

‘We Know How This Ends’

Radio host brings end-of-life discussion, ‘The Convenings,’ to Luverne Feb. 16

By Mavis Fodness

Cathy Wurzer, host of Minnesota Public Radio's Morning Edition, will bring her message about "living and dying well" to residents and professionals in Luverne. The event, called "The Convenings," will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Luverne High School auditorium.

The Convenings focuses on two questions: How can we live meaningful lives in spite of disease and disability, and how do we want that end to go?

Luverne is the second community where Wurzer has led this discussion.

She uses her five years of radio conversations with the late Bruce Kramer, former dean of St. Thomas, who died in 2015 after living with ALS since 2010.

Together they wrote the book, "We Know How This Ends: Living While Dying."

"I remember as he was dying and I asked him directly what advice he had for me as I continued on, talking about the book and his life, but without him, he simply said, 'Let the work carry you' and it is," Wurzer said.

Wurzer conducted the first Convenings event last fall in Ely in order to continue Kramer's living-while-dying lessons.

"He felt our honest and heartfelt conversations on the air offered a way for others to see themselves as they face their own disease and inevitable death," Wurzer said.

"He hoped we could normalize conversations about death and dying because death really is just a part of life; it's one of life's most sacred transitions."

Except the transition into death is often expensive, and most individuals

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— Cathy Wurzer about the late Bruce Kramer



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For five years Minnesota Public Radio's Cathy Wurzer (left) discussed living with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) with Bruce Kramer. Together they authored the book, "We Know How This Ends: Living While Dying." Wurzer will host a discussion about "living and dying well" in an event called The Convenings Feb. 16 in Luverne. It will be in the Luverne High School auditorium.

and their families are unprepared for its arrival.

While Wurzer opens the conversation about the transition from life to death, Sanford Health recently implemented an advanced care-planning program to help families think, plan and talk about what medical steps family members should take based on the individual's wishes.

Through Sanford Health, 15 individuals have become trained facilitators to guide discussions with people who have trouble discussing death.

Luverne legislator facilitates advance care planning initiative

One of those local facilitators is Rep. Joe Schomacker, R-Luverne.

Schomacker authored legislation to expand Honoring Choices Minnesota, a public health initiative to assist medical organizations and community partners with advance care planning.

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Dying well — what does that mean? Part I of III

Editor's note: following is the first installment of a three-part series that explores the importance of making final wishes known

By Brenda Winter

"Don't make your loved one guess what your final wishes are," said Kim Cunningham, a licensed hospice social worker employed by an organization serving 15 rural counties in southeast South Dakota.

Who is the decision maker?

"I've stood in a room with many adult children wondering over Mom's death bed what Mom would want. Mom can't make decisions anymore so they are just going back and forth. I've had two siblings, both with legal power of attorney, argue over Mom's hospice bed about what Mom wants. The best gift you can give your family is to make your wishes known."

Unfinished business

Cunningham said her seven years as a hospice social worker have exposed her to countless examples of "dying well" and "not so well."

When told to get their affairs in order, Cunningham said people tend to focus on the legal aspects of life like estate or funeral planning but neglect other important things like mending broken relationships or asking for and offering forgiveness.

"People often avoid the hard emotional work. Dying means more than getting your will in order. It means answering questions like, 'Is my faith strong? Will I go to heaven? Have I said everything I want to say to the important people in my life?'"

Cunningham said she's concluded that dying with emotional pain is more painful than dying with physical pain. She believes one of her clients died with

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Kenneth Fire Department disbands

By Mavis Fodness

Kenneth city leaders decided Thursday to disband their volunteer fire department, and they asked area departments to cover their emergency services areas.

Responding to the call for help at Thursday's meeting were council members and firefighters from Hardwick, Magnolia and Luverne.

These same groups will meet again at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Rock County Law Enforcement Center in Luverne.

They were asked to develop possible joint service options for Kenneth and portions of Battle Plain and Vienna townships that currently contract with Kenneth for fire and medical emergency services.

Kyle Oldre, county administrator and emergency management director, facilitated the Jan. 26 meeting at the Law Enforcement Center. He opened the discussion for service options for Kenneth and 28 township sections.

"Then Kenneth would have peace of mind that they would be covered," he said.

April 1 was set as the tentative timeline for the Kenneth Fire Department to officially dissolve.

"We are in a bind," said Kenneth Mayor Del Gangestad.

The community of about 50 residents in the northeast part of



Mavis Fodness Photo/0202 Kenneth Fire Dept

Area fire fighters gather after the Jan. 26 meeting to discuss fire and emergency services to the Kenneth area once its fire department disbands.

Rock County doesn't have enough volunteers to sufficiently maintain a fire department, he said.

The Kenneth department relies on other departments to answer emergency calls through an informal mutual aid agreement.

About two months ago, Mayor Gangestad contacted the state fire marshal's office for assistance.

The local decision to disband was not easy for the small community.

"Some think we can do mutual aid all the time and still keep our fire department," said Kenneth councilor

Keith Hoven. "Out of fairness to the other departments it's better to dissolve."

In a unanimous vote on Jan. 12, the five-member Kenneth council voted to disband.

Gangestad estimated Kenneth has an informal fire department roster of about five volunteers with no immediate prospects for new volunteers.

He estimated its fire trucks date back to the late 1970s or early '80s.

Kenneth Fire Department/see 3A

Oasis Care Home to offer new senior living option

By Lori Sorenson

A new option for senior housing will be available later this year in Luverne.

The Oasis Care Home is under construction at 514 Britz Drive in the Evergreen Addition.

The 3,500-square-foot house will offer six bedrooms and three bathrooms on the main level, with common living room and kitchen areas.

The half basement will have a meeting area and office space for staff — a registered nurse who will oversee operations and three aids who will work eight-hour shifts, morning, afternoon and overnight.

Owner-operator Mandy Brecher said her motivation to open the home in Luverne came from her experience as a certified nursing assistant working in a similar facility in Savage.

"It's similar to assisted living with aids doing housework, dispensing meds and helping residents with some personal care," Brecher said.

"But since there are only six clients, we can offer more daily care that allows an option instead of nursing home care."



Oasis Care Home owner Mandy Brecher is pictured with husband Jason and daughter Stella.

She said she enjoyed the small, family-like atmosphere.

"I cooked breakfast and helped them get up in the morning and take their meds. I'd do their laundry," Brecher said. "It was such a neat feel to have such a small setting."

Brecher also brings personal experience to the Luverne home.

Her late mother, Elaine Lupkes of Hardwick, died of com-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at the Luverne Sewing Basket.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Post home.

Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the township hall.

Rock County VFW Post 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Military Museum. Call 449-0632.

Meditation and Mindfulness Practice, a new meditation group, will meet from 7-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, and every 2nd and 4th Wednesday thereafter in the lower level of Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. Call Kim at 507-353-0041.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Howling Dog for lunch and then to the Mary Jane Brown Home. Call for reservations at 283-8019 by Tuesday, Feb. 14.

‘Secret Life of Pets’ at Palace Feb. 2

The free Bank Nite movie, “Secret Life of Pets,” rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 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.

Winter Carnival set for Feb. 4

Winter Carnival will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Luverne High School gym for families and children of all ages. The event, which raises money for music programs in Luverne schools, features carnival-style games, prizes, Bingo, raffles, cake walk, cotton candy, root beer floats, pizza and more.

School public meeting Feb. 6

Luverne Public Schools will conduct the second of two community listening sessions Monday, Feb. 6, at the Luverne Elementary School commons. The hour-long listening session begins at 6:30 p.m. The session provides the opportunity for the public to share thoughts, ideas and vision for the district’s long-term education and facility needs. Consultants from Foster, Jacobs & Johnson of Sioux Falls conduct the session.

Cattlemen’s Banquet Feb. 6

The Rock Nobles Cattlemen Annual Banquet begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. A steak dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by speaker David Overlund. Tickets for \$20 are available at the door.

Hospice Dinner meeting Feb. 9

Sanford Hospice Luverne is inviting all who are willing to help with this year’s Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction fundraiser to a planning meeting/luncheon at noon Thursday, Feb. 9. Call Helen at 507-283-1805 to volunteer or for further information. New volunteers are needed to help collect donations, sell raffle tickets, assemble baskets, and help with facility set-up.

Scoutings information meeting Feb. 7

A parent information event is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at H-BC Elementary School. Girls may dress for the princess-themed meeting. Contact Wendy Lewis at 605-336-2978 x 9802 or email wlewis@gsdakotahorizons.org with questions. You may also register online at www.gsdakotahorizons.org.

Story Hour and Laptime at library

Story Hour for ages 4-5 meets from 10 to 11 a.m. every Thursday from Feb. 9 through April 13. It includes stories, songs, crafts and more. Register by calling the Library at 449-5040.

Laptime for ages birth-through 3 with an adult meets from 10:30 to 11 a.m. every Friday from Feb. 10 through April 14. It includes stories, songs, crafts and more. No registration is needed for this free activity.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Monday, Feb. 6. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available.

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



Lori Sorenson photo/0202 walz veterans roundtable

Congressman Tim Walz (right center) meets with local veterans in the lower level of the courthouse Friday afternoon.

Congressman Walz listens to Rock County veterans

By Lori Sorenson

Several local veterans met with U.S. Rep. Tim Walz around a table in Luverne Friday to discuss how well the government has lived up to promises to compensate them for their service.

Some discussion focused on broken promises and what the government can do to fix the Department of Veterans Affairs — particularly in terms of health care.

“Our nation’s heroes are counting on us,” said Walz, who represents Rock County in Minnesota’s First Congressional District.

“I am eager to continue working with veterans’ advocates in the First District and across the nation to ensure that we don’t let our heroes

down.”

Many veterans at the table shared that they were pleased with the care they’ve been receiving at the VA facility in Sioux Falls.

Rock County Veterans Services Officer Dave Haugom said that’s typical for many veterans who use the VA for routine care and elective procedures.

However, those who need urgent medical attention or specialized surgeries often don’t have the same experience, and Haugom and Walz have heard their stories.

For example, a Vietnam combat veteran in Rock County needed surgery in 2015 to repair a complicated fracture of his femur.

He ended up waiting

several weeks for care before finally arranging through VA Choice to have the surgery at a private hospital.

Other stories come from VA employees who have witnessed government waste — in terms of inefficient management that ends up jeopardizing veteran care.

Walz said the VA hospital in Sioux Falls has a good reputation, especially in terms of preventing hospital-borne infections.

But he also knows that veterans fall through the cracks, especially when it comes to the VA system of allocating resources.

“Each hospital administrator is in charge of their own budgets,” Walz said. “And the tendency is to hoard resources

toward the end of the fiscal year.”

He said some veterans “hit that sweet spot” in the budget cycle where funds were likely running low — later in the fiscal year — and they end up waiting for care.

Saturday’s roundtable with veterans in Luverne was the second in two weeks as Walz seeks to bring concerns of southern Minnesotans back to Washington.

“I’d like to say thank you to all those who joined together at the round table in Luverne today,” Walz said.

“Their personal experiences and perspectives will be invaluable as we continue to move forward with determin-

Veterans round table/See 7A

‘Princess on Ice’ feature earns first-place state writing award

The Rock County Star Herald was honored last week at the Minnesota Newspaper Association’s annual convention in Bloomington for excellence in writing.

At the awards banquet Thursday, Jan. 26, editor Lori Sorenson received a first-place award for her story, “Princess on Ice,” which appeared in the March 17, 2016, edition of the Star Herald.

The story chronicled the ice skating career of Erika Egdford, Luverne, who retired her skates in 2015.

The piece touched on Ericka’s challenges overcoming Down’s syndrome to succeed on ice, earning regional and national recognition — even among non-disabled skaters.

