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## Tru Shrimp pulls out of Luverne; goes to Madison

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne was dealt a powerful blow last week when tru Shrimp officials informed local leaders that the first bay harbor will be built in Madison, South Dakota, not in Luverne as promised.

Company executives met with city and county officials Wednesday morning, Jan. 2, the first business day of 2019, to deliver the news. Tru Shrimp indicated that envi-

ronmental regulations were impeding the company's timeline.

"As a part of the final permitting process, the company encountered a state regulatory challenge that could not be addressed in the timeframe needed to meet its commercialization goals," the company wrote in a statement released Friday.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian said he was sickened by the news, especially considering the short notice

after a long-term relationship had been developed with the company.

"This is a new industry, and we knew we were taking risks in working with tru Shrimp, but we seemed to have developed a level of trust," Baustian said. "I just didn't see this coming."

The city had been operating under a letter of intent from tru Shrimp, which helped secure grant funding for infrastructure work.

A development agreement was drafted in order to convey land to tru Shrimp, but that hadn't been signed pending building valuations for possible tax abatement.

No land was conveyed and the city owns all of the improved industrial park property.

### Investment considerations

The mayor wasn't the only one caught off guard by the news.

Beaver Creek's David Kolsrud is working for tru Shrimp to raise investment equity for upfront costs such as preordering construction materials.

"I'm baffled," he said. "It is almost unexplainable."

Kolsrud said the financing is not yet in place for construction set to start this year, but he said several key investors are poised to commit

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## Shutdown hits home

Rock County farmers unable to cash checks, buy 2019 crop inputs

By Lori Sorenson

Mexico is thousands of miles away, but the government shutdown over the president's demand for a border wall is affecting local farmers in Rock County, Minnesota.

Erin deKoning said she and her husband sold calves Saturday, but the bank can't cash their check without a co-signature from the Farm Service Agency.

"It's our one payday for the whole year and now we can't access the money," deKoning said.

When they bought their family farm 12 years ago, they utilized a "Young Farmer and Rancher" low interest loan through FSA.

Until their loan is paid off, their checks are written to "Joe Smith and FSA," which means they can't be cashed without an FSA co-signature. Meanwhile bills are due and the couple's operating note at the bank is costing them daily interest while their cattle check is tied up.

"It really stinks," deKoning said. "We waited a whole year for that check and we can't do anything with it."

Farm Service Agency technician Stacey Roeman is furloughed during the government shutdown while the local office is closed. But that hasn't stopped farmers from reaching out to her for help.

"I called Stacey and she told me she'd like to help, but she's not allowed," deKoning said.

### Every single crop producer in Rock County is affected

Minnwest Bank president Isaac DeBoer said the shutdown is hitting the young farmers the hardest, because they're the ones still relying on federal loans to fund their operations.

But in the broader scope, he said every single farmer who raises corn and soybeans is affected by the shutdown.

"Our producers are unable to utilize the commodity loan program to pay for their 2019 inputs," DeBoer said. "This affects every single crop producer in Rock County. Period."

Producers normally buy their seed, fertilizer and other inputs in December and January because companies provide deep discounts — 20 percent or more — for early orders

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### All rise; court is now in session



Mavis Fodness photos/0110 Mock Trial 2019 Luverne

Freshman Griffen Jarchow (left) acts as the bailiff in the Mock Trial practice Monday night in the Luverne High School library and swears in a witness portrayed by senior Grace Sweeney.

## Mock Trial season starts this week

Luverne seeks fifth consecutive state appearance

By Mavis Fodness

The 2019 Minnesota High School Mock Trial Program kicks off this week with Luverne High School making a bid for its fifth consecutive appearance at the state meet.

This is the second year for head coach Jason Berghorst, who has already set several goals for this season.

"One important goal this year is to learn and apply the nuances of a civil case compared to the criminal case we had last year," he said.

"I also hope the students are able to adjust and improve throughout the season this year."

Senior Jessica Anderson returns to the attorney's table with classmates Jadynd Anderson and Grace Sweeney returning as witnesses. Senior Julia Ferguson returns to the team as an alternate.

They lead the 18-member team that has made an appearance at the state competition each year since 2014.

Junior Gunnar Oldre and



Luverne junior Jordan Winter refers to his witness notes as classmate Alexa Chesley watches from the defense table.

sophomore Kaitlyn Anderson join Jessica Anderson on the plaintiff team.

The defense team is led by returning juniors Alexa Chesley and Sophie Lanoue and is joined by sophomore Lauren VerSteege.

This year's trial is based on an actual defamation lawsuit of Hayden Brooks versus the Cahill Monitor.

Jadynd Anderson portrays

Mock Trial LHS/see page 3

H-BC Mock Trial has two teams for 2019 season

By Mavis Fodness

Student interest in this year's Mock Trial competition at Hills-Beaver Creek High School was enough to bring the program back to two teams under veteran coach Glenda Kuehl.

Sixteen students in grades 9-12 make up the two teams as the 2019 season gets underway this week.

"We started out with more students," said Kuehl, who began as head coach in 1997. "We eventually settled on two teams."

She estimated it's been eight years since H-BC last fielded two teams.

The teams comprise two of six teams in Region 4, which includes Luverne, Springfield, and two teams from Lakeview high schools.

Each team competes in four rounds. Round 5 has the top two teams vying for the Region 4 championship and

Mock Trial H-BC/see page 3

## Premium Iowa Pork inks deal with Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Premium Iowa Pork has signed a cost-sharing agreement with the city of Luverne confirming its plans to process pork in the former Gold'n Plump property on the west edge of town.

The agreement specifically outlines the company's responsibilities in upgrading Luverne's wastewater treatment plant to accommodate the plant's output.

PIP will pay \$6.76 million of the estimated \$10.5 million necessary upgrades to Luverne's wastewater facilities due to the plant's sewage load into the city's system.

The company, which specializes in antibiotic-free meat, has a similar agreement with Hospers, Iowa, where it already operates a pork plant.

The agreement with Luverne states that PIP will pay half up front, \$3.375 million, and make payments on the other half over a five-year period.

The agreement sets limits on suspended solids and biochemical substances sent to the local wastewater plant, based on the 2,200 per day kill rate.

The PIP facility plans to use roughly 150,000 gallons of water per day, so a "significant use agreement" with the city is required by the state (for anything over 25,000 gallons per day).

Company officials say no pollution or negative impacts to the environment are anticipated and technology will be installed to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration.

All processes will take place inside the facility, including effluent treatment before it's sent to Luverne's water treatment. No sludge or waste will be land applied, and blood and rendering is handled off site.

Facility improvements and retrofits, some of which have already begun, are estimated to cost PIP about \$30 million.

The company will start out slaughtering 1,200 hogs per day and eventually build up to 2,200 allowed by its conditional use permit.

Initial production will require 200 workers (at \$13 to \$20 per hour) to Luverne. That number could grow to more than 300 employees, depending

Premium Iowa Pork/see page 2

## Gil Haugan Construction awarded bid for Luverne school building project

By Mavis Fodness

Gil Haugan Construction of Sioux Falls was chosen as the general contractor for the upcoming Luverne School District building project.

Board members accepted the low bid of \$20.9 million Monday night at a special school board meeting.

They also approved seven alternate projects, which brought the total bid award to Gil Haugan Construction to \$22.323 million.

Alternates included a

1,000-square-foot bump-out space to the new commons area and the addition of two classrooms, bringing the total number of additional classrooms in the north wing to six.

Two other companies submitted base bid amounts for the school project. Companies and their bids included:

- Peska Construction, Sioux Falls, \$21.975 million.
- Jans Corporation, Sioux Falls, \$22.375 million.

The district budgeted \$23.7 million for the project. The bid opening was conducted Dec. 19, 2018.

Joel Bornhoft with ICS Consulting of Blaine said all bid prices were confirmed.

Among the confirmed prices were 10 unit cost estimates for potential upgrades to existing sewer and water main pipelines.

The board agreed to lock in unit prices, holding the general contractor to the bid amount should the work be

needed. "Generally you'll save money on those types of items. That's why we do this," Bornhoft said.

In confirmation of bids with Gil Haugan Construction, Bornhoft indicated the unit bids were significantly higher than the two other bids because Gil Haugan included repair costs to the concrete and/or floor tile should any pipeline upgrades be needed.

Unit bid prices from Peska Construction and Jans Corporation did

not include repair costs, Bornhoft said.

According to the bid contract, Gil Haugan Construction is scheduled to begin the remodeling project in early March.

Currently, the general contractor is contacting the proposed list of first tier of subcontractors. The list includes local businesses, who may work on the early stages of the project.

Project completion is expected for December 2020.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Lady Luverne RedHats** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Luverne Senior Dining for "Bring a Friend Day." RSVP by Jan. 7 for yourself and a friend to Connie at 283-8470 or Senior Dining at 283-9846. George Bonnema will present a program about future plans for the Senior Center.

**Staline Cemetery Association** will have its annual meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Rock Rapids Pizza Ranch.

**Matthew 6 Board of Directors** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

**Battle Plain Township Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the home of Greg Talsma.

**MS Support Group** will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 with questions.

**Luverne Music Boosters** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Luverne High School Choir Room. All parents of choir and band students are welcome to attend.

**Parkinson's Support Group** will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 507-530-3307 with questions.

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

**Hardwick Goal Seekers** meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

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

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

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

### Candlelight Hike at state park Jan. 12

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

### Heroes behind the badges blood drive

Rock County Sheriff's Office, EMS and Luverne Fire Department will compete to see which department can recruit the most blood donors for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual **Heroes Behind the Badges** event.

The Community Blood Bank will accept donations from noon to 2 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Take 16 Brewing Company on East Main Street in Luverne. The public is encouraged to designate their blood donation in honor of the department of their choice. The department with the most donations will receive the traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year. All who donate will receive a pint of their favorite brew.

For more information visit [www.cbblifeblood.org](http://www.cbblifeblood.org), call Community Blood Bank at 1-877-877-3070 or call Sanford Luverne at 507-283-2321.

### Free food Jan. 17

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food — fresh produce, bread and meat — from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Senior Citizens building in Luverne for those having trouble putting food on the table. Please bring your own bags or boxes. Call 283-4366.

### Winter Carnival planned for Jan. 19

The Luverne Music Boosters' 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Carnival is planned from 5-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, in the Luverne High School Gymnasium. Enjoy a fun night of games, prizes and food including a cake walk, bingo, raffle, cotton candy, face painting, balloons and many games. Concessions will also be available. Proceeds help support music education at Luverne Schools.

