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Winter delivers one-two punch

Two blizzards in one week close southwest Minnesota roads, cancel schools, mail delivery, commerce

By Lori Sorenson

Area residents had just dug out from the record-breaking Groundhog Day Blizzard last week when Round 2 hit during the final minutes of the Super Bowl game Sunday night.

Many game day travelers found it difficult or impossible to get home Sunday night, and white-out conditions through most of Monday again prompted officials to close roads in southwest Minnesota.

For both blizzards, wind speeds of 35 to 45 mph were the problem, causing blowing and drifting snow to send hundreds of vehicles off the roads.

While it was widely reported that Luverne received a foot of snow Feb. 2, more scientific estimates are around 8 inches, according to local weather recorder Troy Thone. "When the snow is falling horizontally, measuring it can be quite a task," he said.

Taking the measurements a number of different ways all produced the 8-inch recording. "That seems to coordinate pretty well with some of the surrounding estimates as well," Thone said.

For example, the Sioux Falls airport (National Weather Service) reported 4.2 inches.

Four miles west of Rowena recorded 5.7 inches, Lake Benton, 6, Windom, 7, Sibley, 11, Orange City, 12, Spencer, 9, and four miles northwest of Okoboji, 9.8

This week's blizzard resulted in less than an inch of snow, but it didn't take much to cause zero visibility with high wind speeds.

Long day for snow crews

Both blizzards amounted to extra work for local snow removal crews.

Rock County Highway Engineer Mark Sehr said he opted not to send plows during near-zero visibility.

On Feb. 3 crews got started around 5 a.m., when two abandoned vehicles were discovered partially buried on County Road 4 west of Luverne. "We sent out six trucks, our blower and all three motor graders," Sehr said, adding that all hands were on deck Wednesday for storm cleanup. "Our mechanics were run-



Lori Sorenson photos/0211 blizzard

Four motorists find themselves in the ditch Sunday after gusty winds sent snow drifting over roadways causing a long slippery stretch. This photograph was taken in western Rock County on Highway 23 where the photo below (right) shows a semi disappearing into a white-out during Monday afternoon's blizzard. Pictured below (left) David Iverson tackles a deep pile on the corner of Highway 75 and Dodge Street near his home in Luverne Feb. 3.



ning blowers and our engineering techs were doing snow removal for county property in town."

After 11 hours Wednesday and some extra intersection work Thursday, Sehr said crews had mostly caught up, except for some stubborn slippery stretches.

For Monday's blizzard, the same scenario played out again, this time with a bit less snow to move.

In Luverne, Public Works Su-

pervisor John Stoffel said city crews hauled away 175 truckloads of snow from the downtown area alone last week.

Luverne's total cleanup effort from the Feb. 2 blizzard required more than 200 man hours from Tuesday through Friday, running four trucks with plows and sanders, two pay loaders with plows and blowers, one motor grader, one skid loader and two mowers with snow

blower and broom attachments.

Define 'blizzard'

While many parts of the tri-state area were under a winter storm warning or advisory, on Feb. 2 Rock County was directly in the storm's path that was labeled a "blizzard warning."

According to state climatologist Mark Seeley, a blizzard is defined by wind speeds of 35 mph or greater, a quarter mile of visibility or less, and

heavy snow or blowing and drifting snow.

"A lot of that was in play in southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa," Seeley said during his weekly climate report on Minnesota Public Radio Friday.

While many businesses and workplaces sent employees home around noon, schools canceled

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Paquette announces retirement, eye clinic to expand into dental space

By Lori Sorenson

Longtime Luverne dentist David Paquette announced his retirement this week while also revealing plans to sell his space to the adjacent eye clinic.

In a letter to patients, Paquette said his dental practice will close Feb. 25.

"I have been deeply privileged to provide dental care for you and your families," he wrote. "I have been grateful for the opportunity to talk with you and learn what is going on in your lives."

He said he's looking forward to the different pace of life retirement brings, including spending more time hunting, traveling and enjoying family and grandchildren.

"I have been honored to be part of the great health care community of Luverne, Rock County and beyond," he said, admitting his retirement decision came with



Rock County Eye Clinic will purchase the dental office space and expand this year after Dr. David Paquette retires Feb. 25.

mixed emotions.

Paquette said Luverne dentist Rebecca Vis will assume his patients and their records, but he said his staff will facilitate transfers to other dental offices if they choose.

"I value her professionalism, experience and judgment, and I highly recommend her to you," he said about Vis, who enclosed

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County reconsiders fire bill, agrees to pay \$750 to fire dept.

By Mavis Fodness

At their Feb. 2 meeting, Rock County Commissioners reconsidered paying a \$750 fire services bill they denied last month.

Attending the meeting were seven officers and/or directors from Clinton, Luverne, Mound and Magnolia townships. Those townships, plus portions of Vienna and Kanaranzi, are included in the Luverne Fire Department's fire protection area.

A fire was reported late in the morning Oct. 9, 2015, when a passerby noticed a fire in the county ditch along County Road 11, southwest of Luverne in Clinton Township. The LFD responded and easily extinguished the fire, the cause of which is unknown.

As per a city ordinance passed in May 2010, LFD is authorized to charge for fire services.

The fee is \$750, and a fire service bill came to Rock County in that amount. Commissioners first acted on the

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— Commissioner Ron Boyenga

payment of the bill at their Dec. 22 meeting. That vote ended in a 2-2 tie, with Commissioner Jody Reisch (a member of the LFD) abstaining from the vote. The issue again came before the commissioners Jan. 5 with Commissioners Ken Hoime, Ron Boyenga and Stan Williamson voting not to pay the bill.

On Feb. 2 township representa-

County pays fire bill/see page 3A

Leaders review progress, pose question, 'Is Luverne ready to be a destination?'

By Lori Sorenson

Monday's blizzard prevented photographer Brian Peterson from traveling to Luverne for a presentation on the "State of Wonders" book he co-authored.

The book features the prairie and natural features of the Blue Mounds State Park and Rock County, and Peterson's talk would have tied in

with Luverne's destination highlights and what the community has to offer.

Monday's gathering at the Palace — even without the keynote speaker — turned out to be a celebratory event in itself as community leaders reviewed accomplishments and goals yet to be reached.

The annual "social," was hosted by LIFT (Luverne Initiatives For

Tomorrow), the Chamber and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"This marks a significant milestone in our journey," said LIFT board member Marilyn Bloemendaal. "We're all responsible for making Luverne a better place to live."

LIFT was established in 2010 as collaborations of public and private

sectors brainstorming about how to improve the Luverne community.

Aesthetics

A major goal identified was to clean up the South Highway 75 corridor known as "the gateway to Luverne," and Mayor Pat Baustian reviewed progress on that front. With new sidewalks, uniform grass boulevards, a flag park and

design concept for the four corners of Main Street and Highway 75, he said many of Luverne's beautification goals have been met.

Lewis and Clark

Baustian also mentioned that Luverne will soon tap into Lewis and

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Beaver Creek Township monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the township hall.

Rosedell Township will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 16, rather than Feb. 15, due to the Presidents Day holiday.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the home of Lloyd Prins.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, for lunch and at 2 p.m. at the Mary Jane Brown Home to celebrate February birthdays.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Southwest Health and Human Services, Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

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.

'Book Your Winter Getaway'

"Book Your Winter Getaway," the annual winter reading program sponsored by the Plum Creek Library System and its member libraries, began Jan. 2 and continues through March 31.

The annual winter program, open to ages 18 and older, rewards readers for doing what they love to do — read. Participation is simple: sign up at your local library, and pledge to read at least 12 books during the three-month program. In Rock County, library patrons who complete the challenge will receive incentive prizes and individual libraries will be recognized for the number of new participants enrolled in the program and most books read throughout the three-month period.

For more information call the Rock County Library at 283-5040.

Monthly Food Ministry Feb. 18

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come from fresh produce, bread and meat.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Feb. 8. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required. 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.

Little Lambs Preschool 2016-2017

Little Lambs Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. Registration materials may be picked up at the preschool or at St. John Lutheran Church office, both at 803 N. Cedar Street in Luverne or online at www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org at Little Lambs link. Call 283-2316 with questions.

Community Ed

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

Why Play Mah Jong? Come learn a new fast-moving and exciting game. It plays similar to cards but uses tiles to create a competitive strategy game. Class will meet Thursday afternoon on Feb. 11 and 18. Fee is \$10.

Crochet an Ear Warmer. This class teaches an applied chrcet skill for participants who already know how to single crochet. Class is Feb. 11. Fee is \$10.

Make 3D Snowflakes on Feb. 18. Kids in grades k-3 will learn the technique of using folded strips of paper to make snowflakes as well as other designs. Fee is \$15.

Defensive Driving refresher class Feb. 23 will help keep your car insurance premium at a low rate. Fee is \$20 in advance.

Princesses and Super Heroes Dance on Feb. 26 will be a fun-filled evening of dressing up in your favorite princess and super hero 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. Fee is \$15 per couple paid by Feb. 19. After Feb. 19 the fee is \$25 per couple.

Discovery Time School Readiness Preschool registrations are being accepted now for Sept. 2016. There are classes for ages 3, 4, and 5-year-olds.

Luverne School Board elects new officers, sets new superintendent goals

By Mavis Fodness

Vice chairperson Katie Baustian took the helm Jan. 28 during Luverne School Board's first meeting of the year.

Baustian moved into the chair position and, by unanimous votes, Jodi Bosch becomes vice chair. She had served previously as the board's clerk.

Shelley Sandbulte, the board's former treasurer, moves into the clerk position and director Eric Hartman is now treasurer.

Former chairman Dave Riphagen, who headed the board for the past two years, continues on the board as a director.

Board members' committee assignments remained unchanged.

School calendar draft

As part of the regular agenda, the members received the first draft of the 2016-17 school calendar.

In November members agreed to discontinue the flex-

ible learning year that allowed classes to begin before Labor Day. The vote reverted the district back to a traditional learning year calendar.

In Superintendent Craig Oftedahl's first draft of next year's school calendar, classes begin on Sept. 6 with the last day on May 26, 2017.

Oftedahl said he consulted with staff, administrators and the teachers' association in deciding holiday breaks, lengths of quarters and when in-service days should take place. Currently, each quarter is 42 to 46 days in length with a half-day staff in-service on the last day of each quarter.

"There is not a perfect calendar," Oftedahl said.

Previously, half-day in-services were scheduled the day before a holiday break such as the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the day before the Christmas break.

Director Colleen Deutsch suggested Oftedahl gather more input into when the half-day in-services are scheduled. The board will review the cal-

endar again at its next meeting scheduled for Feb. 11.

Superintendent evaluation and goals

Members adopted new goals for the annual superintendent evaluation. For this school year, four goals were set for Oftedahl.

The current goals are less comprehensive than previous superintendent evaluations.

"It's designed to be a working document," said Riphagen. "It's something you will talk annually to keep the communication going."

Riphagen and Baustian took input from the other board members to format the current goals. Baustian said this year's goals were the most often suggested. However, the other suggestions were saved.

"We may have good ideas to implement for next year," she said.

The four superintendent goals are as follows:

- Provide leadership to the total education system, holding the system accountable

for high standards of student achievement.

- Maintain school finances according to policy.

- Maintain effective communication with school board, staff and community.

- Cultivate community partnership to maximize resources and enhance student opportunities.

Oftedahl also included two professional development goals:

- Gain understanding of technology that can be used to support goals and develop habits to use those pieces of technology.

- Support and communicate developments in standards-based grading.

In other business, board members:

- Approved the hiring of Katie Oksness and Danielle Ganun as paraprofessionals, and Lacey Hubers as custodian.

- Accepted the resignation of paraprofessional Cheryl Cronberg.

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Clark Regional Water, which will position the city for future growth.

"We are now able to entertain a business with high demand for water — and we currently are entertaining such a business," he said.

Baustian also mentioned that Gov. Mark Dayton will be in Luverne March 14 for a ribbon-cutting event to celebrate Lewis and Clark.

Signage and advertising

Luverne Economic Development Director Holly Sammons spoke about other accomplishments that tie in with LIFT's goals.

For example, she said Luverne's sign design program and historic façade improvement program are helping businesses improve their storefronts with uniform professionalism, and she reviewed collaborative retail marketing efforts.

"We are stronger together," she said about advertising campaigns in local and regional outlets.

Sammons said Luverne's visitors guide, published by the Star Herald, is being picked up by twice the number of travelers as it has in recent years. "That's good for Luverne," Sammons said.

She also said there are efforts — like the Luverne Trolley Tours — to educate locals on the history of Luverne and what it has to offer, so that everyone can be informed advocates for the community.

Loop biking and hiking

Sammons has been a major driver in developing the Luverne LOOP biking and walking path, and she updated attendees at Monday's meeting about the path's progress.

Join the conversation:

Call the Luverne Chamber at 507-283-2333 or email luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us

Phase I of the seven mile Loop will be completed this year, Phase II in 2017 and Phase III is still under development.

"We have identified this as a quality of life issue," she said, adding that the Loop will enhance other goals of the community — like establishing a campground, improving the creamery pond and developing the Rock River as a water trail for canoeing and kayaking.