“Ericka’s compelling story spoke for itself,” Sorenson said. “Sharing her talent with readers was a true joy.”

Judges said Sorenson’s work was a “great story told well” and that it showed “skilled use of quotes and solid writing.”

Ericka’s story appeared on the front page of the Star Herald B Section with photographs of her skating competitions and trophies.

“This entry represents quality work, from the writing to the layout,” judges wrote. “Good job.”

Ericka’s story can be read on the Star Herald website by clicking on this story. A link will take readers to the pdf file of the page.

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Erika Egdford has a room full of medals and trophies that she's earned through her 24-year skating career.

Princess on ice

After 24-year career, Egdford to skate farewell performance at this weekend's spring show

After 24 years of skating, Luverne's princess of the ice rink is retiring her skates. A hobby turned competitive passion has filled a room with trophies and medals and provided a source of self-esteem for a woman born with Down syndrome. "I just really love it," said Erika Egdford when asked why she's kept it up for so many years. Her mother, Signe Underwood, said skating has played an important role in making Erika who she is today. "It's been her life," she said. "She's 30 now," Sig said, "and we want her to go out on a high note." For the spirited skater who's known for her smiles and generous hugs, this weekend's show will be just another opportunity to shine.

The doctor looked at her and told us she'd probably never walk; that we should put her in an institution. He said she was the ugliest baby he'd ever seen.

... She's just such a gift to the world.

— Signe Underwood, Erika's mother

Above, Erika Egdford delivers one of her signature impulsive hugs to Blue Mound Figure Skating Club.

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The Convenings/

A clear need for options is what propelled Schomacker to take the Honoring Choices model statewide.

"I think it was the statistic from the National Center for Health Statistics that found 70 percent of people would prefer to die at home, but 76 percent end up passing in some type of facility with invasive treatments," he said.

Through training Schomacker learned more about the Honoring Choices method.

"It's more than just checking a couple of boxes on a sheet and calling it an 'advanced care directive.' It's about learning the effectiveness of things like CPR and the different aspects of treatment," he said.

Directives need to be communicated

Unfortunately if the directive is not communicated with all family members, the instructions may not be followed, said Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester.

DeMeester traveled to Luverne last month to prepare the organizers for the Convenings event.

Honoring Choices wants

more hospitals to use the process in place at Gunderson Lutheran Healthcare System in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where 96 percent of its patients have written medical directives.

"We have dreams of this happening in Luverne," DeMeester said.

Having directives not only gives family members a guide to end-of-life treatments, it also lessens their financial burdens and clarifies how burial arrangements should be handled.

Honoring Choices Minnesota and the Bruce Kramer Foundation organize The Convening events.

Luverne's Feb. 16 event will also feature local involvement in the evening of music and storytelling.

Local leaders will follow up with a series of events for the next six months.

A "Re-Convening" event follows, conducted by Wurzer following Kramer's lessons to her.

"I get a lot of satisfaction talking about how this one man led such a full life even when dying," she said. "I think there are a lot of things to learn from dying if we just listen."

Dying well/

terrible emotional pain.

"The death cries were so desperate (the nursing home where the client died) moved the bed to the end of a hallway because no one could bear to listen. There was a lot of unfinished business."

Funeral planning

"Sometimes I will ask people if the funeral is planned and they say,

"Oh yes, it's all planned." But when I ask a few questions like, 'Does this person want burial or cremation?' no one is sure of the answer. They know the service will be at St. Francis, and that's all they know — but they think the funeral is planned."

Options

"People want to be alert until their final moments, and they want to be completely pain-free. Those two choices don't go hand in hand. It would be nice to be pain-free and alert but that's not part of the deal," Cunningham said, since strong painkillers tend to make people groggy.

And people don't think about "the little things" regarding a death — especially at home. "Most people want to die at home, but the survivors have to answer some questions like, 'Do you want him to die in your bed? Do you want her to die on the couch? Do you want people coming and going — or privacy?'"

She chuckled saying, "I've been in rooms with 15 people sitting around a bed staring at a dying person and I wonder what that person must think when they

open their eyes."

Talking about it

Cunningham admits "death planning" is not an easy conversation for anyone.

"If you bring it up with a loved one, they wonder, 'What — is she scheming to get my money?' or maybe even 'It's none of your business.'"

She said a city in Wisconsin has an end-of-life planning program that is producing incredible results including significant reduction in the cost of end-of-life care, but it's the result of a 20-year-long education program involving the community and medical professionals.

Talking about death is not easy for anyone including medical professionals. "I think some medical professionals view a death as a failure on their part," Cunningham said.

"I've walked into family conferences and introduced myself as being from a hospice organization and that's the first time people have heard the word. They didn't know I was coming."

A recent study showed that doctors are willing to discuss end of life with patients — if the patients bring it up first.

At the same time, patients are willing to discuss end of life issues — if the doctor brings it up first. So no one brings it up.

"We've got to talk about death and dying," Cunningham said, "Death is as natural as birth. The best gift you can give your family is to make your wishes known. Don't make them guess."



Lori Sorenson photos/0202 bronz star walz

Korean War hero honored

Rep. Tim Walz honored Korean War veteran David O'Connor with the Bronze Star Medal of Valor Friday afternoon at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

"For me to be here today is both an honor and privilege," Walz said at a gathering in the Veterans Home dining room.

He is the ranking member of the U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Committee and was in town earlier that day to meet with local veterans about VA services. He thanked the Veterans Home residents for their service.

"Everything that's right with our country sits here in the room."

O'Connor, who also has a Silver Star and two Purple Heart medals, received the Bronze Star Friday for his heroic actions on Sept. 23, 1951, while serving in the Korean War as a Second Lieutenant Platoon Leader in the United States Army.

"This should have been done 50 years ago," Walz said. O'Connor is from Pipestone and is now a resident in the Luverne facility.

His wife of 67 years is Charlotte O'Connor. Their four children are Stephen O'Connor, Gregory O'Connor, Elizabeth O'Connor, and Letitia (O'Connor) Abrahamson.



Kenneth Fire Department disbands/

Mutual aid handled calls for Kenneth emergencies

Emergency calls in the Kenneth coverage area have been minimal during the past year.

Sheriff Evan Verbrugge, who was also at the meeting, said his dispatch department recorded one fire and two to three medical emergencies in Kenneth's coverage area.

For those calls, his dispatchers page the Kenneth department immediately followed by a call for mutual aid.

"We look at the time of day and make those decisions," Verbrugge said.

Daytime coverage is especially problematic because many of the Kenneth volunteers work out of town.

Mutual aid not best way to operate fire department

Fire service specialists Kevin Sedivy and John Ehret are two of three state Fire Marshal Division officials available to assist the state's 780 fire departments with various questions and provide resources.

Sedivy estimates about four Minnesota communities decide to dissolve their fire departments each year.

"What's happening in Kenneth is the same thing happening in the other communities," Sedivy said.

"What drives fire departments to disband is the lack of people. ... I think you guys are making the right decision for your community and coverage area."

While Kenneth's emergency calls have been few, Sedivy said it's best for all departments involved not to have Kenneth continue to take advantage of the free mutual aid.

He said the departments at the table Thursday have invested time and dollars into training their volunteers and have upgraded vehicles and equipment to provide the best response to any emergency situation.

The issue is for the city of Kenneth and the affected townships to choose sufficient emergency services for their residents.

"Please don't make this about dollars and cents," cautioned Ehret.

Townships, city choose their own fire protection

Without its own fire department, the city of Kenneth will now have to

contract with another department for emergency services.

Currently a township can pay up to \$600 per section for the annual service. Depending on the responding department, each call may result in a \$750 bill to the affected individual from the responding department for a fire call.

After the meeting the local fire chiefs briefly discussed coverage options for the city of Kenneth and the affected townships.

They looked at the most efficient routes to sections in Vienna and Battle Plain townships and distances to Kenneth. Hardwick and Magnolia are seven miles from Kenneth, and Luverne is 14 miles.

Oldre said he would invite the adjoining fire departments of Lismore in Nobles County and Edgerton in Pipestone County to also bring proposals to the Feb. 23 meeting.

Affected township supervisors and city of Kenneth officials will listen to the proposals and make the decision of which options would be the best for their residents.

School board members take oath of office, elect officers

By Mavis Fodness

Three Luverne School Board members took the oath of office Thursday, Jan. 26, in the group's first meeting of 2017.

Colleen Deutsch and Shelley Sandbulte were re-elected to office during the November General Election.

Tim Jarchow begins his first four-year term after David Riphagen decided not to run for an additional term.

The board decided by unanimous consent that Katie Baustian will continue as board chair; Jodi Bosch, vice chair; Eric Hartman, treasurer; and Shelley Sandbulte clerk.

Reva Sehr, Deutsch and Jarchow are directors.

The group unanimously agreed to raise the two-hour food service worker rate to \$11.50 per hour. The same rate will be paid to substitute workers.

"We are having a hard time with staffing," explained business manager Marlene Mann.

Prior to the raise, two-hour food service workers were paid \$10.50 per hour and substitutes \$10.

In other personnel matters, board members:

- approved the hiring of Tiffany Veal as special education teacher effective Jan. 23, for a salary of \$18,464 for the remainder of the school



Mavis Fodness Photo/0202 Luv Schools Swearing In

Luverne School Board Chairwoman Katie Baustian (center) reads the oath of office Thursday, Jan. 26, to (standing from left) Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Colleen Deutsch at the board's first meeting of 2017. Sitting at the table clockwise from Baustian are Eric Hartman, Jodi Bosch, Reva Sehr and Superintendent Craig Ofstedahl.

year.

- hired Caitlin Altman as a paraprofessional and Brooke Walgrave as long-term paraprofessional substitute.
- granted paraprofessional Stacy Olson a leave of absence beginning Jan. 30 to July 31.
- approved a maternity leave request for fifth-grade teacher Amy VonHoltum from April 23 to May 26.

Rock County 4-H "Fruit & More" Sale

Rock County 4-H'ers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit; along with cheeses, beef sticks, pickled herring, PuffCrust Pizza and a variety of frozen foods. Here's your chance to eat healthy and support local youth. Contact a 4-H'er in your neighborhood or call the Rock County Extension Office (283-1302) from January 16 to February 5 to order. Delivery is March 17.

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Convenings event provides opportunity to plan

After observing the planning of his grandmother's funeral, my then much younger son announced that at his



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funeral he would like to have his eyes open in the casket. My (then much younger) daughter announced that she wanted purple placemats at the lunch following her funeral.

I've (jokingly) told my husband the only song I want played at my funeral is "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone."

It's easy to joke about death and dying and things like funeral planning when death is not actually pending.

A year before I was diagnosed with cancer, my husband and I finalized our estate plan. We were able to laugh with the attorney about my husband quickly remarrying someone named "Bambi" in the event of my untimely demise.

As I was going through cancer treatment last year, and we were wondering how close death actually was, I was incredibly thankful that we "had our affairs in order." Meeting with the estate planner after the diagnosis would have been terribly painful.

An acquaintance passed away a few years ago. After a long, drawn-out battle with cancer — including a hospice stay — the remaining spouse had no idea what the wishes were of the deceased. They'd never talked about it.

But there's a lot to talk about before funeral planning. How do you want to die? To what extent do you want medical involvement in your death? Do you want to die at home? Do you want friends and family to be with you, or would you prefer the company of one or two significant people?

Who will make these decisions for you when you can't? What about the people for whom you will make these decisions? Your spouse? Your

parents? God forbid, your children? Do you know their wishes and is the information written down somewhere?