### Blood Drive at Grace Lutheran Jan. 21

January is National Blood Donor Month, and the American Red Cross is encouraging the public to donate blood from 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Grace Lutheran Church at 500 N. Kniss Avenue in Luverne.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## Government shutdown hits home/continued from page 1

and upfront payments.

If the government shutdown drags on much longer, they'll lose the discounts and possibly pay more if prices increase.

Meanwhile, DeBoer said, many producers have turned to their local ag lender for operating capital, but those loans are not available at the lower interest offered by the USDA.

"Everyone is hopeful it's short-term shutdown, but if it drags on for an extended period of time, it becomes a significant issue," DeBoer said.

"Especially after the tight margins they're already experiencing."

He added that the government — ultimately taxpayers — loses money long-term because of missed lending opportunities with farmers.

### 'Congress needs to hear your story'

Rock County Farm Bureau President Peter Bakken said he's been fielding calls from local producers asking what they can do about their locked-up operating resources.

"They're saying, 'Hey, what connections do I need to make?' and I've been telling them to call their Congressmen," Bakken said.

"It's your story. You're the one who can communicate the message the best."

He said farmers are especially frustrated by the fact that the USDA can't release their operating funds, but the agency is still warning producers not to miss a payment on their loans.

DeKoning said Sen. Tina Smith's office (651-221-1016) has been working with her and intends to share her story with colleagues in the White House.

Amy Klobuchar's staff (507-288-5321) has received the message, and Rep. Jim Hagedorn's office (202-225-2472) hasn't been set up yet to receive calls from constituents.

Bakken said Farm Bureau has a public policy staff person who is also working on the issue.

"Basically the message is, 'These Congress people need to hear your story and how it's affecting you,'" Bakken said.

"They aren't here; they need to know what's happening from your place out here."



Mavis Fodness photo/0110 Government Shutdown

The doors at the USDA Services Center on West Gabrielson Road in Luverne are open, but only for services through the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Farm Service Agency workers were furloughed Dec. 28, closing the FSA side of the office. A sign taped to the door reads: "Due to the lapse in Federal Government funding FSA employees have been furloughed. If you want to make a Farm Loan payment that is credited in tax year 2018, the check or money order should be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2018, for the payment to be credited in tax year 2018. Checks or money orders should be mailed to your local FSA County Office."

## Federal shutdown closes local FSA office; NRCS still open

### By Mavis Fodness

As the federal shutdown continues into the second week of 2019, its effects in Rock County have halted services to agricultural producers.

Only half of the USDA service center in Luverne remains open after Congress failed to pass a spending bill in December 2018.

Farm Service Agency personnel in Rock County were furloughed Dec. 28.

County, state and federal FSA offices won't reopen until

new funding legislation is put in place.

However the Natural Resources Conservation Service remains unaffected for now.

"NRCS has a combination of funds from the appropriations prior to Dec. 22, 2018, and mandatory program funds to cover continuing operations so we are not shutting down," said NRCS spokesperson Molly Voeller.

"NRCS is open nationwide and will continue to be so for several weeks."

The U.S. Postal Service is also not affected by the shutdown.

Failure to pass funding bills to prevent lapses in federal services is not unusual.

This is the third government shutdown in less than a year.

Previous shutdowns occurred in January and February 2018 lasting three days and one day respectively.

The longest shutdown in history lasted 21 days from Dec. 15, 1995, to Jan. 6, 1996.

## Premium Iowa Pork signs with Luverne/continued from page 1

on growth.

Luverne has been steadily addressing housing shortages outlined in a 2016 study.

Among other projects, two apartment buildings on the former Sharkee's lot have been approved for workforce housing funding support from the Department of Economic and Employment Department.

Those 54 apartment units, a mixture of one and two-bedroom apartments, are expected to rent for \$750 per month for a one-bedroom apartment and \$950 for two bedrooms, depending on final construction costs.

PIP President Dan Paquin, Hoppers, said he hopes to draw back some of the 200 employees displaced by the 2017 chicken processing closure, but the company will recruit workers from the tri-state area.

The Hoppers plant processes 3,100 hogs per day and employs 415 people with an annual payroll of \$17 million.

Paquin said work would take place over the next 12 to 15 months to retrofit the existing 78,000-square-foot facility to accommodate pork slaughter, processing and packing.

The company will also expand the east side of the

building by roughly 12,500 square feet for a total area of 90,500 square feet.

Changes to the property will conform to the existing uses permitted by the zoning.

In terms of other neighborhood impacts, the company estimates 30 trucks will enter and exit the site per day as part of its operations, and current parking allows for 355 stalls for employee vehicles in addition to space for truck parking.

The wastewater treatment cost sharing agreement was added to the Luverne City Council's Tuesday night meet-

ing agenda for city signatures.

City Administrator John Call said PIP's agreement was welcome news in the days following tru Shrimp's announcement it will build in Madison, South Dakota, instead of in Luverne.

"You get punched in the gut and you lay on the ground for awhile, but you get back up," Call said Monday.

"We can say for sure this venture is moving forward."

Other than cost-sharing on wastewater treatment, he said PIP is paying its own way, with no tax abatements or other incentives.

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## Mock Trial — Luverne High School/continued from page 1

Hayden Brooks, a St. Louis County commissioner. The case takes place in Cahill, Minnesota.

In September 2017, the Cahill Monitor, the town's newspaper, printed an article by reporter Ellis Strobel (portrayed by sophomore Solveig Tofteland) and claimed that Brooks accepted a \$500,000 bribe from local businessman Morgan Ramsey (sophomore Seno Chanthalangsy) to vote in favor of moving a planned pipeline.

Editor Andy Diggins (sophomore Peter Baustian) proofed the article.

The vote did not take place because the commissioner's December meeting was postponed due to a snowstorm and Brooks retired before the January meeting. Brooks kept the money.

Junior Jordan Winter portrays Shay Christoff, a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agent, and senior Grace Sweeney plays Blake Baker, a professor of media ethics.

Team understudies include freshmen Luke Thorson, Chance Tunnissen and Griffen Jarchow as attorneys. Witness understudies are sophomores John Miller, Xavier Carbonneau and senior Julia Ferguson.

Luverne will compete in four rounds over the next month.

A fifth round is possible if Luverne is in the top two out of six teams in the Region 4.

Round 5 determines the region champion and qualifier for the state Mock Trial competition Feb. 28 and March 1 in Duluth.

Luverne's schedule includes a round conducted on its home turf, the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne.

It's the first time the Luverne students have performed at home.

"I'm not sure if there will be a home field advantage," Berghorst said.

"There are actual benefits to a bus ride as students often spent time preparing and viewing for the trial."

Luverne's 2019 schedule includes:

- Friday against Springfield at the Redwood County Courthouse in Redwood Falls.
- Wednesday, Jan. 16,



Mavis Fodness photo/0110 Mock Trial 2019 Luverne

As preparation for their first meet Friday, members of the Luverne High School Mock Trial team present this year's civil case in front of friends and family Monday night in the school's media center.

*"One important goal this year is to learn and apply the nuances of a civil case compared to the criminal case we had last year. I also hope the students are able to adjust and improve throughout the season this year."*

— Jason Berghorst, LHS head coach

against Hills-Beaver Creek White at the Murray County Courthouse in Slayton.

•Friday, Jan. 25, against Lakeview in Redwood Falls.

•Thursday, Feb. 7, against Springfield at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne.

Jeff Haubrich returns as the attorney coach.



Mavis Fodness photo/0110 Mock Trial 2019 Luverne

Eighteen students comprise the 2018-19 Luverne High School Mock Trial team. Members pictured include (front, from left) Seno Chanthalangsy, Griffen Jarchow, Luke Thorson, John Miller, (middle) Sophie Lanoue, Solveig Tofteland, Alexa Chesley, Lauren VerSteeg, Julia Ferguson, Jessica Anderson, Kaitlyn Anderson, (back) Grace Sweeney, Peter Baustian, Jordan Winter, Jady Anderson, Xavier Carbonneau, Gunnar Oldre and Chance Tunnissen.

## Exchange State Bank becomes Security Savings Bank Jan. 1

Two area banks announced the merger of their organizations.

Security Savings Bank of Canton, South Dakota, and Exchange State Bank of Luverne, share common ownership and merged into one. Exchange State Bank took the name of Security Savings Bank on Jan. 1, 2019.

On March 12, 2019, Exchange State Bank accounts will become Security Savings Bank accounts. Exchange State Bank has branches in Hills, Ellsworth and Luverne. Security Savings Bank has Iowa branches in Larchwood, Inwood and George and South Dakota branches in Canton and Sioux Falls.

Tim Plimpton, president of the merged banks, said, "We are blessed with great customers in the great communities we currently serve. It is exciting for Security Savings Bank and Exchange State Bank to come together to better serve these communities."

"This merger will give our customers the opportunity to use eight offices in Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota."

Executive Vice President and Board Member Joel Klatt said, "The merged institution will continue to provide the highest quality service to our customers and offer them financial products and bank technology that will assist in helping reach their financial goals."

Sizing up the past and looking toward the future, Chairman of the Board Rod Bonanders said, "I am extremely proud of our talented staff and exceptional customer base. We have served our local tri-state area for almost 100 years, and we are dedicated to serving it for another 100 years. This merger will better position our organizations to promote economic growth in our communities for years into the future."

## Mock Trial — Hills-Beaver Creek fields two teams for 2019 season/continued from page 1

a trip to the state Mock Trial tournament.

"In one of the competitions, they (H-BC teams) go against each other," Kuehl said.

She's looking forward to the head-to-head meet Jan. 23 at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne.

Even though the teams practice with each other, Kuehl expects new strategies unveiled between the teams during the Wednesday afternoon showdown.

This year's case involves a story published in a local newspaper accusing a retired county commissioner of taking a bribe. The case is based on an actual Minnesota lawsuit that occurred in 2017.

Students have been working on the case, Hayden Brooks versus Cahill Monitor, since the case was released in October 2018.

"It's so good for these kids to think logically and know their parts thoroughly before they compete," Kuehl said.

Three attorneys and six witnesses comprise each of the H-BC teams named High School and White.

Attorneys for the High School team include senior Josie Scholten and sophomores Allie LaRock and Abby Knobloch.

Prosecution witnesses are sophomore Mikael Mess, who portrays Commissioner



Glenda McGaffee photo/0110 Mock Team

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School Mock Trial participants in 2019 are Jacob Sheppard (front, from left) Bryn Mongeau, Shayla Rainford, Allison LaRock, Abby Knobloch, (middle) Hannah Fick, Erika Dysthe, Mikael Mess, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Taylor Durst, Lauren Tatge, Austin Allen, Thomas Dysthe, (back) Carter Hartz and Jessup Dunn. H-BC has two teams this year.