Creamery Pond

Mike Davis has been instrumental in improving the Creamery Pond, and he is also on the CVB Board.

He spoke about a July 4 celebration at the pond this summer that may include fireworks, a triathlon, beanbag and volleyball tournaments, logrolling and sand castle contests and a parade on the pond.

He invited people to be part of the planning and volunteer effort by contacting the Chamber at 283-4061.

History Center

Betty Mann of the Historical Society provided an update on the History Center, which is being built in the former Ford Motor Company building downtown. She revealed floor plans and said it will likely be complete July 1.

Mann said fundraising efforts are not quite complete, and she said an anonymous donor is still matching donations.

High-speed Internet

Rock County Commissioner Jody Reisch spoke about strides underway in bringing high-speed Internet to currently unserved and underserved homes in the county.

"Before we moved out of town, I assumed the Internet was available for everyone," said Reisch, who moved from Luverne to a home outside the city limits. "I had no idea our rural residents were struggling so much with Internet service."

He announced Monday that through a series of connections with the Minnesota leaders and with Alliance Communication in Garretson, South Dakota, Rock County is benefiting from a state grant and local investment to bring fiber to the home.

"We view this the same way we do roads, water and electricity," Reisch said. "The Internet is no longer a nicety; it's a necessity."

Blue Mounds State Park

Blue Mounds State Park manager Chris Ingebretsen spoke about the park as a local attraction, and he thanked the community for its efforts to promote it.

He said park visits in 2015 were back to almost where they were prior to the 2014 flood that blew out the dam and drained the park's lake.

He reminded the public to attend Tuesday's meeting (Feb. 9) to voice opinions on what the DNR should do about repairing the dam and replacing the water feature.

Destination branding

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere wrapped up the meeting by introducing Luverne's nutcracker Christmas theme, and challenged people to begin building and designing their own life-sized nutcrackers.

She said the nutcrackers may someday be a brand for Luverne, if not for the holidays, and she said it's time for the community to think about branding itself in order to be a destination.

She said there are a number of assets Luverne could draw on (prairie, parks, nutcrackers, veterans, The War, etc), but she said it's important to choose one thing and cultivate it throughout all community branding.

For example, the little community of DeSmet, South Dakota, has a population of 1,000, but each year it draws 30,000 to 50,000 for its Laura Ingalls Wilder attraction.

"Everything we've done so far has been to bring us to this point," Lanphere said.

"It's going to take the efforts of everyone in the community to get us to that next point."

At the end of Monday's gathering, attendees were asked to fill out cards to choose an idea, or mention one of their own. They were also asked if they would volunteer to help.

There were 108 people at the Palace, with 88 registered people not attending, possibly due to blizzard conditions.

Those who weren't at the meeting can contact the Chamber, 283-4061 or email luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us, with ideas or to volunteer.



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County pays fire department \$750 bill/continued from page 1A

tives requested that the three commissioners reconsider their vote and look at the issue again.

"No one disagrees about the bill — townships and the fire department earned it and they work really, really hard," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

"It is just whether or not we are the responsible party. ... Is it really our bill?"

Neither side could agree whose bill it is, based on the Oct. 9 circumstances, even after Oldre had met with township representatives the day before Tuesday's meeting.

At the Monday meeting with township officials, Oldre said the two sides discussed language in the fire service ordinance to determine whether a public entity, which has an easement on the property, is the actual property owner.

At the Rock County Board meeting, Oldre showed the property tax records from where the fire was located.

The paperwork showed the county has a three-fourths-acre easement on the property for maintaining a county road. The tax records description seems to indicate the ownership boundary goes to the road's center.

Oldre explained if the fire took place in a township ditch, the landowner would be billed, not the township.

"The county interprets this the same way townships do," he said.

None of the township representatives agreed or disagreed with Oldre's interpretation at Tuesday's meeting.

Keith Schmuck of Mound Township took the lead for township officials and explained how specific fire service calls are billed.

He said the bills are given directly to the insurance company, or the property owner delivers the bill to the insurance company.

"There have been some situations where we have forgiven it (the bill)," he said.

At Tuesday's meeting the township representatives were not offering to forgive the bill that was delivered to the county auditor's office.

Schmuck said he doesn't want the county's decision not to pay a fire service bill influence others to decline future fire service bills. The monies collected from the service calls are specifically used to update Luverne Fire Department vehicles.

The next replacement is in 2017, estimated at about \$500,000.

"We are obligated to pay one-fourth of the cost," Schmuck said.

While townships receive levied dollars from taxpayers, these monies cover operating expenditures such as firefighting training, property insurance and wages, not vehicle replacement.

"The county won't deny payment in any way, shape or form if they are responsible,"

Oldre said.

"It is not an issue about the pay but of this particular incident and particular billing."

Vice Chairman Ken Hoime said billing amounts and practices vary between fire departments serving Rock County.

The Edgerton Fire Department provides services in Hoime's district and has regularly updated their vehicles.

Prior to Tuesday's meeting, Hoime said he asked Edgerton officials how they handle fires like the one that occurred Oct. 9 in Rock County.

"Most would say they won't bill the county," Hoime said.

He also added a service call in his district by Edgerton would cost as much as \$500 less than what Luverne charged.

Commissioner Ron Boyenga echoed Hoime's discussion of varied billing amounts. Ellsworth Fire Department serves portions of his district in Kanaranzi Township. Boyenga said they only charge \$180.

In another discussion, Hoime said the Rock County Highway Department doesn't charge individual townships the entire cost of working on township roads.

County engineer Mark Sehr said engineering costs have never been added into township projects as long as he has been at the department. "We don't charge for our time," he said.

After possible solutions to the billing question appeared to have stalemated, Hoime, who chaired Tuesday's meeting in the absence of Chairman Reisch, asked what the township representatives were asking from the commissioners.

"We are asking for \$750," Schmuck said simply.

After further discussion, Boyenga made the motion to pay the \$750, but only once.

"Due to the confusion, on our part, too, I move to pay this bill, and in the future it should be billed to the landowner."

Stan Williamson seconded.

The commissioners also agreed the issues of fire service fees, easements and billings should be discussed further at the next annual township association meeting.

Williamson is the commissioner representative.

"Those meetings have been poorly attended," he said.

"They have talked about abandoning it... I would hate to see the township association drop this meeting."

Oldre said the association meetings have been a good place to distribute information plus provide a central location for area legislators and state officials to meet with township representatives.

"We know where we stand now," said George Bonnema of Luverne Township.

"So everything has been cleared up."



Lori Sorenson photos/0211 kindness retreat

Julia Hoogland (above) shares her thoughts about how she personally intends to be kinder in the future. She and Luverne Elementary School fourth-graders attended a Kindness Retreat Thursday, Jan. 4, in the Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne.

Fourth-graders learn lessons in Kindness

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne Elementary School fourth-graders learned lessons in kindness Thursday during an annual Youth Frontiers retreat at the Blue Mound Banquet Center.

Leaders Hannah Tjoflat and Preston Gunderson talked to students about why and how to make kind choices, how words and actions affect others and how to resolve conflict to address bullying.

Gunderson asked students why someone might be mean, and students offered answers ranging from, "maybe something bad happened to them," to "maybe they're frustrated or feeling bad about themselves."

He asked them where in school someone might be mean, and students said it could happen on the bus or in the library or other places where teachers aren't present.

So Gunderson asked students, "When teachers aren't around, who is it up to to stop this stuff?"

A few students said, "It's up to us."

"It's up to whom?" Gunderson prompted.

"It's up to us," more students responded in unison.

"What? I can't hear you."

"It's up to us!" the roomful of students shouted.

"Yes," Gunderson said. "We all have the opportunity to be a hero, to be a friend, to stand up for someone when teachers aren't there."

Throughout the retreat, students learned about "kindness boomerangs" that, when thrown out, often come back with more kindness.

At the end of Thursday's event, the music quieted and the lights were dimmed while students filled out individual notecards addressing "How will I throw kindness to others?"



Above, fourth-graders Morgan Jonas (left) and Alexa Hodgson fill out personal notecards (pictured at left) with thoughts about how they intend to be kinder in the future.

Pictured in the photo at the lower left of the story, Conner Connell shares with Preston Gunderson and the group his own ideas of how he intends to be kinder in the future.

They answered the questions:

1. I will be kinder to my teachers and classmates by _____.
2. I'm going to thank _____ (someone from school) for _____.
3. I'm going to say "I'm sorry" for _____.

When they were done, some students voluntarily shared their answers at the microphone.

"It's amazing when students realize they can be the change in our school and the world," said Marie Atkinson-Smeins, Luverne Elementary counselor. "This can be a really powerful experience."

Youth Frontiers Inc. of Minneapolis has presented retreats on important values such as kindness, courage and respect in schools all over the state for the purpose of building character in young people.

Luverne High School 10th-graders attended a Youth Frontiers Respect Friday at the banquet center.

Both retreats are funded by Parents Partners in Education, Sioux Valley Energy, Luverne Area Community Foundation, Luverne School Foundation, Frakco and Pizza Ranch.



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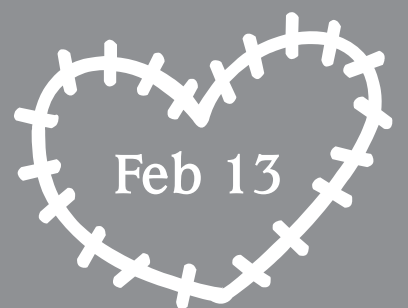
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Meeting Mondale changes feeling of embarrassment to one of pride

Having the opportunity to meet Walter Mondale recently brought back memories of 1984 and my first opportunity to vote in a presidential election.

I was 18 years old and a college freshman. Mondale was the Democratic presidential nominee and was the first to choose a woman as his vice presidential candidate.

When I shook hands with the 89-year-old at the Minnesota Newspaper Association Convention in late January, I thanked him for his vice presidential choice in 1984 and for his willingness to go against the establishment. That "breaking the mold mentality" was what drew me to his campaign.

"Did you do the right thing?" Mondale asked me as he thanked me for my vote. I nodded and he graciously posed for a picture.

And just think! I almost didn't approach the former vice president of the United States, let alone have a picture taken with him. I am glad I did, though. That short conversation took away decades worth of what I perceived as an embarrassment from my college years.

I have been ashamed I spoke up publicly about that 1984 presidential campaign and my decision to vote for the losing side. Despite Mondale's overwhelming loss in that election, he was gracious and honest about his campaign and still moves forward with his beliefs.

In a matter of a few minutes, I realized no one should be embarrassed by how he or she voted. At least they voted. Even better if a person could articulate why.

In 1984 I simply wasn't verbally articulate when I was interviewed by a newspaper reporter on the campus of Augustana College. The thoughts I shared then for print led to 32 years of self-consciousness. Even today I can still see my picture in the newspaper with the quote underneath, "I don't believe in polls."

Opinion polls play an intricate role in today's politics and are a quick way to gather people's views on specific issues. At the time of my newspaper interview, polls indicated Mondale was behind President Reagan by double-digit numbers, indicating Reagan would win the presidential race in a landslide.

Reagan did win handily, and my statement of dismissing the poll results appeared silly.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

One would think I would have forgotten all about the interview from three decades ago. After all, I don't remember the reporter's name, the questions asked or the photographer who snapped the pictures. I just thought it was cool to be in the newspaper. My brother, Arv, is the reason I don't forget about the incident.

My distress comes from my word choice that day, along with my brother's need to just make fun of his little sister.

My use of the word "believe" could have been explained in the article. (I have long since thrown the article away and cannot check for sure.) What I meant by that word is that polls have a margin of error, and depending on how and who completes the poll, the margin of error could swing the true vote in the other direction. Years of watching political campaigns and reporting on local elections have really taught me a thing or two — experiences I didn't have as an 18-year-old.

And now, after listening to Walter Mondale and sharing with him why I voted for him so many years ago, I have become more circumspect about my perceived faux pas. Back then I just stated how I felt at that given time. We all change our opinions because life events and circumstances change us.

Walter Mondale, however, appears as though he hasn't changed. He was someone I admired as a first-time voter and I still admire him today. Listening to his recent speech, he was up to date on current events and even bolstered my community purpose as a member of the press. He said newspapers are in the business of asking questions, finding facts and reporting the information. They are also responsible in forming public opinion.

Back in 1984 I politely told the reporter looking for facts on the local political scene and reporting those findings to the local community. Now instead of feeling mortified about the newspaper article, I feel thankful that I was a part of print history.

Thanks, Walter, for helping me to understand that my opinion counted and for putting that newspaper interview into perspective.

Could Luverne be a travel destination?

Are you ready to make that happen?

STAR HERALD EDITORIAL

Seven years ago, the Luverne community came together as individuals, businesses and government to brainstorm on ways to improve this community.

The downtown retail corridor was suffering, the community was lacking things to do, places to eat, venues to shop and daily activities. People and businesses were moving out of town.

Some of this was real, some was perception, but everyone agreed we needed direction.

At a 2010 meeting of motivated individuals — now known as Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow — the decision was made to identify what needed doing and how to get it done.

