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A Glance at 2015 Crop Season

Yields per bushel in Rock County and surrounding counties

County	Corn	Soybeans
Murray	199.5	55.4
ROCK	198.8	58.2
Lyon, Iowa	196	61.1
Nobles	193.5	57.1
Pipestone	91.9	*
Minnehaha, S.D.	191	56.9
Moody, S.D.	190.8	56.4

Source: USDA
*Due to lack of survey response, no yield information was disclosed.

It's official: Rock County yields hit records

Commodity prices in 2015, however, don't follow record yields

By Mavis Fodness

When the USDA released its annual crop production report last month, it confirmed Minnesota's 2015 crop season as its best on record.

On Thursday, Feb. 18, the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Minnesota Field Office released individual county results and confirmed 2015 was also a good production year for Rock County.

The state upped its previous record corn yield set in 2010 by 11 bushels per acre to 188. The state's soybeans also set a yield record last

year with an average of 50 bushels per acre, up five bushels from the previous record, also set in 2010.

Rock County beat the state's record corn yield by more than 10 bushels an acre, pushing its own record to 198.8. That breaks the previous yield record set in 2005 of 190 bushels per acre.

Local production of soybeans followed suit, increasing Rock County's record yield to 58.2 bushels per acre, up from 54.3 set in 2010.

In total, Rock County harvested more than 27 million bushels of corn in 2015 for grain production, also a record. That amount is up from the previous re-

cord of more than 25 million bushels harvested for grain in 2013.

Likewise, the last year's local soybean production also was the highest on record with 6.2 million bushels, up slightly from \$6.1 million bushels harvested in 2005.

The average price per bushel, however, didn't set any records in 2015 on a statewide level.

For corn, the state's average price for December was \$3.44 with more grain to be marketed in 2016.

In comparison, the average corn

Record yields/continued on 5A

Seven local precincts choose mail ballots

By Mavis Fodness

More Rock County residents now have the option to vote by mail than ever before in a general election.

This fall, registered voters in seven additional Rock County precincts will receive ballots in the mail instead of traveling to their traditional polling locations.

These precincts include the city of Magnolia and the townships of Beaver Creek, Kanaranzi, Magnolia, Luverne (both precincts) and Mound.

They join the townships of Battle Plain, Denver and Vienna along with the cities of Jasper (Rock County portion) and Kenneth, which are already using mail-in ballots.

Now 12 out of the county's 24 precincts have chosen the mail ballot option verses operating a polling place on election days.

Low voter turnout, availability of election judges and, in some instances, the lack of a polling location has prompted township officials to seek better options.

"Any of our townships and most of our cities, except for Hills and Luverne, are eligible to become mail-ballot precincts," said Ashley Kurtz, Rock County auditor-treasurer.

Mail ballot precincts receive letters from the auditor's office 21 to 46 days before the election.

This year ballots for the Nov. 8 General Election will be mailed in late September/early October.

Ballots can be mailed back to the Rock County Courthouse or dropped off at the auditor's office. Mail ballots are opened and counted only after the polling places close on Election Day.

In the November 2014 election, voter participation doubled with mail balloting versus the traditional polling place option.

According to Kurtz, voter turnout in Rock County in the 2014 election was 7.5 percent overall. In the five mail ballot precincts, participation ranged from 12 to 20 percent.

For those who prefer to vote in person, a polling place is open at the courthouse on Election Day, Kurtz said.



Photo by Caitlin Miller

For 58 days and 57 nights, Caitlin Miller and her rowing partner, George Pagano, enjoyed numerous sunrises and sunsets from their boat as they rowed across the Atlantic Ocean. Other than stopping for a three-day tropical storm, the two rowed non-stop from Dec. 20 to Feb. 16.

Rowing feat propels Luverne grad into record books

Caitlin Miller reflects on grueling 3,000-mile trek across the Atlantic Ocean

By Mavis Fodness

After 58 days, 5 hours and 6 minutes rowing across the Atlantic Ocean, Caitlin Miller's first steps on land were a little wobbly on Feb. 16.

"That first step we all felt we were swaying," said Miller during a phone interview a day after the race.

Miller is the daughter of Alex and Karen Miller of rural Hardwick. She and her partner, George Pagano, from Media, Pennsylvania, finished the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge just short of two months.

Dubbed the "World's Toughest Row," the challenge attracted 26 entrants from around the world to row 3,000 miles from La Gomera to English Harbor, Antigua, in 90 days or less.

The first boat crossed the finish line in 37 days, 9 hours and 12 minutes. The four-man British team now has the fastest time recorded since the race began in 1997.

Miller, 23, and Pagano, 24, set two records of their own, finishing in 17th place.



Photo courtesy of Alex Miller

Caitlin Miller (left) raises a flare, and rowing partner George Pagano holds an American flag as the two enter the English Harbour in Antigua Feb. 16, the final destination for the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge.

A record-setting race

Miller and Pagano are the youngest American mixed pair to complete the race, and they broke

the previous mixed pair record time of 60 days and 18 hours.

"It feels kind of surreal," Miller said. "I know we did it, but the full

effect hasn't set in."

Sleeping a solid 10 hours after her arrival to Antigua, Miller was surprised she slept so long after the daily routine of rowing for three hours and then sleeping for three.

"We thought we wouldn't be able to sleep because it would be so quiet," she said.

"We got used to the sloshing noise of the water made against the boat."

The pair began their rowing on Dec. 20, upping the hours when a two-hour rotation wasn't allowing either of them to adequately recover before it was time for the other to row again.

By Day 2 they were adjusting to their routine. For the next 34 days they didn't see another human being except each other, and even that human contact was brief as they made the rowing switch.

"We would talk a few minutes before going to bed," Miller said.

Miller rowing/see page 3A

Heroin overdose emergency results in felony drug arrests in Hills

By Lori Sorenson

A Hills woman and an Illinois man were arrested Sunday after emergency personnel were called to a Hills residence for a heroin overdose.

According to criminal complaints filed Tuesday in Rock County District Court, 32-year-old Christopher Theilken, Springfield, Illinois, and 35-year-old Serenity Duehn, Hills, are facing felony drug charges.

The complaint states that deputies and first responders arrived at 125 South Church Ave. in Hills around 4

p.m. Sunday to find Duehn unconscious on the floor.

Theilken was reportedly arguing with personnel about Duehn's condition and not cooperating with them about what had happened to Duehn.

The complaint states that hypodermic needles were in plain sight and Duehn's arm had fresh needle marks as well.

When pressed about the evidence, Theilken finally admitted that they had both used heroin, and he showed officers unused heroin in



the cupboard.

He was then handcuffed and sent by ambulance to the hospital.

After obtaining a search war-

rant, deputies took the heroin as evidence, as well as numerous needles and what appeared to be a meth pipe with residue in it. A small amount of marijuana was also located.

In a Mirandized interview, Theilken said he purchased the heroin in Sioux Falls from a man he'd met at Grand Falls Casino two weeks prior and that he and Duehn had injected heroin Sunday afternoon.

After Duehn was released from the hospital Sunday evening, she told deputies (after being Mirandized) that

she had taken prescription Adderall, Zanax and Oxycodone earlier on Sunday.

According to the complaint, she said she took the pills because she didn't plan to use heroin that day and knows she shouldn't mix the pills with heroin.

Duehn further indicated that she had been clean but had relapsed on heroin two weeks ago. She told law enforcement that Theilken had purchased heroin five times in the past two weeks.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Divorce Recovery Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, at St. Catherine Centennial Room in Luverne.

Beaver Creek Township's monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, with the Board of Audit at 8 p.m.

American Legion Post #123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, in the Post home.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Note the new location during the library renovation. Call 605-321-4324.

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

Spring weight road restrictions

Spring weight road restrictions went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, on Rock County roadways.

For spring load restrictions, starting and ending dates are based on how the weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadway strength as weather conditions change. Ending dates for spring load restrictions are variable, and drivers must check for updates throughout the spring.

If you have any questions, please call Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr at 507-283-5010.

Relay for Life team kick-off meeting

Rock County Relay for Life team kick-off meeting will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. This come-and-go informational meeting is for anyone interested in taking part in the Relay for Life event June 10. If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact Mercie Domagala at 507-920-5117.

Bank Nite movie March 3

The free Bank Nite movie, Disney's "Cinderella," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

Luverne Middle School music concert set for March 3

The Luverne Middle School bands and choirs will perform a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in the high school gym. The concert will feature the 6th grade choir and band as well as the 7th-8th grade choir and band. The choirs are directed by Seana Graber and accompanied by Dolly Talbert, and the band is directed by Richard Owen. The concert is free and open to the public.

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17,

A parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day will begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, and will travel from Living Rock Church to Freeman Street in Luverne.

Following the parade, CHS will host Harvest for Hunger, a freewill donation meal consisting of corned beef or Reuben sandwiches, at the Eagles Club from 5 p.m. until gone.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne through April. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required.

The library is closed this month, but it will be open for tax appointments on Mondays, and people can still call the library to make tax appointments. Evening appointments are also available. Bring Social Security cards to appointments. 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/0225 legislative coffee

Pictured at Friday's legislative update at the Luverne Area Chamber Office are (clockwise from left) Esther Frakes, Lorna Bryan, Rep. Joe Schomacker, Mark Ommen, Bob Bolger, Sen. Bill Weber, Gary and Janine Papik and Beth Bartels.

Locals share input, hear updates at Chamber coffee with legislators Monday morning

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Area Chamber hosted Sen. Bill Weber and Rep. Joe Schomacker for Contacts and Coffee Friday morning in the lower level of the Chamber office.

Weber and Schomacker, both of Luverne, discussed items of interest from the 2016 legislative session and took questions from citizens and local leaders who attended the event.

Schomacker said nursing home funding reform was one of the biggest accomplishments from previous sessions. "It's a value-based reimbursement system to keep up with costs," Schomacker said.

He pointed out that for Good Samaritan in Luverne, the legislation resulted in an additional \$600,000 per year, most of which supported better wages for caregivers.

A good share of discussion centered on MNsure, the state's health care insurance exchange, which has been troubled by recent premium hikes and audits showing

Caucuses set for March 1

The DFL caucus in Rock County is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Senior Center in Luverne.

GOP caucus is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Luverne Elementary Commons.

misappropriated funds.

Among the points raised Friday morning was the fact that Medicaid recipients are finding liens placed on their properties after signing up for nursing home assistance.

"To me, this is totally unacceptable," Weber said. "They at least need to know what they're signing."

During Friday's casual discussion, the legislators were asked if they had any influence over the Blue Mounds State Park decision on replacing the dam and water feature.

Schomacker and Weber said they could weigh in on discussion, but proposing legislation it wouldn't likely produce outcomes.

"It's a honey and vinegar sort of thing," Schomacker said. "Sometimes you get more with a little honey."

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere expressed disappointment with state funding for the Blue Mounds.

For example, this year is the 125th Anniversary of Minnesota state parks and trails and there are more than 60 special events planned at parks all over the state.

"But there isn't one program planned for ours," Lanphere said.

She also lamented that funding hasn't been approved for a park naturalist at the Blue Mounds, and to generate interest the Chamber has

taken the lead on events that draw attention to the park and to Luverne.

Weber and Schomacker agreed to participate in a meeting about the Blue Mounds with local and regional park officials, along with the Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau.

At Friday's coffee gathering the legislators, both Republicans, encouraged the public to participate in the caucus process, which includes a straw poll for presidential candidates

"Precinct caucuses are the first step for both parties in the election process," Schomacker said. "These delegates determine both the candidates and party platforms."

He encouraged the public to participate and to bring resolutions for consideration.

The DFL caucus in Rock County is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Senior Center in Luverne. The GOP caucus is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Luverne Elementary Commons.



Mavis Fodness photo/0225 Accident 0223

Freezing moisture on roads causes crashes

Phil Gorter with G&S Auto Sales and Services, Luverne, removes a 2006 Pontiac G6 from the ditch northeast of Luverne along County Road 8 near 161st Street Tuesday morning. Driver Carol Bertrand, 57, of Wilmont, was treated and released from Sanford Luverne Hospital. Roads were slick due to freezing moisture at the time of the 7:31 a.m. accident, according to the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Rock County Ambulance assisted at the scene. Drivers all over the tri-state region have been plagued with patchy slippery conditions this week as overnight fog has been freezing to road surfaces causing crashes.



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Staffing shortage puts conservation on hold

By Mavis Fodness

Local farmers making structural improvements to their operations with federal funds are finding themselves on a waiting list.

Kurt Halfmann, Natural Resource Conservation Service district conservationist, said there are significant delays in the approval process.

He said 21 producers have completed applications to the Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP) and 14 more applications are waiting for one portion of the environmental evaluation.

"The designs are done but we haven't gotten a cultural resource response yet," Halfmann told the county's Land Management Board of Supervisors Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Until the cultural review is completed, a project stays at a lower funding priority under the rules of the federal EQIP program.

These projects include cropland improvements to prevent soil erosion and improve water quality or better ways to handle manure waste.