A friend recently shared about the sudden death of her brother. He had adult children from a first marriage, a happy second marriage, his siblings and living parents. When the doctors asked, "Do you want us to withdraw life support?" who were the decision-makers?

In this case all the parties knew and loved this man and agreed he would not want to be "kept alive by machines" and he was not.

But what if there was conflict? Apparently it's the hypothetical "brother who flies in from New York" or the "sister who flies in from California" who cause the most trouble when it's time to make end-of-life decisions in the Midwest.

If two adult children want the doctors to "do everything they can" but one who spends the most time with Dad knows he would want no such thing, who gets the final vote?

One of the greatest gifts you can give to your loved ones, and to yourself, is to make your end-of-life wishes known.

After all, if you want your eyes left open in your casket, you'd better let someone know.

If you'd like to have an end-of-life conversation with your spouse, siblings, parents, partner or child but aren't sure where to begin, a group called The Convenings is hosting a community event at the Luverne High School on Feb. 16.

Minnesota Public Radio host Cathy Wurzer and others will gather for an evening of music, story telling, and meaningful conversation about living and dying well.

Policy needed to protect gravel roads

Vandalism, as defined by Merriam-Webster's dictionary, is "action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property."

Vandalism is not how our county highway engineer described the four to five miles of road damage done Jan. 20 on County Road 52 near Hills.

The six-inch-deep ruts and gravel now pounded deep into the road's clay base means the highway department will spend weeks rebuilding and replacing the needed 200 tons of gravel per mile that makes gravel roads safe for all of us to use.

Engineer Mark Sehr reported to commissioners Jan. 24 that repairing damaged gravel roads is just part of the county's job in maintaining its more than 300 miles of roadways.

We disagree.

There are times when people need to be accountable for their actions.

This is one of those times.

We understand our agricultural neighbors need to use roads to get to fields to complete their everyday operations. However, there is a right and a wrong time of the week to do so.

We live in Minnesota, where weather can change rapidly from a January thaw to freezing weather overnight. If you wait long enough, the weather will change.

The manure hauler in this case chose the wrong day to make repeated trips to and from farm fields.

Temps had been above freezing for a couple of days, causing the top foot of the ground to thaw. Two days later temps plummeted and the grounds and the roads were frozen again.

The highway department asked the perpetrators to postpone trips over the gravel road when conditions are soft.

"I pay taxes," was the response.

We understand our ag partners

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A county policy needs to be developed preventing damage like this that occurred on County Road 52 two miles east of Hills.

play an important role in our economy, and sometimes a job needs to be done in a timely manner.

We get that.

But all of us need safe use of our gravel roads

The County Road 52 incident is just one of several recently brought to the attention of our county commissioners. While the tax response may be correct, it doesn't make it right to wreck public roads.

There are no policies in place that restrict usage of our county or township gravel roads.

We think such a limited use policy has become necessary. If you damage a road, you should pay to fix it.

Common sense was not exercised in the County Road 52 incident or any of the other incidents where heavy equipment repeatedly pounded soft gravel roads. These actions were deliberate, and the result is expensive to the taxpayers.

Our engineer said one mile of a county gravel road generally consists of 200 tons of gravel, with costs around \$6,000. This doesn't include the work it takes to reshape a road as a safe route for our school buses and our passenger cars.

We hope the county considers a policy that outlines fair rules for everyone who drives on — and pays for — our gravel roads.

Ron and Rosemary Tabbert
Magnolia

Bible verse is poignant words for today's current events

To the Editor:

In light of all that has been occurring in the nation in the last while, a reading this morning, Tuesday, Jan. 24, from the Bible (2 Timothy 3, verses 1-9) was time appropriate:

"1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3 They will be unloving and unforgiving;

they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

6 They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of [a] vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires. 7 (Such women

are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.) 8 These teachers oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. They have depraved minds and a counterfeit faith. 9 But they won't get away with this for long. Someday everyone will recognize what fools they are, just as with Jannes and Jambres."

We found it interesting, chilling and powerful — and food for thought.

Conceal and carry lesson makes one think differently about handguns

About a month ago I took a conceal and carry course so I could carry a loaded concealed handgun. Upon completion of the course I was able to apply for a permit through the local sheriff's department to do so — carry the gun, that is. The course and the permit cost about \$200. The permit is good for five years after which you have to take the course and file for a new permit.

There were 10 guys taking the course when I did. My classmates' ages ranged from maybe 40 up to 70 years.

If you have followed this column over the years, you know I like to hunt. That said, I am very familiar and comfortable with rifles and shotguns. Hand guns not so much.

Conceal and carry courses are becoming more and more available. Locally Mike Gangestad is a certified licensed conceal and carry instructor. I took my course in Worthington from Scott Rall. Scott and I go way back, and you may know him from his outdoor column



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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in the Worthington newspaper.

The timing of the course worked out well for me, so two days before the course I called Scott and signed up.

The course takes the better part of the day to complete and is extremely intense and serious. The course includes classroom instruction as well as time at the shooting range.

I have to admit I am a little uncomfortable even writing about this. Truth be told, if you are carrying a concealed weapon and you ever have to draw that firearm, you will be doing so to shoot and most

likely kill someone.

During the course I wondered to myself how many people take the course but never follow through and actually apply for the permit.

There is a tremendous amount of responsibility one has to be able to take on before making a decision to carry a concealed weapon.

You also need to know that just because you take and complete the classroom and range course, that doesn't mean you'll automatically get your permit to carry.

When applying for the permit, you have to do that with the sheriff's department and there is a back-

ground check conducted on you.

I have not carried my concealed handgun in a public setting. My comfort level to do so just isn't there yet.

There are no guarantees, but my personal experience is that those who have taken on the responsibility to take the course and go through the permitting process are doing so with the mindset that this is serious business.

I did contact Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge to find out how many active conceal and carry permits have been issued through his office.

Dating back to January 2012 there have been 654 conceal and carry permits issued by his office. Not all of those are Rock County residents because a number of people from South Dakota and Iowa come here to get their Minnesota permits.

My guess is the out-of-staters come over here for their Minnesota permits so they can carry across state lines.

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*‘Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale’*

— final verse of ‘Little Brown Church in the Vale’



Lori Sorenson photos/0202 music and pie

Poplar Creek offers ‘Music and Pie’



Poplar Creek residents and visitors tapped their toes and sang along with Marybeth Binford (pictured above at lower right) who played old-time piano favorites in the Poplar Creek dining room Monday afternoon. Community members and residents filled the room for the casual event called “Music and Pie.”

Binford played a song and then asked if anyone could name the tune. Several selections came from the yellowed original copy of the “The Golden Book of Favorite Songs” (top left). Originally published in 1915, it became familiar to those who used it in country school.

Enjoying music in the front tables are (far left table, from left) Lena Sandbulte, LaVon Mohr, Mavis King, (center table toward the back) Betty Ehlers, Adrianna Sneller, Elaine Snyders, Bill Sneller, (table at right) Mabel Overgaard, Erna Jessen, Barb Hinz, Generose Bush and Doris Rockman.

Binford plays and sings “Auld Lang Syne.”

Pie and whipped cream (left) await the music audience in the sunny Poplar Creek dining room.

CELEBRATIONS

Open House

A come-and-go bridal shower for **Hunter Hieronimus**, bride-to-be of **Derek Petersen**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 4, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Guests are asked to bring a favorite recipe.

MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Feb. 6: Hamburger, baked beans, tart cole slaw, bun, pudding.

Tuesday, Feb. 7: Pork loin, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, dinner roll, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesdays sponsored by W&N.

Wednesday, Feb. 8: Chicken chow mein, rice or chow mein noodles, Japanese vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie.

Program: 10 a.m. Making Cards with Neva.

Thursday, Feb. 9: Roast

beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, bread, fruit cobbler.

Friday, Feb. 10: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti noodles, lettuce and cauliflower with dressing, garlic bread, apricots.

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

U of M Duluth releases dean’s list

The University of Minnesota, Duluth, has announced its dean’s list for the Fall 2016 semester. Area students on the list are senior Sean Rollag, Beaver Creek, chemical engineering; junior Madison Stearns, Luverne, criminology; and sophomore Kayla Thone, Luverne, Early Childhood Studies.

To be named students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Maxwell on dean’s list at Saint Mary

The College of Saint Mary in Omaha, Nebraska, has named junior nursing student Anna (Tofteland) Maxwell, Luverne to its Fall 2016 dean’s list. To be named, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher while maintaining at least 12 credit hours.

Wessels makes Bemidji State dean’s list

Among the students named to the Fall 2016 dean’s list at Bemidji State University is Robyn Wessels, Luverne. To be named, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher while enrolling it at least 12 credits.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Four area youth graduate from basic military training

Four Luverne High School graduates recently completed U.S. Air Force basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force

Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Makayla Sterrett, Morgan Haugen, Adam Fodness and Jack Baustian completed eight weeks of intensive training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

All four are members of the South Dakota Air Nation-



Sterrett



Fodness



Haugen



Baustian

al Guard and are currently completing technical studies.

Sterrett is the daughter of Thomas and Melissa Sterrett, Luverne, and is training in aircraft armament systems.

Haugen is the daughter of Kurt and Julie Haugen, Luverne, and is studying financial management and comptroller.

Fodness is the son of

Bryan and Mavis Fodness, Hardwick, and is completing studies in aerospace propulsion.

Baustian is the son of Pat and Katie Baustian, Luverne, and is training in technical aircraft maintenance.

All are 2016 graduates of Luverne High School and have earned or will earn the rank of airman first class.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

•A patriotic “Star Spangled Spectacular” USO-style variety show will be at the Palace Theatre Sunday ... as a part of a series of events that prelude the release of the Ken Burns PBS World War II documentary “The War” in September.

Pat Baustian hosts the event as a Bob-Hope-style master of ceremonies. Other talents include Susan Schneckloth, Martha Nowatzki and Terri Ebert as the Andrews Sisters.

25 years ago (1992)

•A dynasty seldom matched in sports became even more solid this week as Dave Gangestad captured an unprecedented fifth world championship pinocle title.

The World Championship of Pinochle was held on Tuesday night at the Green Lantern in Hardwick.

The 1992 tournament marked the 23rd year for the annual event, hosted by George McDonald.

50 years ago (1967)

•It’s a complicated thingamajig. But to look at it, it could be just some other office fixture.

Give it instructions in the English language, it translates them into its own language, and then does what it is told to do, and the results are recorded in the English language again.

“It” is the new IBM 360 electronic computer installed at Tri-State Mutual Insurance Company

and placed into use Tuesday.

75 years ago (1942)

•The Legion’s response to the appointment (to facilitate the salvage of all waste materials possible in order to aid in the nation’s defense) has been to enlist the aid of the local Boy Scouts troop and the local Cub Scouts pack, of which the post is the sponsor, in the project. The Scouts will collect waste paper left for them by Luverne residents every fourth Saturday of the month, and the Cubs will collect rags, rubber and metals of all kinds. Adolph Hoepner is Scoutmaster and Russell Sherman is Packmaster of the Cubs.

100 years ago (1917)

•A meeting of the business and professional people interested in continuing the maintenance of Luverne’s public rest room for women will be held at the city hall at 8:00 o’clock this evening.

The fund subscribed two years ago to aid in the maintenance of the restroom is now exhausted. In fact, a deficit exists, so that unless a new fund is immediately raised the rest room will have to be closed. Those who are interested in maintaining the rest room should therefore not fail to attend the meeting called for this evening.

ENGAGEMENT

Kaleigh Kerns and Jason Schomacker, both of Hardwick, announce their engagement.

Kaleigh is the daughter of Stacy Benton-Robinson, Brownsboro, Texas, and Kyle Kerns, Pella, Iowa. Jason is the son of Valarie Kastner, Jefferson, South Dakota, and Bryce Schomacker, Luverne.

