose whatever channels you want to see ... right now it's all or nothing."

— Ross Petrick, Alliance

"I am actively gathering some data and going out to (Washington) D.C. about every other month ... to make this change," Petrick said.

"One thing I am advocating for ... is local choice. You should be able to choose whatever channels you want to see ... right now it's all or nothing."

Commissioners supported Alliance's efforts to obtain the local choice option for its cable television service.

"The No. 1 question in the county is 'Why can't we get a Minnesota channel?'" said Commissioner Ken Hoime.

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oner charge in the Nobles County Jail plus any medical expenses while in custody.

On average in 2016 Rock County housed six prisoners a day, almost double the previous year's average.

"The only way we can lower those costs is to start ignoring crime, and I don't think that's something we want to do," said county attorney Don Klosterbuer, who attended the Dec. 27 meeting.

Klosterbuer and Sheriff

Evan Verbrugge said arrests in 2017 have involved more people living out of the area and for more serious offenses, all resulting in longer jail stays.

Also, once convicted, violators have chosen to serve the time in jail rather than pay the fine.

The 6.13-percent increase brings the county's levy total to \$5.5 million.

Commissioner Ron Boyenga cast the lone vote against the levy increase.

In his 32 years on the board, Boyenga said he has never supported increasing property taxes, preferring that departments either reduce spending or find additional revenue elsewhere.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Agreed to a three-year union contract with percentage increases of 2, 2.5 and 3 for 2017-19 respectively. As part of the agreement, the county will

complete a comparable worth study in 2017 with implementation in 2018.

• Approved a 2-percent cost of living increase for non-union employees. This includes courthouse employees, land management staff, Rural Water employees and library workers.

• Approved the transit agreement for Heartland Express service through United Community Action Partnership.

Boyenga, Hoime serve 56 years on County Board/from page 1A

the Buffalo Ridge Railroad Authority, merger of the auditor and treasurer together into an appointed position and recovery efforts from weather events.

County Administrator Kyle Oldre guided the board with his research on many of these issues.

"I've seen him stand up for what is right for Rock County,"

Hoime said. "He studies it (the issues) out and gets all the facts and figures."

Ron Boyenga of rural Ellsworth served the county's District 3, which includes southern and eastern Rock County, plus a small area of Luverne.

He supported hiring Oldre 23 years ago. "He's fun to work with and very knowl-

edgeable of county government," Boyenga said.

At 32 years, Boyenga is among Rock County's longest-serving board members. "It was quite a run," he said.

His decisions as commissioner included remodeling the courthouse instead of building a new facility and merging mental health services with five other counties.

He also credits the work done by local directors and staff in researching and advocating for the appropriate change in making his decisions easier.

Reflecting on the 50 committees and subcommittees of the board, Boyenga said, "Everyone should serve a year on some of these boards; they will look at issues differently."

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