"It (delays in the cultural review) means projects that are designed and ready to go, can't go," explained Doug Bos, assistant director with the county Land Management Office.

Currently, the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) completes the cultural reviews according to the federal preservation standards.

SHPO consults with federal and state government agencies to identify historic properties and to advise how

to reduce or mitigate harm to any areas of historical significance.

Since October, SHPO has been assisting NRCS to complete the cultural review process as they seek to replace their archeologist, who left the position in June.

Prior to the NRCS archeologist's departure, culture reviews would take only days to complete, Halfmann said.

Now that process is taking much longer.

"It is not our intention to stop projects," said Sarah Biemers, manager of SHPO's government programs and compliance department.

"We are trying to help them (NRCS) as much as possible."

Since Oct. 1, Biemers' three-person office has reviewed 800 NRCS requests including the 21 from Rock County.

The number is much larger than the 100 state NRCS officials had anticipated, she said.

SHPO reviews 3,500 projects annually.

"We give our best opinion based on the absence or presence of archeological resources," Biemers said.

A standard form letter is sent to agencies if her department cannot make a formal cultural determination on a specific project.

That letter asks for additional details or for a walkover to be done on the property.

As state NRCS officials work to fill the archeologist position, ideas are being sought as to how to improve the NRCS review process, Biemers said.



Contributed photo

Luverne High School's Mock Trial Team returns to state competition March 3-4 in St. Paul. The team earned the right to compete at state by defeating Lakeview High School Feb. 20. Pictured are (front, left) team members Knute Oldre, Tatiana Gust, Susan Thompson, Emma Verbrugge, Kaitlyn Roberts, Dylan Thorson, (back) Hannah Hoogland, Hans Bakken, Jadyn Anderson, Mira Uithoven, Madi Schandelmeier, Megan Rogers and Alexa Chesley.

LHS Mock Trial Team heads to state

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne's Mock Trial Team returns to this year's state tournament building on confidence from last year's tenth-place finish in the state.

"We think we are better prepared," said junior Dylan Thorson, a three-year member of Luverne High School's team. "Last year we were sort of awestruck."

The 2015 season was the first time in nine years Luverne advanced to the state tournament.

Luverne cinched a berth to the

2016 state tournament by defeating Lakeview High School's Blue team Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Region 5 finals. The score of 236 to 223 was a convincing win for Luverne.

"Six points is considered a fairly average margin," Thorson said.

Adviser Deb Schandelmeier leads the 19-member team.

"I am super proud of this great group of kids," she said.

"They are extremely hard-working and a joy to work with. We are all very excited to be going on to state in St.

Paul."

The mock trial season began in January and consists of five rounds. The first three rounds are among the participants within each of the 12 regions. Region 5 has seven competitive teams.

The top four teams within each region advance to Round 4, the semifinals for qualifying for the state meet.

Luverne was undefeated going into the Feb. 12 semifinals.

"That was a little scary," said Thor-

LHS Mock Trial/continued on 5A

Caitlin Miller rowing challenge across Atlantic Ocean/continued from page 1A

Focus was on rowing

Rowing was completed primarily in solitude, listening to music or singing along with the lyrics. At times, the rowing for Miller would become frustrating when the lack of winds slowed the rowing progress.

"The hard part is that you would row as hard as you could ... and only go 9 miles," she said.

Generally, the pair averaged 40 or more nautical miles a day.

Heat was also a factor when daytime temperatures in the 70s and exertion from rowing elevated the temperatures in the cabins, allowing no time to cool off before rowing again.

"You thought you were sleeping in a heat chamber," Miller said.

Despite the challenges, the pair didn't experience dehydration, seasickness or blisters like other teams.

They settled into a routine that included dropping the daily monitoring of the navigation system. Miller said it was just as easy to row in a southwesterly direction than to constantly monitor

their progress by machine.

To help pass the time, Miller thought of her daily rowing in four shifts — two during the day and two at night. The thought helped her deal with a little homesickness.

"Days did float by pretty quickly," she said. "When I was rowing I would dream about food."

Missing the tastes of home

She was missing the taste of fresh fruits, vegetables and bread.

The pair consumed a part of their daily 5,000 calories via dehydrated meals without complaint.

However, the two became tired of some snack choices. Topping the list were trail mix, peanut butter crackers and granola bars. Favorites were fruit snacks, mini muffins and chocolate of any kind.

As motivation, the two celebrated progress by consuming their limited supply of carbonated lemon drinks — a welcomed departure from the desalinated seawater.

"It's amazing how car-

bonated lemon juice tastes after just drinking water," Miller said. "We learned to appreciate the little things."

Picturesque sunrises, sunsets and sightings of whales and flying fish rounded out the little things that added excitement to the rowing routine.

Birds were prevalent along the challenge with three or four birds following the boat during the entire challenge. At night, stars shown brightly.

"Rowing in the dark is difficult because they cannot see with only the headlamp on," according to a post written on the pair's Cranial Quest Facebook site Jan. 5. "Cannot see when and where a wave may hit them."

Weathering the storm

While Mother Nature seemed to have blessed the challenge with scenic views, it threw the race participants a curve with a rare tropical storm on Jan. 11.

In what developed into Hurricane Alex as it approached land (one of only three ever recorded in January, according to race

organizers), the storm was the first to develop in the Atlantic Ocean since the late 1930s.

The boats, including Miller's and Pagano's "Washington Crossing," released their sea anchors (a parachute-like apparatus) to point the boat's bow into the waves and to wait out the worst of the storm. For 52 hours Miller and Pagano stayed in their separate cabins on each end of the 5-by-21-foot boat.

"When it (the storm) hit, we missed most of it," she said.

Their rowing course was further south than the other rowers.

The storm pushed the pair six miles off their course. Other teams didn't fare as well. The strong winds and waves took some rowers as much as 23 miles off course.

The pair had their first conversation with another person on Jan. 22, when a race support boat circled the rowers and asked how they were doing. They later talked briefly (about 30 seconds, Miller said) with a French crew who sailed nearby.

They didn't see people again until they entered English Harbor on Feb. 16.

There, Miller and Pagano were escorted to the dock while hundreds of people were ringing cowbells, shouting and playing music on shore.

"It was very overwhelming coming into port," Miller said. "There were way more people than I expected."

Among the cheering crowd were Caitlin's parents and her brother, John, who helped the crew clean out their boat. They threw away ten bags of accumulated garbage.

"It didn't smell the greatest," she said.

Life after the challenge

As she travels back to the United States this week, Miller will continue to spend time with family and reunite with friends whom she didn't see much during the two years planning and completing the challenge.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate plans to work for a year before turning her attention to graduate school.

She ultimately would like a career in climate research in Iceland or near the coral reefs. Pagano plans to enter law school.

Miller said their boat would be shipped back to the United States, where several parties have indicated interest in purchasing the first American-built boat to compete in the challenge.

As the two begin separate lives, Miller said she and Pagano have completed something special together.

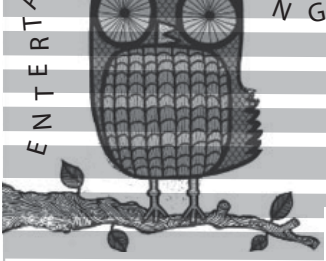
"We will always have a bond," she said. "We will be friends for life."

They raised \$40,000 for ALS research, a feat Miller said was harder than rowing across the ocean. When combined with the other 25 challenge teams' fundraising efforts, about \$2 million was raised for various charitable organizations around the world.

"It is really cool to be a part of something special to raise money for charity," she said.

Reflecting on successfully rowing across the Atlantic Ocean Miller added, "It does feel really good."

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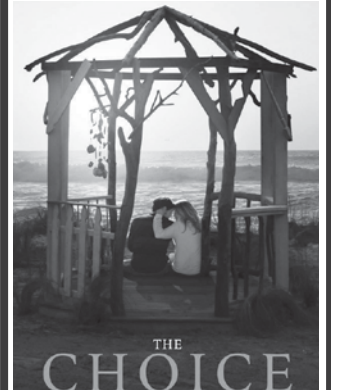
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Help for asthmatic kitty means lots of bandaids, toilet paper rolls

Our cat is sick. And I am not a cat person.

I grew up on a farm where the average life expectancy of a cat was about three years. Causes of death among farm cats include the milk truck, a tractor, a car, a dog, a trap, hypothermia, a horse, a cow, another cat — and of course, disease.

Sad but true — life on the farm can be brutal.

But ours is not a farm cat. Ours is a house cat.

He's old and now he has kitty asthma. My husband gives him little daily kitty steroids. This involves an adult man wrestling with the tiny jaw of an adult cat. The man pries the jaw open, pushes in the kitty pill and the cat barfs it up. Lather. Rinse. Repeat.

We've been told the cat can receive these particular kitty meds for a limited time before they begin to affect his kitty organs.

To prevent kitty organ damage, the kitty meds are also available in an inhalable form.

Yes. We are now talking about kitty inhalers.

Administering the medication in this fashion, they say, involves placing an empty toilet paper roll over the kitty's nose while the kitty calmly and deeply inhales the medicine.

Uh-huh. (This is the cat who has twice been returned ungroomed by professional cat groomers. One time they charged half price for half a hair cut. (Such a deal!))

I see a shredded toilet paper roll, bloody arms and an asthmatic cat in my crystal ball. My husband has been on



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

This involves an adult man wrestling with the tiny jaw of an adult cat. The man pries the jaw open, pushes in the kitty pill and the cat barfs it up.

Amazon.com researching the best kind of kitty inhalers.

I've been considering the best spot in the back yard for a burial plot. "Here lies Fluffy. RIP" Maybe I'll plant some catnip over him. Meanwhile, our old cat grows older. He mostly sleeps, waking only to complain about something. He sheds. He poops in the basement when he gets a chance. He walks across my keyboard when I'm trying to get work done, and after consuming the gourmet cat food we bought, refuses to eat it again after we've purchased three more cans.

His asthma makes him sneeze little kitty drool balls on my shirt when I hold him.

We're going to miss him when he's gone.

But I guess until then I'll start buying bandaids and saving toilet paper rolls.

Really. How hard can it be to make an old, sick cat breathe through a tube?

It's FFA Week

Here's to our nation's future ag professionals

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Agriculture plays a key role in our daily lives and in a variety of ways.

This week, more than half a million FFA members will celebrate the role agriculture plays in our lives while sharing their message of agriculture and agricultural education throughout the country.

During National FFA Week, a host of activities raise awareness about the role the National FFA Organization plays in the development of agriculture's future leaders and the importance of agricultural education.

FFA Week always runs Saturday to Saturday, Feb. 20-27, and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday.

The weeklong tradition, which began in 1948, was designated by the National FFA Board of Directors in recognition of Washington's legacy as an agriculturalist and farmer.

FFA was founded by a group of young farmers back in 1928. Its mission is to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population.

Founding members of the organization taught generations that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting — it involves science, business and more.

Today, FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet new

agricultural challenges by helping members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways. Members progress to enjoy careers as biologists, chemists, veterinarians, engineers and entrepreneurs.

FFA chapters use this week to help share the message of agriculture with their fellow students as well as with their communities.

It's an opportunity to give back to their communities through service projects, and it's also a perfect time for members to recruit students to become FFA members.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Student members in the Luverne, Adrian and Hills-Beaver Creek FFA programs are featured on Page 8A.



We salute these students in their agricultural endeavors wish them success as many of them pursue careers in agriculture beyond high school.



VOICE OF OUR READERS

To the Editor:

I've been hearing and reading a lot about this "Black Lives Matter" business.

This really pains me because what chance does this group really

have?

Think about it. The best black president we've ever had lives in the White House. Hello!

Bill Frakes
Luverne

Flashing high beams on, off at approaching vehicle may make bad situation even worse

Question: At a recent gathering, a friend related a story to me that really surprised me. He was traveling along a local road at night when a car came toward him with his high beams on. My friend flashed his high beams to ask him to switch to lows, but the car ignored him. So, my friend flashed them again, and again the car ignored him. After he passed, the car that was behind the "offender" made a U-turn and turned his flashers on. It was a patrolman. He did not give my friend a ticket, but said it was illegal in Minnesota to flash your high beams at oncoming cars. Can that possibly be right? If so, what are we supposed to do in that situation as some high



beams, especially on some trucks, can be very blinding?

Answer: According to M.S.S. 169.61, if you are within 1,000 feet of an oncoming vehicle, you must dim

your lights. So, it would be "against the law" to put your high beams on, even if the oncoming vehicle has theirs on.

If an approaching vehicle is us-

ing its high beams, simply slow down and try not to look directly into the oncoming headlights — look toward the fog line (the white line near the shoulder) until the vehicle passes by or dims their lights. Be sure to watch the oncoming vehicle out of the corner of your eye.

Do not attempt to retaliate against the other driver by keeping your high beams on or by flashing them. If you do, both of you may be blinded, making a bad situation worse.