Monday night's annual social of the Chamber, LIFT and CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau), was the chance to take stock of what's been accomplished and what still needs doing. (See the accompanying story)

In short, Luverne's come a long way in a short time, but we're at a point in the journey where we can rest on our laurels — or push forward.

By pushing forward, we would take the next step in the development of our community as a tourism

destination.

In the words of Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere, "If we want to move forward, the work that will be required may be as hard as what we have done during the past seven years. The involvement of citizens, businesses and government working cooperatively will be key to any progress."

Monday's winter weather was questionable and many people who intended to be there weren't. But the meeting isn't what's important. The important question is, "Do we want to take the next step?" And, if so, "What direction do we take?"

Will Luverne be known as a farming destination? A prairie town? A town made famous by "The War" documentary?

Who are we?

We need to hear everyone's voices in this process of branding our community.

Should we hire an expert in tourism destination branding to help us develop the plan to take the next step? Is it time for Luverne to develop its own "brand" to draw tourism traffic? If the answer is yes, then we need to find the financial resources to move forward in this process. If the answer is no, then we can rest on what we have done and see where it takes us.

We think yes is the answer, and we think now is the time.

As Jane said, "Let's work together over the next decade to make Luverne the envy of the Midwest ... the place where people want to live and visit."

Call the Chamber at 283-4061 with your ideas, or email luverne-chamber@co.rock.mn.us.



Preuss: Selection of red color for hockey line is arbitrary

To the Editor:

This is a reply to Rick Peterson's question as to why the red line in hockey is red.

The line has two purposes: first, to divide the rink in half; second, as a line to help with a game delay called "icing."

It started as a solid line, but with the invention of black and white TV, the line was broken so it could be distinguished from the other blue lines.

In today's professional hockey arenas there is no red line. Your belief that it might be patriotic does not fit with hockey's origin. Hockey was invented in Nova Scotia and then spread to western Canada. The Canadian Flag has a white background with a red maple leaf in the center. It lacks a blue color. Red, white and blue are American patriotic colors. Therefore it is my conclusion that the colors were simply arbitrary.

In researching the origin of the

"Red Line," I now know more about it than I really care to know. Perhaps you do, too.

I have noticed that when I think outside the box, my thinking leads to trouble. However, what else can one do while waiting out a blizzard?

Rick, here is a question for you. Why are some newspapers called Star ___? Star Herald, Star Tribune, etc.

Bill Preuss
Luverne

Frakes: Mom's, dad's changing roles may include draft for both

To the Editor:

Back when I was young and full of hope, Mom stayed home and took care of the family, and Dad went off to work or war.

Then our enlightened government decided they had to take care of us, cradle to grave. Dad still went to work or war, but Mom had to go

to work, and the kids had to go to day care because the increased taxes meant it takes two incomes to make one now.

Now, in even more enlightenment, our powers that be would like to draft women into the military.

So we now have Mom and Dad going to war and the kids going to

... "war care"? Cheap at twice the price, I bet.

"Hello, kids! Your mother and I are doing great here in the Middle East. Just a little warm is all. Have they decided if they're going to let you watch FOX News yet??"

Bill Frakes
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 29
 •Complainant found a checkbook belonging to someone local by the ATM at the bank.

•Deputy checked on headlights on the east side of the Jasper elevator. Found it to be employees that had just gotten done loading a train.

•Complainant reported that his wife lost her phone in the parking lot by Community Ed in the last day or so. It is in a pink Otterbox case with lime green and is an iPhone 5s.

•Complainant reported they just moved into location and are finding unsafe things all over the place.

•Complainant reported a dead deer in his grove that wasn't there a couple of days ago.

•St. Cloud Police Department reported they have some stolen road signs from Luverne. They also have pictures of their signs in a garage in Luverne. Suspects will take the signs back to St. Cloud by Tuesday and bring the Luverne sign back with them at that time.

•Complainant reported she has a protection order against her husband and he sent her a text. Papers have not been served to him yet.

•Complainant reported his wife has been ill and he last checked on her a few hours ago and came home and believes she has passed away. Sent deputy who requested the coroner.

•Complainant reported she lost her front license plate, maybe in Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls Police Department was contacted. They have not had it turned in.

•Complainant reported a possible intoxicated lady in the middle of the street. She is approximately 50 years old. Deputy reported she went behind a house in the area and she is at home.

•Deputy checked on a vehicle parked behind the school. No one around. Non-suspicious activity. Deputy said they were just finishing activities at the school.

Jan. 30
 •Deputy arrested subject for DWI refusal and took her to jail.

•Deputy found an open door at a business; checked with owner to see if he was missing a pickup at location. No vehicles missing. They had moved one out of the garage.

•Slayton Police Department received a call from someone in their county that someone in Rock County was threatening suicide. Had deputy check things out. All is well.

•Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported someone tried to cut her off on I-90. Transferred to patrol.

•Complainant reported someone backed into her and left. It was a small blue car.

•Complainant reported the back window of her van is broken out.

•Complainant reported a hitchhiker on the interstate. Transferred to patrol. Trooper transported to jail on a warrant out of Stearns County.

Jan. 31

•Complainant reported they moved out of location. They went back yesterday. They had locked the doors

and the heat was turned way up. There was a blow-up doll in the closet. Today the heat was turned back up and there was a condom.

•Complainant reported a shoplifter. Deputy arrested him and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported her niece refuses to go back home. Her aunt is trying to get her to go with her, and she's refusing.

•Complainant reported a black pickup cutting people off and blocking traffic. Someone is hanging out the window trying to touch other cars. Transferred to patrol.

•Complainant reported a walker in the middle of the road. Deputy reported he is close and will pick it up.

•Complainant reported a black pickup with drunk driving conduct on Highway 23 near mile marker 56. Gave to patrol.

•Complainant reported a white Honda Civic is swerving all over. Caller passed the car and it swerved into his lane. Gave to patrol, also. Deputy stopped car matching description.

•Complainant reported he was having detox issues. Transferred to Sioux Falls.

Feb. 1

•Complainant requested deputy stand by for property exchange.

•Complainant reported that someone attempted to break into a building. They did not make entry but damaged door and lock.

•Complainant reported that subject is contacting her and her father in violation of order of protection.

•Complainant reported that he was testing his carbon monoxide detector, and it beeped. Explained to him that it was supposed to beep because he was testing. He requested fire department to check residence. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

Feb. 2

•Dispatcher received 911 hang-up. When complainant was called back, she advised her three-year-old dialed and no sign of duress.

•Complainant reported a black pickup on fire on I-90 eastbound mile marker 5. Paged Beaver Creek Fire Department.

•I-90 is closed from the South Dakota border to at least Blue Earth because of weather.

•Deputy checked on vehicle on the side of the road at County Road 4, one half mile east of County Road 6. All is OK.

•Complainant reported there is a medical emergency at the hospital, and she is required to respond but cannot get out of drive way. Deputy drove complainant to the hospital.

•Complainant reported an employee of theirs is stuck in snow at location. Deputy advised a good Samaritan scooped the car out. Deputy also advised driver she will receive a ticket in the mail for driving after revocation.

•Complainant reported a car parked at the end of his drive and was inquiring about if it would be ticketed or towed before the plows go out. Complainant advised he's had issues because the street where he backs out is not cleared. I advised him if it is out, it will likely be ticketed. Deputy was advised, and said at 4 a.m. if it is there it will be ticketed.

Feb. 3

•Complainant reported they do not have any money and are stranded in Luverne with two kids. They were looking for some help. They were issued a Salvation Army voucher for a motel room.

•Complainant reported that he helped a guy and now he's refusing to pay him the \$40 he owes. He hopped in his car, which is parked by Sturdevant's, and he is going to leave. The vehicle is a white blazer with South Dakota plates and a bicycle on back.

•Rock County Highway Department requested that a deputy check on two vehicles that are on the road at location and have been there all night. They are trying to plow and need to have them moved. Called G&S to tow.

•Complainant requested the name of the supervisor for the highway department. One of the county workers treated his son disrespectfully. He was given the number to the highway department.

•Complainant requested traffic control for a broken-down road grader on Hwy 75, 1/2 mile south of town.

•Complainant reported she slid into a sign on Sioux Valley Drive.

•Complainant reported here eight-year-old son locked himself in the bedroom and won't open the door for her. By the time the deputy arrived, the child was out.

•Deputies picked up a runaway in Luverne who was entered by the Lynchburg, Virginia, Police Department. She was brought up to the Rock County Sheriff's Office and released to her grandparents.

•Complainant reported what appeared to be a personal injury accident at Brown and Estey. Paged ambulance. No transport.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy. He has a roommate, but hasn't been there for a couple of months, and his roommate told him he can't get his stuff back.

Feb. 4

•Complainant called the law enforcement center and spoke with a deputy regarding his thoughts on the county attorney.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. No contact with subject.

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about a fraud. It was not a fraud but a civil matter between family members.

•Complainant requested extra patrol this weekend because she has an order for protection and is afraid her husband will try to break it for son's birthday.

•Complainant reported a couple of girls locked the keys in their car at Dollar General.

•Complainant reported a guest acting crazy and thinks guest may be on something.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 6 vehicles in ditch, 18 traffic stops, 4 funeral escorts, 22 ambulance runs, 12 parking violations, 4 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 5 drug court tests, 5 money escorts, 3 predatory offender registries, 1 emergency response call, and 12 purchase/carry permits and 19 burn permits.

Date	High Temp (°F)	Low Temp (°F)	Avg Wind Speed (mph)	High Wind Gust (mph)	Significant Weather	Total Precip (in)	Snow (in)
1	30	12	13	28			
2	30	5	7				
3	27	12	7	16			
4	18	7	8		Lgt Frzg Fog, Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
5	28	19	15	29			
6	34	27	8		Fog, Lgt Rain, Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
7	34	32	4		Fog, Lgt Rain, Lgt Snow	0.01	0.2
8	32	14	12	27	Haze, Lgt Snow	0.17	4.3
9	12	-11	12	25	Haze		
10	1	-17	5				
11	25	0	13	35	Haze, Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
12	12	-6	9	23			
13	30	3	5				
14	32	14	7	21			
15	27	12	13	27	Haze, Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
16	12	-9	10	21	Haze, Lgt Snow	0.02	0.5
17	0	-15	8				
18	9	-2	6		Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
19	18	5	9	16	Lgt Snow	0.07	0.5
20	27	18	12	23			
21	28	19	6	16	Lgt Frzg Fog, Lgt Snow	0.12	1.8
22	19	9	7		Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
23	28	16	16	29	Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
24	34	23	7	18	Lgt Frzg Fog		
25	28	27	13	32	Haze, Lgt Snow	0.06	1.0
26	30	16	10	24	Lgt Snow	Trace	Trace
27	39	9	11	25	Lgt Frzg Fog		
28	37	23	12	27			
29	37	28	9	21			
30	37	21	7		Mist, Lgt Rain	Trace	
31	37	28	8	18	Lgt Drizzle	Trace	
TOTAL						0.45	8.3
AVERAGE	25.6	10.9					

Temperature Summary	
Warmest High Temperature	39 (27th)
Coolest Low Temperature	-17 (10th)
Wind Summary	
Peak Wind Gust	35 (11th)

Precip Summary		
Total Precip	0.45	0.45
Snowfall Summary		
Total Snowfall	8.3	39.1

January started out mild, then 'bottom dropped out of thermometer'

By Troy Thone, Luverne volunteer weather recorder

The start of the new year was a pleasant one, and who wouldn't like a 30-degree New Year's Day high temperature with clear skies?

In fact ... the entire first week was relatively warm with only some slight precipitation in the form of light rain and light snow.

However, the bottom dropped out of the thermometer shortly thereafter with the month's low temperature of minus 17 occurring the overnight hours on Jan. 10.

While 17 below zero is cold, it certainly is not even close to the record setting lows colder than minus 25 to

minus 29 degrees.

Temperatures moderated quickly, but then were followed by another short cold blast before ending the last two weeks of the year with beautiful, warm temperatures in the upper 20s and upper 30s.

Overall, temperatures were almost 2 degrees above normal for the month, thanks to very warm overnight lows.

Precipitation was fairly light throughout January with the one exception of a 4-plus-inch snowstorm on Jan. 8.

Otherwise, additional precipitation amounts were recorded anywhere from a trace to just shy of 2 inches — nothing that a Minnesotan

can't deal with.

The light, but more frequent precipitation produced over 8 inches of snow, which is just slightly above normal for January.

All in all, it was a very pleasant Minnesota January.

While January was kind to all of us, the beginning of February has not been.

I will deal with that in my next month's report, but suffice it to say the wheels of this warm winter bus have quickly fallen off.

A blog of daily summary and other interesting weather events for the Luverne area is at <http://luvernemnweather.blogspot.com>. Thone can be reached at tathone@gmail.com.

Paquette to retire, eye clinic to buy dental building next door/continued from page 1A

a welcome letter in the same envelope as Paquette's retirement letter.

Paquette has practiced dentistry in Luverne since 1980, first in his home office and later in the current space on North Freeman Avenue previously occupied by Dr. Bill Bollinger.

That space will now be-

come part of Rock County Eye Clinic, which will expand its operations.