Kaleigh is a 2007 graduate of Mountain Home High School in Mountain Home, Arkansas. She graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2013 and from South Dakota State University in 2015. She is employed at GNP Company in Luverne.

Jason is a 2009 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School and is currently the owner at



Kaleigh Kerns and Jason Schomacker

Schomacker Tire and Repair.

They are planning a June 10, 2017, wedding in Luverne.

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on September 25, 1925:

Dance at the Armory

Four hundred seventy-five tickets were sold for the Chinatown ball given Friday evening at the Armory under the auspices of Co. H. 205th infantry M. N. G.

It is said to have been the largest attended dance ever held at the Armory with the single exception of the swimming pool benefit dance, put on by the American Legion last fall. At that dance the total sale of tickets was close to six hundred.

A big drawing feature of Friday night’s dance was the fact that Brandt’s “Hot Points,”



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

conceded to be one of the two or three greatest dance music organizations that have ever played here, furnished the music and also the dance hall decorations, which were of an uncommonly elaborate nature. The title of the dance was carried out even to the smallest detail in decorations and the embellishment of the hall represented virtually three days of labor in putting

up and taking down the decorations by a good sized crew of earnest workers.

Among the crowd that attended were many from Sioux Falls, Pipestone, Worthington, Rock Rapids and points more distant.

Brandt’s Hot Points have been secured to play for a dance to be given by Dell-Hogan Post, the coming month. In this connection it is worthy

of note that the members of the orchestra stated following the dance that it was the best behaved and most thoroughly orderly crowd for its number for which they had ever played. This gratifying condition was due in no small part to the efforts of members of Co. H. to co-operate with the city officials in maintaining a high standard of conduct at all of the dances given by the company.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

Veterans round table/continued from 2A

how to best reform the VA.”

In particular Walz said he’s concerned about rural veterans having access to VA services.

With 144 facilities across the country, Walz said many are in suburban areas where the most people live.

“Fifteen percent of the country is rural, but nearly 50 percent of the veterans are out here,” he said.

Improving access to the VA Choice program is just one priority Walz is working on for veterans.

Other issues include lifting the burdens from veterans to accessing care, expanding mental health services at the VA, and developing a seamless transition from the Department of Defense (DoD) to the VA.

On Jan 11, Walz was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Ranking

Member on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Having served on the committee since first coming to Congress in 2007, he has made honoring our commitments to those who have served this nation in uniform his top priority.

“We have a moral commitment to take care of our veterans,” he said Friday in Luverne. “That’s the essence of who we are.”

Walz is the highest-ranking enlisted soldier to serve in Congress. He said he’s looking forward to new opportunities under President Donald Trump. Specifically he said he’s excited about Trump’s pick for chairman of the VA, David Schulkin.

“We have a new administration that I think provides us the opportunity to put it all on the table,”

Congressman Tim Walz (left) addresses veterans’ concerns at a round-table discussion in Luverne Friday. Also pictured is Rock County Veterans Services Officer David Haugom.

Walz said.

“I believe the previous administration cared deeply for veterans. They did the best they could, but they



Lori Sorenson photo/0202 walz veterans roundtable

did not prioritize it. We can make the president incredibly successful if we use our data; transform this thing.”

Heartland Express forums are next week

The public is invited to meet with the United Community Action Partnership staff at one of three forums in Luverne, Hardwick and Hills.

The open houses are from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at the Heartland Express office at 1110 N. Blue Mound Ave. in Luverne, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the American Legion in Hills, and from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Hardwick City Hall.

United Community Action Partnership now manages the public transportation service in Rock County. The management change took place Jan. 1 with no impact to service. UCAP, however, would like suggestions for possible service improvements.

OBITUARIES

Merecie Domagala

Merecie Jo Domagala, 53, Luverne, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.



A funeral service was Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Living Rock Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Merecie Sterrett was born to Timothy and Rita (Rees) Sterrett on Sept. 12, 1963, at the Huron Hospital in Luverne, South Dakota. In 1965 she moved with her family to Luverne. Merecie made many lifetime friends during her high school years in school activities, sports and music. In 1982 Merecie graduated from Luverne High School.

She married Larry Domagala on April 11, 1981, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. In addition to raising their children, Merecie worked various jobs in her younger years. She was a life-guard, swimming instructor and assistant manager at the Rock County Community Pool. She then worked in the medical records department at the Sioux Valley Luverne Medical Center. In 2005 Merecie became the local agent of the American Family Insurance Agency in Luverne.

In September of 2000 Merecie was diagnosed with ocular melanoma. She began treatment with the Rochester-Mayo Health System. Her journey with this rare form of cancer was instrumental in its research and development for a possible cure for others someday. In April 2012 Merecie’s cancer metastasized to

other areas of her body.

Merecie attended Living Rock Church where she participated in weekly Bible study. She served on the Luverne Hockey Association Board for many years. In 2015 Merecie was selected as Honorary Spokesperson

at Rock County Relay for Life, and in 2016 she coordinated the event.

She founded a coloring club and enjoyed gardening. She was well known for her organizational skills, detailed note taking and her beautiful penmanship.

She is survived by her husband, Larry; three children and six grandchildren: Nicholas (Amy) Domagala, Luverne, and their children, Elliot, Maddux, Mallachi and Willow; Nathan (Alyssa) Domagala, Annandale, and their children, Archer and Berkley; and Natalie (Rachel Hatch), Sioux Falls, South Dakota; her mother, Rita Sterrett, Luverne; her siblings, Mary Beth (Craig) Eiter, Prior Lake, Thomas (Melissa) Sterrett, Luverne, Tanner Sterrett and Blake Sterrett, both of Georgia; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Timothy Sterrett.

Memorials may be directed to Sanford Luverne Hospice or the Luverne Hockey Association.

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

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Eugene ‘Willie’ De Smet

Eugene (Gene) “Willie” De Smet, 68, Hills, died of cancer Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, at his home.



A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills.

Eugene (Gene) “Willie” De Smet was born Feb. 18, 1948, to Ted and Emma (Schettler) De Smet at the Canton-Inwood Hospital. Gene grew up in Larchwood, Iowa, where he attended school. Gene worked in the automotive repair industry for most of his life. He was an autopaainter, and over the years he worked at Billion, JayShon Chevrolet, Stinson Chevrolet, Terry Schulte Chevrolet, Pierre’s Body Shop, Ben Hur Ford, Sioux Falls Ford, Color Mystique, Sioux Plating and Hills Stainless Steel.

On Feb. 5, 1977, he married Audrey Faber. They made their home in Hills. Gene was a member of First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Falls. He enjoyed attending the South Dakota Auto Body conventions, going camping, and fishing. He especially enjoyed trips to the Black Hills with friends, fishing trips with family, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey De Smet of Hills; his

children, Drew De Smet of Larchwood, Spencer (Lisa) De Smet of Hills, Cory De Smet of Hayfield, and Tedra (Jon) Voss of Hills; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; his mother, Emma (De Smet) Lucas of Inwood, Iowa; siblings Clete (Bev) De Smet of Larchwood, Don (Susie) De Smet of Canon City, Colorado, Dean (Nanci Mae) De Smet of Omaha, Nebraska, Veronica (Robert) Weins of Littleton, Colorado, and Jane Heirigs of Larchwood; a sister-in-law, Darlene De Smet of Larchwood; brothers-in-law Gary Faber of Hills and Wendell Faber of Sioux Falls; sisters-in-law Kathy (Irwin) Rozeboom of Beaver Creek and Trudy Acevedo of Sioux Falls; very special friends Randy and Sandi De Bondt of Bakersfield, California, and Patty and Bard Brown of Larchwood, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ted De Smet; a brother, Alvin De Smet; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Gerrit and Harriet Faber; brothers-in-law Harold Heirigs and Duane Faber; his step-father, Lawrence Lucas; and a sister-in-law, Tina De Smet.

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Judy Hawes

Judy Mae Hawes, 75, Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center.



A funeral was Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at the Luverne United Methodist Church. Burial followed at the Jasper City Cemetery in Jasper.

Judy Stuckenbroker was born on Jan. 11, 1941, to John and Elizabeth (Peters) Stuckenbroker on a farm two and a half miles north of Hardwick. She was baptized in 1941 and made a confirmation of her faith in 1954 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hardwick. She spent her childhood on the farm. She graduated from Luverne High School in 1958.

She married Dale Hawes on July 16, 1958, at the United Methodist Church in Jasper. The couple made their home on the farm near Jasper. In 1962 they moved to an acreage outside of Luverne where they worked together on the farm and raised their family. Following retirement in 2014, the couple moved into Luverne.

Judy was a member of the Luverne United Methodist Church. She enjoyed cards, bowling, sewing, crocheting and embroidery. She especially enjoyed music and dancing. Most of all, Judy was very proud of her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren.

Judy is survived by her husband, Dale; her children, Randy (Noreen) Hawes, rural Trosky, and Ricky Hawes, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren: Elizabeth (Travis) Lange and their children, Naomi, Tavian, Kianna, Kierra; Brianna (Nick) Werner and their children, Emeri, Ellie, and Charles; Andrew (Holly) Ring and their daughter, Emmah; Bridget Ring, Craig (Kathy) Hawes and their children, Perceyis and Marayna; Jason (Jenni) Hawes and their children, Kyton and Dayson; and Austin (Katie) Hawes and their son, Haydon; a son-in-law, Mark Ring of Minneapolis; and three siblings, Harry (Doris) Stuckenbroker of Pipestone, Johnny (Helen) Stuckenbroker of Hardwick, and Gladys Buss of Lismore.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Ring; three siblings, Alvin Stuckenbroker, Arlene Sievert and Viola Schmuck.

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John Granneman

John Joseph Granneman, 91, formerly of Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, at the Augustana Health Care Center in Apple Valley.



A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

John Granneman was born on April 23, 1925, to Herman and Anna (Bakker) Granneman on a farm near Florence. He grew up on farms near Florence and attended country school through the eighth grade. As a young adult, John worked as a cook on the railroad and then lived and worked in Minneapolis for two years.

On June 19, 1948, John married Alvera Biever in Lake Benton. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Tyler, where John farmed, worked at the grain elevator and worked as a car mechanic. In 1963 the family moved to Luverne. John worked various jobs and was employed at Hanson Silo, Luverne Creamery and Iowa Beef Packers, from where he later retired. Alvera died on Feb. 19, 1995. John remained in their home until 2011, when he moved to Lakeville to live with his son Steve.

John was a member of St.

Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. He enjoyed pheasant hunting, growing tomatoes, dancing, and watching baseball, football and politics. He also enjoyed reading history of the Old West, current affairs and country western music, especially Johnny Cash. He was known for his corny jokes and puns.

John is survived by seven children, David (Joni) Granneman, Coon Rapids, Steven (Marge) Granneman, Lakeville, Dale (Debbie) Granneman, Faribault, Joanne (Bruce) Fodness, Hardwick, Mark (Cleo) Granneman, Northfield, Brian (Pam) Granneman, Jasper, and Stewart Granneman, Golden Valley; ten grandchildren, Angela (Ben) Helgeson, Jennifer Granneman, April Granneman, Amanda (Justin) Gunter, Diana Granneman, Whitney (Tyler) Hall, Robert (Lisa) Fodness, Julie Fodness, Jonathan Fodness and Carter Granneman; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alvera; his parents; two brothers, Ray and Frank Granneman; and a sister, Francis Greer.

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Ellen Cinkle

Ellen Mae Cinkle, 89, formerly of Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, at the Keystone Senior Living in Prior Lake.