The law also requires that drivers use low beams when following another vehicle at 200 feet or less. For glare caused by headlights from

behind you, use a "day-night" mirror or re-adjust your regular mirror.

Take personal responsibility for your actions behind the wheel. If you want to be safer, always drive with your headlights on, but be careful of those bright lights and don't forget to buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and of course, drive sober.

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

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 12
•Complainant reported she is trying to get her boyfriend to leave her apartment, and he is throwing things at her.
•Complainant requested to speak with someone about an elderly male who is driving and is revoked.
•Complainant requested a deputy help her get rid of her ex. He was told not to come back, and she was told to get an order.
•Complainant requested a welfare check on children.
•Complainant requested assistance with her child. When deputy arrived, the mother was extremely intoxicated.

Feb. 13
Feb. 14
•Deputy radioed in a partially knocked over stop sign at location. Notified city hall.
•Complainant requested the cell number of one of the plumbers from Luverne because his furnace went out. He was told that we do not give out phone numbers, but that we would try and contact one for him.
•Complainant reported she found a wallet in the women's restroom at Expressway. It appears that everything is still in it. Contacted subject who is on her way to Owatonna to get her son. She will stop on her way back.
•Complainant reported she has an order for protection on subject, and he keeps contacting her. She will fill out a statement form and bring it in so subject can be arrested.
•Deputy arrested male subject for domestic assault and DWI. He was taken to jail.

Feb. 15
•Complainant reported he woke up to someone banging on the side of his house. He did not see anyone, but footprints led away from his house and down his neighbor's driveway to Casey's on Highway 75. Complainant requested extra patrol throughout the night.
•Complainant requested a copy of his driver's license.
•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about some people that were fighting with each other.
•Complainant reported a possible violation of parole in Luverne.
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy about a possible civil/property dispute.
•Deputies received word about a former resident with a warrant, and they checked the area. It is believed that he left town.
•Deputy reported that a man who ran out of gas needed a ride from location back to his car with fuel. Deputy assisted.
•Complainant reported someone dumped a bunch of trash in their garbage bins at location.
•Deputy reported a street-light out on the 100 block of East Main Street.

Feb. 16
•Complainant reported his roommate put the chain lock on the door, and he has no way to get into his house.
•Complainant reported a non-sufficient funds check

in the amount of \$226.58 to G&S Auto.
•Complainant requested that a vehicle be moved because it was in the way of a water main break.
•Complainant requested we run a criminal history for a probation violation.
•Complainant reported possible sexual abuse.
•Complainant reported stalled semi at location. Semi had broken some hoses and is back on the road. Some farmers helped him out.
•Complainant arrested subject on Pipestone County warrant at location. Posted bond at Rock County Sheriff's Office and given Pipestone County court date.
•Complainant reported a suicidal female in Sioux Falls. Referred complainant to Minnehaha County.

Feb. 17
•Complainant reported he is in South Dakota and being contacted by the person who has a no contact order against him. All the other orders he has had against him, they weren't supposed to contact him either. He was told to call Sioux Falls Police Department since he was in South Dakota.
•Complainant reported they have been out of electricity for about 15 minutes at the motel. Contacted city on-call person. Problem is inside the building.
•Deputy reported a street-light out on the Laundry Mat side at location. Notified City Hall.

•Complainant reported violation of an order for protection.
•Complainant requested that a pulled-over vehicle be checked out regarding two individuals within that vehicle who seemed to be acting strangely.
•Complainant reported someone called to say they had a knife and were in Luverne. Deputies located subject, and this was an unfounded complaint.
•Complainant reported that subject's electricity is cycling and if they were to show up at sheriff's office and pay in full, their power would be restored.
•Complainant reported her husband was beating her up. Deputy reported it appears to be a verbal dispute only. Subject was arrested in South Dakota for a DWI.
•Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle on the fog line on County Road 3 north of 81st Street. Contacted G&S to tow.
Feb. 18
•Complainant requested some information regarding a probation violation.
•Deputy advised he would be assisting in the county.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 5 vehicles in ditch, 24 traffic stops, 11 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 2 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 6 drug court tests, 4 money escorts, and issued 14 purchase/carry permits and 17 burn permits.

Record yields/ From page 1A

price per bushel was \$3.48 for the marketing year of 2014. Marketing year 2012 had the state's highest price per bushel of corn at \$6.67. For soybeans, the state's average price for December was \$8.55 per bushel. For the 2014 marketing year the state's average soybean price was \$9.96. The state's record price for a bushel of soybeans is \$14.30, also set during the 2012 marketing year.

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Palace Theatre

Blue Mound Area Theatre
Annual Meeting Notice
Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at Bluestem
Public welcome



Mavis Fodness photo/0225 Library Remodel

Progress in a week

Since the Rock County Community Library closed to patron visits Feb. 15, workers from Jones Library Services, Carlisle, Iowa, (location of picture 1 and 2) returned to assemble the new shelving that arrived earlier than expected. They later brought lending materials from the basement back up to the main floor. By week's end the shelving was in place, and the new reception area cabinets were being assembled (location of picture 3). The library will be closed until mid-March.



Luverne Mock Trial goes to state/continued from page 3A

son, who serves as an attorney for the team.
In the first three rounds among the seven Region 5 schools, Luverne competed as the defense twice and the plaintiff once.
"We were so much better on defense because we had practiced more on defense, said sophomore Megan Rogers, who is one of this year's witnesses. This is Rogers' second year on the team.
Luverne won Rounds 4 and 5 as the plaintiffs and goes into state competition still undefeated.
The team hopes to finish in the top six teams at the state

tournament.
Since the season began, the team has practiced four times a week, three before school and one after school. Practices last about an hour to 1 1/2 hours.
"There is a lot of work outside of the practices," Rogers said.
Knowing the case inside out has been key to Luverne's success.
"You have to know everything about it," Rogers said. "The smallest things can trip you up."
During the competition, each team receives points depending on their attorneys'

and witnesses' performances.
Thorson said an attorney's witness control is key. None of the attorneys want to give witnesses the opportunity to ramble on about their side of the case.
Witnesses try to seize the opportunity to talk.
"It makes the person crossing you look really bad," Rogers said.
This year's case is based on a real-life kidnapping that took place in 1933. The Minnesota case focuses on the kidnapping of Wilhelmina Hamm, a successful brewery owner just as prohibition is ending. It was the first case in the country

in which a fingerprint comparison was used to obtain criminal conviction.
The state tournament is March 3 and 4 in St. Paul. The twelve teams will compete at Ramsey County Courthouse. The finals take place at the Minnesota Supreme Court.
Guest speaker for the event will be Paul Maccabee, whose book "John Dillinger Slept Here," provided key historical information as the basis for this year's fictional case.
The Minnesota High School Mock Trial program is organized through the Minnesota State Bar Association. This is the 30th season.

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17K

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Local cattleman shares farming experiences with fourth-graders

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County farmer Peter Bakken visited fourth-grade students at Harvey Dunn Elementary in Sioux Falls Friday, Feb. 19, to show them what “cow food” is made of.

Bakken has been “adopted” by the students and has been sharing video messages with the class every month since school began last fall.

In his monthly videos he shows the students what cows eat, where they live and how they are cared for every day on BlacX Farms in western Rock County.

“It’s the little things every day that I don’t think about that give them the tangibility of a farm,” Bakken said about being an adopted farmer.

“It’s fun and easy — fun in that you get to see the response on the kids’ faces, and easy in the sense that you’re the expert so you don’t have to study. You’re just there to talk about what you do and promote transparency.”

This will be the second time the students will meet Bakken in person through the Adopt A Farmer program, which also addresses crop production.

During their in-person meeting Friday, Bakken showed the students “cow food” — samples of the feed he gives to his cows — and shared more information about his experiences on the farm.

Feb. 19 was also his birthday, and he said he was surprised to be greeted that day with hand-made cards from the students.

Bakken’s classroom visits were arranged by Ag United for South Dakota, a coalition of agriculture organizations of beef, corn,



Submitted photo

Rock County farmer Pete Bakken talks to fourth-graders in Harvey Dunn Elementary School, Sioux Falls, Friday, Feb. 19, about what cows eat on the farm as part of the yearlong Adopt A Farmer program through Ag United for South Dakota. The fourth-graders here are in the classroom of teacher Anne Nolan, pictured in the back of the room.

dairy, poultry, pork and soybean producers, in addition to Farm Bureau.

He also participated last year, and now has three classes of fourth-graders, including one at Harvey Dunn and two in the Garretson School District.

Bakken said one of his primary objectives in participating in the program was to connect with

future consumers at a young age.

“Maybe as they graduate from high school and look back to their Adopt A Farmer days, they’ll know there are resources out there to find the facts in light of the negativity toward agriculture,” he said.

“We’re trying to communicate — at a fourth-grade level — the basic building blocks of taking care of our animals and taking care of our land.”

Bakken said he enjoys students’ reactions and questions, such as “Do the cows get cold outside?” and “Why does corn smell funny?”

He said he tries to keep the information basic, but he expands on that to talk about modern technology.

“They learn mechanization,” he said. “The fact that we use GPS in

the manure truck, and the fact that we’re total containment — every drop of water that hits my farm has to be collected and accounted for.”

The videos, which were shot and edited last year by Michelle Rook, can be seen on YouTube under SD Adopt A Farmer, searching Peter Bakken.

MENU

Monday, Feb. 29: Creamy vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, fruit, crackers, cookie.

Program: Sing along with George, Greta and Janice.

Tuesday, March 1: Swedish meatballs, potatoes, corn, bread, ice cream.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Minnwest Bank.

Wednesday, March 2: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, pudding dessert.

Program: Sing along with

George, Greta and Janice.

Thursday, March 3: Chicken lasagna, tropical fruit, lettuce salad, breadstick, bar.

Friday, March 4: Liver or pepper steak, potatoes, peas, bread, fruit crisp.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

ENGAGEMENT

Bryce and Ellie Oldre, Luverne, and Dan and Linda Ellingson, Beaver Creek, announce the engagement of their children Macy Oldre, Luverne, and Caleb Ellingson, Beaver Creek.

Macy graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, in 2014. She currently works at Sunny Days Preschool in Worthington.

Caleb graduated from Hills-Beaver Creek High School in 2010 and from Southwest Minnesota State University in 2014. He currently works at Exchange State Bank in Hills.



Macy Oldre and Caleb Ellingson

They are planning a July 30, 2016, wedding in Luverne.

Princesses, Super Heroes dance takes place Friday

Princesses and Super Heroes Dance on Friday, Feb. 26, will be a fun-filled evening of dressing up in your favorite princess and superhero costumes or pretty dresses and elegant suits. There will be dancing, group games, karaoke, and treats.

This is a mother-son and father-daughter date night for children ages 2 through grade 2 and their parents. The fee is \$25 per couple.

Register for these activities by calling Community Ed at 283-4724.

1924: Gas prices near peak at 24.8 cents per gallon

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on February 8, 1924:

PRICES OF GASOLINE GIVEN ANOTHER BOOST

Standard and Independents Act in Unison in Boosting Prices 2 cents Throughout Northwest

SECOND 2-CENT RAISE MADE IN LAST 30 DAYS

Prices Now Near Peak in Minnesota—Rise in Price of Crude Oil Cited As Cause of Increase

Cost of gasoline to users throughout the Northwest took another jump Tuesday. This time the increase was two cents, making the selling price at service stations in Luverne 20.8 cents per gallon for what is known as



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

common, and 23.8 cents per gallon for high test.

This brings the price well up towards the high peak of 24.8 cents per gallon for ordinary gasoline, which prevailed before Gov. McMaster, of South Dakota, threw a monkey wrench into the oil interests game of grab, thereby starting the gasoline price war in South Dakota that was reflected in other states.

This is the second increase in price put on gasoline within the past month, both increases

being on a two cents a gallon basis, so that at present, the oil industry is picking up.

At Sioux Falls, where the reduced price war waxed the warmest, an increase of six cents a gallon was slapped on gasoline last week, and the general two cents a gallon increase was added this week, bringing the selling price up to 23.5 a gallon for common.

Independent dealers followed the lead of the Standard Oil Co. in adding the increase, which also applies

to tank line deliveries. Independents sought to explain their actions by higher quotations at the refineries, and partly because still higher prices are anticipated with a stronger price for crude oil.

It is stated that Pennsylvania crude oil has been advancing at the rate of about 25 cents a week, and that western crude that sold at 60 to 80 cents in October is now sold at close to \$2.50 per barrel. It is further claimed that while gasoline could be bought last week at the refineries for 11.5 cents, the price this week is 12.5 cents.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iw.net.

SCHOOL NEWS

College of St. Mary announces fall list

The College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska, has named Anna Tofteland, Luverne, to the Fall 2015 dean’s list. To qualify, students must earn at least 12 graded credits and at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Tofteland is a sophomore majoring in nursing.

St. Mary’s Winona releases dean’s list

Kynzie Smedsrud, Luverne, has been named to the Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, Winona, Fall 2015 dean’s list. Students with at least a 3.6 on a 4.0 scale qualify.