Dr. Sandra Carman of the eye clinic said she and her staff are looking forward to the expansion.

"We are very excited to be able to expand to Dr. Paquette's office space," she said. "This will allow us to add ser-

vices, as well as new products, for our community."

The expansion, expected in the coming months, will more than double the eye clinic's operating space.

"It makes me happy that our space will continue to serve the health needs of the people of Luverne and the surrounding area," Paquette said.

LAND FOR SALE

LEGAL: Three tracts of productive land for sale as follows:

Tract 1: Approximately 160 acres located in the SE1/4 of 6-104-44, Rock County, MN.

Tract 2: Approximately 160 acres located in the NE1/4 of 7-104-44, Rock County, MN.

Tract 3: Approximately 149.88 acres located in the NW1/4 of 7-104-44, Rock County, MN.

TERMS: Sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2016, at 130 East Main, Luverne, MN. All bidders will have the opportunity to submit additional bids until property is sold. Tracts will be sold individually. Highest bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement with ten percent (10%) non-refundable earnest money down payment on the date of the sale and the balance at closing on or by March 31, 2016.

Sale is subject to approval by the Trustees of the Modesto & Janis J. Salazar Revocable Trust and the Schmidt Family Trust. For further details contact Paul Vis or Jennifer Eisma-Reinke, Eisma & Eisma, Attorneys at Law, (507) 283-4828.

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CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Callahan Andrew, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 20 inches long, was born Thursday, Jan. 20, 2016, to **Andrew and Lexi Scholten**, Bricelyn. Grandparents are Brad and Beth Leland, Bricelyn, Jamie and Leah Holland, Winnebago, and Starla Scholten, Beaver Creek. Great-grandparents are Sally Van Wyhe, Hills, and Leonard and Roberta Scholten, Sioux Falls.

FFA NEWS

Four members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA participated in the Sioux Empire General Livestock Judging contest Saturday, Jan. 30.

Participants were Dylan Mente, Trevor Mente, Payton Fick and Tyler Reisdorfer.

The team placed fifth overall and Dylan placed 10th individually.

FSA, milk bulk tanks eligible for FSA facility loans

Important dates:

- Feb. 15: FSA Office closed for Presidents Day
- Feb. 26: CRP General sign-up deadline
- March 15: 2016 NAP Pasture and Spring-seeded Annual Crops sales deadline
- March 30: MPP Premium Payment Deduction authorization deadline
- March 31: 2015 Small Grains Loans and LDS request deadline
- Ongoing: Continuous CRP sign-up

Milk bulk tanks eligible for FSA facility loans

Several commodities, including milk, were recently added as eligible commodities for the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) low-interest Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program. To be considered eligible for a loan, the County FSA Committee must determine that the producer owned the milk-producing livestock, be it cows, goats, sheep or buffalo, for at least 30 calendar days.

Applicants must show a need for the milk bulk tank capacity. Producers may be required to provide verifiable records for the County Committee to determine the milk production for the requested storage.

For more information about Farm Storage Facility loans, please visit the Rock County FSA Office, or give us a call at 507-283-2369.

Students celebrate 100 days of learning



Submitted photos

First-graders in Sue Hup's class recognize the 100th day of school through a project on what they would look like when they are 100 years old. Students crumpled paper to depict their wrinkled faces. Pictured with their projects from left are Nevaeh Groen, Reagan Gangestad, Tenley Behr and Isabella Steensma.

Staff fills day with activities in, out of classroom

By Mavis Fodness

Thursday, Jan. 28, marked the 100th day students at Luverne Elementary have attended classes for the 2015-16 school year.

"The 100th Day is a tradition at LES," said Principal Stacy Gillette. "It coincides with our math curriculum and our 100s chart that we use with our students."

Classrooms in kindergarten through fifth grade use the 100s chart to practice a variety of skills, including counting, adding, subtracting and multiplying.

The charts, when combined with celebrating the 100th day of school, added up to plenty of activities.

"We had a lot of fun," Gillette told school board members at their meeting later that night. "We had a lot of crowns, a lot of stickers, building stuff and eating stuff related to 100."

Students donned paper crowns that read "100 Days Smarter" and had a "100" snack. Silly activities included how many times a student could write his or her name in 100 seconds, stand on one foot for 100 seconds or count to 100 by 10s.



Above: Angie Swenson's fifth-grade band students warm up for rehearsal by playing 100 quarter notes.

Far left: Kindergartners Evan Ossefoort (left) and Mallachi Domagala race to 100.

Left: Cole Cunningham, a kindergartner, wears a necklace constructed from 100 Fruit Loops.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•Land values in Rock County are reaching all time highs, with land sales recorded at \$5,000 an acre in some places.

According to the Rock County Land Records Office, tillable ag land has been steadily increasing in value over the past several years.

For example, the average acre of tillable ground in Rock County was valued at \$1,627 per acre in 2001.

25 years ago (1991)

•Administrators of area nursing homes are worried they will lose staff to the higher-paying Luverne Veterans Home when it opens next year.

Administrators claim that state restrictions on nursing home rates hinder them from offering competitive salaries to keep employees.

The Luverne Veterans Home will offer \$7.50 per hour for positions equivalent to nurses' aide positions in area nursing homes. That opens a \$2.50 gap between local wages.

50 years ago (1966)

•It took a group of 15 ladies of the Bethany

Lutheran church congregation to clean up the church last Friday after an explosion blew soot all over the sanctuary and other areas of the building. No other damage was reported. The explosion occurred last Monday, according to members of the church. The furnace, a conversion to gas from an oil unit, was not working properly. The building was covered by insurance.

75 years ago (1941)

•A water filtration plant that will remove the iron content, odor, and bad taste prevalent in Luverne's water system, was purchased Tuesday evening by the city council, an action which is undoubtedly readily appreciated by residents of Luverne.

100 years ago (1916)

•While a crowd that blocked the sidewalks and extended into the street waited to gain admission to the Grand theatre Tuesday evening, Mayor Hawkinson and Aldermen E.H. Moreland and Henry Hanson sat in the theatre as a board of censors to determine whether or not the attraction booked for that evening should be permitted to run or be suppressed.



Submitted photo

Luverne FCCLA heads to state

Luverne High School FCCLA students competed in the Region 3 midwinter meeting Jan. 27 in Tyler. All of the students competed in a STAR event and will advance to the state conference April 14-16 in Bloomington. Pictured are (front, from left) Courtney Wendland, Adriana Gonzalez, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Grace Sweeney, (second row) Sam Aanenson, Mira Uithoven, Zoe Brown, Jenna Schelhaas, Alyssa Kienholz, (back) Nicole Aanenson, Madilyn Oye, Kat Siebert, Melissa Tweet and Nicole Kneip.

Luverne speech team opens season with fourth-place finish at Worthington

The Luverne speech team participated in its first invitational of the season Saturday, Feb. 6, in Worthington. Twenty-one teams with a total of 270 students competed in thirteen categories.

Luverne placed fourth as an incomplete team. Several LHS veteran speakers had other commitments Saturday including the ACT exam and gymnastics. Several members performed for the first time.

"We are very proud of all the participants. Competition was tough," said LHS coach Caroline Thorson. "We were going up against some big teams like Mankato East and St. Peter and Jackson. Those who performed for the first time had some impressive rounds, and some team members had some personal bests. The future looks bright, and we are anxious to get our entire team competing."

Twenty-five students competed in Worthington. The results are as follows:

Creative Expression: Cameron Wessels, blue ribbon; Jacinda Hustoft, red ribbon.

Dramatic Interpretation:

Megan Rogers, red ribbon.

Duo Interpretation: Alexa Chesley and Hannah Ehlers, sixth place.

Extemporaneous Reading: Hannah Hoogland, sixth place.

Great Speeches: Derek Krueger, first place; Griffin Ahrendt, fifth place.

Humorous Interpretation: Gunnar Oldre, fourth place.

Informative Speaking: Ryleigh Beers, fifth place.

Original Oratory: Zoe Brown, fifth place.

Prose Reading: Sage VerSteeg, Red Ribbon.

Storytelling: Paul Witte, fifth place.

The Luverne High School speech team consists of 44 members.

"We are thrilled with the number of students on the Luverne speech team this season," Thorson said.

"Many of these students are involved in other activities during this season, so they are juggling schedules and spending lots of out-of-school time preparing their pieces."

The Luverne speech team will compete again next Saturday, Feb. 13, in Redwood Falls.



Submitted photo

Luverne Speech Team members who traveled to Saturday's competition in Worthington include (front row, from left) Xavier Carbonneau, John Miller, Zoe Brown, Paul Witte, Derek Krueger, Gunnar Oldre, Courtney Wendland, Adriana Gonzalez, (second row) Alexa Chesley, Hannah Ehlers, Sage VerSteeg, Jacinda Hustoft, Jessica Anderson, Hannah Hoogland, Nicole Hoogland, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, (third row) Cameron Wessels, Shane Berning, Jonah Louwagie, Sophia Lanoue, Griffin Ahrendt, Jocy Cazerres, Destiny Matthesen, (back) Emily Wendland, Megan Rogers, Naomie Daniel, Anika Gust, Kat Siebert, Ryleigh Beers, Brianna Jonas, Grace Sweeney and Julia Ferguson.

SENIOR MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Feb. 15: Cranberry-glazed chicken, baked potato, broccoli, bread, fruit cocktail.

Program: Honoring presidents of local organizations.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Sloppy Joe, potato salad, country blend vegetables, bun, mandarin oranges.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Connell Car Care.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Vegetable beef soup, meat salad sandwich, pineapple, crackers, bar.

Program: Random Acts of Kindness day. 12:30 p.m. Site Council meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Hamburger tomato casserole, green beans, fruit, bread, cookie.

Program: Honoring Reverend Dick Lauger of First Baptist Church; 5 p.m. NLCC food giveaway.

Friday, Feb. 19: Lemon pepper fish, tri-taters, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, fruit cobbler.

Program: Monthly Birthday Party. 11:20 a.m. Kitchen band. 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Lake Area Technical announces dean's list

Lake Area Tech, Watertown, South Dakota, has listed two area students to their Fall 2015 dean's list. To make the list, a student must register full time and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Included on the list are Glen Dreesen, Ellsworth; Nicholas Reyne (4.0) and Adam Aggen, Adrian; Matthew McLeod, Hills; and Trevor Teal, Luverne. (Teal and McLeod were recognized in the Jan. 28 Star Herald, but the other students were overlooked in that release.)

U of M Twin Cities issues dean's list

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities has released the Fall 2015 dean's list. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more lettered-grade credits with at least a 3.66 grade point average.

Students from this area named to the dean's list are Brett Heronimus, Ellsworth, a junior in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences; and Madison Stearns, Luverne, a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts.

USD posts fall 2015 dean's list

The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, has posted its dean's list for the 2015 fall semester. To be named to the list, students must attend full time and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Students from this area named to the dean's list are: Jordan Preuss, Mitchell Oehlerts and Shannon Klooster from Adrian; Braden Ellingson and Madison Fick from Beaver Creek; Emily Chapa, Lucas Werner and Travis Kvaale from Ellsworth; Hattie Van Wyhe and Josh Dudley from Hills; Abigail Pierce, Ashley Otten, Blair Altman, Chelsea Curtis, Jennifer Fick, Katelyn Hart, Maddie Stegenga, Mike Van Wyhe and Savanna Bremer from Luverne; Hannah Mulder from Magnolia and Jessica Sandbulte and Jordan Bosch from Steen.

UNL names local student to dean's list

The University of Nebraska, Lincoln, has named senior computer engineering major Aaron Wollman, Luverne, to the dean's list of distinguished students for Fall 2015. To earn this honor students in the College of Engineering must attain a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

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

The Star Herald strives to recognize all academic accomplishments of students from its coverage areas, and our news department relies on multiple sources (colleges, students, parents, etc.) for that information. Send school news to editor@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.

OBITUARIES

Norman Nelson

Norman H. Nelson, 67, Magnolia, died Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, at his home.

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 6, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne. Full military honors were provided by the Luverne American Legion and VFW.

Norman Nelson was born March 28, 1948, in Adrian, to Harry R. and Annabelle (De Boey) Nelson. Norman graduated from Magnolia High School in 1966. He served his country in the United States Army, in Korea on the DMZ, from 1969 to 1971.

Norman married Carol Wallenburg on March 31, 1982, in Rock Valley, Iowa. The couple lived in Magnolia all of their married lives. Norman worked as a tool and die maker at Fey Industries, in Edgerton and most recently at Sudenga Industries, before retiring in March of 2011. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Luverne and the Magnolia Fire and Rescue. He

especially enjoyed spending time with his nieces & nephews, taking them fishing and attending their sporting events.

Norman is survived by his wife, Carol Nelson, Magnolia; a sister, Myrna Nelson, Luverne; a brother, Dan (Deb) Nelson, Magnolia; three sisters-in-law, Gertrude

(Ronald) Van Veldhuizen, Rock Valley, Iowa; Wanita (Howard) Koedam, Larchwood, Iowa; and Arlene (Gary) Esselink, Hills; ten nieces and nephews, Deb (Don) Morrison, Tim (Naomi) Van Veldhuizen, Mike (Kristin) Van Veldhuizen, Deanne (Josh) Wallenstein, Brian (Kelly) Koedam, Darin (Jess) Koedam, Jason (Ashlee) Koedam, Steven Esselink, Jackie (Chuck) Black, and Aaron Esselink and ten great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his parents-in-law, Wilfred and Della Wallenburg.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com.