Hayden Brooks; sophomore Hannah Fick as Shay Christoff, a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension agent; and sophomore Jessup Dunn portraying Blake Baker, a professor of media ethics.

Defense witnesses are junior Sadie Fuerstenberg as the briber Morgan Ramsey, sophomore Lauren Tatge

as newspaper editor Andy Diggins, and Hannah Fick as reporter Ellis Strobel.

Team White is made up of junior Bryn Mongeau, and sophomores Jacob Sheppard and Shayla Rainford, who portray the attorneys.

Prosecution witnesses are freshman Carter Hartz as Commissioner Brooks, fresh-

man Taylor Durst as Agent Christoff, and freshman Austin Allen as Professor Baker.

Defense witnesses for the White team are sophomore Thomas Dysthe portraying the briber Morgan Ramsey, sophomore Erika Dysthe playing reporter Ellis Strobel, and Austin Allen who also portrays the additional part of editor

Andy Diggins.

Students Allen and Fick have the challenge of keeping testimony and details of their two witness parts separate from one another, one key Mock Trial strategy.

"You've got to know the details ... all the little things," Kuehl said.

Details include the court-

room procedure, key incident dates, people's names and minute details of the case. Students practice before school three times a week.

"It's so good for these kids to think logically and know the parts before they compete," Kuehl said.

Competition dates, opponents and locations for the H-BC High School team are:

•Friday against Lakeview High School at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Ivanhoe.

•Jan. 16 against Springfield, Murray County Courthouse, Slayton.

•Jan. 23 against H-BC White, Rock County Courthouse, Luverne.

•Feb. 8 against Lakeview White in Ivanhoe.

The H-BC White team schedule is:

•Friday against Lakeview White in Ivanhoe.

•Jan. 16 against Luverne in Slayton.

•Jan. 23 against H-BC High School in Luverne.


•Feb. 8 against Lakeview High School in Ivanhoe.

The regional championship (Round 5) takes place the week of Feb. 11 to determine which team represents Region 4 at the state competition.


The state Mock Trial competition is Feb. 28 and March 1 in Duluth.

Randy Sample returns as the attorney coach.

**Lorraine Klooster**  
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## Less food in the garbage means more money for something else

The most common New Year resolutions are to lose weight and exercise more, but I came across a more achievable resolution for 2019.



### RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

*I could see better ways to spend \$859 than throwing food in the garbage.*

An East Coast kitchen and bath remodel and design firm sent an email that I almost mistook for junk mail, but I was intrigued by the topic: "Minnesota households wasted over \$800 worth of food in 2018, reveals study."

While the study surveyed a very small portion of households in the U.S. (3,200), I could see better ways to spend \$859 than throwing food in the garbage.

My resolution for 2019 is to better use those items currently in the fridge and stored in the cupboard.

For the past week, the leftover idea has become a puzzle of sorts, as only pieces of previous meals are available to be put into a full meal.

A lot of food items just don't go together.

However, a few pieces fell into place when fresh ingredients were added to the leftovers.

For instance, the dinner rolls from Christmas were ground in the food processor for use in a meat loaf.

In turn, the leftover meat loaf was sliced and used as the meat layer in a baked spaghetti casserole.

Fresh fruits and vegetables have been a little trickier.

Lettuce is one food item that seems to linger in the refrigerator only to die a slow death for lack of use.

Recently, I threw out two of the three heads of iceberg stuffed into the fridge.

I was determined to use the third head before another item found its way to the garbage can.

As a result, the remaining lettuce was put to use in grilled chickens alads.

The study found that 21 percent of food is thrown away

because it's past its "expiration date" — mostly because consumers don't understand the "sell-by" and "use-by" language of food manufacturers.

The sell-by date means the last date by which the item must be sold in a store. It's still good to eat even if it's still on our shelves at home.

Similarly, use-by date is also misunderstood.

Nearly 30 percent of us believe that the date printed on an item is the last date a product is edible when the use-by date signifies the last date for use of the product at its peak quality. It is still edible after that date.

The freezer is an excellent tool in the war against food waste.

Food can be placed in the freezer right up until the use-by date and it will be good to eat months later. Soft cheese is one of those items I have taken to throwing in the freezer for use months later.

You can also freeze milk into an ice cube tray and use the frozen milk cubes in coffee or tea.

Yogurt close to its use-by date can be mixed with over-ripe fruit for a smoothie or frozen into ice pops.

A little thinking outside the box will help keep a resolution going well beyond the 30 days when most New Year's resolutions fail.

It is my hope the reduction in food waste becomes a habit and \$859 is saved from going into the garbage.

## We can't control what tru Shrimp does, but we can control how we respond

Residents and community leaders are reeling this week from the news that tru Shrimp will not build its first harbor and hatchery in Luverne.

We've been on an economic Cloud 9 for the past year anticipating the effect of a \$300 million shrimp campus and hundreds of jobs.

But now, to use another metaphor, the wind has left our sails, and we're in regroup mode.

It's been said that true integrity shines not in moments of triumph but in moments of trial.

Not surprisingly, Luverne is taking the high road in response to tru Shrimp's announcement.

Rather than measuring losses, we're measuring ways to build on the investments that were intended for tru Shrimp.

For example, the \$2.6 million industrial park upgrades are necessary for any new industry in Luverne, and there's no question we'll need more rental housing even without the influx of tru Shrimp employees.

For perspective, we welcomed Premium Iowa Pork and its anticipated 200 employees after plans were already in progress for 54 apartment units on the former Sharkee's lot.

And our electric, water and sewer upgrades are now in place to

accommodate PIP and other potential industries — possibly even a tru Shrimp harbor down the road.

Are there losses with tru Shrimp's departure? Of course there are, not the least of which include trust. We lost trust in the people we believed were vested in us for the long haul.

But we're past that. As Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian put it, "Positive attitudes cost nothing and they are much more beneficial to all of us as we go forward."

Instead of harboring ill will toward a company that appears to have betrayed us, Luverne wishes tru Shrimp well in its new location.

Perhaps Madison's federal Opportunity Zone is too attractive to pass up. On \$300 million worth of new construction, these returns add up quickly for financiers looking to invest unallocated capital gains tax-free.

Perhaps South Dakota's environmental regulations are more permissive than Minnesota's — or Madison's environment isn't as sensitive as Rock

County's.

Both are probably true, but we won't make apologies for protecting our natural resources. We live here; the Piper Jaffray investors in tru Shrimp don't.

"Luverne has long ago proven that through the dedicated work of community elected individuals, community activists and volunteers, civic organizations and the general public that many positive things can be achieved," Baustian said.

"This news is but a bump in our road and we must all be ready for the next opportunity that will present itself to us."

City Administrator John Call reminds us to hold our heads high.

"We have so much to be proud of and thankful for here in Luverne," he said. "Our best days are ahead of us."

We hope the longtime Minnesota company (an affiliate of Ralco) fares well in South Dakota.

But we can't help wondering if they'll miss our Minnesota Nice.



## Headlights necessary when weather impairs visibility

**Question:** I have noticed cars that can't be seen in the day when they fail to turn on their lights when it is snowing, raining or foggy. Can you please explain how dangerous it can be and what the law is that covers this?

**Answer:** Minnesota law states that every vehicle on a roadway shall display lighted headlamps, lighted tail lamps, and illuminating devices from sunset to sunrise. The law also applies when it's raining, snowing, sleeting, or hailing and at any time when visibility is impaired by weather or insufficient light, at a distance of 500 feet ahead.

During the recent snow event, I noticed many vehicles without their lights on during the heavy snowfall. This can create a very dangerous situation, especially when visibility is reduced. Being seen can help reduce your chances of being



### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

involved in a crash.

Basic automatic headlights work through sensors which detect the amount of light outside. These sensors are located on the dash of the vehicle. The headlights turn on when the sensors detect a certain level of darkness or the level of ambient light.

The problem can be the limitations to automatic headlights. Sometimes they do not turn on during heavy rain,

snow or fog, as the light sensor still detects light.

Most vehicles retained the conventional headlight switches, which allow drivers to turn lights on or off to bypass the sensors. Many drivers fail to physically turn on their headlights, which will also activate the rear taillights and marker lights. Drivers might assume the sensors will activate all of the vehicle's lights in

reduced visibilities, but that is not always the case.

If your wipers need to be on, you should also turn on your headlights, taillights and marker lights. When lights are required, manually turn on your headlights to know that all your lights will be on. Also, make it a habit to check your lights often to ensure they are working properly.

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

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

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# County approves five-year recycling contract

By Mavis Fodness

The Rock County Board and Ketterling Services, Luverne, have agreed on a five-year recycling contract with a price increase.

County commissioners approved the contract with a five-percent increase over the previous contract at their Dec. 27, 2018, meeting.

The new contract begins Jan. 31 and continues through Dec. 31, 2023. Ketterling will

receive \$478,234.41 over five years in monthly installments of \$7,970.57.

The contract includes transport of recyclable materials from the Ketterling facility on South Cedar Avenue as well as the eight recycling sheds located in the small cities outside of Luverne.

Recycling sheds are located in Magnolia, Kenneth, Hardwick, Beaver Creek, Hills (two), Steen and Kanaranzi.

Under the agreement, Ketterling empties the sheds twice a week.

Commissioners tabled approval of the recycling contract at their Dec. 11 meeting to review insurance levels.

The limits for general and automotive insurance liability were increased to not less than \$1.5 million for anyone person and a minimum of \$3 million for two or more persons from the same incident.

Previous minimum insurance limits were at \$300,000 and \$1 million respectively.

In 2017 total tonnage recycled in the county was 257.38 tons, according to the county's land management office.

Ketterling Services handles an estimated 1,000 tons of recyclable materials from Rock County residents and commercial customers annually.

## Tru Shrimp pulls out; moves to Madison/continued from page 1

to the project.

Madison's site for tru Shrimp is located in a federal Opportunity Zone, which makes it an attractive location for financiers seeking tax-free options for capital gains investments.

Kolsrud said he couldn't comment on whether investment returns prompted tru Shrimp's decision, but he said Luverne was the clear choice in terms of its efforts as a community partner for the new industry.

"I'm proud of Luverne and everything it's done to make this happen," Kolsrud said. "I have never seen a community pull together so much, and to have this happen with no warning at all, I'm disappointed."

Minnesota-based Ralco owns the shrimp company and the patented production technology. It has been fine-tuning the process in Balaton (in the former school building) for the past three years.

Ralco and its subsidiaries have a 40- to 50-year history in Minnesota, and as such, company officials had committed to building their shrimp hatcheries, harbors and processing facilities in the state.

### Courting tru Shrimp

Early in 2017 tru Shrimp announced it was searching for a launch community for its first commercial harbor, and Luverne was on the short list of cities courting the company, which promised hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in economic stimulation.