Smedsrud is the daughter of Steve and Pat Smedsrud of Luverne.

SMSU issues Fall 2015 dean’s list

Brenda Parsley, Adrian, has earned a spot on the fall 2015 Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, dean’s list. Students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking at least 12 credit hours to qualify.

UNO posts Fall 2015 dean’s list

The University of Nebraska, Omaha, has named Austin Maxwell, Luverne, to the Fall 2015 dean’s list. To be eligible, students must attain a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while taking at least 12 graded credit hours.

Iowa Lakes college honors Sudenga

Tara Sudenga, Luverne, has been named to the presidential honors list at Iowa Lakes Community College. To earn this honor, students must earn a grade point average of 4.0 while taking 12 or more graded credits.

Fick inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Jessica Fick, Luverne, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Fick was initiated at South Dakota State University, Brookings.

Riverland announces list for Fall 2015

Riverland Community College, Austin, has announced students earning a spot on the dean’s list for the fall 2015 semester. To earn this honor students must attain a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale while taking a minimum of 12 credit hours of class.

Included on the list was Bryana Thorson, Luverne.

Make the dean’s list? Let us share the news

The Star Herald strives to recognize all academic accomplishments. Send school news to editor@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.



Contributed photo

Nine Luverne students received medals/honors Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Pipestone Invitational Speech Tournament. Pictured front from left are Megan Rogers, Gunnar Oldre, Samantha Ykema, Marisol Hartshorn, (back) Ryleigh Beers, Knute Oldre, Dylan Thorson, Paul Witte and Derek Krueger. The team’s next competition is Saturday.

Speech team earns fourth-place sweepstakes recognition in Pipestone

The Luverne speech team competed Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Pipestone Invitational, the largest invitational ever hosted by the Pipestone speech team. Twenty-four teams brought a total of 409 student speakers to the event.

Each participant competed in three preliminary rounds, and the top six from each category competed in a final round.

Luverne’s fourth-place finish in the team sweepstakes was a very respectable finish, considering the level of competition, according to coach Caroline Thorson.

Twenty-six members of the Luverne team competed, and many speakers achieved personal bests in rounds.

Several had a first-place finish in a given round.

However, because of the number of student competitors and number of sections in rounds, blue ribbons were not awarded to those who placed first in any given round, rather only for being one place out of the medal round, Thorson explained. Red ribbons were given for two places out of the medal round.

An exemption was made in the final round of the humorous interpretation category.

Gunnar Oldre received a seventh place award as going into finals. However, there was an unbreakable tie, so the final round in humorous interpretation included seven finalists instead of six. There were 52 students competing in Oldre’s category. This was the case for several categories.

“Mr. (Gavin) Folkestad and I are so proud of all of our speakers,” Thorson said.

The team’s next com-

petition is Saturday, Feb. 27, in Adrian. Luverne hosts its own invitational on March 5.

Besides the seventh-place finish by Gunnar Oldre, other placings include Megan Rogers, red ribbon, dramatic interpretation; Samantha Ykema, second, discussion; Marisol Hartshorn, blue ribbon, storytelling; Ryleigh Beers, red ribbon, informative speaking; Knute Oldre, first, discussion; Dylan Thorson, first, extemporaneous speaking; Paul Witte III, fifth, storytelling; and Derek Krueger, second, great speeches.

BUSINESS NEWS

Burger retires from Minnwest Bank after 32 years

DeBoer promoted to market president, Boomgaarden hired as ag lender trainee

Greg Burger, market president for Minnwest Bank in Luverne, has announced his retirement after 32 years, effective March 31, 2016.

Burger began his career with Norwest Bank Luverne in January of 1984 as senior vice president. The bank became Minnwest Bank Luverne in February of 1987 with Burger continuing his career with Minnwest Bank.

In April of 1991, he accepted the position of president of Minnwest Bank Montevideo and served in that capacity until September of 1998 when he returned to Luverne as president of Minnwest Bank Luverne.

Burger has served the community as a member of several boards and committees throughout the past 20-plus years and remains involved and engaged in the development of Luverne.

Burger also was active in state and national banking organizations serving as the chairman of the Minnesota Banker’s Association in 2005-06.

He and his wife, Janet, will continue to live in Luverne.

In conjunction with



Greg Burger



Isaac DeBoer



Josh Boomgaarden

Burger’s retirement, Minnwest Bank has promoted Isaac DeBoer to market president for the Luverne office.

DeBoer began his tenure with Minnwest in 1998 as an agricultural loan officer trainee. Since that time, he has held the positions of AVP/ag loan officer and V.P./senior ag loan officer for the bank.

DeBoer is highly involved in various organizations within the community and manages a large portion of the bank’s current loan portfolio in agricultural and

commercial credit. He has worked closely with Burger on transitioning into his new position with Minnwest.

DeBoer resides in Luverne with his wife, Nicole, and their children, Brianna and Zachary.

Minnwest Bank has also hired Joshua Boomgaarden as an ag lender trainee. Boomgaarden graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and from South Dakota State University in 2015 with a degree in ag business.

Having grown up on a farm near Magnolia, his

background and education provide for a unique perspective into the SW Minnesota ag business market.

He said he looks forward to becoming part of Rock County’s flourishing farm community.

Boomgaarden currently resides in Beaver Creek with his wife, Alisha.

Minnwest Bank is Minnesota’s second largest agricultural bank in farm lending with 25 offices in 19 communities throughout Minnesota and South Dakota with over \$1.5 billion in assets.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•The Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Home, Health and Garden show Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cardinal gym and commons.

What used to be the Luverne Home Show will now include health and garden issues.

25 years ago (1991)

•Luverne and Magnolia school boards are considering starting classes one-half hour earlier to better accommodate student activities.

School bells presently ring in Luverne and Magnolia at 8:30 a.m.

50 years ago (1966)

•Luverne’s volunteer fire department has been after a new fire hall for several years now. But, they haven’t been able to come to an agreement on the matter with the city council. ...

The council statement made public last fall announced they

would only build a municipal building or fire hall on ground owned by the city and flatly rejected the old creamery building as a possibility.

75 years ago (1941)

•Leslie Charter, who was captured Wednesday of last week after attempting to hold up Van’s service station on highway 16 east of Beaver Creek and robbing another filling station at Dell Rapids, S.D., is known as the one-time South Dakota “baby bank robber.”

100 years ago (1916)

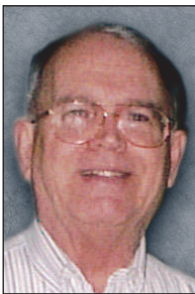
•The mystery surrounding the disappearance of John Kelley, auditor of Rock county, who disappeared on Jan. 25th, was solved Tuesday afternoon when his body was found about a mile and a half northeast of the city. The body was lying in about sixteen inches of water close to a high bank of the river where the warm rays of the sun during the past week and the water from melting snow had cut away the ice for a small space.

OBITUARY

Dee Jay Reiff

The Reverend Dee Jay Reiff, age 77, was born in rural Kansas on March 21, 1938, to John and Ruth Reiff. He and his younger brother, Danny, grew up on the family farm and spent their summers custom combining wheat from Oklahoma to Montana. He graduated from Kipp High School in Kansas where he was a member of three basketball teams which qualified for the state tournament. He also played trumpet in the band and sang with the choir.

Dee Jay graduated from Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, where he ran track, participated in musical groups and the gospel team. After receiving his degree in business administration, he enrolled at Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa. While there he met his wife-to-be, Nancy Miner, of Minneapolis. They were married in 1966.



also served nine churches in an interim role over the next ten years. Upon his final retirement, he continued to do supply preaching and visitation for several congregations including volunteer visitation pastor for Dundee Presbyterian Church of Omaha, Nebraska.

During his ministry at least six youth whom Dee Jay mentored entered full-time ministry. Dee Jay most enjoyed mentoring, encouraging, and serving fellow pastors, congregations, and those he met. He will be remembered for that pastoral spirit. He died February 18, 2016.

Dee Jay is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Nancy; older son Jim and his two daughters Ana and Jamie; younger son Chris and wife Lori, and their daughter Emily and son John; along with well-loved granddogs.

Dee Jay’s deep dedication to, and love of family will be treasured forever.

Services: Monday, February 22nd at 11 a.m. at Dundee Presbyterian Church in Omaha. Graveside Service and Interment on Thursday, February 25th at 2 p.m. at Pleasant View Memorial Gardens in Burnsville. Memorials will be directed by the family.

Arrangements by Heafey Hoffmann Dworak Cutler, 402-391-3900, www.heafey-heafey.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Arnold Rieckman

Arnold Rieckman, 88, Luverne, formerly of Jasper, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral mass was Tuesday, Feb. 23, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper. Burial will be in the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota, at a later date.

Arrangements were through the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0225 DN)

Helen Meyer

Helen B. Meyer, 99, formerly of Luverne, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at the Mayo Hospital in Mankato.

Funeral arrangements are pending through the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0225 DN)

Bernice Bartels

Bernice Bartels, 95, Hills, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Services are pending with Jurrens Funeral Home of Hills, jurrensfuneralhome.com.

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Esther Weber

Esther R. Weber, 92, Luverne, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Society Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Funeral arrangements are pending through the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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At left, kitty cats Maren Stegenga (left) and Mallie Fick sport their cat-painted faces. In the center photo, Assembly of God Church members make balloon animals (from left) Esmeralda Hernandez, Abraham Hernandez, Marilyn Flanagan and Harry Flanagan. In the photo at right, Olivia Reverts chooses a heart-shaped cake with Brandy DeSollar at the cake walk.

WINTER CARNIVAL 2016

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne Music Boosters hosted big crowds at their annual Winter Carnival Saturday night in the Luverne High School Gymnasium.

The night featured carnival-style games, bingo, a cakewalk, cotton candy, root beer floats, balloon art, face painting and more.

The event is one of the Music Boosters' biggest fundraisers of the year, bringing in thousands of dollars to support music programs of Luverne Public Schools.



Above, Tia Kindt paints Bergin Ask's face. At right, 3-year-old Colton Gunnink chooses a duck from the Duck Pond Game with Brooke Feit (left) and Ryleigh Beers.



Above is one of the award-winning decorated cakes made for the Winter Carnival Cake Walk. At right, Kate Rolling gets a high five from Brodi Oakley in the horse race booth. In background are Ethan Teunissen and Sophie Holmberg. Below, Janae Hamann (left) and Autumn Hamann man the Spin the Wheel booth. Their customer is 3-year-old Colton Gunnink.



Photos by Lori Sorenson

Pictured at right, Anika Gust takes charge of the Go Fish game for toddlers and preschoolers at the Winter Carnival.



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Luverne senior Connor Sandbulte battles for the puck with Windom's Curtis Pell during Thursday's game in Luverne.

Cardinal boys advance to section title game

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team qualified for the Section 3A championship game for the third consecutive season after posting a pair of convincing wins to open the tournament.

The top-seeded Cardinals crushed Windom by 15 goals during Thursday's quarterfinals in Luverne before rolling to a 10-goal victory over New Ulm during Saturday's semifinals in St. Peter.

The 22-5 Cards play second-seeded Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) in St. Peter for a trip to the state tournament.

Luverne 10, NU 0

The Cardinals moved into the section finals by routing the Eagles by 10 goals during Saturday's semifinals in St. Peter.

Luverne netted all 10 of its goals in the first two periods and outshot NU 43-18 to reach the championship game for the third consecutive season.

Jaxon Nelson and Nick Behrend recorded hat tricks and Kasyn Kruse scored two goals to pace the offense.

Kaden Ericson recorded an 18-save shutout in net for LHS.

Nelson and Behrend put the Eagles in an early hole by scoring two goals each in the first 5:10 of the game.

Declan Beers added another first-period goal with 6:18 remaining to up the lead to 5-0.

LHS iced the win with a five-goal second period.

Kruse netted two power-play goals in the stanza and Chaz Smedsrud added another.

Behrend and Nelson chipped in one unassisted goal each, and Nelson's came during a short-handed situation.

Behrend recorded four assists for a seven-point night.

Smedsrud charted one assist.

LHS 15, Windom 0

The Cardinals opened the tournament by destroying the Eagles Thursday at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne exploded for 13 goals in the first two periods and sported a 54-13 advantage in shots on goal in the game during a 15-goal victory.

Smedsrud and Behrend registered hat tricks and Nelson and Jesse Reed scored two goals each to pace the LHS offense.

Ericson recorded a 13-save shutout in goal for the Cards.

Luverne gained control of the game by scoring seven times in the first period.

Behrend and Smedsrud started things rolling by scoring one goal each in the first 4:52 of the period.

Nelson scored twice and Smedsrud, Reed and Nick Harder added one goal each

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Girls battle hard before falling to Trojans Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne's 20-8 hockey season came to an end Thursday at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis.

The Cardinals met New Prague in the Minnesota State Class A Girls' Hockey Tournament consolation semifinal at the arena on the University of Minnesota campus.

LHS played well against the Trojans, but it wasn't enough to keep the Cards from coming up on the short end of a 7-2 decision.