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Virginia Gerken

Virginia Mae Gerken, 94, Luverne, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 6, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

Virginia Gerken was born July 22, 1921, to Hubert and Rose (Kramer) Gerken in Adrian. She was baptized and later confirmed at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Virginia received her education and graduated from St. Adrian High School in 1939.

She then moved to Luverne and was employed for Cora Hilger.

In 1942 she became employed at First National Bank, which became U.S. Bank, and then later became First Farmers and Merchants Bank. She worked in various capacities at the bank until her retirement in 1986.

Virginia was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. She was very dedicated to her church during her life and was a part of LCCW, taught Sunday school, and volunteered on

many committees throughout the church. Virginia also served on the Luverne Community Hospital Board. She enjoyed bowling, sewing and knitting. She loved dogs, especially poodles.

Virginia is survived by her nieces and nephews, Michael (Rosemarie) Reker of Luverne, Kathleen Reker of Worthington, Jay (Glee) Reker of Phoenix, Arizona, Mark (Marjean) Reker of New Brighton, Ann (Bernard) Horak of Egan, Friar Timothy Reker of Mankato, Mary (Jeffrey) Mowery of Libertyville, Illinois, Joseph Reker of Appleton, Wisconsin, and Amy (Richard) Lynch of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews; 12 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marjorie (Alvin) Reker; a brother, Charles Gerken.

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

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DEATH NOTICE

Janice Kroontje

Janice Carol Kroontje, 70, formerly of Magnolia, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at the Sanford Jackson Medical Center in Jackson.

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

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CITY OF HARDWICK ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. ("GRANTEE"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO ERECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THOSE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CITY OF HARDWICK, MINNESOTA, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR CITY REGULATIONS AND USE THE CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM.

TAMMY J. JOHNSON, CITY CLERK

THE ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE HARDWICK CITY HALL OR CAN BE REVIEWED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF HARDWICK, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016 AT 6:00 PM.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND NOTICE OF FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS FOR SWEET TOWNSHIP MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The 128th Annual Meeting of the policyholders of Sweet Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will be held in the dining room of The Calumet Inn Hotel, 104 West Main Street, Pipestone, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of three (3) directors for terms of three (3) years, hearing reports of the officers on the past year's business, and transacting such other business as may properly come before this regular meeting.

With regards to the election of members to the Board of Directors of the Company, candidates seeking to be placed on the ballot for election at the annual meeting shall be members of the Company in good standing and must be nominated and must file for the office of director in writing with the Secretary of the Company no later than March 11, 2016. The filing of the nomination must occur at the office of the Secretary before 5:00 p.m. March 11, 2016, by the order of the Board of Directors.

Gary Winter, President
Gerald Brockberg, Secretary
(2-11)

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Two blizzards strike southwest Minnesota in one week/continued from page 1A

classes before the day even started Tuesday morning, Feb. 2, and remained closed for two days.

For Monday's blizzard, many southwest Minnesota schools announced Sunday night that classes would start late on Monday. But early Monday morning, dozens of schools were canceled altogether.

According to state safety officials, who advised no travel Tuesday afternoon into Wednesday morning, Feb. 2-3, and Sunday night through the day Monday, Feb. 7-8, that was the right idea.

Southern Minnesota shuts down; roads closed

The Minnesota Department of Transportation, along with the Minnesota State Patrol and other state agencies, announced at 1 p.m. Feb. 2 that all state highways in southern Minnesota would close starting at 2 p.m.

Interstate 90 was closed from the South Dakota border east to Albert Lea and all state highways between Highway 14 south to the Iowa border.

Kullen Schrocht, manager of the GrandStay Inn and Suites, Luverne, said the blizzard had a two-pronged effect on hotel bookings.

For one thing, he said, blizzards prompt reservation cancellations, because people change travel plans under threat of poor weather.

On the other hand, unexpected stranded guests quickly fill those rooms and more. "We just kind of go with the flow," Schrocht said.

The GrandStay booked nearly 30 extra rooms as a result of the blizzard, some from guests who decided to stay an extra day or two rather than drive, and others who found themselves in Luverne after state roadways closed.

"Everyone gets affected by it," Schrocht said. But he added that most travelers seemed to handle the schedule changes in stride.

"A lot of conversations were about the weather," he said. "A lot of people don't realize wind is standard for us here. They were like, 'This is crazy.' But we have wind most days of the week out here."

Schrocht said he enjoys educating stranded visitors about Luverne. "We have our welcome books and visitors guides in every single room."

He added however, that many local restaurants had closed early because of the blizzard, so there weren't many options for hungry guests. "We ended up making a lot of frozen pizzas here," Schrocht said.



Mavis Fodness photo/0211 Snow Storm Kayla Jean DeGroot shovels snow away from her garage in Magnolia Wednesday morning, Feb. 3, in order to get the snow blower out.

At right, Bethany Behr and James Hoffenkamp struggle through a narrow sidewalk on wheels along the east side of Highway 75 in Luverne Feb. 3. (Lori Sorenson photo)

Below, Esther Frakes shared this photo of a 3-foot-wide drift extending from her roof earlier this week.



In all, during the Groundhog Day Blizzard, most of the GrandStay's 51 units were booked.

Closing roads spares crashes; more crashes in second storm

State roads in southern Minnesota remained closed until Wednesday morning, Feb. 3, and this helped prevent many snow-related emergencies, according to the State Patrol.

"There was still some traffic, but there weren't nearly as many crashes and vehicles off the road that we would have expected with these driving conditions," said Lt. Matt Sorenson of the State Patrol.

"It helped to announce early and close the roads when we did. I think a lot of people got the message and got where they needed to be ahead of worsening conditions."

He said it helped to have a detailed forecast with the degree of certainty of the magnitude this system carried with it.

"Often with a storm like this, we end up closing roads only after conditions have deteriorated to the point where there are multiple crashes and stranded motorists to respond to," Sorenson said.

"We had some incidents, but it

seemed like people heeded warnings for the most part."

In the Marshall District (13 southwest Minnesota counties) there were two property damage crashes, one injury crash and 19 vehicles off the road. That was between 10 a.m. Tuesday and 6 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2-3.

Statewide for that blizzard, there were 39 injury crashes, 449 property damage crashes and 475 vehicles off the road.

For the Feb. 7-8 blizzard, the Marshall District had 22 property damage crashes, two injury crashes and 168 vehicles off the road.

In Rock County this week, the Sheriff's Office and local emergency personnel dealt with 30 vehicles in the ditch, three stalled vehicles on roads and two crashes. Last week there were a dozen incidents involving crashes and vehicles off the road.

Sorenson said the crash numbers were higher for this week's blizzard because roads weren't closed as early in the process.

"We were getting pretty busy already at 2 a.m.," he said. "But it wasn't until 8 a.m. that we started announc-



ing that roads would be closed. By that time, there were already numerous crashes and our Troopers were scrambling to catch up."

By Tuesday morning this week, all southern Minnesota roads had reopened.

Rain, snow, sleet, hail ...

For the Postal Service, delivering daily through "rain or snow or sleet or hail," became impossible with closed roads.

Postal patrons were greeted at the Luverne Post Office Wednesday morning with a sign notifying them that the mail had not come in.

"We all knew this was coming, so we got out early Tuesday (Feb. 2) and got done," said Luverne Postmaster Alisha Vander Wal, who lives near Hills and assisted in the Hills Post Office that afternoon.

"I got there all right, but got stuck three times in town."

She said four of the five rural routes from Luverne were able to complete their routes ahead of the storm, and city carriers completed their routes.

But on Feb. 3, Vander Wal said there was no mail to deliver, because the mail trucks were unable to get to Luverne.

While that made for a light workday Wednesday, she said the mail backlog kept her staff busy into the following week.

"Others are behind, too, because of the blizzard and weren't able to get to the Post Office," she said.

"Now we have people getting two or three Argus Leaders in a single delivery, for example, and it will take awhile to get everyone caught up."

After this week's blizzard postal employees are finding themselves back where they started, sorting the backlog and working to catch up mail trucks encountered closed roads Monday.

Vander Wal encouraged residents to keep their sidewalks and steps clear of snow to help carriers and to keep rural mailboxes accessible. "That really helps," she said.

People are also reminded to help clear snow from fire hydrants so firemen can access them quickly in an emergency.

You make an Impact

Sanford Health is grateful for the dedicated physicians and community leaders who volunteer their time in service on the Sanford Luverne Medical Center Community Advisory Board.

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Mavis Fodness photo/0211 Beekeeping Tim Olson

A honeybee in Tim Olson's beehive slowly moves back into the hive. Honeybees do not excrete inside the hives in order to keep their nest and the honey sanitary.

Local apiculturist shares beekeeping skills in new Community Education class

By Mavis Fodness

Area residents have a unique learning opportunity currently being offered through Luverne Community Education.

"Intro to Beginning Beekeeping" is a new two-class offering by local apiculturist Tim Olson. Classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 25 and March 10 in the Community Education building.

"I remember opening up a bee hive and was startled by what I saw," Olson said of his initial experience with a hive.

In the six years since that first look, Olson has taken courses through the University of Minnesota, read dozens of books on raising honeybees and has

asked thousands of questions.

"We are not dealing with a truly domesticated animal," Olson said. "Once you think you have figured them out, they change."

A mentor would have made his learning process easier, he said.

Attendees of Olson's beekeeping introduction will have him as a mentor for a year. Use of essential beekeeping equipment is included in the coursework, something Olson said is best learned while working on a hive. He will also share how to keep bees happy and why he finds the social insects fascinating.

A Rock County Master Gardener, Olson said working with soil and watching plants grow and mature reminded him of his youth growing up on a farm near Windom.

His current position as executive director for Ground Works - Midwest also keeps his hands working in soil.

GWM is a not-for-profit organization that partners with elementary and middle schools using gardening programs as an innovative education resource. GWM began in the fall of 2011. It is headquartered in Sioux Falls.

While growing up, Olson was also involved learning animal production as a 4-H'er and FFA member. He found he missed the daily tending to livestock.

Olson, who lives in Luverne, began beekeeping six years ago, a task that "fed the farm boy in him" that gardening alone couldn't satisfy.

He keeps his wooden hives at the farm of Dave and Rhonda Wynia northwest of Luverne. Olson said his bees have access to thousands of acres of plant nectar necessary for honey production. He harvests about 50 pounds, per hive, of honey a year.

In his community education course, Olson will also discuss basic bee biology, colony management and current beekeeping challenges in southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa.

Special emphasis will be placed on winterization. Olson's honeybees stay in their current Minnesota location year-round.

Weather permitting, the class will also include a visit to his beehives, where he will show the importance of listening while knocking on the hives.

"You don't want to hear a roar," he said.

Healthy, well-fed bees equal good honey producers, he said.

At the end of the community education courses, Olson will help interested participants start two of their own beehives.

"To me bees are remarkable creatures," he said.

For more information or to register for Olson's class, call Community Education at 283-4724. Cost is \$20. For the beekeeping manuals and DVD, add an additional \$25.



Mavis Fodness photo/0121 Beekeeping Tim Olson

Local beekeeper Tim Olson poses with two of his honeybee hives northwest of Luverne. Olson will instruct a class in apiculture on Feb. 25 and March 10 through Luverne Community Education. **At right:** Ventilation is important in lowering temperatures inside beehives, where bees gathering around the queen bee could raise temperatures as high as 90 degrees. Tim Olson points to a ventilation hole near the top of the wooden hive. **Below:** The presence of dead bees outside one of Tim Olson's hives indicates the bees are active and have recently cleaned the hive.



Teen Dating Violence Awareness Night Feb. 11

The Southwest Crisis Center will sponsor an "Orange-Out" event in recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month at the Windom vs. Luverne double-header basketball game on Thursday, Feb. 11, in Windom.

All four teams will join together to raise awareness during this game by wearing orange. Spectators to the game are invited to wear orange to show support for their teams and help raise awareness.

One in three teens in the United States is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner. This figure far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.

Teens, parents, and community members can learn more at www.loveisrespect.org. The Southwest Crisis Center serves victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, sexual exploitation, and trafficking in Southwest Minnesota.

For more information, contact Sara Zix in the Luverne office at 507-283-9917.

1923: Annual institute for county teachers conducted at Courthouse

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on November 23, 1923:

COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Three Days' Session to be Held Under the Supervision of County Supt. Headley

All teachers of the rural school districts of the county, it is expected, will be in attendance at the annual institute for teachers which will be held in the city on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The first meeting will open at 9 a.m. on Monday morning, at the Court House, and sessions will be held each succeeding morning and afternoon during the institute.

The classes of the institute will be in charge of Misses Cora Gien and Ida Koch. Both these ladies are normal training instructors, and are said to be very efficient and thorough in handling



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

institute work. They will present their work along the newest methods of teaching, and the institute promises to be of exceptional value to the teachers in attendance. The new course of study for the public schools of the state has just recently been completed, and the problems taken up at the institute will be based largely upon the outline of this course of study.