A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Ellen Pierson was born on July 29, 1927, to August and Mary (Anderson) Pierson in Luverne, where she was raised. She received her baptism in 1927 and confirmation in 1941 at Grace Lutheran Church. In 1945 Ellen graduated from Luverne High School.

On Oct. 11, 1950, Ellen married Frank James “Jim” Cinkle. As Jim worked in banking, Ellen worked as a homemaker. In 1960 the family moved to Alexandria. In 1965 they returned to Luverne and remained there until September 2011, when they moved to Keystone Senior Living in Prior Lake to be closer to their children. Jim died on Sept. 10,

2014. Ellen remained in their home.

Ellen was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, where she had belonged to Ladies’ Aid, serving twice as president. She was an excellent knitter and made dozens of afghans. She also enjoyed

playing bridge and was famous for her wonderful sugar cookies.

Ellen is survived by two children, David (Kathy) Cinkle, Eden Prairie, and Dr. Jeanne (Michael) Wittrock, Prior Lake; two grandsons, Mike (Delmy) Wittrock and Steve Wittrock; and two great-grandchildren, Noah and Bella Wittrock.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; her parents; and three brothers, Paul Pierson, Loren Pierson and Marlen Pierson.

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

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Marvin Nelson

Marvin Nelson, 100, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, Jan. 23, 2017. He was surrounded by family.



Marvin Glen Nelson, son of Gullik and Mable (Olson) Nelson, was born on Nov. 19, 1916 in Martin Township, Minnesota. After his birth mother’s death in childbirth, he was raised by his father and mother Inga. He graduated from Hills High School before beginning his career in agriculture.

Marvin wed Doris McDowell on June 14, 1941, in Valley Springs, South Dakota. The couple lived in South Dakota and Minnesota as they raised their family of three daughters and a son in homes that he built. After retirement in 1980, they lived in Sioux Falls during the spring and summer and wintered in Mission, Texas.

Marvin was a quiet doer. He nurtured his children and others through support and leadership in 4-H, fishing, hunting, and membership on school boards and church councils. He and Doris loved to travel and spent time all over the world, including Europe, Scandinavia, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, Peru, and New Zealand. He was a faithful member of First Lutheran Church, the Norse Glee Club, and Kiwanis. They enjoyed golf and cards with numerous friends.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children, grandchildren, and great-grand-

children, including daughters Kristi Jo Nelson (Sioux Falls, South Dakota); Deanna Jean Nelson (Cary, North Carolina); son Glenn Eugene Nelson and his wife Josephine (Pipestone); grandchildren Joel Jacobson and wife Melissa (Aurora, Colorado); Nathan Zimmerman and wife Teri (Chicago, Illinois); Heather Nill and husband Bryan (Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin); step-grandchildren Jeff Feucht; Perry Feucht and wife Jewel; Janine Bassett and husband EJ; Pam Woelber and husband Troy; Craig Feucht; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Marvin was preceded in death by his loving wife, Doris; his parents, his daughter Judith Jacobson, and his brothers and sisters.

The family requests that memorials be directed to First Lutheran Church Media Ministry.

Visitation took place at Miller Funeral Home, 507 S. Main Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota from noon until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, and the family greeted friends and relatives from 4 until 6 p.m. on that date. His funeral was held at First Lutheran Church, 327 S. Dakota Ave., at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, with burial at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Hills.

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Luverne junior Kasyn Kruse prepares to release a shot in front of New Prague defenseman Mason Davis during Saturday's hockey game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Kruse scored twice and charted three assists in a 6-0 victory.

LHS blanks New Prague for fifth consecutive win

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team reeled off its fifth consecutive victory Saturday when the Cardinals entertained New Prague at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

The game belonged to LHS as the Cardinals outshot the Trojans 30-14 during a 6-0 victory.

Nick Harder registered a hat trick and Kasyn Kruse scored

two goals and recorded three assists to highlight Luverne's offensive performance.

Kaden Ericson turned in a 14-save shutout in goal for the Cardinals.

LHS grew stronger as the game progressed as the hosts scored one goal in the first period, two in the second and three in the third.

Kruse gave the Cards a 1-0 lead in the opening period

when he scored 1:02 into the game.

Kruse capped his two-goal effort with a power-play tally at the 11:18 mark of the second period before Harder scored his first goal with 8:33 remaining in the stanza to make it a 3-0 game.

Mark Sterrett opened the scoring during a three-goal third period with 9:17 left to play.

Harder completed his hat trick by netting two goals in a span of 2:04 to cap the scoring with 6:11 remaining in the contest.

Declan Beers, Tyler Reisdorfer and Jim Erickson added one assist each to the winning cause.

The 14-5-1 Cardinals play in New Ulm Thursday before traveling to Windom Monday.

Ellsworth girls post second victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team collected its second win of the season during a stretch of playing three games in five days.

The Panthers snapped a 12-game losing streak by topping Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook Thursday. The win was followed by a 31-point loss in Fulda Saturday and a six-point home loss to Clay Central-Every (Iowa) Monday.

Ellsworth, 2-15 overall, hosts Heron Lake-Okabena Friday.

The Raiders led 30-20 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Panthers 44-23 in the second half to win handily.

Sierra Smith turned in a 10-point, nine-rebound effort for the Panthers.

Devin Dreesen and Kallie Chapa grabbed 10 and five rebounds respectively, Morgan Dreesen charted four assists and Meester recorded three steals.

Box score
Vander Poel 1 0 0-0 2, M.Dreesen 2 0 3-6 7, K.Chapa 2 1 1-2 8, Meester 3 0 3-8 9, D.Dreesen 2 0 1-3 5, Domeyer 1 0 0-0 2, Smith 3 1 1-3 10.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 16 of 50 field goals (32 percent), nine of 22 free throws (41 percent), 35 rebounds, 27 turnovers.

CC-E 48, Ellsworth 42

The Panthers surrendered a halftime lead when they entertained Clay Central-Every Monday in Ellsworth.

EHS got off to a strong start and sported a 22-18 advantage at the intermission.

CC-E, however, outscored the Panthers 30-20 in the second half to nail down a six-point victory.

Devin Dreesen (15 points and 10 rebounds) and Ashlyn Meester (10 points) put the Panthers in a position to post a victory.

Sierra Smith grabbed eight rebounds and charted four assists for Ellsworth.

Box score
M.Dreesen 3 0 0-0 6, K.Chapa 2 1 0-1 7, Meester 4 0 2-2 10, D.Dreesen 3 2 3-7 15, Smith 0 0 4-5 4.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 15 of 41 field goals (37 percent), nine of 15 free throws (60 percent), 24 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Fulda 74, EHS 43

An opportunity to win consecutive games didn't pan out for the Panthers when they challenged the Raiders in Fulda Saturday.

Fulda outscored EHS in both halves of the game to post a 31-point victory.

EHS 52, W-WG 37

The Panthers snapped a 12-game losing streak when they took on the Chargers in Westbrook Thursday.

Ellsworth, which had not registered a victory since Dec. 2, picked up their second win of the season when they topped W-WG by 15 points on the road.

Ellsworth got off to a good start by opening a 25-16 lead in the first half.

The Panthers used a 27-21 scoring cushion in the second half to best the Chargers by 15 at game's end.

Meester (18 points) and Devin Dreesen (13 points, 10 rebounds and four assists) lifted the Panthers to victory.

Morgan Dreesen and Smith added eight and seven rebounds to the winning cause respectively.

Box score
M.Dreesen 2 0 4-6 8, K.Chapa 1 1 2-2 7, Meester 3 1 9-12 18, D.Dreesen 2 1 6-6 13, Smith 2 0 2-3 6.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 13 of 42 field goals (31 percent), 23 of 29 free throws (79 percent), 37 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0202 lgb 3

Luverne junior Sierra Schmuck netted a team-high 16 points during Monday's home loss to the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen.

Edgerton, Marshall best basketball girls

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team slipped to 7-11 for the season after taking a pair of setbacks.

The Cardinals fell by 24 points in Marshall Thursday before taking a four-point setback from Edgerton Monday in Luverne.

Luverne hosts Pipestone Thursday.

Edgerton 59, LHS 55

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a four-point decision during a hard-fought home game against Edgerton.

LHS sported a seven-point

advantage with 6:55 left to play, but the Flying Dutchmen outscored the Cards 21-10 the rest of the night to pull out the victory.

The score was knotted at three in the first half when Edgerton went on a 9-5 surge to open a 12-5 cushion.

Luverne countered with a 13-6 run to knot the score at 18 when Kami Sawtelle registered a field goal in the paint with 7:38 remaining in the opening half, but EHS scored the next five points to sport a 23-18 cushion with 4:18 left.

Gymnasts set scoring record Thursday

Trojans top Cardinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team turned in a record-setting performance when it squared off against Worthington Thursday in Luverne.

Unfortunately for the Cards, it wasn't enough to derail the Trojans.

Luverne recorded a program record 135.525 points during their meet with WHS.

The effort surpassed the former team standard of 134.975 points that was set during a meet last winter.

The Trojans, however, compiled 144.325 points to leave town with a Big South Conference victory.

Maria Contreas led the Trojans to the win by taking top honors on the vault (9.375), beam (9.625), bars (8.95) and in the all-around (36.4) competition.

Worthington's Taylor Eggers captured the floor title with a 9.4 effort.

Luverne received three place-earning performances in individual events during its record-breaking outing.

Shelbie Nath placed third and Samantha Pierce fourth on the floor with respective 9.1 and 9.025 tallies.

Cardinal Bergin Flom placed fourth on the vault with a 9.025.

Luverne's Madison Schandelemeier finished fourth all-around with a 33.925.

The 8-6 Cardinals compete in Marshall Thursday.

Individual scores
Vault: B.Flom, 9.025; Meghan Witte, 8.975; Pierce, 8.95; Schandelemeier, 8.875; Nath, 8.55.
Bars: Witte, 8.15; Schandelemeier, 8.15; B.Flom, 7.85; Nath, 7.575; Anna Huisman, 7.275.
Beam: Schandelemeier, 8.45; Nath, 8.325; Pierce, 8.2; Madigan Flom, 7.2; B.Flom, 6.625.
Floor: Nath, 9.1; Pierce, 9.025; Witte, 8.875; B.Flom, 8.8; Schandelemeier, 8.45.



John Rittenhouse photo/0202 gym 14

Luverne senior Madison Schandelemeier leaves the floor during her routine against Worthington Thursday at LHS. The Cardinals set a program record with a 135.525 team tally.

Cobras, Huskies top Adrian matmen

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team came up empty in the win column when it hosted a pair of matches late last week.

The Dragons lost a 22-point match to Jackson County Central Friday after taking an 11-point setback from Windom-Mountain Lake Area Thursday.

Adrian, 3-15 overall, competes Thursday in Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

JCC 49, Adrian 27

The Dragons came up on the short end of a 22-point decision when they entertained the Huskies Friday in Adrian.

In a match that included six forfeits (three for each team), JCC won six of the eight matches that were settled on the mat.

Beau Bullerman pinned Eli Edlin in 1:10, while Logan Taylor posted a 5-0 decision over Payton Handevitd to account for nine of Adrian's 27 points.

Match wrap-up

106 (A) L. Taylor 5-0 Handevitd.
113 (J) Mohning 6-4 Nelson.
120 (J) Hendrickson pins Hokeness.
126 (J) Kapplinger 11-3 Sherer.
132 (J) Poelaert pins C. Combs.
138 (J) Munoz by forfeit.
145 (J) Michelson pins Castenada.
152 (J) Preuss pins M. Taylor.
160 (J) Fisher by forfeit.