Just like they did in the quarterfinals against Blake the night before, LHS fell behind 2-0 in the first period against the Trojans.

Unlike the opening game, the Cardinals fought their way back into contention before surrendering four unanswered goals in the final 23:46 of the game to fall by four goals.

"I was happy with the way our girls played against New Prague on Thursday," said Cardinal coach Tony Sandbulte.

"We fell behind 2-0 early, but it could have just as well been a 2-0 in our favor because we missed three or four good scoring opportunities in the first period."

New Prague took advantage of a power-play situation to take a 1-0 lead when Bailey Shimota scored 2:40 into the game.

Sophomore sensation Catie Skaja, who has made a verbal commitment to play college hockey at the University of Minnesota, netted New Prague's second goal of the first period with 10:26 remaining.

Luverne bounced back to play its best period of the tournament in the second period that included the Cards netting a pair of power-play goals.

Junior Mariah Aukes netted the first state-tournament goal in LHS program history to make it a 2-1 game 6:16 into the second period.

Unfortunately for the Cards, Skaja netted an unassisted goal seven seconds later to give the Trojans a 3-1 cushion.

LHS senior Madisyn Dingmann, who received an



John Rittenhouse photo/0225 lgh np 17 cut

Luverne junior forward Mariah Aukes scored the first state tournament goal in the history of the girls' hockey program during Thursday's consolation semifinal against New Prague at Ridder Arena in Minneapolis. LHS dropped a 7-2 decision to the Trojans to cap a 20-8 season.

assist for Aukes' tally, scored during a power-play situation with an assist going to senior Makayla Sterrett to make it a one-goal difference (3-2) with 9:27 remaining in the second period.

New Prague, however, received a goal from Jordan Anderson to make it a 4-2 game and cap the scoring in the second stanza with 6:46 remaining.

Skaja didn't allow the Car-

dinals to creep back into the game in the third period.

Skaja netted two unassisted goals in the first 3:12 of the final stanza and added another tally with 5:06 left to play to complete the scoring in a five-goal win.

"I was happy with the way our girls fought back to make a game of it after falling behind 2-0 in the first period," Sandbulte offered.

"In fact, I was happy with the

way we competed and played hard in both games. I have nothing to be upset about in that respect."

New Prague sported a 44-13 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Emilie Bartels stopped 36 of the 43 shots she faced in goal before giving way to senior Kennedy Gonnerman, who saved the only shot she faced in the final 5:06 of the game.

Luverne's Solomon Nielsen earns return trip to state in Worthington

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School athlete will make a repeat appearance at the Minnesota State Class AA Wrestling Tournament after finding mats success at the Section 3AA* Wrestling Championships in Worthington Friday and Saturday.

Junior Solomon Nielsen, who placed fourth at 152 pounds during last year's state tournament, qualified for the event again by finishing second at 160 pounds last weekend.

Nielsen, 38-3 overall, competes at the state tournament Friday and Saturday at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Nielsen went 2-1 at the section event.

The LHS standout pinned Tracy-Milroy-Balaton's Tyler Timm in 1:04 during Friday's quarterfinals before nipping Wabasso-Red Rock Central's Mitchell Fulton 9-7 in the semifinals on Saturday.

Nielsen squared off against Redwood River Valley's Sam Baier in the championship match.

Baier edged Nielsen 3-2 in the finals, defeating the Cardinal for the second time this winter.

Jake Haugen made a bid to join Nielsen at state before finishing in third place at 138 pounds.

After securing a 13-0 victory over RRV's Eric Bommersbach and pinning T-M-B's Jace Paplow in 3:41 on Friday, Haugen notched a 12-2 victory over



John Rittenhouse photo/0225 lw solomon 2

Luverne junior Solomon Nielsen qualified for the state wrestling tournament for the second consecutive year by placing second at 160 pounds during the Section 3A Wrestling Championship staged at Worthington High School Friday and Saturday.

Quad County's Cole Hatch in the semifinals on Saturday.

Fairmont-Martin County West's Colin Steuber topped Haugen 10-4 in the finals and his 23-9 season came to an end when he was pinned by W-RRC's Jared Schroepfer (1:57) in a true second-place match.

After losing his first match of the tournament at 145, Luverne senior Adam Fodness (32-10) reeled off four consecutive wins to place third in the weight class.

Luverne's Tucker Oeltjenbruns (24-18) and Jeremiah Dooyema (23-19) went 2-2 to place fourth at 113 and 152 respectively, while senior Jakob Olson (35-7) went 2-2 and placed fifth at 195.

Will Natte (26-15) went 1-2



John Rittenhouse photo/0225 lw haugen 3

Luverne freshman Jake Haugen made a bid to qualify for state competition before dropping a true second-place match at 138 pounds in section competition over the weekend.

without placing at 132.

Hunter Baker (13-25), Riley Baker (15-14), Brandon

Claussen (8-27) and Zach Luke (22-18) lost both of their matches in Worthington.

Eight Dragons qualify for state tourney

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons may not have won the Section 3A team title, but they did gain ample representation for the state tournament during the Section 3A Individual Wrestling Tournament in Canby over the weekend.

Eight Dragons punched their tickets to the Class A state tournament by either winning their weight classes or placing second in Canby.

Seniors Skylar Hieronimus (38-4) and Michael Preuss (35-7) and junior Dylan Gyberg (34-7) won section titles at 126, 152 and 195 respectively for Adrian.

Seniors Ryan Elias (30-10), Logan Nelson (26-13), Logan Rogers (30-11), Matt Slater (16-9) and Gavin Engelkes (33-6) move on as well after finishing second at 132, 138, 145, 160 and 220.

All eight Dragons will compete at the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Tournament, which starts Friday and ends Saturday at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Hieronimus captured his section title by registering pins over Pipestone's Carson Wipf (35 seconds) and Jackson County Central's Zach Poelaert (1:16) before nipping Minneota's Eric Hauswedell 2-1 in the 126-pound title match.

Preuss recorded first-period pins against BOLD's Derrick Lothert (46 seconds), Minneota's Kolin Drietz (1:48) and Canby's Nick Antony (46

seconds) to prevail at 152.

Gyberg posted consecutive pins over Windom-Mountain Lake Area's Eli Mutz (1:00), Canby's Noah Scott (2:46) and Minneota's Everett VanHecke (3:17) to take top honors at 195.

Elias, Slater and Engelkes placed second in their respective weight classes without having to wrestle in true second-place matches.

Elias notched a 3-0 win over Minneota's Brandon Reiss before falling 8-4 in the finals to JCC's Jacob Tvinnereim in the finals at 132.

Slater won matches against Canby's Billy Deslauriers (9-0) and JCC's Luke Pygman (9-1) before taking a 3-2 setback from Minneota's Leo Buyse in the finals at 160.

Engelkes pinned Minneota's Ryan Twedt in 1:03 before being pinned in 2:28 in the finals by BOLD's Manuel Garcia at 220.

Both Nelson and Rogers needed to win true second-place matches to advance to the state tournament.

Nelson pinned Pipestone's Emerson Winter (1:37) and secured a 17-4 win over W-MLA's Evan Wien to reach the finals at 138, where he lost an 8-0 match to Minneota's Kyle Hennen.

Nelson bounced back to secure a 9-0 win over Canby's Konnor King in the true second-place match.

Rogers pinned Madelia-Truman-Martin-Luther's Grant

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John Rittenhouse photo/0225 lgh blake 1
Luverne sophomore goalie Emilie Bartels made 50 saves during the state quarterfinal against The Blake School at the Excel Energy Center in St. Paul Feb. 17. Blake went on to win the state championship after topping the Cardinals.

Blake overwhelms LHS in state opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinals ran into an elite team when they squared off against The Blake School during the quarterfinal round of the Minnesota State Class A Hockey Tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul Feb. 24.

Blake, the tournament's top seed, controlled the puck most of the game and set a tournament record by registering 60 shots on goal in regulation play to set the stage for a 10-point victory.

"I was happy that we were able to get all four of our lines going," said Shawn Reid, head coach of the Bears.

"We have a lot of fast, quick and talented kids who skate hard. We wanted to play together as a team and get better with every shift. For the most

part, I think our kids did that."

Although Blake sported a 26-0 advantage in shots on goal in the first period, LHS sophomore Emilie Bartels managed to keep the Cardinals in contention.

Bartels responded to the challenge by making 24 saves and limiting the Bears to a pair of first-period goals.

"I just tried to stay calm and do the best I could," Bartels said.

Bartels remained calm enough to blank Blake through the first 9:26 of the first period before Sarah Chute scored the game's first goal with 7:34 remaining in the opening stanza.

Lily Deliandeis netted her first of two goals in the game with 1:58 left in the opening period to give the Bears a 2-0 lead they would take into the

second period.

Blake standout senior Carly Bullock, a Princeton University-bound athlete, made her presence known during the game's second period.

Bullock, who finished the game with four goals, recorded a hat trick in the second period.

Bullock opened the scoring in the second period 5:09 into the stanza and scored twice in the final 8:09 of the period.

Blake's Madeline Wethington netted a second-period goal as well to give the Bears a 6-0 cushion at period's end.

After being outshot 50-0 in the first two periods, Luverne senior Madisyn Dingmann registered a pair of shots on goal in the third stanza.

The Bears, however, scored four more times in the final period to make it a 10-goal

difference at game's end.

Bullock capped her four-goal effort 27 seconds into the stanza before Deliandeis scored her second goal of the game, a short-handed tally, with 10:18 left to play.

Blake's Maddie Tix and Addie Burton netted one goal each in the final 7:18 of the contest to complete a commanding performance that earned the respect of Luverne head coach Tony Sandbulte.

"We haven't seen anything like this before," Sandbulte said, when summing up Blake's caliber of play.

"They play the game at another level. The nice thing about playing a team like this is our girls now know what it will take to bring our program to a different level."

Patriot girls sweep season series with Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls'

basketball team defeated Ellsworth for the second time this

season when the teams met in Hills Friday.

H-BC, which handed the Panthers a 72-50 setback when the teams met in Ellsworth in December, turned in an even more impressive effort in the rematch.

The Patriots outscored EHS 43-16 in the first half and used a 20-10 scoring cushion in the second stanza to ice a 63-26 victory.

Avery Van Roekel (26 points, five rebounds and four blocked shots), Grace Bundesen (11 points and seven rebounds) and Kourtney Rozeboom (10 points and five rebounds) played big games for the Patriots.

Megan Gehrke collected six

caroms and charted four steals for the winner, while Paige Tilstra charted three steals.

Ellsworth received a 12-point, eight-rebound effort from Megan Popkes.

Box score
Ellsworth
L.Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, K.Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, Meester 0 1 0-0 3, Popkes 3 0 6-7 12, M.Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, Smith 1 1 0-0 5.
H-BC
Bos 1 0 0-0 2, Tilstra 0 0 2-2 2, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 0 0 0-0 0, Fick 0 1 4-4 7, Bundesen 5 0 1-4 11, Wysong 0 0 1-2 1, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 2 0 0-0 4, Van Roekel 8 0 10-10 26, Rozeboom 5 0 0-1 10.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: nine of 33 field goals (27 percent), six of seven free throws (86 percent), 18 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
H-BC: 22 of 53 field goals (52 percent), 18 of 23 free throws (78 percent), 33 rebounds, six turnovers.

Notice of Annual Township Meetings & Elections

Notice is hereby given that the following townships will hold their annual meeting and elections on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, they will be held one week later on March 15, 2016.

Battle Plain Township
Lloyd Prins' farm ½ west, 2 north and ½ mile east of the old township. Meeting at 7 pm

Beaver Creek Township
Beaver Creek Township Hall. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk 2-year term

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

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

Kanaranzi Township
Kanaranzi Elevator. 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk 2-year term

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

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

Martin Township
New Township Building 598 51st St Hills. Meeting at 7 pm

Mound Township
Rock County Highway Building. Meeting 4-5 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk 2-year term

Rosedell Township
Township Hall. 4-5 pm Business Meeting

Springwater Township
Beaver Creek Township Hall. Business meeting 1:30 pm and Election 5-8 pm to elect one Supervisor 3-year term and one Clerk 2-year term

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Redwood Valley eliminates Luverne boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys bowed out of the Section 3AA Basketball Tournament at the end of a quarterfinal round game Saturday in Redwood Falls.

Luverne, the tournament's sixth seed, sported leads against No. 3 Redwood Valley during the first 10 minutes of the contest.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they couldn't remain in front of RWV.

The hosts outscored LHS 77-61 in the final 26 minutes of the game to secure a 93-80 victory and hand the Cards their seventh consecutive loss.

Luverne ends the season with an 8-17 record.

The Cards scored the first five points of the game and led 8-2 when Cole Bosch canned a three-point shot 1:44 into the contest.

RWV countered with a 14-2 run to move in front 16-10, but LHS answered the challenge with a 9-0 surge ending with a three-point shot by Mitchell Muller that gave the Cards a 19-16 advantage with 8:25 remaining in the first half.