To entice the company, the city of Luverne offered the following incentives:

- nearly 70 acres in Luverne's industrial park along I-90.

- infrastructure additions including a road, water, sewer, electric to the tune of \$2.6 million.

- improved electrical capacity with a third substation in the industrial park at roughly \$4 million.

- improved wastewater treatment capacity to handle additional effluent.

- workforce housing options for employees.

- tax abatement (city and county) for the company's first five to 10 years of production.

In addition, Luverne Sen. Bill Weber had spent considerable political capital on the venture by authoring a bill in the state legislature to garner production incentives for aquaculture as another Minnesota incentive for tru Shrimp. It was estimated to amount to \$3 to \$5 million per year.

Further, Weber worked to legislate that shrimp production be considered an agricultural commodity eligible for tax breaks on property,

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— John Linc Stine, MPCA commissioner

equipment and construction.

He too, expressed disappointment about tru Shrimp's move to South Dakota, but he vowed to keep working on the regulations that prompted the decision.

"The problem that created this change of venue remains, and we have to solve that problem," Weber said. "My efforts going forward will focus on this."

### MPCA commissioner: 'I'm confused'

Despite the red carpet treatment in Luverne, tru Shrimp officials said the regulatory hurdle was too steep to clear.

"There are several reasons why we are building our initial harbor in South Dakota, but, importantly, this location immediately provides the economic and regulatory conditions that allow us to pursue our goals," said tru Shrimp president and CEO Michael Ziebell in a release.

In the Jan. 2 meeting with tru Shrimp executives, Luverne leaders asked for 30 to 60 days to address the environmental concerns, but by that time the company had already arranged for a Jan. 4 press conference in Madison to announce the news.

John Linc Stine, commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, weighed in on tru Shrimp's assertions. "I'm confused," he said.

"We were working with them on a way to comply ... This was really kind of a surprise to us."

He said a Dec. 19 letter to the city outlined a regulatory standard that would need to be addressed, but he hadn't heard from the company that it would be a problem.

"We don't really know if there's a problem with meeting that standard ... If there's something we can do, we are committed to helping the city meet its clean water standards," Linc Stine said.

"We weren't expecting this. ... or maybe they had other reasons. I don't know."

The standard in question regulates the level of salt the company would discharge into Luverne's wastewater treatment system.

Specifically, treated water — even softened residential water — can kill organisms in the environment if the salt is concentrated after

discharge.

The MPCA requires city wastewater treatment plants to reduce the toxicity of its effluent before discharging into the Rock River, and Linc Stine said tru Shrimp had been steadily working toward meeting state standards.

"Our top scientists have been working with their consultants — some of them effluent experts — to understand how toxic the water is before it hits the streams and rivers," Linc Stine said.

"Our staff put a lot of hours in supporting their needs and interests, and I'm disappointed they made this decision."

He said the industry presents new challenges to municipal wastewater treatment facilities, and over the past several months it appeared clean water was a shared goal.

"They've been very, very cooperative," Linc Stine said. "They're a good business. They've come forward right away with good information."

While he would like to see tru Shrimp remain in Luverne, he also pointed out that the MPCA's ultimate responsibility is to protect the environment.

"We obviously want to help the city expand its business opportunities, and we've been working hard to help them find a path to comply both sustainably and affordably," Linc Stine said.

"And that's why we were very hopeful about getting all these things to align. ... We want people to understand we want to protect clean water and restore it. ... We thought this [tru Shrimp] was a good news story for the community and the environment."

### Mayor: Nothing lost; now we're ready for growth

Mayor Baustian said he remains hopeful that Luverne could still be part of the tru Shrimp family of harbors and hatcheries, and there was discussion about the second harbor locating in Luverne three years from now.

"We are committed to working alongside tru Shrimp and the state of Minnesota to shape public policies to reduce state regulatory roadblocks," he said.

"The city of Luverne stands ready to facilitate the construction of the second tru Shrimp harbor in Luverne in three years."

He added that Luverne's efforts in attracting tru Shrimp aren't considered a loss.

"These are all good investments that were needed already," he said.

"This sets up our industrial park for any future industry. ... It will be ready."

Further, he said the city received federal grants for workforce housing and the industrial park infrastructure that allowed the city to complete the work for 20 cents on the dollar.

"We already have a shortage of workforce housing, especially with Premium Iowa Pork coming, and we'll need the apartments even without tru Shrimp employees."

The same is true for the infrastructure investments, which were already needed in order for Luverne to attract any future development.

County administrator Kyle Oldre said he doesn't regret the county's role in taking over Walnut and Koehn avenues as 10-ton county highways.

He said Friday that Luverne is poised to welcome a variety of interested industries, and it likely won't take that long.

"We're disappointed about tru Shrimp," Oldre said.

"But we're looking forward to new opportunities, whatever they may be."

*Attempts to reach tru Shrimp for a comment for this story were unsuccessful.*

## REMEMBER WHEN

### Dispatch report

**Dec. 28**

- Complainant reported theft of scrap items.

- Deputy conducted a warrant follow-up on E. Luverne St.

- Complainant reported a service crew responding to outage on East Barck Avenue.

- Complainant reported a possible emergency in Magnolia.

- Complainant reported a snowmobile driving on the property on East Warren Street.

- Complainant found a black hitch clevis on North Kniss Avenue.

- Complainant requested a welfare check in Steen.

- Complainant reported his mother-in-law passed away in Hardwick.

- Reserved for death scene documentation.

- Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle in Edgerton.

**Dec. 29**

- Complainant reported a burglar alarm on West Hating Street.

- Complainant requested to collect personal items from an impound vehicle.

- Complainant reported a vehicle that has been parked for over a month on West Brown Street.

- Complainant reported a parking complaint on West Luverne Street.

- Deputy met with subject for a follow-up.

- Complainant reported the doors to their home are frozen shut in Hardwick.

- Complainant reported subject on East Luverne Street with active warrant.

- Reserved for warrant arrest.

- Complainant reported a parking complaint on West Barck Avenue.

- Complainant reported a driving complaint on I-90 eastbound.

- Driving complaint given by state on I-90 westbound.

- Complainant reported an accident in Beaver Creek.

**Dec. 31**

- Complainant requested an escort to retrieve personal property at the impound.

- Complainant requested a deer permit for road kill deer on County Hwy. 4.

- Complainant reported a body in a garage in Beaver Creek.

- Reserved for a death scene documentation.

- Complainant reported a burglar alarm on South Kniss Avenue.

**Dec. 1**

- Complainant reported an accident on County Rd. 9.
- Driving complaint reported on County Rd. 4.

- Complainant reported a civil issue.

- Burglary in progress reported on East Luverne Street.

- Complainant requested a gas voucher.

**Dec. 2**

- Complainant reported she may have a bad check.

- Complainant reported vandalism on West Main Street.

- Complainant reported a tarp in the roadway on County Highway. 4.

- Complainant requested siren testing.

- Complainant brought a license plate in they found on a bridge on Hwy. 75.

- Complainant reported he hit a parked car on East Luverne Street.

- Complainant reported subject is contacting her.

- Complainant requested to speak to deputy about getting into a house on 121st Street.

- Complainant reported someone shooting at a target with an automatic in Ash Creek.

- Complainant requested deputy drive by 115th Street as they feel threatened.

- Complainant reported a man walking on I-90 eastbound with a flashlight.

- Complainant reported a piece of lumber on the roadway on South Kniss Avenue.

- Complainant reported fire alarm activation on Central Lane.

- Complainant reported an order for protection violation on West Brown Street.

**Dec. 3**

- Complainant reported a semi blew a stop sign in Magnolia.

- Complainant conducted a follow-up on West Brown Street.

- Complainant reported narcotics at location in Beaver Creek.

- Complainant reported a flat tire on I-90.

- Deputies checked Kenneth area for an order for protection violation.

In addition officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle in the ditch, 2 transports, 7 escorts, 13 ambulance runs, 3 animal complaints, 1 fingerprint request, 22 burn permits, 4 drug court tests, 3 paper service attempts, 17 traffic stops, 4 abandon 911 calls and 1 test.



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## CELEBRATIONS

### Births

A boy, Hudson Kopp, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces, and 21.5 inches long, was born Monday, July 16, 2018, at Sanford Luverne to **Jordan and Katie Kopp**, Luverne. He joins a sister, Ellianna. Grandparents are Doug and Pam Dooyema and Jon and Peggy Kopp. Great-grandparents are Dewey Dooyema and Wanda Briggs.

A boy, Benjamin Pater, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and 20 inches long, was born Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at Sanford Luverne Hospital to **Jordan and Jordyn Pater**, Luverne. Grandparents are Darrin and Joan Pater, Adrian, and Robert and Kristen Hudelson, Elk Point, South Dakota.

A boy, Landon Vincent, weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces, and 22 inches long, was born Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Casey and Lindsey Swenson**, Brandon, South Dakota. He joins a sister, Rozlie, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Vern and Nancy Van De Berg and Vince and Shelly Swenson, all of Luverne. Great-grandparents are Joan Van De Berg, Luverne, and Darrell and Marie Brown, Hills.

A girl, Audrey Wendy, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and 20 inches long, was born Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, at Sanford Hospital in Luverne to **Ryan and Corey Wynia**, Luverne. She joins a brother, William. Grandparents are Keith and Ronya Bosch, Steen, and Merlin and Deb Wynia, Luverne.

### Open houses

An open house baby shower for **Michael and Kandi Sandulte and baby Elsie Kae** will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 12, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

### Card showers

**Lorraine Klooster** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, Jan. 14. Greetings may be sent to her at Parkview Manor, 308 Sherman Ave., Ellsworth, MN 56129.

**Phyllis Mohr** is celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Greetings may be sent to her at 604 West Warren Street, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, Jan. 14:** Tater-tot hotdish, green beans, cinnamon apples, bread, pudding.

Program: Pinochle.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, pears.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Salon 75.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16:** Signature meal: Barbecue riblet sandwich, tri taters, corn, mandarin orange gelatin.

Program: Site Council.

**Thursday, Jan. 17:** Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, dinner roll, poke cake.

Program: Food Give-away.

**Friday, Jan. 18:** Meaty beef stew with potatoes and carrots, coleslaw, biscuit, cheesecake.

Program: Birthday Party; Kitchen Band; Half-Price Day.

*Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at [www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition). Call Lauree Teunissen at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.*

*'Do you believe in the hereafter?'*

Frances Veldkamp of Luverne, hands the microphone back to Lauree Teunissen after delivering the punch line of her joke, "Do you believe in the hereafter?"