170 (J) Wagner by forfeit.
182 (A) Bullerman pins Edlin.
195 (A) Gyberg by forfeit.
220 (A) Wagner by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.

W-MLA 44, Adrian 33

The Dragons were unable to knock off the Cobras when the teams locked horns in Adrian Thursday.

Adrian did win four of the nine bouts staged on the mat, but AHS served up three forfeits to help W-MLA secure an 11-point victory.

Preston Nelson (5:35 over Trenton Renquest), Bullerman (2:23 over Jeff Wright) and Scot Edwards (1:20 over Eli Mutz) registered pins for Adrian, while Rebekah Walton and Dylan Gyberg received forfeits for the Dragons.

Adrian's Logan Sherer posted a 6-3 decision over Hunter Ekstrom.

Match wrap-up

106 (W) Willaby t.f. L. Taylor.
113 (A) Nelson pins Renquist.
120 (W) Sammons t.f. Hix.
126 (A) Sherer 6-3 Ekstrom.
132 (W) Spinks 16-7 C. Combs.
138 (W) Wiens by forfeit.
145 (W) Borsgard by forfeit.
152 (W) Tade pins M. Taylor.
160 (A) Bullerman pins Wright.
170 (W) Jepsen by forfeit.
182 (A) Walton pins Wagner.
195 (A) Gyberg by forfeit.
220 (W) Carlton pins Wagner.
285 (A) Edwards pins Mutz.

AHS boys rally to down Fulda Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team turned a second-half rally into a Red Rock Conference win Monday in Adrian.

Taking on the Fulda Raiders, the Dragons found themselves facing a 36-35 deficit at halftime.

Adrian turned things around by outscoring the Raiders 34-20 in the second half to secure a 69-56 victory.

Ryan Wieneke (16 points and five rebounds), Mitchell Lonneman (15 points and 15 rebounds) and Zach Hendel

(15 points) led the Dragons to the win.

Zach Bierman grabbed five rebounds for the 9-6 Dragons, who play in Westbrook Thursday.

Box score

Stamer 0 1 1-3 4, Serrao 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 2 3-5 9, White 1 1 1-2 6, Wieneke 3 17-9 16, N. Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Hendel 6 0 3-6 15, M. Lonneman 5 0 5-5 15.

Team statistics

Adrian: 22 of 58 field goals (38 percent), 20 of 30 free throws (67 percent), 36 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
Fulda: 17 of 70 field goals (24 percent), 13 of 15 free throws (87 percent), 31 rebounds, 10 turnovers.



Star Herald file photo

Luverne senior Solomon Nielsen, pictured during a home triangular, may have the opportunity to pull even with Matt Skattum as the wrestling program's all-time wins leaders Friday night.

Nielsen nearing LHS wrestling record

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

If things fall into place, Friday could be a historic night for a Luverne High School senior.



Luverne Cardinal Solomon Nielsen, who has compiled a 24-0 record this winter, is on the verge of becoming the most successful wrestler in the history of the LHS program.

After disposing of three opponents at the Sanford Pentagon Wrestling Tournament in Sioux Falls Jan. 21, Nielsen upped his career win total to 131.

That means Nielsen is five wins away from matching the program record of 136 victories produced by Matt Skattum in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

If he can follow the script in place for this week, Nielsen could pull even with Skattum when the Cardinals host a quadrangular in the Luverne Elementary School gym, which starts at 5 p.m. on Friday.

"He would be absolutely deserving of that honor," said Tony Johnson, who is in his third year as head wrestling coach at LHS.

"The way he works in practice every day sets a good example for our other kids of what it takes to be a successful wrestler. He knows what he needs to do in order to compete at the highest level and he is willing to put in the work to get there."

In order to pull even with Skattum on the school's all-time wins list, Nielsen needs to take advantage of all five opportunities he will be presented with this week.

His first challenges came at the Adrian Triangular Tuesday (Jan. 31), where Nielsen faced wrestlers from the host school and Sioux City Bishop

Heelan High School.

If he wins a pair of matches in Adrian, Nielsen will receive three opportunities to produce wins in Friday's home quadrangular.

LHS faces Fairmont-Martin County West, Wabasso-Red Rock Central and United Friday evening.

If Nielsen takes advantage of his experience and skills acquired over the years that have led him to become Luverne's first two-time place winner in state competition (he placed fourth as a sophomore and second as a junior), there's no reason to believe he will not go 5-0 this week.

"He just is focused on getting better," Johnson claims.

"When he gets into a

tight match, and things don't go his way right away, Solomon is really good at creating points for himself. I don't even know if he realizes how close he is to setting the wins record. He does know that the 170-pound weight class is solid this year, so he just wants to keep his focus on the next match in front of him while trying to get better."

That sounds like a sound strategy to me.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Nielsen will set a new wins record at LHS this season.

If he keeps his focus, I'm thinking Nielsen can become Luverne's first three-time state place-winner as well as having a good shot at becoming the program's fifth individual state champion.

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Late field goal sinks Ellsworth boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team lost a heart-breaking game at home Monday night. After facing a 29-20 deficit at halftime against Clay Central-Everyly (Iowa), the Panthers clawed their way back into contention and took a 58-57 edge when senior Rison Curtis drained a pair of free throws in the game's final minute. Unfortunately for the Panthers, they couldn't keep the one-point lead. CC-E converted a field goal with eight seconds remaining and Ellsworth missed a three-point shot at the buzzer to fall 59-58 at game's end.

Jared Leuthold (16 points and nine rebounds) and Brandon Kramer (13 points, six rebounds and three steals) played strong games for the hosts. Zach Buntjer and Carter Boyenga grabbed five rebounds each for the 1-12 Panthers, who play in Lamberton Thursday.

Box score
Wallenberg 1 1 0-2 5, Leuthold 3 1 7-10 16, Kruse 2 1 0-0 7, Curtis 0 0 2-2 2, Jansma 0 3 0-0 9, Boyenga 1 0 0-1 2, Kramer 4 0 5-7 13, Buntjer 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 19 of 47 field goals (40 percent), 12 of 22 free throws (64 percent), 35 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

Three-point play lifts Lions over Patriots

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team took a tough setback from Central Lyon Monday in Hills. The situation looked good when the Patriots sported a 37-32 advantage at the intermission, but the second half belonged to the Lions. CL converted a three-point play with nearly one minute left in regulation play to take a 63-61 lead and the score remained intact when H-BC missed a late three-point shot that would have given the Patriots a victory. Zach Scholten (20 points and 10 rebounds) and Pres-

ton Wilhelmi (17 points and four assists) paced H-BC offensively. Trenton Bass (six rebounds, five steals and four assists) and Jax Wysong (five rebounds) also turned in strong performances for the 7-7 Patriots, who host Mountain Lake Area Thursday.

Box score
Scholten 7 1 3-3 20, Burgers 0 0 0-0 3, Leenderts 0 0 0-0 0, Wilhelmi 4 2 3-3 17, Bass 3 0 1-2 7, Kueter 0 0 0-0 0, Forshey 4 0 1-1 9, Wysong 3 0 2-4 8.

Team statistics
H-BC: 25 of 59 field goals (42 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent), 34 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
CL: 23 of 50 field goals (46 percent), 13 of 16 free throws (81 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

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Team High Handicap Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 2181.

Thursday Night Bowling League
Jan. 26

Games won: The Troublemakers, 4; Billy Goats, 3; Kruser's Bruisers, 3; PD's Bar Flies, 1; Mark's Electric, 0.
High Scratch Game: Zach Runia, 215; Dave Nelson, 212; Chris Nelson, 208.
High Scratch Series: Dave Nelson, 624; Chris Nelson, 581; Billy Debates, 547.
Team High Scratch Game: The Troublemakers, 793; Billy Goats, 638; PD's Bar Flies, 604.
Team High Scratch Series: The Troublemakers, 2187; Billy Goats, 1854; PD's Bar Flies, 1683.
Team High Handicap Game: The Troublemakers, 953; Billy Goats, 804; Kruser's Bruisers, 793.
Team High Handicap Series: The Troublemakers, 2667; Billy Goats, 2352; Kruser's Bruisers, 2289.



John Rittenhouse photo/0202 lgb 9
Luverne senior Kami Sawtelle puts up a shot between Edgerton defenders Jordyn Smit and Halle Wassink during Monday's basketball game in Luverne. Edgerton rallied in the final minutes to secure a 59-55 win.

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The Cards trimmed the difference to one point (28-27) left in the stanza before Mackenzie Petersen drained three consecutive field goals to knot the score at 31 and complete the scoring in the first half with 25 seconds remaining. LHS went on an 8-2 run in the first 5:43 of the second half to open a 39-33 lead when Jadyn Anderson registered a field goal at 12:17. Luverne's lead expanded to seven points (45-38) when Hailey Remme recorded a field goal in the paint with 6:55 left to play, but the Cardinals were unable to protect the advantage. Edgerton reeled off nine

consecutive points to move in front 47-45 before Luverne's Sierra Schmuck tied the score at 47 at the 3:47 mark. The Cards tailed by one (50-49) after Joci Oye drained a pair of free throws at 3:09, but Edgerton countered with a 6-1 run to up the lead to six points (56-50) with 2:18 remaining before winning by six at game's end. Schmuck tossed in 16 points to lead the Cards offensively. Rachel Oftedahland Remme snared nine and six rebounds respectively, while Oye charted five assists.

Box score
Schmuck 6 1 1-3 16, Remme 1 0 0-0 2, Oye 0 2 3-4 9, Anderson 3 0 0-0 6,

Sawtelle 4 0 1-1 9, Oftedahland 2 0 4-6 8, Petersen 0 0 3-3 3, Hustoft 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 48 field goals (40 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 25 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
Edgerton: 20 of 40 field goals (41 percent), 13 of 17 free throws (77 percent), 27 rebounds, eight turnovers.

Marshall 62, LHS 38
A slow start by the Cardinals led to a 24-point setback when Luverne traveled to Marshall for a Big South Conference game Thursday. LHS, which struggled at the charity stripe with a six-for-22 effort at the line, fell into an early hole as the Tigers opened a commanding 33-11 lead after 18 minutes of play.

The Cardinals put up a better fight in the second half, but Marshall's 29-27 scoring edge gave the Tigers a convincing victory. Oye led LHS with 14 points, three assists and three steals in the contest.

Box score
Schmuck 1 0 0-0 2, Remme 0 0 1-2 1, Oye 3 2 2-2 14, Anderson 0 1 0-2 3, Sawtelle 2 0 2-2 6, Bosch 1 0 0-0 2, Oftedahland 3 0 0-0 6, Petersen 0 1 0-4 3, Hustoft 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
Luverne: 14 of 27 field goals (52 percent), six of 22 free throws (27 percent), 12 rebounds, 16 turnovers.
Marshall: 19 of 37 field goals (51 percent), 15 of 24 free throws (63 percent), 22 rebounds, nine turnovers.

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its last six outings. Thursday's game started in a positive way as LHS eighth-grader Rozilyn Oye registered an unassisted tally 1:45 into the game to open the scoring. Marshall, however, netted the next five goals to assume control of the contest.

Marshall's Olivia Peterson tied the game at one 54 seconds after Oye's goal and McKayla Campion gave the Tigers a 2-1 edge with 1:51 remaining in the opening stanza. The Tigers netted three unanswered goals in the second period to open a 5-1 cushion.