The hosts moved in front to stay after mounting a 20-6 run that gave them a 36-25 cushion with 2:53 remaining in the stanza.

A field goal by Luverne's Erik Wahnoutka 33 seconds later made it a seven-point (36-29) difference, but RWV outscored

the Cards 6-2 the rest of the half to lead 42-31 at the break.

Luverne's Nick Overgaard hit a three-point shot to open the scoring 24 seconds into the second half to make it an eight-point game (42-34) before RWV extended its lead to 16 points (50-34) at the 15:20 mark of the second half.

Wahnoutka turned a steal into a layup with 11:38 remaining to make it an 11-point (50-39) game, but that would be as close as the Cards would come to catching RWV.

RWV outscored LHS 43-31 the rest of the night and led by as many as 19 points before prevailing by 13 points at game's end.

Wahnoutka (20 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals), Quinton Siebenahler (20 points and eight rebounds), Bosch (13 points) and Overgaard (12 points, six rebounds and three steals) led LHS statistically.

Muller added five rebounds to the cause.

Box score
Ma 0 0 1-2 1, Overgaard 2 2 2-2 12, Muller 0 1 0-0 3, Wahnoutka 5 3 1-2 20, Robinson 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 1 1 0-0 5, Curtis 0 1 3-4 6, Siebenahler 7 0 6-11 20, Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 1 3 2-2 13, Haugen 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 27 of 56 field goals (48 percent), 15 of 23 free throws (65 percent), 31 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
RWV: 39 of 72 field goals (54 percent), six of 15 free throws (40 percent), 29 rebounds, four turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0225 lbb 10
Senior guard Erik Wahnoutka tossed in 20 points during Saturday's section tournament game in Redwood Falls.

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Koehler (31 seconds) and rolled to a 17-5 win over W-MLA's Jesse Jepsen to reach the finals at 145, where he lost a 6-0 match to Minneota's Bryce Bruner.

Rogers regrouped to pin St. James' Max Svalland in 53 seconds during the true second-place match.

Adrian senior Hunter Heitkamp (35-5) went 1-2 and

placed third at 170 after losing a 10-5 decision to BOLD's Jake Rauenhurst in a true second-place match.

Senior Greg Kern (31-9) placed third at 120 with a 3-1 record, freshman Chandler Combs (15-20) placed sixth at 113 with a 2-3 record and eighth-grader Scot Edwards (6-8) placed sixth at 285 with a 0-3 mark.

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in the final 6:41 of the stanza to make it 7-0.

LHS settled the issue with a six-goal second period.

Smedsrud completed his hat trick 52 seconds into the period to up the lead to 8-0.

Behrend and Erik Tofteland registered power-play goals in the final 10:08 of the period, while Trey Roberts, Reed and Brennan Hart chipped in one goal each to make it a 13-0 game when the second stanza was complete.

Behrend completed his

hat trick with a short-handed tally 1:30 into the third period before Cade Ver Steeg capped the scoring with a power-play goal with 13:15 left to play.

Tofteland, Nelson and Smedsrud charted three assists each in the game, while Kruse, Chris Jelken and Spencer Swier added two assists each.

Beers, Conner Sandbulte and Jim Erickson added one assist each to the winning cause.

Patriot boys pass first test of postseason in Windom Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team passed its first test of the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament Saturday in Windom.

H-BC, the tournament's fourth seed, experienced a slow start during a game with No. 5 Red Rock Central.

The Patriots recovered nicely by outscoring the Falcons 55-40 in the final 28 minutes of the game to secure a 61-53 victory.

The victory sent 12-13 H-BC to Tuesday's semifinals, where the Patriots met No. 1 Murray County Central.

RRC played with urgency early in the game as the Falcons scored the first nine points of the contest.

RRC led 13-6 as the game progressed, but H-BC forged in front 17-13 after putting together an 11-0 run ending with a field goal by Josh Kueter with 5:10 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Falcons trimmed the difference to two points (22-20) 24 seconds later, but Kueter capped a 4-0 spurt by draining one free throw with 45.8 seconds left to give the Patriots a 26-20 advantage and they remained in front by six (28-22) when the first half was complete.

H-BC proceeded to extend its advantage during the first seven minutes of the second half, and the Patriots led by 17 (44-27) when Trenton Bass canned a pair of free throws at the 10:22 mark.

RRC put together a 13-4 run to trim the difference to eight points (48-40) with 5:10 remaining.

The Patriots, however, matched the Falcons' scoring output (13 points) the rest of the game to win by eight points.

Cooper Vaughn (14 points and five steals), Bass (10 points), Drew Forshey (10 points and eight rebounds) and Zach Scholten (10 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots) played key roles in the win.

Preston Wilhelmi added nine steals to the cause.

Box score
Vaughn 4 1 3-4 14, Burgers 0 0 2-2 2, Vis 1 0 0-2, Plimpton 0 1 0-0 3, Bass 1 1 5-6 10, Wilhelmi 2 0 3-7 7, Kueter 1 0 1-2 3, Scholten 5 0 0-1 10, Forshey 2 0 6-6 10, Raymon 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 44 field goals (43 percent), 20 of 28 free throws (71 percent), 34 rebounds, 12 turnovers.
RRC: 17 of 47 field goals (36 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 30 rebounds.



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H-BC's Zach Scholten scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds during Saturday's win over RRC in Windom.



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Luverne senior Madi Oye (left) and junior Mariah Aukes receive instruction from assistant coach Phillip Paquette prior to taking the ice at the Xcel Energy Center Feb. 17.

Cardinal girls live their dreams during 2015-16 hockey season

I'm sure the members of the Luverne girls' hockey team have heard it a number of times already, but now it's my turn.



Congratulations on a great season and for all you accomplished during a gem of a campaign.

The state tournament may not have yielded your desired results on the ice, but that takes nothing away from what you did accomplish during a magical 2015-16 season.

As sort of an outsider looking in, I'll recall for many years to come the focus and determination displayed by the players and the coaching staff.

The fact that you opened the season with chips on your shoulders from losing a heart-wrenching overtime game to Marshall in the section semifinals one year earlier wasn't lost on me.

I sensed a more focused team from the get-go, and the seven-game winning streak you put together to open the season left little doubt in my mind that this team was on a mission.

The middle of the regular season did include somewhat of a humbling stretch for dropping five out of

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

nine games, but it didn't influence the resolve displayed by what I came to call a gritty team playing for a purpose.

How one responds to adversity speaks volumes about character, and you bounced back from a challenging three-week period by putting together another seven-game winning streak as well as winning nine of the next 10 games.

The final two games of that 10-game span proved to be the highlight of the season for me.

Falling behind by one goal to Mankato West in the section semifinals and by two goals to Fairmont in the section championship game tested your will.

Like true champions you responded to both challenges and made program history by capturing the section title for the first time.

At that point it didn't really matter to me what happened at the state tournament.

The important thing was for you to be there and receive the opportunity to skate against two of the best teams this state has

to offer.

There should be no shame involved with the loss to Blake in the opening round — truly the best high school girls' team I've ever seen play.

The same can be said about the consolation loss to New Prague.

We may have been outscored 17-2 in the two state games, but nine of those goals came off the sticks of two of the state's best Class A forwards (four by Blake's Carly Bullock and five by New Prague's Catie Skaja), who will be playing Division 1 college hockey in the coming years.

I know all losses are tough to swallow, but I suggest you spend much time dwelling upon what happened on the ice in the Twin Cities.

The great accomplishment was getting there and what happened during the journey that landed the school's first state tournament experience.

I know for a fact your parents and the Cardinal fans are proud of you, and so am I.

Edgerton ousts Adrian from tourney field

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team wrapped up the 2015-16 season when the South Section 3A Tournament opened this week.

Seventh-seeded AHS topped No. 10 Heron Lake-Okabena by seven points during an opening round game staged in Adrian Thursday.

No. 2 Edgerton eliminated AHS by handing the Dragons a 28-point setback during Saturday's quarterfinals in Windom.

Adrian ends the campaign with an 8-16 record.

Edgerton 72, AHS 44

The Dragons were unable to register an upset when they took on the second-seeded Flying Dutchmen during Saturday's quarterfinal in Windom.

Adrian fell behind early and never recovered in what ended as a 28-point loss.

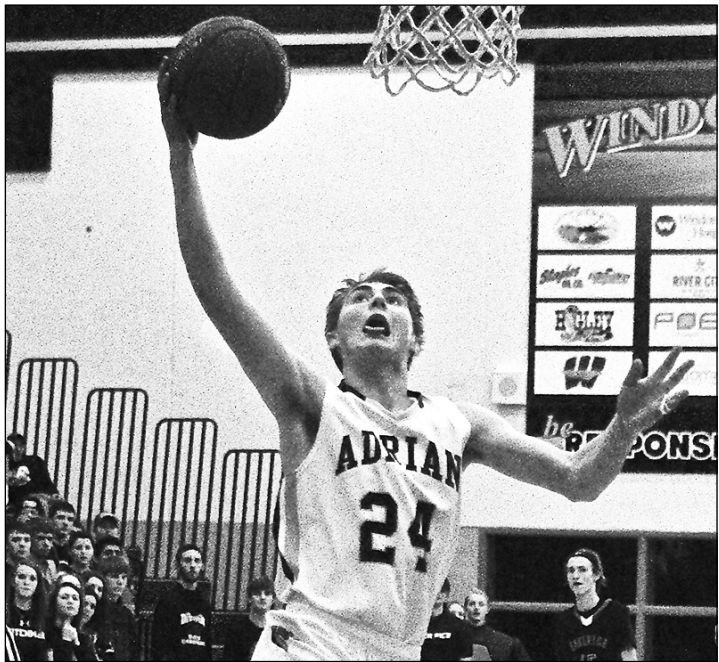
Edgerton scored the first seven points of the game on the way to opening a 13-1 lead 4:05 into the contest.

Adrian's Mitchell Lonneman buried a field goal to make it an eight-point (13-5) difference at the 12:58 mark of the first half, but Edgerton didn't blink.

The Flying Dutchmen outscored AHS 21-13 the rest of the half and led by as many as 17 points (30-13) before settling with a 34-18 advantage at the intermission.

EHS extended the lead to 18 points at two different occasions early in the second half before AHS trimmed the difference to 11 (38-27) when Zach Hendel converted a field goal with 12:42 remaining.

The Flying Dutchmen an-



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Adrian senior Chris Christians converts a layup during Saturday's tournament game against Edgerton in Windom.

swered the challenge by outscoring AHS 34-17 the rest of the game. They led by as many as 31 points before winning by 28 in the end.

Lonneman turned in a 13-point, six-rebound effort for the Dragons. Ryan Wieneke chipped in 10 points.

Box score
Stamer 1 1 0-0 5, Bierman 0 1 0-0 3, Serrao 0 1 0-0 3, White 1 0 1-2 3, A.Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Varley 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 1 0 0-0 2, N.Lonneman 0 0 0-0 0, Hendel 2 0 0-2 4, Z.Loosbrock 0 0 1-2 1, Wieneke 2 2 0-0 10, Werkman 0 0 0-0 0, M.Lonneman 5 0 3-4 13.

Team statistics
Adrian: 17 of 59 field goals (29 percent), six of 13 free throws (46 percent), 23 rebounds, 11 turnovers.
Edgerton: 27 of 62 field goals (44 percent), Eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 38 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Adrian 66, HL-O 59

The Dragons reached the

tournament's quarterfinal round by upending the Wildcats during an opening-round

game staged in Adrian Thursday.

Both halves of the game proved to be competitive ones, but the seventh-seeded Dragons sported scoring edges in both stanzas to secure a seven-point win.

Adrian led 24-21 at the intermission before using a 42-38 scoring cushion in the second half to ice the win.

Hendel (19 points and seven rebounds), Mitchell Lonneman (16 points and 12 rebounds) and Nate Lonneman (four assists) led AHS statistically.

Box score
Stamer 0 2 0-0 6, Serrao 2 0 1-2 5, Bierman 2 0 0-0 4, A.Loosbrock 0 1 0-0 3, Christians 0 2 0-0 6, N.Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Hendel 7 0 5-12 19, Wieneke 0 1 0-0 3, M.Lonneman 6 0 4-4 16.

Team statistics
Adrian: 25 of 57 field goals (44 percent), 10 of 18 free throws (56 percent), 32 rebounds, nine turnovers.
HL-O: 21 of 60 field goals (35 percent), eight of 17 free throws (47 percent), 24 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

EHS ends year Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team bowed out of the South Section 3A Basketball Tournament Thursday in Ellsworth.

EHS, the tournament's eighth seed, met No. 9 Fulda in an opening-round clash.

The Panthers defeated the

Raiders twice in the regular season, but Fulda earned the right to play again by upending the Panthers 71-64 during the third meeting between the teams.

Ellsworth ends the season with a 6-20 record.