Kayleen Hoeck of Luverne laughs at a joke told Friday at the Luverne Senior Dining.

## Joke telling becomes monthly activity for senior citizens

### Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Frances Veldkamp breezed into the Luverne Senior Dining site Friday and quickly accepted the microphone from site coordinator Lauree Teunissen.

Veldkamp told a joke that went something like this:

*"Two senior citizens were talking when one of them asked, 'Do you believe in the hereafter?'"*

*"Well, sure I do," the other one answered. 'Every day I walk into another room and I wonder, 'What am I here after?'"*

Grins, chuckles and some hardy laughs followed Veldkamp's stint at the microphone.

Late last year "Tell Your Favorite Joke Day" became a monthly Senior Dining activity, implemented by Teunissen.

She credits daughter Cassidy for inspiring the tell-a-joke activity. The 19-year-old is currently attending college for early childhood education.

"She can hardly tell a joke without laughing," Teunissen said.

A few of Cassidy's toddler-friendly jokes made the roster during the

20-minute activity.

*"Why did the banana go to the doctor?"*

*"Because he wasn't 'peeling' well."*

Another joke from Cassidy followed.

*"Why did the crab go to jail?"*

*"Because he kept 'pinching' things."*

Since starting the tell-a-joke activity in October 2018, Teunissen frequently finds written submissions left on her desk.

She used to collect the jokes and read them for the first time at the activity.

Teunissen said she now previews the jokes before sharing after one event in which one joke wasn't appropriate for the public event.

"That was learned the hard way," she said as she blushed reading the joke.

"They got a good chuckle out of it. Me not so much."

Volunteer Kermit Lime-sand shared a joke on his way to the kitchen.

*"Do you know how to make Holy Water?"*

*"You boil the hell out of it."*



**Left:** Luverne Senior Dining Site recently introduced "Tell Your Favorite Joke" to their activity schedule. On Friday site coordinator Lauree Teunissen (back) finishes telling a joke as (from left) Ila Wiekling, Gen Eernisse and Fran Vos, all of Luverne, react.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2009)

•An Edina-based company has its sights on Rock County as a source of wind energy.

Geronimo Wind Energy plans to construct an 80- to 133-turbine wind farm in Rose Dell and Denver townships north and west of Hardwick.

Director of Development Charlie Daum said the project will have the potential for 200 megawatts of name plate capacity.

He said financing is the biggest unknown facing the project right now, but the company hopes to have towers under construction by 2010. The Rock County Board of Commissioners granted the company a conditional use permit to construct and operate two meteorological towers in sections 2 and 25 of Rose Dell Township.

Construction on the 192-foot-high data towers will begin at the end of the month. ...

The purpose of the meteorological towers, used nine months to a year before development, is to collect data regarding the placement of wind turbines and to verify power production based on the wind speed at the site.

### 25 years ago (1994)

•Job hunting by computer sounds like something from the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

But a computer network with current job openings and com-

munity information from across the nation is now available to everyone, at no cost, through the public library.

Bryan Kienholz, Luverne Administrator Services Director, said the National Employment Wire Service Corporation computer was installed in the Rock County Library Wednesday.

According to the company the computerizes N.E.W.S. system presents current employment opportunities and company profiles to potential job applicants and allows governmental agencies, corporations and small businesses instant access to millions of potential employees.

### 50 years ago (1969)

•Luverne trailed for only 28 seconds in Friday night's basketball contest at Slayton as the Cards racked up their fourth Southwest Conference victory against one loss with a 65-43 win.

The Cardinals are now in second place in the Southwest Conference as Worthington knocked off Windom Friday night 51-47.

The Luverne win was the second victory over the Wildcats this season. ...

Jeff McClure proved he could handle the ball at the guard position and Curt Adams proved he could score from the field in the second period as the Cards increased their lead to 15 points, 35-20, at half time. Luverne was also credited with stealing the ball several times in the second period.

### 75 years ago (1944)

•Considerable damage was done in the school building at Beaver Creek Tuesday night when a 600-gallon water pressure tank, which maintains the water supply for the entire building, exploded in the basement.

Although the exact cause is not known, it is believed to have happened when a pressure regulator failed to work properly, and the failure of a relief valve to operate when the maximum pressure was reached.

The pressure was so great that the tank was raised about five feet off the floor, for it hit the ceiling of the basement and crushed a four inch steam pipe above it. A number of other pipes were also damaged.

### 100 years ago (1919)

•County Fuel Administrator A.D. LaDue has received instructions from Judge J.F. McGee, federal fuel administrator for Minnesota, urging coal consumers to put in a sufficient supply of coal to carry them through the winter and to place their orders therefor immediately. The communication follows:

"Information is reaching this office daily through the office of the district representative that dealers in various parts of the state are requesting in some cases that their allotments be cancelled and in other cases that their shipments of anthracite for the present be suspended.

## 1954: Plans completed for new high school

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on January 14, 1954

### Architect to Complete Final School Plans

The Luverne school board has instructed the architect to complete the final preliminary plans for the new proposed junior-senior high school building.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the Luverne school board and an advisory group representing the 11 rural school districts, which consolidated with Luverne, last Thursday night.

Al Wegleitner, representing the firm of Hubert Swanson, architect, Minneapolis, met with the school board to discuss the drawing of final preliminary school plans.

### Board accepts plans

The board voted to accept the plans with changes and alterations as proposed. The final preliminary plans will again be submitted to the Luverne school board in about six weeks, the architect said.

The plans for the new school call for a two-story building with all the modern facilities for classrooms. One single-story wing of the building has been devoted to shops.

The building will be located on the former Bonthius property at the northwest edge of Luverne on land which was purchased by the Luverne school board and approved by the voters of Luverne.

One of the interesting features of the new school building will be the gym which can be divided by the use of folding doors so that



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

both boys and girls can use it at the same time for physical education classes.

Before the actual building construction can start, the architect must present the plans to the state department of education for their approval.

The state fire marshal, the department of health and safety are among the state agencies who will inspect the plans and make recommendations, etc.

Following the return of the plans here in about six weeks and assuming that the Luverne school board approves the final preliminary plans, then the next step will more than likely be the bond issue on which voters of Luverne and the 11 rural school districts will vote.

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

*Mann welcomes correspondence sent to manmade@iu.net.*



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## Luverne's first baby arrives

The first baby of the New Year born in Sanford Luverne Hospital was Benjamin Pater on Jan. 2 to parents Jordan and Jordyn Pater, Luverne. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are Darrin and Joan Pater of Adrian and Robert and Kristen Hudelson of Elk Point, South Dakota.

## Winners announced in Chamber Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt

The Luverne Area Chamber announced the 2019 Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt winners and mailed checks to the recipients.

"We congratulate all the winners and thank them for playing," Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said.

"Special thanks to all the businesses and residents who had their nut-

crackers available for the game. It's another great thing to do in Luverne where we love the life."

The four \$50 winners are Lillian Palmquist, Amber Schieck, Andrea Smith and Michaela Van Grootheest, all from Luverne.

The two \$100 winners are Stacy Olson, Hardwick, and Makayla Oechsle, Luverne.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Area students named to Minnesota West dean's list

Minnesota West Community & Technical College has released the Fall Semester 2018 dean's list. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 graded credits and earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average to be eligible.

The following area students were named to the dean's list:  
From **Luverne**: Jason Aanenson, Heather Alderson, Chandler Eitrem, Laura Kastner, Ashley Monier, Annabell Petronek, Jessica Randolph, Jayden Renken, Madison Schandelmeier, Alexandra Stanley and Seanan Sweeney.

From **Hardwick**: Ethan Thorson.  
From **Hills**: Bailey Swan.  
From **Beaver-Creek**: Avery Van Roekel.  
From **Adrian**: Tiffini Grimord and Allison Richards.

### South Dakota State releases Fall 2018 dean's list

Several area students have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at South Dakota State University in Brookings. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum of 12 credits with a 3.5 GPA. Students who earned a 4.0 have an asterisk following their name.

The following abbreviations are used to indicate the area of study:  
•SAFES: College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences;  
•SAHSS: College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; •SEHS: College of Education and Human Sciences; •SENGR: Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering; •SNS: College of Natural Sciences; •SNURS: College of Nursing; •SPAHP: College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions.

The following students were named to the dean's list:  
From **Adrian**: Madisyn Dingmann\*, SEHS; Jacquelyn Hokeness, SAFES; Elizabeth Thier\*, SEHS.

From **Ellsworth**: Cole Meester\*, SENG; Megan Popkes, SAFES.  
From **Hills**: McKenna Westphal, SNURS.  
From **Kenneth**: Melissa Tweet\*, SAHSS.  
From **Lismore**: Anthony Lynn SAFES; Paige Tweet, SAFES; Megan Tweet, SAFES.

From **Luverne**: Mariah Aukes, SNURS; Tanner Baustian, SAFES; Trey Baustian, SAFES; Tyler Fick, SAFES; Alexis Henrichs\*, SAFES; Tessa Klarenbeek\*, SAHSS; Aric Meinerts\*, SENG; Shelby Nath, SAHSS; Nicholas Overgaard, SAFES; Andrew Reisch, SEHS; Daniel Tofteland\*, SAFES; Erik Tofteland\*, SNS; Benjamin Wagner\*, SENG.

From **Magnolia**: Lexi Rust\*, SEHS.  
From **Rushmore**: Mackenzie Wagner, SAFES.

## OBITUARIES

### Delores Johnson

Delores Elaine Johnson, 82, Rochester, died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018, at Samaritan Bethany Nursing Home in Rochester.

A funeral service was Thursday, Jan. 3, at Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester.

Delores Loger was born to Peter and Grace (Reemts) Loger on Oct. 16, 1936, in Ash Creek.

She spent her early years on a farm by Ellsworth. She attended country school until 1946 when her parents moved to a farm near Magnolia. She graduated from Magnolia High School in 1954.

Delores married Darold Johnson at First Presbyterian Church in Luverne on Sept. 18, 1960. In 1966 they moved to Rochester where he was in the Federal Aviation Agency until his death in 1990. De-

lores was employed as a lab technician at Mayo Clinic for 20 years until retirement.

Delores was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester. She enjoyed live theatre, reading, knitting, traveling, counted cross stitch, and attending all of her grandchildren's activities.

She is survived by three children, Todd (Brenda) Johnson of Chatfield, Terry (Barb) Johnson of Kasson, and Tracy Liedl of Rochester, and three grandchildren, Analiese, Khendra and Kollin Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her husband and grandchild, Darryn Liedl.

Arrangements were provided by Macken Funeral Home of Rochester, www.mackenfuneralhome.com. (0110 F)

### Martha Steinhoff

Martha Ann Steinhoff, 92, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Avera Prince of Peace in Sioux Falls. Interment will be at Adrian Catholic Cemetery in Adrian.