Sydney Mauch registered an unassisted tally 5:51 into the second stanza to make it a 3-1 game. Courtney Mauch recorded an unassisted goal with 4:32 remaining in the period before adding a power-play tally with 30 seconds left to give the Tigers a four-goal cushion. Luverne climbed back into contention when Mariah Aukes netted a pair of power-play goals late in the third period to make it a 5-3 game

with 1:50 left to play. Marshall thwarted the challenge when Sydney Mauch recorded an empty-net goal with 30 seconds remaining. Marshall sported a 39-24 advantage in shots on goal in the contest. Luverne received one assist each from Carly Serie and Madison Crabtree. Emilie Bartels made 33 saves in goal for the Cards. The 8-10-2 LHS squad hosts New Ulm Friday.

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203 E. Brown St., Luverne
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St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, Feb. 2: 4 p.m. Veterans Mass. Friday, Feb. 3: 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Saturday, Feb. 4: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Feb. 5: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Vouchers/Fair Trade. 6 p.m. LCF. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Monday, Feb. 6: 7 p.m. ECCW. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. LCCW; Cub Scouts. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 10 a.m. Mass at Mary Jane Brown Home. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 6:30 p.m. RCIA. Thursday, Feb. 9: 2:30 p.m. Mass at Tuff Home. 1-4 p.m. Fun Day.

Luverne Christian Reformed Church

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

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Mondays: 9 a.m. PERK UP. Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

First Baptist Church

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

Thursday, Feb. 2: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. 6 p.m. All-Church Potluck and Bunco Night at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Feb. 9: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship service 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, Feb. 2: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 1:30 p.m. Endowment. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Feb. 3: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 4: 10 a.m. Hieronimus Bridal Shower. 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 5: 8:15 a.m. Worship with Communion; Radio Broadcast. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Feb. 6: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 9 a.m. Staff meeting.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 3:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Catechism classes. Thursday, Feb. 9: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid.

American Reformed Church

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

Thursday, Feb. 2: 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. Friday, Feb. 3: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Souper Bowl of Caring Offering. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. Monday, Feb. 6: 3 p.m. Commons reserved. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Choir.

St. John Lutheran Church

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

Thursday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women's Society. Saturday, Feb. 4: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Worship (Junior Choir sings). 10:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open House" Day. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Monday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors Conference at St. John. 7 p.m. Elders meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 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, Feb. 9: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 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.

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: luvneumc@iw.net
Dorie Hall, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 2: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 4: 7:30 p.m. Family Ministry meeting. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 6 p.m. No A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Feb. 6: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 6 p.m. Meal for F.U.E.L. families. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry. No Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA meeting. Thursday, Feb. 9: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Coloring Ministry.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Jason Cunningham, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. PW coordinating team. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 1 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Monday, Feb. 6: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 10 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:30 p.m. Middle School. 7 p.m. Choir. 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 1: 6 p.m. Confirmation; bells. 7 p.m. Choir.

Living Rock Church

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

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

New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelibration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 2: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 3: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion/Sunday School sings. Monday, Feb. 6: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 6 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 9: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

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

First Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir Practice.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Thursday, Feb. 2: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, Feb. 5: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

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.

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**By Andrew Palmquist,
Pastor, Bethany
Lutheran Church,
Luverne**

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Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 277-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Feb. 1: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation in Magnolia; G1 in Adrian.

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, Feb. 5: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem; installation of new officers. 7-8:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Feb. 7: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Feb. 8: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Confirmation (students and mentors). 7:30 p.m.

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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Notice of Legal Action

STATE OF WISCONSIN
PRICE COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION

REX E. WOLLENBERG,
PETITIONER,

v.
MIRANDA STICKLING,
RESPONDENT

NOTICE OF LEGAL ACTION
CASE NO. 11-FA-58

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a formal action has been taken against you, Miranda Stickling. A Motion has been filed with the Price County Clerk of Court for Ex Parte Relief, Modification of Physical Placement, Request for Emergency Hearing, and Request for Appointment of Guardian ad Litem. Contact our office immediately.

HAUKAAS LAW OFFICE, S.C.
Vincent Kurta, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
101 Main Street West Suite 201
Ashland, WI 54806
715-685-1001

(01-26,02-02,02-09)

Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Quiet Title Action

Gerhart Baker,
Plaintiff

vs.

All persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint, herein,
Defendants.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys an Answer to Complaint, which is filed in the office of the Court Administrator of the above-named county, within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgement by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. This action involves, affects, or brings in question real property situated in the County of Rock, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

61.22 ACRES LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF 23-101-45, LYING WEST OF THE VILLAGE OF ASH CREEK, BUT INCLUDING LOT 8 IN KITTERMAN'S ADDITION TO ASK CREEK; SUBJECT PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #03-0093-400 IN THE OFFICE OF THE ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA TREASURER.

The object of this action is to remove, terminate and quiet any interest of the defendants to this action and to the real estate described above.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT NO PERSONAL CLAIM is made against any of the Defendants. If any Defendant unreasonably defends the action, then Plaintiffs are requesting an order of the Court directing that said Defendant shall pay full costs to the Plaintiffs.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for District Courts. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for information about these processes and about resources available in your area.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that sanctions may be awarded pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 549.211.
Dated this 27th day of January, 2017.

/S/ PAUL A. VIS
Eisma and Eisma
130 E. Main, PO Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828,
ID#297550
(02-02, 02-09, 02-16)

Order to show cause for Contempt of Court for non-support

IN DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FAMILY COURT DIVISION

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH

State of Minnesota, County of Blue Earth
and Jessica Lynn Culhane,

Plaintiffs,
vs.

Joshua David Depyter,
Defendant

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT
FOR NON-SUPPORT
COURT FILE NO. 07-FA-07-1422

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, JOSHUA DAVID DEPYTER

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that upon all the files, records, and proceedings in the above-entitled matter and upon the Affidavit attached hereto and upon the Motion of the Blue Earth County Attorney,

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. You personally appear before the above-names Court at the Justice Center in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, State of Minnesota, on the 15th day of March 2017 at 9:00 a.m., before Stephen P. Rolfsrud, Child Support Magistrate, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard and SHOW CAUSE, if any you have, why the Court should not make its Order granting the relief in the Notice of Motion and Motion for Contempt of Court for Non-Support attached hereto and for such other relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

2. You obtain and bring with you to the hearing to provide to the Office of the Blue Earth County Attorney the following:

- A verified statement of your earnings for the past six (6) months obtained from your employer, or your salary stubs for the past six (6) months; **and**
- A copy of your state and federal income tax returns for the past two (2) years, including all schedules and attachments (including 1099s, W-2s, and the like); **and**
- Profit and loss statements of any business in which you have an interest for the past two (2) years; **and**
- Personal and business financial statements and applications for loans for the past two (2) years; **and**
- General ledgers of any business in which you have an interest for the past two (2) years.

3. Your complete respondent's Statement, attached hereto, to be filled out by you prior to the above hearing date.

4. A copy of this Order shall be personally served upon you. All responsive pleadings shall be served upon the Office of the Blue Earth County Attorney and the individual Petitioner and filed with the Court no later than five (5) days prior of the scheduled hearing, exclusive of intervening Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays; the Court may, at its discretion, disregard any responsive pleading served and filed less than five (5) days prior to such hearing in ruling on the motion or matter in question.

NOTICE: The Blue Earth County Attorney represents the Blue Earth County Child Support Enforcement Division. The Blue Earth County Attorney does not represent either individual party in the present action.

If you fail to appear in court as ordered, the Court may issue a warrant or Writ of Attachment for your arrest and have you held in the Blue Earth County Jail pending the next available hearing date or until you post bail as ordered by the Court.

By The Court
Magistrate
/s/ Stephen Rolfsrud
Dated: January 9, 2017

(02-02, 02-09, 02-16)

Rock County seeks proposals by March 3

NOTICE TO BIDDERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Development of Construction Plans and Specifications for the Rehabilitation of Historic Spring Brook Bridge, Bridge L4646
Notice is hereby given that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of Construction Plans and Specifications for the rehabilitation of historic Spring Brook Bridge (Bridge L4646) will be received by the Rock County Highway Engineer until 4:00 PM on 3rd day of March, 2017. Proposals received will be opened at that time. Proposals will be reviewed, evaluated, and scored the following week and presented to the Beaver Creek City Council on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at the scheduled Beaver Creek City Council meeting.

Proposal details may be obtained by contacting the Rock County Highway Department at the address and phone number found below:

Rock County Highway Department
Mark R. Sehr, PE – Rock County Highway Engineer
1120 N. Blue Mound Avenue
PO Box 808
Luverne, MN 56156-0808
(507) 283-5010

The Beaver Creek City Council reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any irregularities.

Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(01-26, 02-02, 02-09, 02-16, 02-23)

Fodness probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-33

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
James Conrad Fodness, a/k/a James C. Fodness, a/k/a James Fodness
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated March 21, 2001, and for the appointment of Jessica Fodness, f/k/a Jessica Malloy, whose address is 309 E. Bishop, Luverne, MN 56156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: January 26, 2017
/s/ Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke
Attorney for Petitioner
Eisma and Eisma
130 East Main, Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156
(507) 283-4828
I.D.#389457

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

(02-02, 02-09)

Gyberg Probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-30

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
Dennis J. Gyberg, a/k/a Dennis Gyberg,
Deceased

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 2017, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named deceased, dated September 24, 1996, and for the appointment of Jennifer Jean Ainsworth, whose address is 5423 S. 32nd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68156, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

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

Dated: January 23, 2017
/s/Douglas E. Eisma
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I.D.#158343

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

(02-02, 02-09)

City of Luverne seeks bids by Feb. 23

Advertisement for Bids

Owner: City of Luverne
Owner's Address: 305 E. Luverne Street
PO Box 659
Luverne, MN 56156-0659

Project: South Elevated Tank Rehabilitation and Lighting Project
Sealed BIDS for the South Elevated Tank Rehabilitation and Lighting Project will be received by the City Council of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota at their offices before 2:00 P.M. local time February 23, 2017. All bids received shall then at said location be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be acted upon by the Owner at a later time. The Project shall consist of the following work and approximate quantities and kinds of materials with one contract to be awarded.

Complete blasting and recoating of the interior and exterior surfaces of a 300,000

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

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305 E. Luverne St.
P.O. Box 659
Luverne, MN 56156

DGR Engineering
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P.O. Box 511
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Each bid must be accompanied by bid security payable to the Owner for ten (10%) percent of the total amount of the Bid as a certified or bank check or Bid Bond. As soon as the bid prices have been compared, the Owner will return the check or bond of all except the three lowest, responsive, responsible bidders for each Schedule. The bonds of the two remaining unsuccessful bidders will be retained until the earlier of seven days after the Effective Date of the Agreement or 35 days after the Bid opening. The check or bond of the successful bidder will be retained until the contract and surety bond have been executed and approved, after which it will be returned.

With submittal of a Bid, the Contractor represents that he has visited the site, familiarized himself with the local conditions under which the work is to be performed, and correlated his observations with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall submit to the Owner a signed statement verifying compliance with each of the criteria described in the state of Minnesota "Responsible Contractor" as codified in Minnesota Statute Section 16C.285. See the Instructions to Bidders for more details.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept any bid. Contractor's Proposals shall hold firm for thirty-five (35) days from the date of opening to allow the Owner to complete financing arrangements. Mutually agreed upon extensions of time may be made, if necessary.

City of Luverne
By /s/ Patrick Baustian
Mayor

February 2, 2017
By /s/ John Call
City Administrator
(02-02)

Leuthold applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Kelly Leuthold will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to construct a new feedlot of 720 animal units.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of Section 35 of Martin Township, T101N, R46W, of Rock County, Minnesota. The feedlot will consist of one 2400 head total confinement barn housing wean to finish swine. The barn will have an under-floor reinforced concrete pit to hold manure generated by the swine. The final animal unit capacity will be 720 animal units after the construction. The feedlot will be owned by Kelly Leuthold.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

Published at the request of Kelly Leuthold.