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Erik Wohnoutka

Sport: Basketball

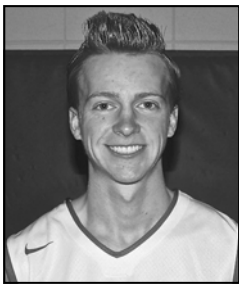
Position: Guard

Parents: Brian and Karen Wohnoutka

Favorite Subject: Economics

Extra-Curricular Activities: Cross Country, Basketball, Tennis, Math League, Student Council, Band, Peer Helping

Future Plans: Go to college and major in economics and philosophy, then go to law school



Adam Fodness

Sport: Wrestling

Position: Captain

Parents: Bryan and Mavis Fodness

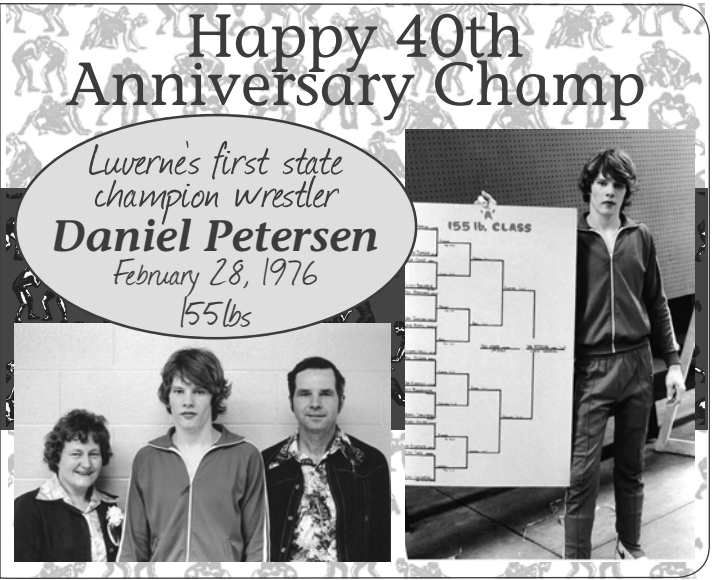
Favorite Subject: Physics

Extra Curricular Activities: Cross Country, Peer Helping

Future Plans: Join the Air Force and go to SDSU



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Luverne's Haley Remme draws a foul from Fairmont's Taylor Crissinger during a Feb. 16 game in Luverne.

Fairmont saddles LHS with home setbacks

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team completed a 7-18 regular season by hosting Fairmont for a pair of games last week. The Cardinals fell to FHS by eight points Feb. 16 and lost by 16 points when the teams played a Big South Conference crossover game Friday in Luverne. Luverne drew the sixth seed of the South Section 3AA Tournament. The Cards take on No. 3 Martin County West in Sherburn Friday.

Fairmont 52, LHS 36

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a 16-point decision during Friday's rematch with Fairmont in Luverne. Fairmont limited LHS to 28 percent shooting from the floor and outscored the Cards in both halves of the contest. The visitors led 28-19 after 18 minutes of play and used a 24-17 scoring cushion in the second half to seal the victory. Morgan Haugen turned in a 17-point, six-steal effort for Luverne. Nicole Kneip led the Cards with five rebounds.

Box score
Ver Steeg 0 1 0-0 3, Schmuck 0 0 0-0 0, Remme 0 0 0-0 0, Kneip 2 0 0-0 4, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 1 1 0-0 5, Peterson 0 1 0-0 3, Haugen 3 0 11-14 17, Hustoft 2 0 0-0 4, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 11 of 39 field goals (28 percent), 11 of 14 free throws (79 percent), 24 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
Fairmont: 22 of 49 field goals (45 percent), four of 10 free throws (40 percent), 29 rebounds, seven turnovers.

Fairmont 50, LHS 42

A three-game run of wins came to an end when the Cardinals took on Fairmont in Luverne Feb. 16. The Cardinals remained in contention the entire night,

but FHS put together enough spurts to secure an eight-point victory. After falling behind 5-0 2:26 into the game, Luverne trimmed the difference to one point (5-4) when Sierra Schmuck canned a field goal at the 12:08 mark of the first half. The Cards trailed by two (10-8) when Kneip drained a shot at 11:26, but Fairmont went on an 8-2 surge to open an 18-10 cushion with 7:10 remaining in the stanza. LHS fought back to make it a three-point game (24-21) when Kneip buried one free throw with 43.5 seconds left before Fairmont scored the final two points to lead 26-21 at the break. Fairmont scored the first eight points of the second half to sport a 34-21 cushion, but Luverne simply didn't give up. The Cards whittled the difference to three points at four different occasions, the last time with 1:26 left to play, when Haugen sank two free throws to make it a 45-42 game. Fairmont, however, scored the final five points of the night to seal the victory. Haugen (14 points, seven rebounds and four steals) and Kneip (13 points, seven rebounds and three steals) led LHS offensively. Sierra Schmuck and Zayna Hustoft collected six and five rebounds respectively.

Box score
Schmuck 3 0 0-0 6, Remme 3 0 0-3 6, Kneip 4 0 5-6 13, Jacobsma 0 0 1-2 1, Peterson 0 0 0-0 0, Haugen 4 0 6-12 14, Hustoft 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 14 of 34 field goals (41 percent), 14 of 25 free throws (56 percent), 33 rebounds, 21 turnovers.
Fairmont: 20 of 57 field goals (35 percent), seven of 19 free throws (37 percent), 27 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

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Fulda sported a 26-22 lead after 18 minutes of play before outscoring EHS 45-42 in the second half to clinch a seven-point win. Ellsworth senior Malik Herman tossed in 28 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and passed for three assists in the game. Junior Jared Leuthold (13 points and seven assists), freshman Brandon Kramer

(six rebounds) and senior Trei Hinrichs (three assists) turned in productive nights for the Panthers. **Box score** Leuthold 5 0 3-5 13, Walkowak 1 1 3-4 8, Hinrichs 1 2 0-0 8, Herman 13 0 2-4 28, Kramer 3 0 1-2 7, Buntjer 0 0 0-0 0, Wallenburg 0 0 0-0 0, Kruse 0 0 0-0 0. **Team statistics** Ellsworth: 26 of 71 field goals (37 percent), nine of 15 free throws (60 percent), 25 rebounds, five turnovers.

Fast start leads AHS to win in Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

A pair of girls' basketball teams from the Star Herald coverage area locked horns in a late-season game Monday in Ellsworth. The Adrian Dragons and EHS Panthers met for the second time this season. Adrian, which defeated Ellsworth by 19 points in Adrian earlier this winter, completed a sweep of the season series by handing the Panthers a 45-31 setback in the rematch. The Dragons got off to a fast start by scoring the first 13 points of the game during a run that ended with Jodi Bents canning a three-point shot with 12:44 remaining in the first half. Ellsworth battled back to trim the difference to five points at three different occasions before Ashlyn Meester converted a field goal with 1:16 remaining to make it a four-point (25-21) game. AHS countered with a 5-0 spurt ending with a field goal from Hannah Bullerman with 41 seconds left to up the lead to nine points (30-21) before settling with a 30-23 advantage at the break. Paige Bullerman gave the Dragons a 10-point lead (39-29) 7:38 into the second half before EHS scored five of the next six points to make it a 35-29 game when Meester canned a three-point shot at the 7:27 mark. Adrian responded to the challenge by going on a 10-0 run capped by Mikayla Jeffers sinking one free throws with 47.8 seconds left to give the Dragons a 45-29 lead. Ellsworth scored the final two points to make it a 14-point difference at game's end. Bents (12 points, six rebounds and three steals) and



John Rittenhouse photo/0225 ae gb 5
Adrian sophomore Lexi Slater beats Ellsworth's Megan Popkes to the basket during Monday's girls' basketball game in Ellsworth. Adrian posted a 45-31 win over the Panthers.

Paige Bullerman (10 points) played big games for Adrian. Hannah Bullerman charted seven rebounds and four assists for the Dragons, who end the regular season with an 11-13 record. Adrian drew the fifth seed for the South Section 3A Tournament and faces No. 4 Edgerton during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington. Game time is 12:30 p.m. Ellsworth received a 15-point, six-rebound effort from Megan Popkes.

Hannah Kramer collected seven caroms and Meester registered five steals for the Panthers. The 4-18 Panthers, who ended the regular season by hosting Hendricks Tuesday, drew the eighth seed for the South Section 3A tourney. EHS hosts Westbrook-Walnut Grove at 7 p.m. Thursday for an opening round game.

Box score
Adrian
H.Bullerman 1 2 0-0 8, R.Hokeness 1

0 0-0 2, J.Hokeness 0 0 0-0 0, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 0 4 0-0 12, Weidert 0 0 0-0 0, Kunkel 1 0 2-3 4, Grussing 0 0 2-2 2, Sjogren 1 0 1-2 3, Jeffers 1 0 1-2 3, Slater 0 0 1-2 1, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, P.Bullerman 3 0 4-6 10. **Ellsworth** Kramer 1 0 2-2 4, L.Chapa 0 0 0-0 0, Mulder 0 0 0-0 0, K.Chapa 0 0 0-0 0, Meester 2 1 1-2 8, Popkes 3 1 6-8 15, M.Dreesen 0 0 0-0 0, Smith 1 0 2-2 4. **Team statistics** Adrian: 14 of 49 field goals (29 percent), 11 of 16 free throws (69 percent), 37 rebounds, 15 turnovers. Ellsworth: nine of 34 field goals (26 percent), 11 of 14 free throws (79 percent), 18 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

FEBRUARY 16

SPORTS

REPLAY

Patriot girls top Adrian in RRC play

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team won its 10th Red Rock Conference game of the season by downing Adrian 60-44 in Hills. H-BC sported a 29-24 lead in the first half before outscoring the Dragons 31-20 in the second half to clinch a 16-point win. Sidney Fick (16 points, five rebounds and five assists), Grace Bundesen (14 points and 10 rebounds), Avery Van Roekel (12 points, four assists and three steals), Kourtney Rozeboom (six rebounds) and Jasmine Lingen (three steals) emerged as H-BC's statistical leaders. Paige Bullerman (10 points and five rebounds), Jodi Bents (six rebounds and three assists), Brooke Gruissing (seven rebounds) and Hannah Bullerman (three assists) played well for the Dragons.

Raiders hand Panthers their third consecutive setback

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped its third straight game when it came up on the short end of a 56-44 decision against Fulda in Ellsworth. The Raiders opened a 10-point (31-21) cushion in the first half and used a 25-23 scoring cushion in the second half to prevail by 12 points. Megan Popkes (18 points and 10 rebounds), Hannah Kramer (seven rebounds) and Ashlyn Meester (three assists) led the Panthers statistically.

Vikings nip LHS boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team finished the regular season with an 8-16 record after dropping a 68-64 game in Minneota Feb. 16. The home-standing Vikings got off to a good start by opening a 37-22 lead in the first half. Luverne rallied to outscore Minneota 42-31 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Cards from dropping their sixth consecutive contest. Erik Wohnoutka (22 points), Nick Overgaard (16 points and five rebounds) and Quinton

Siebenahler (10 points and 14 rebounds) led the Cards statistically. Mitchell Muller added five rebounds and three steals to the cause. **Box score** Overgaard 0 5 1-2 16, Muller 1 1 1-2 6, Wohnoutka 9 1 1-2 22, Claussen 0 0 0-0 0, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Curtis 2 0 0-0 4, Siebenahler 4 0 2-8 10, Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 0 2 0-0 6. **Team statistics** Luverne: 25 of 57 field goals (44 percent), five of 13 free throws (39 percent), 27 rebounds, four turnovers. Minneota: 24 of 53 field goals (45 percent), 13 of 20 free throws (65 percent), 19 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

Dragons end slide

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team snapped a five-game losing streak in dramatic fashion Friday in Adrian. Hosting Fulda for a Red Rock Conference game, the Dragons staged an impressive comeback to nip the Raiders 72-69 in overtime. Adrian, which trailed 20-18 at the intermission, faced a 16-point deficit with 10 minutes remaining in regulation play before rallying to knot the score at 66 before the second half was complete. The Dragons were down by one point (69-68) in overtime, but Jodi Bents banked home a three-point shot with 14 seconds left and Mikayla Jeffers sank one free throw with

two seconds remaining to give AHS a three-point win. Bents (23 points and four assists), Paige Bullerman (14 points and seven rebounds), Hannah Bullerman (11 points and six assists) and Miah Kunkel (11 points) played key roles in the win. Riley Hokeness added three assists to the cause. **Box score** H.Bullerman 1 2 3-4 11, R.Hokeness 3 0 0-0 6, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 3 4 5-7 23, Kunkel 5 0 1-2 11, Grussing 1 0 0-2 2, Jeffers 0 0 4-6 4, Slater 0 0 1-4 1, P.Bullerman 5 0 4-7 14. **Team statistics** Adrian: 24 of 55 field goals (44 percent), 18 of 32 free throws (56 percent), 27 rebounds, 23 turnovers. Fulda: 25 of 58 field goals (43 percent), 11 of 20 free throws (55 percent), 38 rebounds, 31 turnovers.