Martha is survived by three children, David Steinhoff, Luverne, Debra Steinhoff (Dan Danielson), Sioux Falls, and Daryl Steinhoff (Barb Wolfgram), Oshkosh, Wisconsin; six grandchildren, Matthew Steinhoff, Jasper, JD (Sheila) Steinhoff, Steen, Eric (Danielle) Steinhoff, Circle Pines, Ryan (Sheena) Steinhoff, Smithfield, North Carolina, Hillary Lombardi (David Woodall), Dunn, North Carolina, and Emily (Chris) James, Garner, North

Carolina; great-grandchildren

Cody, Kaitlyn and Benjamin Steinhoff, Jasper, Madelyn Steinhoff, Smithfield, North Carolina, Larissa and Ava Steinhoff, Steen, and Annabelle, Josephine, Catherine, and Charlotte Steinhoff, Circle Pines; a sister and brother-in-law Lillian (Allen) Willers, Luverne; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, in 1989; sons Daniel in 2009 and Douglas in 2012; her mother, Anna, in 1955; her father, Henry, in 1963; siblings Elmore Herrmann, Valeria Beelman, Esther Ahrent, Cyril Deitermann, Junella Van Belle and Angeline Willers.

Arrangements were provided by George Boom Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory, Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com. (0110 F)

## LIBRARY NEWS

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

The 2019 Winter Reading Program is underway and operates until March 31. Participants who read/listen to 12 books over the three-month timeframe earn a prize. Reading logs/punch cards can be picked up anytime during the program period at the circulation desk.

Mah Jongg at the library takes place Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Anyone is welcome to learn to play the Chinese game played with tiles printed

with various symbols.

Winter Story Time begins Jan. 18 and will be each Friday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. through April 12.

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

Bad Art Night at Take 16, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Take 16 Brewing Company. A competition will be conducted to see who can make the worst piece of art with the provided materials. Registration required.

Learn How to Swing Dance, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Eldy Dahl

Eldy Dahl, 85, Pipestone, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Pipestone. Burial will be in St. Leo Cemetery in Pipestone. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at St. Leo Catholic Church with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Arrangements are provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home of Pipestone, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0110 DN)

### Marie Gleis

Marie C. Gleis, 95, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, at her home at the RAI House in Luverne.

Mass of Christian burial was Friday, Jan. 4, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial was in the St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Lismore. Arrangements were provided by the Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0110 DN)

### Helen Loosbrock

Helen E. Loosbrock, 98, Adrian, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2018, at the Adrian Country Living Cottages in Adrian.

Mass of Christian burial was Saturday, Jan. 5, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore. Interment followed in the St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Lismore. Arrangements were provided by the Adrian Funeral Home of Adrian. (0110 DN)

### Darlene Grotewold

Darlene (Baron) Grotewold, 89, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sioux Falls. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at George Boom Funeral Home in Sioux Falls.

Arrangements are provided by George Boom Funeral Home and Crematory, Sioux Falls, www.georgeboom.com. (0110 DN)

### Pearl Schomacker

Pearl Nellie Schomacker, 89, Luverne, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage in Luverne.

Arrangements are pending through the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0110 DN)

### Lloyd Vanden Bussche

Lloyd Vanden Bussche, 61, rural Beaver Creek, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2018, at his home.

A memorial service was Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Hartquist Funeral Home in Luverne.

Arrangements were provided by the Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0110 DN)

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## Girls coast to 42-point win

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team began play in 2019 by going 1-1 in a pair of home games.

The Cardinals lost a three-point game to Jackson County Central Thursday before coasting to a 42-point win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove Saturday.

Luverne, 6-4 overall, plays in Windom Thursday.

### Luverne 68, W-WG 26

The Cardinals made short work of the Chargers when the teams met in Luverne Saturday.

Luverne outscored W-WG by convincing margins in both halves of a 42-point conquest.

The Cards were clinging to a 3-2 edge early in the game before assuming control of the contest with a 22-0 run culminating with a field goal by Mallory Thorson that gave the hosts a 25-2 lead at the 10:31 mark of the first half.

W-WG trimmed the difference to 18 points (27-9) after putting together a 6-2 spurt with 8:40 left in the opening stanza, but the Chargers didn't come any closer to catching LHS the rest of the night.

Luverne closed the first half with a 12-3 run ending with a field goal from Averill Sehr with 21 seconds left that gave the Cards a 39-12 lead they would take into the second



Luverne's Brooklynn Ver Steeg puts up a shot in the lane during the second half of Saturday's home game against W-WG. Ver Steeg tossed in a game-high 18 points.

stanza.

W-WG scored the first three points of the second half to make it a 24-point (39-15) game, but the Chargers never climbed back into contention.

A 19-4 run ending with a field goal from Brooklynn Ver Steeg gave the Cards a 39-point lead (58-19) with 9:46 left to play and went on from there to win by 42.

Ver Steeg (18 points and five steals) and Mackenzie Petersen (12 points) led the Cardinals offensively.

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## Perfect Patriots march to 12-0 Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team opened play in 2019 by posting a pair of victories in Hills.

The Patriots coasted to a 62-point win over Heron Lake-Okabena-Fulda Thursday before upending Central Lyon by 26 points Monday.

H-BC, 12-0 overall, hosts Red Rock Central Friday.

### H-BC 76, CL 50

The Patriots overcame an early deficit to defeat the Lions by 26 points Monday in Hills.

H-BC trailed by two points 7:27 into the game against Central Lyon, but the rest of the contest belonged to the Patriots.

H-BC outscored the Lions 64-36 over the final 28 minutes of play to nail down a 26-point victory.

The Patriots got off to a nice start by scoring the first four points of the game before sporting a five-point (8-3) cushion when Sidney Fick converted a layup at the 13:10 mark of the first half.

Central Lyon showed some life in the following minutes as the Lions put together an 11-4 spurt to gain a 14-12 edge with 10:33 remaining in the stanza.

It was at that stage of the game when H-BC took over and lost control of the contest the rest of the night.

The Patriots put together an impressive 29-3 run ending with a field goal by Fick that gave H-BC a 39-17 lead with 44 seconds left in the half.

CL trimmed the difference to 21 points (41-20) before the first half was complete, but the Lions were unable to challenge the Patriots in the second half.

H-BC opened the second half with a 9-0 surge to open a 30-point (50-20) cushion when Grace Bundesen canned a three-point shot 3:51 into



John Rittenhouse photo/0110 hgb 4

H-BC's Whitney Elbers scored 12 points and collected 11 rebounds during Monday's home win over Central Lyon. It was H-BC's 12th consecutive victory.

## Wrestlers return to action with two events

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team returned to the mat after a 10-day layoff by competing in a pair of events.

The Cardinals dropped a pair of matches at the Redwood-River Triangular Thursday in Springfield. LHS capped a 19-team field at a tournament Saturday in Brandon, South Dakota.

LHS competes at a quadrangular Thursday in George, Iowa.

### BV tourney

The Cardinals turned in a 15.5-point performance to round out a 19-team field at the Dan Pansch Jesse James Invitational Saturday in Brandon.

Canton, South Dakota, captured the team title with 254 points.

Sophomore Riley Cowell captured the lone place for the five LHS athletes entered in the tournament by finishing sixth



Cowell

at 106 pounds.

Cowell opened the tournament by pinning Bon Homme-Scotland-Avon's Brady Bierma in 3:41 before dropping a 10-5 decision to West Central's Brayden Siemonsma in the quarterfinals.

Cowell notched a 15-3 win over Dell Rapids' Andrew Weiland and prevailed by technical fall over Brandon Valley's Jacob Wolfe before be-

ing pinned by Canton's Andy Meyer in his final match.

Luverne's Camden Janiszewski and Brayden Ripka went 1-2 at 126 and 132 respectively. Noah Mehlhaff (113) and Jamie McCarthy (160) went 0-2.

### R-RV triangular

The Cardinals slipped to 0-4 in Big South Conference competition when they took on a pair of league foes at the

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John Rittenhouse photo/0110 gym 10

Luverne eighth-grader Myles Trimble pulls off a successful balancing move on the beam during Friday's home gymnastics triangular. The Cardinals capped the field with 119.975 points.

## Gymnasts cap triangular field Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team received its first competition in 2019 by hosting a triangular at Luverne High School Friday.

LHS squared off against solid Hendricks-Esteline and Redwood Valley squads during the event.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they came up short in the team standings with a 119.975 effort.

H-E captured the team title with 132.175 points, while RWV finished second with 128.7.

The night was a productive one for Luverne junior Meghan Witte, who captured two meet titles and placed second in two events.

Along with claiming the bars crown with a score of 8.2, Witte

also captured the all-around title with her 33.875 showing.

Witte also placed second on the vault and floor events with respective 8.9 and 8.525 tallies.

Sadie Johnson helped H-E capture the team title by winning the floor with an 8.875.

RWV's Emma Stevenson claimed the vault and beam championships with scores of 9.15 and 8.875.

The 5-5 Cardinals compete in a Big South Conference meet in Pipestone Friday.

### Individual scores

Vault: Witte, 8.9; Melissa Teal, 8.55; Meghan Mollberg, 8.2; Tiana Lais, 7.75; Sydney Wicks, 7.65.  
Bars: Witte, 8.2; Teal, 6.625; Madigan Flom, 6.225; Cedar Viessman, 4.975.  
Beam: Witte, 8.225; Flom, 7.75; Mollberg, 6.9; Wicks, 6.25; Myles Trimble, 5.95.  
Floor: Witte, 8.525; Wicks, 7.8; Flom, 7.6; Mollberg, 7.5; Lais, 7.2.

## LHS boys split games to open 2019

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team started play in 2019 by splitting a pair of home games.

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a 27-point decision against Jackson County Central Thursday before besting Westbrook-Walnut Grove by nine points Saturday.

Luverne, 6-4 overall, plays in Windom Thursday.

### Luverne 65, W-WG 56

The Cardinals notched their sixth victory of the season when they topped the Chargers by nine points Saturday in Luverne.

The game was a rough and tumble battle that featured the teams shooting a combined 47 free throws, but Luverne made all of the plays it needed in order to register a win.

LHS yielded the first two points of the game before scoring five consecutive points to gain a 5-2 advantage when Brayden Jacobsma sank a pair of charity shots at the 15:12 mark of the first half.

The Cards extended their lead to four points (14-10) when Derek Lundgren drained a field goal at 9:55, but the Chargers countered with an 8-0 run to move in front 18-14 at the 7:37 mark.

Luverne battled back to take a 28-22 lead with a 14-4 run ending with a dunk by Lundgren with 2:34 left in the opening stanza.