The law requires that all teachers of the county, except those employed in high schools and graded schools, be present at the annual institute. There

will be approximately seventy-five teachers at this convention, and for many of these, rooms will need to be provided for the days of institute. Anyone who will be able to furnish accommodations for the teachers is asked to notify County Supt. Edia A. Headley.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.



John Rittenhouse photo/0211 lgh 10

Luverne junior defenseman Carly Serie slips the puck under the stick of Mankato West's Hannah Holt during Friday's Section 3A semifinal at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. The Cards posted a 5-1 victory over the Scarlets.

Schandelmeier posts all-league effort

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team completed a 19-10 regular season by competing in a pair of events.

Luverne posted a seven-plus point victory over Windom-Mountain Lake-Butterfield-Odin in Windom Thursday. The Cardinals placed sixth at the 13-team Big South Conference Meet in Jackson Saturday.

The Cardinals travel to Fairmont Saturday to participate in the Section 3A championships.

BSC meet

The Cardinals finished the regular season on a strong note by placing sixth at the Big South Conference Gymnastics Meet Saturday in Jackson.

The Cardinals compiled 131.25 points to defeat seven of the 12 other teams on hand

for the event.

Jackson County Central claimed the team title with 141.25 points.

The day was a good one for Luverne junior Madison Schandelmeier, who turned in Luverne's top score in two of the four individual events and turned in one all-conference effort.

The top five finishers in each event make the All-BSC Team.

Schandelmeier made the list on the bars, where she shared third place with New Ulm's Mya Kotton after both girls registered 8.65s.

Schandelmeier also turned in Luverne's top scores on the beam (7.925) and the all-around (34.15) competition.

Samantha Pierce led the Cards on the floor with an 8.8, while Erin Sietsema paced

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Star Herald file photo

Madison Schandelmeier

Girls reach section finals

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' team advanced to the championship game of the Section 3A Tournament by posting a victory at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday.

The top-seeded Cardinals entertained the fifth-seeded Mankato West Scarlets for a tournament semifinal in Luverne.

After falling behind 1-0 early in the game, Luverne scored five unanswered goals to register a 5-1 win and return to the section title tilt for the first time since the 2013-14

winter season.

The win sent the 19-6 Cardinals to Redwood Falls Tuesday, where they met third-seeded Fairmont in the section title tilt.

Fairmont advanced to the finals by upsetting No. 2 Mankato East 6-1 in another semifinal played Friday in Mankato.

The Cardinals needed to come from behind in order to secure their berth in the championship game.

LHS topped MW 3-0 when the teams played at the BMIA in early December, but it was

the Scarlets who drew first blood in the rematch when Courtney Bloemke netted an unassisted goal 4:31 into the game.

Luverne, however, blanked MW the rest of the night and scored five goals of its own to win the game handily.

Madysyn Dingmann ignited the rally when she knotted the score at one after being set up by Makayla Sterrett with 1:15 remaining in the first period.

Mariah Aukes scored the next three LHS goals to give the Cards a 4-1 cushion.

Aukes scored the lone goal

of the second period to give the Cards a 2-1 edge at the 8:37 mark with an assist going to Carly Serie.

Aukes netted a pair of unassisted goals to complete her hat trick in the first 6:03 of the third period.

Sterrett capped the scoring with 3:13 left to play after being set up by Dingmann.

Luverne sported a 31-29 edge in shots on goal in the contest.

Emilie Bartels stopped 28 of the 29 shots she faced in goal for the winners.



John Rittenhouse photo/0211 lw natte 2

Luverne junior Will Natte split matches during Saturday's Big South Conference Wrestling Tournament in Luverne.

Cardinals host annual BSC Wrestling Tournament

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team completed a 10-15 regular season during the annual Big South Conference Wrestling Tournament staged Saturday in Luverne.

Competing in the four-team consolation, Luverne went 1-1 to place second in the division.

The Cardinals opened the event by securing a 35-33 win over St. James.

St. Peter topped the Cards 34-27 in the final match.

Luverne won six of the 11 matches staged on the mat to highlight a two-point win over St. James.

Adam Fodness (1:33 over Max Svalland), Solomon Nielsen (5:45 over Jacob Brey), Zach Luke (3:49 over Austin Durheim) and Jakob Olson (3:02 over Ruben Suarez) registered pins in the win over the Saints.

Nielsen's pin over Brey was

his 100th career victory.

Hunter Baker (12-4 over Troy Parulski) and Will Natte (10-2 over Jesus Vidales) won major decisions, and Riley Baker posted a 3-2 decision over Collin Johnson during the match with St. James.

LHS never sported a lead during the loss to St. Peter.

Five Cardinals did win their matches to produce 27 points.

Fodness (1:57 over Alex Devens), Nielsen (27 seconds over Gavin Thole), Luke (2:25 over Sanguja Hassan) and Olson (1:08 over Sean Driscoll) pinned their opponents.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns secured an 11-5 decision over Xavier Schugel for the Cards.

Luverne competed at the Section 3AA Team Tournament in Worthington Tuesday, where they met New Ulm in preliminary round

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RWV withstands late LHS challenge

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team dropped its 10th Big South Conference game of the season when the Cardinals entertained Redwood Valley.

LHS made an impressive rally late in the second half to make the game interesting, but RWV pulled away late to secure a 63-53 victory.

A bevy of turnovers by LHS enabled RWV to put together a run late in the first half that left the visitors sporting a 44-26 lead at the intermission.

RWV led by more than 20 points in the early stages of the second half, but the home-standing Cardinals didn't give up the fight.

LHS chipped away at RWV's lead and the Cards found themselves facing a three-point deficit (53-50) when Layne Curtis converted a field goal with 4:17 left to play.

The Cardinals still trailed by two (55-52) with under four minutes remaining, but RWV went on an 8-1 run in the final three minutes to secure a ten-point win.

Quinton Siebenahler (17 points and 12 rebounds), Erik Wohnoutka (11 points) Cole Bosch (11 points) and Curtis (10 points) paced the Cards offensively.

Nick Overgaard pulled down 10 rebounds and passed for three assists.

The 8-14 Cardinals play another Big South Conference game in Windom Thursday.

Box score
Overgaard 0 0 1-2 1, Muller 1 0 0-0 2, Wohnoutka 4 1 0-1 11, Robinson 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 0 0 1-2 1, Curtis 5 0 0-0 10, Siebenahler 8 0 1-1 17, Wagenaar 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 0 3 2-4 11, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne 22 of 43 field goals (51 percent), five of 10 free throws (50 percent), 30 rebounds, seven turnovers.
RWV: 26 of 60 field goals (43 percent), three of six free throws (50 percent), 17 rebounds, six turnovers.



John Rittenhouse photo/0211 lbb 2

Luverne senior guard Erik Wohnoutka tossed in 11 points during Friday's home game against Redwood Valley. A late rally by LHS fell short as the Cardinals dropped a 63-53 decision.

H-BC boys split weekend contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split a pair of games over the weekend.

H-BC pulled out a five-point win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook Friday. South Dakota foe Garretson topped the Patriots by 18 points Saturday in Hills.

The 9-12 Patriots host Edgerton Friday.

Garretson 80, H-BC 62

H-BC's hopes of winning consecutive contests went unrealized when the Blue Dragons handed the Patriots an 18-point setback Saturday in Hills.

H-BC sported some leads in the first half of the game, but Garretson sported scoring advantages in both halves of a sound victory.

The score was knotted at five when H-BC scored four consecutive points to open a 9-5 advantage when Trenton Bass scored a field goal at the 14:23 mark of the first half.

Garretson answered the challenge by going on a 13-2 run to open an 18-11 lead with 9:14 remaining.

The Patriots countered with a 10-2 surge capped by a layup from Isaiah Vis to regain the lead (21-20) at 7:04.

The Blue Dragons countered by putting together a 15-3 run to open a 35-24 cushion with 3:04 left in the stanza, and they remained in front by 11 (42-31) at the intermission.

H-BC's Zach Scholten turned an offensive rebound into a field goal 31 seconds into the second half to trim the difference to eight points (42-34).

Garretson regained control after putting together a 17-6 run to open a 59-40 lead with 11:31 left to play.

H-BC trimmed the difference to 15 points twice with less than 10 minutes remaining and trailed by 13 (65-52) when Stuart Plimpton drained a pair of free throws



John Rittenhouse photo/0211 hbb 3

Hills-Beaver Creek guard Trenton Bass scored four points during Saturday's 80-62 home loss to Garretson.

with 6:05 remaining.

Garretson thwarted the

challenge by mounting a

12-3 run to extend the lead

to 22 points (77-55) with 2:22 remaining before settling with an 18-point victory at game's end.

Vis and Plimpton tossed in 18 and 12 points respectively to lead H-BC offensively.

Scholten (14 rebounds and three blocked shots), Cooper Vaughn (eight rebounds, five assists and four steals) and Josh Kueter (seven rebounds) also made key contributions for the Patriots.

Box score

Vaughn 1 0 3-6, Burgers 0 2 2-4 8, Vis 8 0 2-4 18, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Plimpton 5 0 2-4 12, Bass 2 0 0-0 4, Wilhelm 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 2 0 0-0 4, Scholten 3 1 0-0 9, Forshey 1 0 0-2 2.

Team statistics

H-BC: 25 of 72 field goals (35 percent), nine of 19 free throws (47 percent), 42 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
Garretson: 28 of 53 field goals (53 percent), 16 of 20 free throws (80 percent), 32 rebounds, nine turnovers.

H-BC 67, W-WG 62

The Patriots survived a tight battle with the Chargers to pull out a five-point win in Westbrook Friday.

H-BC gained the upper hand by opening a 37-31 lead at the intermission.

W-WG sported a 31-30 scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Patriots from securing a five-point win.

Scholten (21 points and eight rebounds), Bass (16 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals), Vis (12 points, 10 rebounds and four assists) and Vaughn (11 points, six rebounds and five assists) played big games for the Patriots.

Drew Forshey added five rebounds to the winning cause.

Box score

Vaughn 2 1 4-6 11, Burgers 1 0 1-2 3, Vis 6 0 0-6 12, Plimpton 0 0 1-2 1, Bass 2 2 4-6 14, Wilhelm 0 0 3-4 3, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Scholten 8 0 5-12 21, Forshey 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

H-BC: 23 of 58 field goals (40 percent), 18 of 38 free throws (47 percent), 43 rebounds, eight turnovers.
W-WG: 24 of 56 field goals (43 percent), nine of 17 free throws (53 percent), 38 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



Randa Gangestad

Submitted photo

Gangestad records first ace in Arizona Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne golfer registered her first hole-in-one at a course in Arizona Thursday.

Randa Gangestad, who winters in Gilbert, aced a hole at the Trilogy Golf Club.

Playing a round with friends Sue Dispanet, Karen Lord and Elaine Anderson, Gangestad elected to use a 9-wood to attack the green on Trilogy's par-3 eighth hole.

Gangestad's club choice proved to be a good one as she aced the 130-yard challenge.

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the Cards on the vault with an 8.975.

Martin County Area's Bryanna Peterson won the bars (9.3) and all-around (37.0) titles and shared first place on the floor with Worthington's McKenna Prunty and Taylor Eggers as all three athletes posted 9.475 tallies.

JCC's Abby Schneekloth and Haley Bass won the vault and beam titles with respective 9.45 and 9.15 efforts.

Individual scores
Vault: Sietsema, 8.975; Schandelmeier, 8.925; Pierce, 8.8; Bergin Flom, 8.8; Meghan Witte, 8.8.
Bars: Schandelmeier, 8.65; B. Flom, 7.9; Witte, 7.575; Sietsema, 7.15; Pierce, 7.0.
Beam: Schandelmeier, 9.925; Shelbie Nath, 7.75; Pierce, 7.675; Madigan Flom, 7.65; B. Flom, 6.85.
Floor: Pierce, 8.8; Schandelmeier, 8.65; B. Flom, 8.05; Witte, 7.975; Nath, 7.75.

LHS 132.475, W-ML-B-O 124.65

The Luverne gymnasts wrapped up Big South Conference Western Division competition by securing a victory in Windom Thursday.

With three LHS athletes claiming individual titles to lead the way, Luverne came out on the winning end of a 132.475-124.65 victory over Windom-Mountain Lake-Butterfield-Odin.

The win gave the Cardinals a

4-2 record in the BSC Western Division for the season.

Erin Sietsema, Madison Schandelmeier and Samantha Pierce all claimed event titles for the Cards.

Sietsema, who placed third on the bars with a 7.8 score, took top honors on the vault with a 9.075.

Schandelmeier, who placed second all-around (33.225) and placed third on the vault (8.95) and beam (8.2), won the bars with a 7.9 effort.

Pierce, who finished fourth all-around (32.925) and on the floor (8.575), won the beam crown with an 8.8 tally.

Bergin Flom also had a big night for LHS that includes her placing second on the bars (7.8), third all-around (33.175) and fourth on the vault (8.85) and beam (8.075).