(02-02)

Thompson applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Nathan Thompson has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 28 in Magnolia Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2400 head to swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(02-02)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Dec. 15

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LUVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on December 15, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Dave Riphagen, and Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Brian Jans, Matt Kleinschmit, Ryan Johnson, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. It was noted there is an addendum to the agenda. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda with addendum. Motion unanimously carried.

Brian Jans and Matt Kleinschmit, representing Jans Corporation, presented information regarding a security entry into the elementary school. Discussion was held. The School Board asked for them to bring back some firm numbers exploring several different options.

Administrative reports were given

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the November 22, 2016, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

It was noted that no action is needed at this time on the elementary entry project with Jans Corporation. Action will be taken once firm numbers have been provided to the school district.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Bosch, second by Riphagen, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,169,870.66. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Bosch, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of November 30, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to set the Driver's Education fee at \$325. This would reflect a \$25 increase. Discussion was held. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to receive the transportation report listing the school district owned vehicles. Motion unanimously carried. Discussion was held regarding purchase of one new school bus and possibly two

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suburbans at a later date. Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to pursue purchase of one school bus through the State contract. The suburban purchases will be discussed at a later date. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Stacie Busse-Remme as head volleyball coach effective December 1, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the Services Contract with SW/WC Service Cooperative for a Construction Careers Instructor for January 1 – June 30, 2017. Approximate cost to the school district will be \$15,280. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to recess the school board meeting at 6:18 p.m. in anticipation of the Truth in Taxation hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Riphagen, second by Hartman, to move back into session at 6:55 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Mariah Aukes, Student Council representative, reported they have made their annual Red Arrow and S.H.A.R.E. contributions; they are working on plans for Snow Week in January; they are discussing having a possible "no screen" or "unplug" day during Snow Week; and, the Masquerade Ball was not very well attended due to many other activities on Friday and Saturday.

Middle/High School Principal Ryan Johnson has been conducting staff meetings regarding discipline and working on common expectations; the end of the semester will be after the holiday break; and, the eDynamic Learning program has been going very well. Member Deutsch asked about the ALC numbers – they are fairly solid.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented information regarding the Truth-in-Taxation hearing. Motion made by Riphagen, second by Hartman, to certify the 2016 Payable 2017 Levy at \$2,482,885.67, which represents a decrease of 2.69%. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: December 15, 2016
Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(02-02)

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Europe greeted the outbreak of war with jubilation. The great majority of people – within government and without – assumed that their country would be victorious within months, and could not envision the possibility of a longer conflict.

On Aug. 1, 1914, four days after Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, two more great European powers – Russia and Germany – declared war on each other; the same day, France ordered a general mobilization.

The so-called “Great War” that ensued would be one of the unprecedented destruction and loss of life, resulting in the deaths of some 20 million soldiers and civilians and the physical devastation of much of the European continent.

That devastation directly affected the citizens of Luverne as many of their mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and friends remained in the “homeland.” After all, Luverne was the home of immigrants. Cities, towns and farmlands across Europe were devastated by the war. Government and industrial production supported the war effort. People were unable to find the necessities of life like food, clothing and shelter.

Families and friends from America stepped

in to help the people of Europe. As early as Aug. 21, 1914, Luverne Mayor J. W. Hawkinson received an appeal to aid the Red Cross to care for the “sufferers in the great European war.” People donated money, collected goods and prepared boxes for shipments.

The Rock County Herald announced that same day that two Luverne girls were among the war refugees to reach Boston. Ms. Nora and Ms. Jessie Jacobsen had been spending the summer in Europe before the war broke out. They were finally able to board emergency passage on a ship leaving from Naples to America. Until the ship left the Straits of Gibraltar, the vessel was a pawn in a cat and mouse struggle between British and German warships. The girls felt extremely fortunate to have made it home.

On Dec. 1, 1914, the United States government enacted a “war tax” that required that all persons buying, selling or doing certain things were required to “dig it up” for the war effort. Some of the products or services required the application of a tax stamp, and when the law went into effect, there was no vendor in Luverne.

Tax payments were from 1/8 of a cent to



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hundreds of dollars. Funds would be used by the government to protect America by supporting European allies and preparing our country for war. The four banks in Luverne were scrambling to figure out how to handle this situation.

By February 1915, the situation in Europe was more quickly deteriorating. Victor Van Hyke and Philip Vande Velde began circulating a subscription paper for the benefit of the Belgian war victims. Donors raised \$165 and included busi-

nesses like: First National Bank, Farmers' National Bank, Nelson Brothers, Rock County Bank, National Bank of Luverne, Home Automobile Company, Hawes & Son, and Johnston-Kolegraff Lumber Company, along with countless individuals.

Women's groups, men's groups and church societies joined together in clothing and food drives. School children pitched in by recycling clothing, shoes and other necessities. Local families would send boxes of food and clothing to their European relatives so that they could share the gifts with those in need.

One of the most successful campaigns conducted by the Rock County Chapter of the American Red Cross was the famous “Liberty Duck Drive.”

Through the sale of the Liberty Duck at various auctions, the treasury of the Rock county Chapter was enriched by the sum of \$16,752.64, making her the highest priced bird in the world. This famous duck began its journey for the Red Cross from Jasper but travelled throughout the county to church, farm, city and family events. In the Oct. 11, 1916, edition of the Rock County Herald the headline was: “Career of Famous Liberty Duck Ended.” The article went on to say:

“Liberty Duck, the bird that laid the golden eggs for the Rock County Chapter, American Red Cross, is no more. Her useful earthly career ended last Wednesday and that afternoon it was buried at the home of Harry Rodman, its keeper, in a grave strewn with flowers by the children of Mr. Rodman's family.

“For a number of months, Liberty Duck has been noticeably declining, its great feats on behalf of the Red Cross presumably having undermined its health. The tender care given it by Mr. Rodman was unavailing, and when the end came the duck's condition was such as to make it impossible to have it mounted for a memorial as was originally planned. She was famed throughout the country and her death will be regretted by all Red Cross workers.” In February 1917, President Wilson reports that the American ambassador to Germany is ordered home. The United States was on the verge of war with Germany. Diplomatic relations were severed by Wilson, who promised that there would be no further action until Germany would commit some overt act, such as the sinking of an American ship. Just hours later, an American liner named the Houstonic was attacked by a Ger-

man U-boat. Hours later, America was at war with Germany.

In April 1917, Robert A. Grout, a former Luverne boy and veteran of the Spanish-American War came to Luverne from Sioux Falls for the purpose of organizing a battery of field artillery. There was a great deal of enthusiasm in Luverne from young men anxious to protect their new country from German aggression. Mayor W. A. Wright called a patriotic rally on April 19, 1917 at 8 pm. The proclamation read:

“On April 19th, 1917, we should be inspired by the same patriotism and love of liberty that inspired our Revolutionary forefathers on April 19th, 1775. If we are not, we are not worthy of our heritage.

The Governor of our state, by proclamation, has called upon the people of Minnesota to hold patriotic meetings throughout the State on April 19th for the purpose of calling attention to the necessity of securing additional military recruits, and of coming to a full realization of the fact that we, today, are involved in the greatest conflict of all time.

I call upon all people of the City of Luverne, and all others residing in Rock county, to lay aside their business and other avocations, and assemble at the New Palace Theatre in the city of Luverne on April 19, 1917, at eight o'clock p.m., there to take steps to cooperate with the state public safety commission, to defend our common country, protect our citizens and to safeguard our homes and our families.”

Keynote speaker was Civil War veteran N. R. Reynolds. Others addressing the body were Rev. J. O. Mundahl, Father D. Mangan, Rev. H. W. Baumann, Rev. A. H. Carver and E. H. Canfield. The musical program would be opened with the singing of “The Star Spangled Banner” by the audience, led by Carver's Military band and closing of the meeting by the singing of “America”. Preceding the meeting, people gathered at the Central school grounds at 7:30 pm and processed to the opera house. Every person was expected to carry a flag.

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can border. The drill was also assisted by R. B. Nelson, who graduated from Shattuck Military School, Lt. Mark Bronson of the Fourth Iowa Infantry and Lt. Frank Ferguson, veteran of the Spanish-American War.

Rock County and Luverne were home to many naturalized citizens of European birth who came to this country to seek their fortunes and make a new life for their families. These citizens were very concerned about their property. Sheriff J. E. Black was responsible for upholding the law. In April of 1917, he enlisted the following proclamation:

To Foreign-Born Residents:

“I, J. E. Black, Sheriff of Rock County, Minnesota, deem it wise in the present crisis, in this formal proclamation to assure all resident of foreign birth that even in the event of the United States becoming actively involved in the great European war, no citizen of any foreign power, resident in Rock County, need fear any invasion of his personal or property rights so long as he goes peaceable about his business and conducts himself in a law-abiding manner.

The United States has never, in any war, confiscated the property of any foreign resident unless by his own hostile acts he made it necessary.

I take this formal means of declaring to all foreign-born residents that they will be protected in the ownership of their property and money and that they will be free from personal molestation, so long as they obey the laws of the State and Nation.

I urgently request that all people refrain from public discussion of questions, involved in the present crisis and maintain a calm and considerate attitude toward all without regard to their nationality.

Let it be understood that every citizen owes undivided allegiance to the American flag, that he is expected to loyally fulfill all obligations which citizenship and residence impose upon him, and that any act, however slight, ending to give aid or comfort to the enemy is treason, for which severe penalties are provided in addition to that punishment which public opinion inflicts upon the memory of all traitors in all lands.”

On April 27, 1917 seven Luverne men were taken in to attend military training camp for officer's training school. They included Robert A. Grout, Elmer Jones, Barton Chapin, Clifford Rier-son, George W. Fried, C. S. Rulon and O. L. Hayden.

In May, Rock County appointed officers for the conscription registration board.

Luverne had A. O. Moreaux in the south ward and A. M. Solberg in the north ward. Registration day was fixed as June 5th from 7 am to 9 pm when all men between the ages of 21 and 30 must register. Failure to do so was punishable by arrest and incarceration.

On June 5, 1917, 1,083 men in Rock County registered in the first conscription. Of that number 120 were aliens of nations with which the country was not at war, 42 are aliens of Germany or natives of that country who have taken out only their “first papers.”

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We would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for everyone's support with the coming of our heart warrior. It is truly amazing being able to watch first hand hoe a community lifts people up when they are down. Our family will be forever grateful for all the love, support, and prayers. This coming challenge will most likely be one of the hardest things we as a family will ever have to endure but with the help from so many of you, we are able to rid some stress and anxiety. A big thank you to everyone that helped set up, take down, donated food, and silent auction items. We would also like to give a special thank you to Vanbully's Bar in Iona. Ryan Bullerman and Carrie VanDyke you two have hearts of gold. You guys and so many others put so much time and effort into our benefit Again, thank you everyone for everything!
Love,
Mike, Melissa and Mari Einck
(2.2-2.5)

These past few weeks I have been so overcome with the kindness shown to me. I was blessed to celebrate my 95th Birthday. To my family, friends and acquaintances, thank you for the visits, flowers, calls, food, and the beautiful cards with all the personal notes included. It was overwhelming. God has been very good to me all these years, allowing me to enjoy my family and friends. May be Bless all of you for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you sincerely,
Eva Lu Hemme
(2.2-2.5)

Thank you to the Doctors and great caring nurses at the Luverne Hospital for care given to “Bud”. Also thank you to the Adrian Funeral Home and Father Colletti for their wonderful care and support. Thank you to family and friends for their expressions of sympathy, prayers and flowers. I am so thankful for each and every one of you for your loving care through this very trying time.

Elaine L. John
(1.29-2.2)