W-WG, however, outscored LHS 5-2 the rest of the half to trail 30-27 at the break.

LHS opened the second half with a 6-2 surge capped by a layup that left the Cards sporting a 36-29 lead 2:24 into the stanza.

The Chargers answered by putting together an 8-3 run to trim the difference to two points (39-37) with 12:35 left to play, but that proved to be



John Rittenhouse photo/0110 lbb 8

Luverne senior Carter Stemper casts up a shot in front of Westbrook-Walnut Grove defender Nathan Ross during Saturday's basketball game in Luverne. LHS notched a 65-56 win.

as close as they would come to catching LHS.

A 7-0 surge ending with a field goal by Matt Sehr at 9:29 gave the Cards a 46-37 lead.

W-WG trimmed the difference to four points (48-44) with 6:33 left to play before LHS iced the contest.

An 11-5 run ending with Bailey Cowell sinking one free throw with 2:56 remaining gave the Cards a 10-point cushion (59-49) before prevailing by nine at game's end.

Four LHS players reached double figures in scoring led by an 18-point effort from Isaiah Bartels.

Jacobsma, Lundgren and Cowell added 16, 15 and 12

points respectively to the winning cause.

Box score  
Cowell 4 1 1-3 12, Jacobsma 2 1 9-12 16, Lundgren 5 1 2-4 15, Sehr 2 0 0-0 4, Bartels 3 2 6-6 18, Stemper 0 0 0-2 0.

Team statistics  
Luverne: 21 field goals made, 18 of 27 free throws (67 percent).  
W-WG: 19 field goals made, 16 of 20 free throws (80 percent).

### JCC 91, Luverne 64

The Cardinals were unable to keep pace with the Huskies when the teams locked horns in a Big South Conference game Thursday in Luverne.

JCC controlled the show by outscoring the Cards in both halves of a 27-point victory.

The Huskies led by 14 points

(43-29) at the end of 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Cards 48-35 in the second half to complete their win.

Bartels (18 points and 11 rebounds) turned in a strong performance for the Cardinals.

Sehr netted 10 points for LHS.

Box score  
Cowell 3 0 0-0 6, Jacobsma 0 1 3-4 6, Lundgren 3 0 1-2 7, DeBates 0 0 1-2 1, Sehr 5 0 0-0 10, Bartels 4 0 10-11 18, Ahrendt 2 0 0-0 4, DeSollar 1 0 0-0 2, Cunningham 0 0 0-2 0, McLaughlin 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 1 2-2 5, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Golla 0 1 2-2 5, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics  
Luverne: 21 of 56 field goals (38 percent), 19 of 25 free throws (76 percent), 30 rebounds.  
JCC: 30 field goals made, 19 of 24 free throws (79 percent).



# Eagles saddle LHS with fifth straight loss

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team opened play in 2019 by dropping a Big South Conference game to New Ulm at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

The Cardinals had hopes of snapping a four-game losing skid when they squared off against their league rivals, but the Eagles had other ideas.

New Ulm outshot the Cardinals 37-26 and never trailed during the course of a 3-1 victory.

The game started in a competitive way as both teams netted a goal in the first period.

Glavine Schugel opened the scoring for the Eagles when he registered a power-play goal 4:27 into the game.

Luverne bounced back to knot the score at one when Mark Sterrett led a charge up the ice before tying the game with 10:25 remaining in the stanza.

Ben Serie received an assist for Sterrett's tally.

New Ulm settled the issue in the second period, when the Eagles outshot the Cards 14-9 and registered a pair of goals.

Schugel capped a two-goal effort when he scored 54 seconds into the second period to give the Eagles a 2-1 edge.

Josh Seidl added an insurance goal with 1:49 remaining to complete the scoring in the game.

LHS received a 25-save effort



John Rittenhouse photo/0110 lhb 8 cut

Luverne junior forward Mason Steensma flips the puck into the offensive zone during Thursday's home hockey game against New Ulm. The Eagles posted a 3-1 victory over the Cardinals.

from Colton Schutz. The Cardinals slip to 4-3 in

the Big South Conference and 4-8 overall.

Luverne skates in Willmar Saturday.



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Luverne's Mallory Thorson turned in an eight-assist, six-rebound, five-steal effort during Saturday's home win over W-WG.

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Thorson turned in an eight-assist, six-rebound, five-steal effort for the winners.

Jadyn Anderson and Gabrielle Ferrell added six and five rebounds respectively to the winning cause.

**Box score**  
Van Grootheest 0 0-0 0, Niessink 1 0-0 2, Ver Steeg 8 0 2-4 18, Robinson 0 0 1-2 1, Anderson 2 0 5-6 9, Thorson 3 1 0-0 9, Sehr 1 1 0-4 5, Johnson 0 0 0-0 0, Bath 0 0 0-0 0, Toffeland 1 0 0-0 2, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 2 2 2-2 12, Hadler 1 0 0-0 2, Ferrell 3 0 2-4 8.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 26 field goals made, 13 of 22 free throws (55 percent), 37 rebounds, 14 turnovers.  
W-WG: nine field goals made, six of 11 free throws (55 percent).

### JCC 57, Luverne 54

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a three-point decision when they opened play in 2019 by hosting the Huskies

Thursday in Luverne.

The game was a hard-fought contest from beginning to end.

JCC led 28-24 when the first half was complete.

Luverne sported a 30-29 scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to knock off the Huskies.

Petersen tossed in 16 points to lead LHS in scoring.

Thorson and Ver Steeg chipped in 13 and 12 points respectively.

**Box score**  
Ver Steeg 4 0 4-6 12, Anderson 1 0 4-6 6, Thorson 5 1 0-0 13, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 2 0 0-0 4, Petersen 5 1 3-5 16, Ferrell 0 1 0-2 3.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 20 field goals made, 11 of 22 free throws (50 percent).  
JCC: 21 field goals made, 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent).

# Dragon wrestlers reach .500 mark Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team opened its 2019 slate by competing at the New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Triangular Friday in New Richland.

The event turned into a good one for the Dragons, who went 2-1 to even their season record at 6-6.

Adrian coasted to a 60-6 victory over Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther in the opening round before falling 51-19 to Windom-Mountain Lake Area in the second match.

AHS capped its successful night by topping host NR-H-E-G 38-30 in the finale.

A pair of Dragons posted 3-0 records at the triangular.

Brayan Anaya drew a forfeit from M-T-ML before pinning W-MLA's Tucker Renquist in

59 seconds.

Anaya capped his perfect showing by posting a 16-6 win over NR-H-E-G's Nikolas Petsinger.

Logan Taylor drew a forfeit from M-T-ML before securing a pair of major decisions.

Taylor saddled W-MLA's Micah Holmberg with a 13-4 setback before besting NR-H-E-G's Andrew Reich 12-2. Adrian wrestles Thursday in Hartley, Iowa.

### Match wrap-ups

AHS 60, M-T-ML 6  
106 (A) B. Anaya by forfeit.  
113 (A) Hieronimus by forfeit.  
120 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.  
126 (A) Taylor by forfeit.  
132 (M) Mar pins Bullerman.  
138 (A) Loosbrock pins Garcia.  
145 (A) Sherer by forfeit.  
152 (A) Wolf pins Perez.  
160 (A-M) open.

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Redwood-River Valley Triangular in Springfield Thursday.

Luverne met Jackson County Central in the first match and dropped a 61-6 decision.

The host school handed the Cardinals a 66-15 setback in their second match.

Tom Brown came up with Luverne's lone win against JCC when he pinned Trace Michelson at 182 pounds.

Braydon Ripka posted a 9-5 win over R-RV's Henry Buffie at 138 during the second match.

Cardinals Justyce Ripka and Cowell drew forfeits from R-RV.

### Match wrap-ups

106 (J) Freking t.f. Mehlhaff.  
113 (J) Butzon 8-5 Cowell.

120 (J) Haley pins Hernandez.  
126 (J) Handevit pins J. Ripka.  
132 (J) Mohning pins Janiszkeski.  
138 (J) Beaver pins B. Ripka.  
145 (J) Vancura 6-1 DeSollar.  
152 (J) Hendrickson pins Rosin.  
160 (J) Freking by forfeit.  
170 (J) Heckard pins McCarthy.  
182 (L) Brown pins Michelson.  
195 (J) Dunker by forfeit.  
220 (J) Drahota by forfeit.  
285 (J) Bejarano pins Schoneman.

R-RV 66, Luverne 15  
106 (R) Brandt pins Mehlhaff.  
113 (L) Cowell by forfeit.  
120 (R) Bertram pins Hernandez.  
126 (L) J. Ripka by forfeit.  
132 (R) Lang pins Janiszkeski.  
138 (L) B. Ripka 9-5 Buffie.  
145 (R) Anderson pins DeSollar.  
152 (R) Harazin pins Rosin.  
160 (R) Reynolds by forfeit.  
170 (R) Fischer pins McCarthy.  
182 (R) Rummel pins Brown.  
195 (R) Ploeger by forfeit.  
220 (R) Hasse by forfeit.  
285 (R) Maddock pins Schoneman.

# W-WG's Jorgenson is epitome of courageous athlete

According to the program I grabbed in Luverne High School Saturday afternoon, Westbrook-Walnut Grove's Kate Jorgenson is listed as a 5-9 junior forward.



## FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

but my contact said she actually has a knack of knocking down three-point shots.

That didn't happen during the LHS game, but watching her position herself to receive passes from her teammates took tremendous athletic ability.

After seeing her catch and pass the ball with her right hand a number of times without a hitch, I wasn't surprised to find out that Jorgenson also is a good volleyball player as well as a solid golfer.

To me, that speaks volumes about Jorgenson's competitive nature.

Fate may have provided this inspiring individual a huge obstacle to overcome, but it became clear to me she is up to the challenge.

Kate Jorgenson has the heart of a lion, and she deserves the utmost credit for displaying incredible resolve at a very young age.