Dutchmen upend H-BC

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team ended the regular season in disappointing fashion Monday in Edgerton. After falling behind early in the game, the Patriots put together an impressive rally in the second half to open a nine-point advantage against the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen. Edgerton responded to the situation late in the game to hit a three-point shot to knot the score at 73 with less than 10 seconds remaining. H-BC was whistled for a foul with four seconds remaining to send Edgerton's Jenny Nelson to the charity stripe. Nelson sank her first free throw before missing the second attempt, giving the hosts the decisive point in a 74-73 victory.

Edgerton sported a 39-26 lead at halftime. H-BC, which ends the regular season with a 16-7 record, received big games from Avery Van Roekel (30 points, 10 rebounds and three steals), Sidney Fick (26 points) and Grace Bundesen (11 points and 11 rebounds). Paige Tilstra and Jasmine Lingen charted four assists each for the Patriots. **Box score** Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 1 0 0-2 2, Lingen 0 0 1-2 1, Fick 4 5 3-6 26, Bundesen 3 1 2-2 11, Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 15 0 0-0 30, Rozeboom 1 0 1-2 3. **Team statistics** H-BC: 30 of 58 field goals (52 percent), seven of nine free throws (78 percent), 34 rebounds, 25 turnovers. Edgerton: 28 of 70 field goals (40 percent), 13 of 22 free throws (59 percent), 29 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

SPORTS BRIEF

Track success

Four Luverne High School graduates found success as members of their college track programs over the weekend. Alex Wies, (class of 2013), a member of the Southwest Minnesota State University program in Marshall, won the shot put and placed third in the weight throw at the South Dakota State University Tune-Up meet in Brookings. Tayla Peterson and Naomi Dooyema, a pair of 2015 graduates, competed at the same

meet representing Northern State University, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and the University of Sioux Falls respectively. Peterson placed ninth in the 200-meter dash and sixth in the 400-meter dash. Dooyema placed 12th in the 200. Kynzie Smedsrud, another 2015 graduate and a current member of the St. Mary's University, Winona, program, placed 11th in the 60-meter hurdles and 22nd in the 200 at the Wisconsin-Stevens Point Invitational.

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Sunday, Feb. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Rev. Jerry Buwalda. 11 a.m. Sunday school and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 29: 9 a.m. PERK UP. 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, March 1: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, March 2: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. GEM and Cadets.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
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Dick Lauger, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 25: 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 26: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, Feb. 28: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, March 1: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Wednesday, March 2: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, March 3: 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 25: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at church. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Laurie Jensen. Friday, Feb. 26: 6:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 28: 8:15 a.m. Worship, Radio, Grades 1-5 sing. Second Grade Milestone. 9:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. 9:30 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. 9:50 a.m. Fifth grade First Communion class. 10:45 a.m. Worship.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
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Thursday, Feb. 25: 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, March 2: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle. 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers. 7:45 p.m. Catechism Class. Thursday, March 3: 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
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Friday, Feb. 26: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship; Praise Sunday. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Junior and Senior RCYF. Monday, Feb. 29: 7 p.m. Financial Peace. Tuesday, March 1: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 7 p.m. Brimstone Study; Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, March 2: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult choir. Thursday, March 3: 6 p.m. Ladies Night Out. 7 p.m. Worship Team meeting.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher
112 N. Main St., Hills

Hills United Reformed Church

Sunday, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, March 1: 10:30 a.m. Text Study. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, March 2: 6-6:45 p.m. Lent Supper. 7 p.m. Lent Service; Confirmation students attend Lent.

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109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Feb. 25: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 27: 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Southern Prairie District Day at First UMC in Windom. 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Bible Study in the Upper Room. 11:00 a.m. Come as You Are. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Feb. 29: 7 p.m. Living Beyond Yourself Bible Study. Tuesday, March 1: 9 a.m. Messenger folding team. 6 p.m. Church Charge Conference with District Superintendent. Wednesday, March 2: 5:30 p.m. Meal F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry and Confirmation students and families. 6 p.m. F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry and Confirmation Classes. 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Luverne UMC. 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, March 3: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Sunday, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005

email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Thursday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Little Lambs' Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association. Saturday, Feb. 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Youth Group sing. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. Monday, Feb. 29: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting.

Living Rock Church

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

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 25: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 26: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 27: 9 a.m. Circuit Visitor Meeting at Zion. Sunday, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 29: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, March 2: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Worship Service. Light lunch to follow service — Service group 1. 7:45 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, March 3: 4 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
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, March 2: 7 p.m. Lenten Service.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen
Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, March 2: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
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hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
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but all that He teaches in the whole of Scripture (Matt. 28:20). No one who believes in Jesus as Savior and Lord has the right to change what the Lord has said. Christians cannot re-define marriage from one man and one woman; or family as a father, mother, and children; or sexuality as male and female determined by God at birth; or many of the other changes that our sinful world is trying to pass as truth. God's truth is unchanging just as He is. Anyone who tries to change this truth is not of God (1 John 2:15-17).

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Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor

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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 Thursday of the month.

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501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia
Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
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BIDS CLOSE AT 11:00 A.M. MARCH 18, 2016
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, **March 18, 2016.**

Minimum wage rates are to be paid by the contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS PROJECT

The Minnesota department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49. Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aide Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all person without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin.

In accordance with Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will be affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

In Accordance with Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to and contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certified of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement, you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statue, Section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 a Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request form the contraction agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of ****7.7% Good Faith Effort**** to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the Special Equal Opportunity Employment Opportunity Provisions as contained in this proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridge 67571, a 112" Concrete Slab Span. The project is located 1.5 miles East of Junction CSAH 3 on CSAH 15 over The Kanaranzi Creek.

The major items of work are: 87 Cu. Yd. Structural Concrete; 3,975 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 228 Lin. Ft. of Type F Railing Concrete; 149 Sq. Yds. Bridge Approach Panels; 69,730 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 790 Cu. Yd. Random Riprap (Class IV); 450 Lin. Ft. 12"-C-I-P Test Piles 90 Ft. Long; 640 Lin Ft. 16"- C-I-P Piling; 2-16" C-I-P Test Piles 90 Ft. Long; and 359 Tons Bituminous Wear and Non-Wear Mix.

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

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.
Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed Bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. S.P.067-615-009"**
The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Rock County Highway Engineer
(2-18, 2-25, 3-3)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Jan. 28

**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 January 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Dave Riphagen, Shelley Sandbulte. Absent: Jodi Bosch and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Jodi Rops, Susan Thompson, Bill Thompson, and members of the Middle School Lego Club.

Chairperson Dave Riphagen called the meeting to order. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Bill Tompson and the Middle School Lego Club gave a presentation to the School Board.

Administrative reports were given.

Member Baustian reported an error in the December minutes. A motion was listed as being made by Baartman and it should read Baustian. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the minutes with this correction. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to remove the following school district policies: #501.01 Attendance Requirements; #501.02 Exemption from Attendance; #501.03 Entrance Requirements; #501.04 Student Disability Nondiscrimination; #501.05 Resident Students; #501.06 Nonresident Students; #501.07 Foreign Students; #501.09 Attendance Records; #501.10 Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design; #501.11 Enrollment of Nonresident Students (Open Enrollment); #503.01 Student Awards and Scholarships; #503.02 Academic Letter; #503.05 Athletics; #503.06 Student Activity Fees; #503.07 Summer Sports Camps; #503.08 Attendance at State Athletic Tournaments Sponsored by MSHSL; #503.09 Extra-Curricular Complaint Resolution Policy; #504.01 Chemical Use and Abuse; #504.02 Child Abuse and Child Neglect; #504.03 Safety Program; #504.04 Student Pregnancy and Parental Status; #504.05 Emergency School Closing; #505.01 Early Entrance to Elementary Building During Winter Months. Several of these policies are outdated or are covered by Parent-Student Handbooks. Motion unanimously carried.

The election of officers was held. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to appoint Member Baustian as Chairperson. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Riphagen, second by Deutsch, to appoint Member Bosch as Vice-Chairperson. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to appoint Member Sandbulte as Clerk. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to appoint Member Hartman as Treasurer. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee Assignments were reviewed. It was noted that we need to add the Southwest Rural Development Commission as one of the committees. Member Hartman is currently appointed to this committee. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the committee assignments as presented with the addition of the SRDC. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Hartman, second by Riphagen, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,190,763.41. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of December 31, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Sandbulte, to approve the Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore. Motion unanimously carried.

The school board reviewed the draft copy of the 2016-17 school year calendar. A final calendar will be presented at the next school board meeting.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Deutsch, to approve the following policy revisions: Policy #500.02 and #500.03 revised and renumbered to Policy #515; Policy #502.01 revised and renumbered to Policy #506; Policy #503.03 revised and renumbered to Policy #531; Policy #505 – revised; Policy #529 – revised; Policy #532 – revised; and, Policy #533 – revised. These revisions were based on MSBA recommendations. Motion unanimously carried.

The School Board reviewed a listing of the current school district vehicles. It was noted that we will be looking to purchase two buses using the State Contract list. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the list as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to approve the Custodial Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Riphagen, second by Hartman, to approve the Paraprofessional/Food Service/Secretary Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to approve the Alternative School Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the ECFE/School Readiness/Discovery Time Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to approve the preliminary Licensed Staff Seniority List as presented. This list will be posted for 30 days for the staff to review. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to approve the hiring of Katie Oksness, paraprofessional, beginning January 4, 2016. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Riphagen, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Danielle Ganun, paraprofessional, beginning January 4, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Lacey Hubers, custodian, beginning January 4, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Deutsch, to approve Terry Althoff as long-term substitute for Kerri Baker, mathematics teacher, beginning approximately February 9 for eight weeks. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve a request from Augustana University for Tyler Johnson to complete a 35 hour observation/assistant placement with Chris Nowatzki for the spring semester beginning mid-February. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to accept the resignation of Cheryl Cronberg, Community Education paraprofessional, effective December 18, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed eighth grade geography trip to Washington, D.C., in June, 2017.

Marlene Mann, Business Manager, reviewed the donations and grants received since July 1, 2015.

No 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: January 28, 2016

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(2-25)

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(2.21-3.10)

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(2.7-2.28)

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(2.21-3.10)

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VACANCY NOTICE

- **Position:** 1 flt *Instrumental* Music Instruction
- **Qualifications:** Current Minnesota K-12 Band Teacher license.
- **Application Deadline:** Position open until filled.
- **Starting Date:** 2016 School Year
- **Apply To:** Superintendent Todd Holthaus, Hills-Beaver Creek Jr./Sr. High School, PO Box 547, 301 N Summit Ave, Hills, MN 56138. tlthaus@isd671.net Please send letter of application, copy of teaching license, college transcripts and three current letters of reference
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The Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, MN is looking for hard working, dependable individuals to join our team in caring for the elderly.

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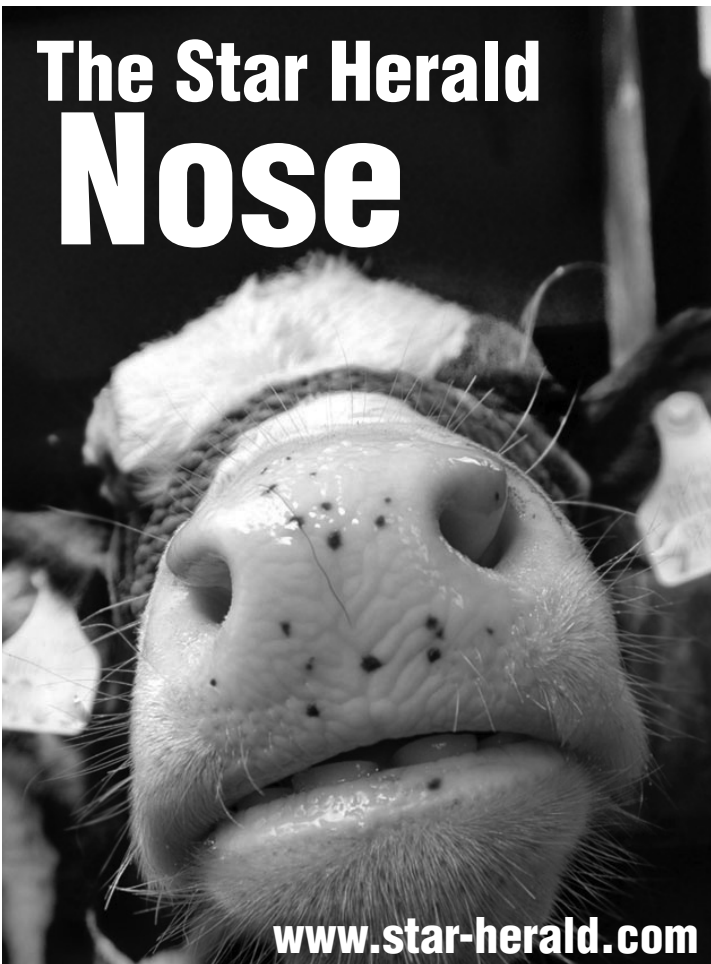
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