Shelbie Nath turned in a place-earning performance on the floor by finishing third with an 8.575 tally.

Individual results
Vault: Sietsema, 9.075; Schandelmeier, 8.95; B. Flom, 8.85; Pierce, 8.825; Nath, 7.8.
Bars: Schandelmeier, 7.9; B. Flom, 7.8; Sietsema, 7.7; Meghan Witte, 7.075; Pierce, 6.8.
Beam: Pierce, 8.8; Schandelmeier, 8.2; B. Flom, 8.075; Madigan Flom, 7.525; Nath, 7.425.
Floor: Nath, 8.575; Pierce, 8.5; B. Flom, 8.45; Schandelmeier, 8.175; Witte, 7.8.

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match.

LHS needed to beat New Ulm and top-seeded Worthington in order to advance to Saturday's semifinals in Redwood Falls.

Match wrap-ups
LHS 35, St. James 33
106 (L) H. Baker 12-4 Parulski.
113 (S) Kolseth 7-2 Oeltjenbruns.
120 (S) Cuellar by forfeit.
126 (L) R. Baker 3-2 Johnson.
132 (L) Natte 10-2 Vidales.
138 (S) Glieter 7-5 Jd. Dooyema.
145 (L) Fodness pins Svalland.
152 (S) Carlson 6-3 Jr. Dooyema.
160 (L) Nielsen pins Brey.
170 (S) Hilleshiem pins Claussen.
182 (L) Luke pins Durheim.
195 (L) Olson pins Suarez.
220 (S) Arkaputra by forfeit.
285 (S) Sandmeyer by forfeit.

St. Peter 34, LHS 27
106 (S) Horner 11-2 H. Baker.
113 (L) Oeltjenbruns 11-5 Schugel.
120 (S) Gillette by forfeit.
126 (S) Gillette 4-3 R. Baker.
132 (S) Pettis 1-0 Natte.
138 (S) Hunt 8-5 Jd. Dooyema.
145 (L) Fodness pins Devens.
152 (S) Gomez 9-3 Jr. Dooyema.



John Rittenhouse photo/0211 lw hunter

Luverne seventh-grader Hunter Baker helped the Cardinals defeat St. James during Saturday's BSCWT in Luverne by posting a major decision over Troy Parulski in the 106-pound match.

160 (L) Nielsen pins Thole.
170 (S) Hunt by forfeit.

182 (L) Luke pins Hassan.
195 (L) Olson pins Driscoll.

220 (S) Pherson by forfeit.
285 (L-S) open.

Dragons wrap up 20-2 regular season on mat

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team capped a 20-2 regular season by competing in a pair of events late last week.

The Dragons swept the field at a quadrangular meet in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, Thursday. Adrian returned home to defeat Tracy-Milroy-Balaton by 47 points Friday.

Adrian drew the second seed for the Section 3A Team Wrestling Tournament. The Dragons host No. 7 Jackson County Central for a quarterfinal-round clash Thursday.

Adrian 63, T-M-B 16

The Dragons had little trouble in posting their 20th win of the season when they entertained the Panthers Friday.

AHS trailed 10-6 after the 120-pound weight class, but the Dragons went on to outscore T-M-B 57-6 the rest of the night to prevail by 47 points.

Along with receiving pins from Greg Kern (1:25 over Anthony Axford), Skylar Hieronimus (33 seconds over Austin Axford), Ryan Elias (1:48 over Jace Paplow), Michael Preuss

(39 seconds over Dawson Iverson), Dylan Gyberg (1:38 over Cole Olson) and Gavin Engelkes (1:10 over Sam Bauer), four other Dragons drew forfeits to add four points each to the team tally.

Chandler Combs, Matt Slater, Hunter Heitkamp and Mitchell Wagner drew forfeits for AHS.

Adrian's Logan Nelson added an 8-6 decision over Nash Meyer to the winning team tally.

Match wrap-up
106 (A) Combs by forfeit.
113 (T) Perez 13-4 Bullerman.
120 (T) Carlson pins Fuerstenberg.
126 (A) Kern pins Axford.
132 (A) Hieronimus pins Axford.
138 (A) Elias pins Paplow.
145 (A) Nelson 8-6 Meyer.
152 (T) Axford pins Taylor.
160 (A) Slater by forfeit.
170 (A) Preuss pins Iverson.
182 (A) Heitkamp by forfeit.
195 (A) Wagner by forfeit.
220 (A) Gyberg pins Olson.
285 (A) Engelkes pins Bauer.

Dell Rapids Quadrangular

The Dragons traveled to South Dakota Thursday and returned with three victories when the Dell Rapids Quadrangular was complete.

Adrian dismantled West Central (52-19), McCook Central-Montrose (67-10)

and Dell Rapids (69-0).

Along with dominating as a team, six Dragons compiled 3-0 records individually.

Kern recorded consecutive pins against WC's Silas Hoffman (52 seconds), MC-M's Jacob Cheeseman (1:01) and DR's Gage Carr (1:56), as did Preuss against WC's Cory Smith (31 seconds), MC-M's Caleb Krouse (2:45) and D-R's Lincoln Michael (45 seconds).

Alex Fuerstenberg posted pins against MC-M's Parker Scheier (55 seconds) and DR's Brayden Gee (46 seconds) and drew a forfeit from WC, while Slater pinned WC's Clay Farmer (1:10) and MC-M's Tanner Peterson (18 seconds) along with drawing a forfeit from DR.

Heitkamp pinned MC-M's Tanner Grocott in 50 seconds, posted a 12-3 major decision over WC's Riley Hollander and drew a forfeit from DR.

Gyberg drew two forfeits and nipped RR's Lathon Gorospe 4-3.

Hieronimus and Engelkes went 2-0 for the Dragons, while Beau Bullerman,

Combs, Elias, Nelson, Logan Rogers and Wagner went 2-1.

Match wrap-ups
AHS 52, West Central 19
106 (A) Bullerman pins Heumiller.
113 (W) Ideker pins Combs.
120 (A) Fuerstenberg by forfeit.
126 (A) Kern pins Hoffman.
132 (A) Hieronimus pins Hanisch.
138 (W) Ideker 5-4 Elias.
145 (W) Bechtenbaug 8-6 Nelson.
152 (W) Boeckholt 3-1 Rogers.
160 (A) Slater pins Farmer.
170 (A) Preuss pins Smith.
182 (A) Heitkamp 12-3 Hollander.
195 (A) Wagner by forfeit.
220 (A) Gyberg by forfeit.
285 (W) Hanley by forfeit.

Adrian 67, MC-M 10
106 (A) Combs 9-7 Sesser.
113 (M) Reiner 14-6 Bullerman.
120 (A) Fuerstenberg pins Scheier.
126 (A) Kern pins Cheeseman.
132 (A) Hieronimus pins Lauck.
138 (A) Elias pins Bruening.
145 (A) Nelson 13-4 Scheier.
152 (A) Rogers pins Hopkins.
160 (A) Preuss pins Krouse.
170 (A) Slater pins Peterson.
182 (A) Heitkamp pins Grocott.
195 (M) Kappenman pins Wagner.
220 (A) Gyberg by forfeit.
285 (A) Engelkes pins Van Hout.

AHS 69, Dell Rapids 0
106 (A) Combs by default.
113 (A) Bullerman 10-3 Lamer.
120 (A) Fuerstenberg pins Gee.
126 (A) Kern pins Carr.
132 (A-D) open.
138 (A) Elias by forfeit.
145 (A) Nelson 6-2 Luaders.
152 (A) Rogers by forfeit.
160 (A) Preuss pins Michael.
170 (A) Slater by forfeit.
182 (A) Heitkamp by forfeit.
195 (A) Wagner pins Eining.
220 (A) Gyberg 4-3 Gorospe.
285 (A) Engelkes pins Schmidt.



Nick Overgaard

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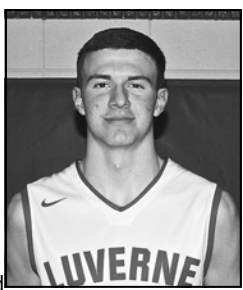
Position: Guard

Parents: Mark and Amy Overgaard

Favorite Subject: Biology/Accounting

Extra-Curricular Activities: Basketball, Baseball, Football

Future Plans: Attend college and come back to farm. Plan to major in ag science and minor in accounting



Nicole Kneip

Sport: Basketball

Position: Post

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Time has come for AHS to make statement

The Adrian wrestling team should receive the opportunity to rewrite recent history on Saturday.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

If the seeding process for the Section 3A Team Wrestling Tournament proves to be true, the second-seeded Dragons will meet No. 1 Minneota in the section championship match Saturday in Redwood Falls.

If everything falls into place, it will be the third consecutive year AHS locks horns with the Vikings for the section title.

Minneota has won the last two section titles, but the Dragons have high hopes turning that trend around this time.

"We're as close as we have been to being 100 percent healthy, and I like the way we are wrestling right now," said AHS coach Gregg Nelson.

"I think we've prepared well and we're as ready as we can be to face Minneota. Now we just need the kids to be ready when it's their turn to get on the mat and take care of business."

I'm confident Adrian will receive the opportunity to wrestle, and it will be a showdown between two of the state's elite Class A teams.

Minneota, the defending state champion, is undefeated against Class A competition and is ranked as the state's top team now.

Adrian, with a 20-2 record, is currently ranked fifth in Class A.

One of Adrian's losses came against Minneota, which nipped the Dragons 31-30 back on Jan. 16.

Dropping a one-point match to the state's No. 1-ranked team leads me to believe AHS isn't intimidated by the prospect of facing the Vikings.

Although Nelson has

the utmost respect for the Vikings and what they have accomplished in recent years, he believes the Dragons can give them a run for their money on Saturday.

"Minneota has some good kids and they will win their matches, and we have some good kids who will win their matches," he said.

"It's going to come down to who wins the close matches. If we can win more of the one- and two-point decisions than they do, we'll have a chance to win the match."

What Adrian does have in its corner heading into the match is a hungry group of 10 seniors who would like nothing more than to make a state tournament appearance as a team.

Five of the seniors are currently ranked 10th or better in their respective weight classes, and Nelson said a couple more of his seniors could be ranked, but they are not.

"Our seniors pretty much have dominated our lineup for the past three years," Nelson said.

"They've been wrestling for us for a long time now, and this is it for them. Depending on what we get for matchups, we could put all 10 of our seniors on the mat. It's just a matter of getting the matchups we want."

How well senior members of the team wrestle on Saturday will play a big part in determining Adrian's fate.

"They know what needs to be done. Now they just have to go out there and do it," Nelson concluded.

Dragons trip up MLA

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian Dragons notched their sixth Red Rock Conference girls' basketball win of the season when they bested the Mountain Lake Area Wolverines in a hard-fought game Thursday in Adrian.

The teams traded blows in a first half that ended with Adrian sporting a 29-26 advantage.

Adrian proceeded to outscore the Wolverines 23-17 in the second half to secure a 52-43 victory.

Hannah Bullerman (13 points and five rebounds) and

Jodi Bents (10 points, seven rebounds and three assists) played key roles in the win for AHS.

Paige Bullerman chipped in 12 points to the winning cause.

Box score
H.Bullerman 3 2 1-5 13, Hokeness 0 0 0-0 0, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 1 1 5-8 10, Weidert 1 0 0-0 2, Christians 1 0 0-1 2, Grussing 1 0 0-0 2, Sjoegen 3 0 3-5 9, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 0 0 2-2 2, P.Bullerman 5 0 2-4 12.

Team statistics
Adrian: 18 of 32 field goals (56 percent), 13 of 25 free throws (52 percent), 35 rebounds, 23 turnovers.
MLA: 13 of 63 field goals (21 percent), 17 of 25 free throws (68 percent), 30 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

Falcons humble EHS girls

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls couldn't keep pace with Red Rock Central when the teams squared off for a basketball game in Lambertson Thursday.

The home-standing Falcons gained control of the game early by rolling to a 50-15 advantage by halftime.

RRC capped a 71-28 win by outscoring the Panthers 21-13 in the second half.

Devin Dreesen turned in a

16-point, five-rebound, three-steal, three-assist effort for Ellsworth.

Hannah Kramer collected five caroms for the Panthers.

Ellsworth, 3-13 overall, hosts Southwest Christian Thursday.

Box score
Kramer 0 0 0-2 0, Dreesen 3 2 4-9 16, Popkes 1 1 0-2 5, Smith 2 1 0-0 7.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 10 of 41 field goals (24 percent), four of 13 free throws (31 percent), 23 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

Cardinal girls knock off Redwood Valley

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team split a pair of home games late last week.

After coming up on the short end of a 35-point decision to Martin County West Thursday, the Cardinals bounced back to best Redwood Valley by five points Friday.

Luverne, 4-15 overall, travels to Windom Thursday.

Luverne 58, RWV 53

The Cardinals notched their second Big South Conference win of the season when they upended RWV by five points Friday in Luverne.

The game was competitive from beginning to end, but the Cards outscored RWV in both halves of the contest to snap a four-game losing skid.

LHS sported a 22-20 edge after 18 minutes of play.

The Cardinals went on to outscore RWV 36-33 in the second half to ice the win.

Morgan Haugen (26 points and five rebounds) and Hailey Remme (11 points and five rebounds) led the Cards offensively.

Nicole Kneip grabbed 10 rebounds and Zayna Hustoft charted three steals for the winners.

Box score
Schmuck 2 1 2-6 9, Remme 5 0 1-2 11, Anderson 1 0 0-0 2, Kneip 3 0 1-3 7, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 0 0 0-0 0, Haugen 9 0 8-13 26, Hustoft 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 22 of 56 field goals (39 percent), 13 of 25 free throws (52 percent), 33 rebounds, 19 turnovers.
RWV: 17 of 51 field goals (33 percent), 16 of 23 free throws (70 percent), 31 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

MCW 61, Luverne 26

Visiting Martin County West turned in a commanding effort when the Mavericks challenged the Cardinals in Luverne Thursday.

MCW canned 56 percent of its field goals and outscored the Cards in both halves of a 35-point victory.



John Rittenhouse photo/0211 lgb 9

Luverne freshman Mackenzie Petersen leads a break into the Martin County West defensive end of the court during Thursday's girls' basketball game in Luverne.

The Mavericks scored the first four points of the game before LHS trimmed the difference to one (6-5) when Sierra Schmuck converted a field goal at the 14:49 of the first half.

The balance of the game belonged to the Mavericks, who outscored LHS 55-21 the rest of the night.

MCW went on a 29-6 run in the final 14:30 of the first half to sport a 35-11 advantage at

the intermission.

The Mavericks dominated the second half as well.

MCW scored the first six points of the stanza to open a 41-11 cushion that swelled to 40 points (60-20) with 6:06 remaining.

The Cards outscored the Mavericks 6-1 the rest of the night, but the game was out of reach by then.

Haugen led the Cards in scoring with 10 points.

Hustoft and Schmuck scored six and five rebounds respectively.

Box score
VerSteeg 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 3 0 2-4 8, Remme 0 0 1-2 1, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, Kneip 0 0 1-2 1, Jacobsma 0 0 0-4 0, Bosch 0 1 0-0 3, Petersen 0 0 1-2 1, Haugen 2 1 3-10, Hustoft 0 0 2-2 2, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: seven of 37 field goals (19 percent), 10 of 19 free throws (53 percent), 25 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
MCW: 25 of 45 field goals (56 percent), seven of 17 free throws (41 percent), 34 rebounds, three turnovers.

Patriot girls prevail over South Dakota team

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls racked up their second consecutive win Friday in Hills.

Taking on South Dakota foe Garretson on their home court, the Patriots pulled away in the second half to secure a 55-38 victory.

H-BC sported a 20-18 edge after 18 minutes of play.

The Patriots went on to outscore Garretson 35-20 in the second half to prevail by 17 points.

Avery Van Roekel (20 points, seven rebounds and three assists), Sidney Fick (19

points) and Grace Bundesen (12 points) carried the load offensively for H-BC.

Paige Tilstra pulled down seven rebounds and Jasmine Lingen passed for three assists for the winners.

The 13-5 Patriots play in Okabena Thursday.

Box score
Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 1 0 0-0 2, Fick 3 3 4-5 19, Bundesen 2 2 2-4 12, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 7 0 6-6 20, Rozeboom 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
H-BC: 19 of 47 field goals (40 percent), 12 of 17 free throws (71 percent), 31 rebounds, 17 turnovers.
Garretson: 13 of 54 field goals (24 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent), 20 rebounds, eight turnovers.

Adrian boys prevail in Fulda

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team upped its Red Rock Conference record to 5-8 after posting a 76-70 home win over Fulda Friday.

The Dragons outscored the visiting Raiders in both halves of the game to put an end to a three-game slide.

Adrian opened a 36-27 lead in the game's first half before outscoring the Raiders 40-33 in the second half to clinch a 16-point victory.

Nate Lonneman (18 points and four blocked shots) and Zach Hendel (12 points and seven rebounds) played key roles in the victory.

Mitchell Lonneman and Ryan Wieneke added 13 and 11 points to the winning cause respectively.

Wolverines deny Panthers Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team dropped its third consecutive contest Friday in Mountain Lake.

The Panthers played a competitive game against Mountain Lake Area, one of the top teams in the Red Rock Conference.

Unfortunately for EHS, it wasn't enough to keep the Panthers from taking a setback.

MLA sported a 32-31 edge after 18 minutes of play and used a 36-31 scoring cushion in the second half to lock up a 68-62 win.

Brandon Kramer (18 points and six rebounds), Malik Herman (14 points, 12 rebounds and five assists) and Bobby Walkowak (14 points) played solid games for the Panthers.

Jared Leuthold collected

five caroms and charted three assists, while Trei Hinrichs finished the game with five rebounds and three steals.

The 6-16 Panthers host Adrian Friday.

Box score
Leuthold 1 0 1-3 3, Walkowak 4 1 3-5 14, Hinrichs 2 1 0-0 7, Herman 4 2 2-4 16, Kramer 8 0 2-4 18, Kruse 0 0 2-2 2, Wallenburg 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 25 of 56 field goals (45 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 31 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Winter sports standings

Big South girls' hockey	New Ulm 14-0 Luverne 12-2 Waseca 8-5 Marshall 7-7 SP-L-H 7-7 Fairmont 6-9 Windom 3-11 Worthington 0-14	Pipestone 5-6 Luverne 1-10	JCC 0-6
BSC West girls' hoops	Marshall 10-0 Pipestone 9-1 Worthington 6-4 RWV 3-6 Windom 2-7 Luverne 2-8 JCC 2-8		RRC boys' hoops MCC 13-0 MLA 10-3 Edgerton 10-3 SWC 8-4 H-BC 8-5 Adrian 5-8 RRC 5-8 Ellsworth 5-9 W-WG 4-9 HL-O 2-12 Fulda 2-12
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Thursday, Feb. 11: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 2 p.m. GLCW. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 14: 8:15 a.m. Worship; Radio broadcast. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 9:50 a.m. Fifth-grade First Communion Class. 10:45 a.m. Worship/Pre-K sing; Kindergarten Milestones. Monday, Feb. 15: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 8:15 a.m. Parish Care visitors meeting. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper. 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service. Chancel Choir rehearsal to follow, then Exaltation Practice. Thursday, Feb. 18: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Church. 4:30 p.m. Book Study.

Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Thursday, Feb. 11: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Parish Care with Communion. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers. Catechism Class. Thursday, Feb. 18: 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church

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

Friday, Feb. 12: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Saturday, Feb. 13: 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 6 p.m. Sweetheart Supper. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF. Monday, Feb. 15: 7 p.m. Financial Peace. Tuesday, Feb. 16: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 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. 7:30 p.m. PC Awards Night. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Feb. 18: 7 p.m. Wedding Coordinator meeting.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; Fellowship after service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4
Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Morning Worship. 6:30 p.m. School of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Kids Connection; Men's Bible Study with Pastor Ken; Women's Bible Study with Pastor Gloria.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Sunday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.

United Methodist Church

109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Feb. 11: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, Feb. 14: 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. Thursday, Feb. 18: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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. 11: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs' Devotions. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3 p.m. Communion at Minnesota Veterans Home. Friday, Feb. 12: No Little Lambs. Saturday, Feb. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Monday, Feb. 15: Newsletter deadline. No Little Lambs. 7:30 p.m. Council. Tuesday, Feb. 16: No Little Lambs. 1 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle. 6:30 p.m. Quilting; Adult Instruction Class. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 9 a.m. Little Lambs' Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting. 6 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Supper provided by Youth. 7 p.m. KFS/Confirmation; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. Thursday, Feb. 18: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Little Lambs' Devotions.

Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

New Life Celebration Church

211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@icloud.com

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 11: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. 7 p.m. Jessen Endowment Fund Committee Meeting. Friday, Feb. 12: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 4 p.m. Family Movie Night. Monday, Feb. 15: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Worship Service. Light lunch to follow service. Thursday, Feb. 18: 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. 14: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Tuesday, Feb. 16: 7 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 7 p.m. Lenten Service. Thursday, Feb. 18: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Palisade Lutheran.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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

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

Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 11: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting. Sunday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School Love Coffee. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 7 p.m. Lenten Service at First Lutheran. Thursday, Feb. 18: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at Palisade.

First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Thursday of the month.

Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 14: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Knowing who I am

And He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ." (Mark 8:29 ESV)



BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.'"

In the New Testament Jesus also used many "I am" examples in His teaching. He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; I am the bread of life; I am the light of the world; I am the vine, you are the branches; I am the good shepherd; I am gently and lowly; I am among you as the one who serves; I am with you always; I am the resurrection and the life."

Jesus also used "I am" statements to define His and our relationships to God the Father. He said, "I am the Christ; I am the Son of God; I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; I am praying for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours."

Gracious Savior, I am Yours. We are Yours. Be our gentle shepherd. Lead us and guide us. You are the vine. Let us, Your branches, grow deeply and securely in You, sustained by the life-giving grace and joy that pours from Your heart. Strengthen and keep us in Your abiding love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

An elderly woman walked into a local country church. A friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit today?" he asked politely.

"I would like to sit in the front row please," she replied.

"Are you sure you want to do that?" the usher asked. "The pastor can be really boring sometimes."

"Do you know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," said the usher. "I don't believe we've ever met."

"I am Reverend Gustav's mother," she replied.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No, I do not," she said.

"Good," he answered.

Exodus Ch. 3 tells the story of how God called to Moses from a burning bush to lead the Israelites out of their captivity in Egypt. Moses asked, "If I come to the people and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am."

Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com

Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 14: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Monday, Feb. 15: 1 p.m. Confirmation Retreat at Grandstay Inn, Luverne. Tuesday, Feb. 16: 10 a.m. Bible Study at Adrian Senior Center. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 6 p.m. Soup Supper at Magnolia UMC. 7 p.m. Worship.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

112 N. Main St., Hills

Hills United Reformed Church

Sunday, Feb. 14: No Sunday School. 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 16: 10:30 a.m. Text Study. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Feb. 17: 2 p.m. Circles meeting at Tuff Village Garden Room. 6 p.m. Lent Supper. 7 p.m. Lent Service. Confirmation students attend; Circle of Hope at Marilyn Nelson's home.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254

hillsurc@alliancecom.net

Alan Camarigg, Pastor

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Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 31

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Darryl R. Boltjes and Marti K. Boltjes, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 by assignment recorded on March 5, 2014 as Document Number 183568 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$76,500.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 11, 2006
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 25, 2006 as Document Number 164883 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$77,137.54

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Seventy Feet of the West One Hundred Thirty-five Feet of the North Half of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) of PJ Kniss Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements, if any, Rock County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 114 N DONALDSON ST, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1418

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0970-000
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100055140023452580

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2016.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: January 29, 2016

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(2-4, 2-11, 2-18, 2-25, 3-3, 3-10)

Wessels applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Minnesota Rule 7020.2000 subp. 4

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT
Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Todd Wessels, will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to modify his existing permit with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The feedlot proposed to be modified is located in the SW1/4 of Section 17 of Kanaranzi Township, T101N, R44W, of Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing feedlot currently has 4800 head of finishing swine and 2400 head of nursery swine, housed in total confinements for a total of 1560 A.U. The proposed modification consists of constructing a truckwash with a concrete reception pit to collect the wash water. After the modification the feedlot will consist of 4800 head of finishing swine and 2400 of nursery swine for a total of 1560 animal units.

All liquid manure and wash water will be stored in under-floor concrete pits. The feedlot will be owned by Todd Wessels.

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

Published at the request of Todd Wessels.

(2-11)

EMPLOYMENT

Full and Part-time Child Care Assistant Positions Available. Must be 16 years or older. Passion for children required. We are excited about our new facility opening in the summer of 2016. Contact for an application: Desiree Kopp Rock Rapids Kid's Club Director 309 North Story Street Rock Rapids, IA 51246. 712-472-2686 kidsclubdirector@hickorytech.net (2.7-2.28)

The Rock County Administrator's Office is accepting applications on behalf of the Rock County Community Library for a Part Time Intermittent Library Assistant until February 16, 2016. This position provides direct assistance to library staff and patrons (i.e. shelving books, providing circulation desk services and general assistance). Work schedule will be afternoons, evenings and/or weekends with a starting hourly wage of \$9.82 - \$10.62 DOQ. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or equivalent, good customer service skills and experience working with the general public. For a complete job description and application for this position, visit the Rock County website at www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html or contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 or email susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. EOE (1.31-2.11)

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EMPLOYMENT

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I would like to thank every onw who prayed for and cared for me and my family while I was hospitalized and recovering at home. I would like to give a special thanks to our local doctors, nurses, and aides at Sanford, Luverne. Thanks agin, God is good!

Ken Hup
 (2.7-2.25)

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The Family of Melvin Paulsen wished to thank everyone for your kind concerns. Your prayers, cards, notes, visits, food, and memorials were much appreciated. Thanks to the doctors, especially Dr. Judy, to all the staff at the homes, and the hospital staff. To Loraine for the music, Reuben for his words at the funeral, all those who served lunch, and to Jeff Hartquist who helped us so much. God bless our caring community.

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