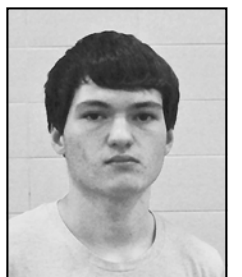
## WINTER STANDINGS

BSC girls' hockey		Marshall	
New Ulm	7-1	JCC	1-0
Marshall	6-1	R-RV	2-1
Luverne	7-2	Windom	1-1
Fairmont	3-5	Pipestone	0-1
Waseca	2-4	Luverne	0-4
Minnesota River	2-6		
Worthington	2-6		
Windom	2-6		
BSC boys' hockey		BSC West gymnastics	
Marshall	7-1	Worthington	3-0
Minnesota River	7-1	JCC	2-0
New Ulm	6-1	Windom	1-1
Luverne	4-3	RWV	1-1
Windom	3-3	Luverne	0-1
Waseca	3-4	Marshall	0-2
RWV	2-5	Pipestone	0-2
Worthington	1-8		
Fairmont	0-7		
BSC West boys' hoops		RRC girls' hoops	
RWV	5-0	H-BC	7-0
JCC	3-1	MLA	5-0
Worthington	3-2	SWC	4-1
Marshall	2-1	Adrian	4-2
Luverne	1-3	RRC	3-2
Pipestone	1-4	MCC	3-3
Windom	0-4	W-WG	1-4
		Edgerton	1-5
		HL-O-F	0-5
		Ellsworth	0-6
BSC West girls' hoops		RRC boys' hoops	
Marshall	3-0	H-BC	4-0
RWV	4-2	MLA	4-0
Pipestone	2-2	W-WG	3-1
Worthington	2-2	SWC	2-1
Luverne	1-2	MCC	2-1
Windom	1-3	HL-O	2-2
JCC	1-3	Adrian	2-3
		RRC	1-3
		Fulda	1-3
		Edgerton	1-4
		Ellsworth	0-4
BSC West wrestling			
Worthington	2-0		



### Dalton DeSollar

**Sport:** Wrestling  
**Parents:** Brooke Mendez  
**Favorite Subject:** Woods  
**Extra Curricular Activities:** Cross country, wrestling, track  
**Future Plans:** Run cross country and track in college while studying exercise science.



**Cadyn Wessels**  
**Sport:** Hockey  
**Position:** Right wing  
**Parents:** Rick & Robyn Wessels  
**Favorite Subject:** English  
**Extra Curricular Activities:** Hunt, fish, ride dirt bike, hockey  
**Future Plans:** Own a business.

### Mackenzie Petersen

**Sport:** Basketball  
**Position:** Guard  
**Parents:** Brad & Amy Petersen  
**Favorite Subject:** Psychology  
**Extra Curricular Activities:** Volleyball, basketball, student council, National Honor Society, peer helping, youth group  
**Future Plans:** Attend USD to pursue a degree in physical therapy.



## BOWLING NEWS

### Thursday Bowling National League Jan. 3

Games won: Don't Know 4; Three Chumps 3; Three People 3; Three Hole Surprise 1; Kougarettes 1; Bam Bams 0.  
High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 226; Billy Debates 219.  
High Scratch Game Women: Marie Opheim 123; Kathy Popp 102.  
High Scratch Series Men: Billy Debates 608; Zach Runia 594.

High Scratch Series Women: Marie Opheim 342; Kthy Popp 237.  
Team High Scratch Game: Don't Know 542; Three Chumps 486.  
Team High Scratch Series: Don't Know 1533; Three Chumps 1426.  
Team High Handicap Game: Three Hole 655; Don't Know 655.  
Team High Handicap Series: Three Chumps 1873; Don't Know 1872.

## Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools I.S.D. #671

### Open Enrollment Deadline: January 15th

January 15th is the deadline for nonresident students to apply for open enrollment to the Elementary School in Beaver Creek, District Office or online at [www.hbc Patriots.com](http://www.hbc Patriots.com). Open enrollment forms may be picked up in the district office of the Hills-Beaver Creek Public Schools from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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# AHS boys split games with Edgerton, W-WG

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team began play in 2019 by splitting a pair of games.

The Dragons fell by 25 points to Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday in Adrian before posting an 18-point victory at Edgerton Public School Monday.

Adrian, 3-5 overall, hosts Fulda Thursday.

## Adrian 72, Edgerton 54

A strong second half lifted the Dragons to an 18-point victory in Edgerton Monday.

Adrian sported a slim 27-25 lead after 18 minutes of play.

The Dragons, however, outscored EHS 45-29 in the second half to win handily.

Noah Reyne (22 points, seven rebounds and three steals), Ian Stamer (13 points, five steals and four assists) and Christian Weidert (12 points) played well in the win for AHS.

Lance Luettel grabbed seven rebounds and Cole Domeyer charted four steals for the winners.

rebounds, 19 turnovers. Edgerton: 21 of 63 field goals (33 percent), seven of 16 free throws (44 percent), 38 rebounds, 33 turnovers.

## W-WG 64, Adrian 39

The Dragons returned to the court after the Christmas break by taking on the Chargers in Adrian Friday.

The night didn't turn out well for the Dragons, who were outscored in both halves of a 25-point setback.

W-WG set the tone for the game early by opening a 35-20 cushion at halftime.

The Chargers went on to outscore the Dragons 29-19 in the second half to win handily.

Adrian, which slipped to 1-3 in Red Rock Conference play with the loss, received a 12-point effort from Stamer.

Weidert and Luettel collected nine rebounds each for the Dragons, while Reyne registered four steals.

**Box score**  
Reyne 3 1 0-0 9, Weidert 3 1 0-0 9, Wolford 0 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 3 2 0-2 12, Bx.Vortherms 0 0-0 0, John 0 0 0-2 0, Domeyer 1 0 0-0 2, Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 0 0-0-1 0, Br.Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Hornstein 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 3 0 1-2 7.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 17 of 63 field goals (27 percent), one of nine free throws (11 percent), 31 rebounds, 16 turnovers.  
W-WG: 28 of 69 field goals (41 percent), three of seven free throws (43 percent), 44 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

**Box score**  
Reyne 8 2 0-0 22, Weidert 3 0 7-8 13, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 4 1 3-6 14, Bx.Vortherms 1 0 0-0 2, John 1 1 1-2 6, Domeyer 2 0 2-2 6, Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 1 0 1-2 3, Br.Vortherms 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 2 0 2-2 6.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 26 of 68 field goals (38 percent), 16 of 22 free throws (73 percent), 24

# Central Lyon spoils 2019 debut for Patriots

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team opened play in 2019 by hosting Central Lyon for a game in Hills Monday.

The Patriots played well early in the game and led by six points 5:11 into the contest, but the situation turned sour for H-BC after that.

The visiting Lions outscored the Patriots 86-56 in the final 30 minutes of the game to secure a 91-67 victory.

H-BC surrendered the first point of the game before going on an 11-4 run to sport a six-point cushion (11-5) when Preston Wilhelmi canned a three-point shot at the 12:49 of the first half.

Central Lyon answered the challenge in dominating fashion.

The Lions went on a 24-4 run to open a 29-15 advantage with 5:34 remaining in the opening stanza.

H-BC trimmed the difference to nine points (38-29) when Cole Baker canned a pair of charity shots with 1:52 left in the half, but the Lions netted the next three points to sport a 41-29 lead at the break.

The Patriots clawed their way back into contention in the early stages of the second half.

When Easton Harnack drained a three-point shot with 13:46 left to play, the Patriots faced a seven-point (53-46) deficit.

The Lions settled the issue by outscoring H-BC 32-11 over the next 10:26 to sport an 85-57 advantage before prevailing by



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Hills-Beaver Creek senior Bailey Susie releases a one-handed shot in the paint over Central Lyon's Tanner Vanden Top during Monday's basketball game in Hills.

24 points at game's end.

Wilhelmi tossed in 20 points to lead the Patriots in scoring, while Jax Wysong turned in a 10-point, three-assist effort.

Baker and Kyle Kueter led the Patriots with six rebounds

each.

The 6-3 Patriots host Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

**Box score**  
Harnack 0 2 0-0 6, Baker 2 0 4-4 8, Deelstra 1 0 0-0 2, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Westrum 2 0 0-0 4, Wilhelmi 2 3 7-7 20, Z.Wysong 1 0 0-1 2, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0,

Susie 2 0 0-0 4, J.Wysong 5 0 0-0 10, Kueter 4 0 1-2 9, Steensma 1 0 0-0 2.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 25 of 50 field goals (50 percent), 12 of 14 free throws (86 percent), 25 rebounds, 13 turnovers.  
CL: 38 of 68 field goals (56 percent), four of 11 free throws (36 percent), 24 rebounds, seven turnovers.

# Falcons clamp down on Dragon girls Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team opened its 2019 slate by hosting Red Rock Central for a Red Rock Conference clash Thursday in Adrian.

The night belonged to the Falcons, who outscored the Dragons in both halves of a 61-19 victory.

RRC led by 27 points after outscoring the Dragons 42-15 in the first half of play.

The Falcons limited AHS to four points in the second half and netted 19 of their field goal attempts to ice a 42-point conquest.

Bailey Lonneman led the

Dragons with eight points and snared five rebounds along with Kristina Cauwels.

Avery Balster charted three steals for the Dragons, who host Murray County Central Friday.

**Box score**  
J.Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, B.Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, Bullerman 0 0 0-0 0, Balster 1 0 2-2 4, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Preuss 0 0 0-0 0, Lonneman 4 0 0-0 8, Cauwels 1 0 1-1 3, Lehnhoff 0 0 0-0 0, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2, Fuerstenberg 1 0 0-0 2.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: eight of 36 field goals (22 percent), three of three free throws (100 percent), 23 rebounds, 28 turnovers.  
RRC: 24 of 54 field goals (44 percent), 10 of 18 free throws (56 percent), 32 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

# Meester returns to action for Ellsworth Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team returned to action after the Christmas break by entertaining Southwest Christian for a Red Rock Conference game Thursday in Ellsworth.

The visiting E-Gals dominated the scene by registering

a 75-40 win over the Panthers.

SWC gained control of the contest by opening a 43-15 lead in the first half.

When the E-Gals outscored the Panthers 32-25 in the second half, their 35-point victory was complete.

Returning to the court for

the first time since sustaining a hand injury after the first game of the season, EHS senior Ashlyn Meester tossed in a team-high 16 points for the Panthers.

Ellsworth, 2-6 overall, plays in Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook Friday.

**Box score**  
Meester 5 1 3-3 16, Dreesen 2 0 0-0 4, K.Chapa 2 0 0-0 4, L.Chapa 2 0 0-0 4, Popkes 0 0 2-2 2, Nussbaum 0 0 2-2 2, Smith 0 2 2-2 8.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 14 of 44 field goals (32 percent), nine of nine free throws (100 percent), 17 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

# Dutchmen upend Panther boys

By John Rittenhouse

A two-week layoff didn't seem to work in favor of the Ellsworth boys' basketball team Friday night.

EHS played its first game since Dec. 18 when the Panthers hosted Edgerton for a Red Rock Conference clash.

The Panthers fell behind early and couldn't recover during a 55-43 loss to the Flying Dutchmen.

Edgerton opened a 20-point cushion (27-7) at one stage of the first half before the Panthers trimmed the difference to 11 points (30-19) at the intermission.

The Flying Dutchmen used a 25-24 scoring edge in the second half to ice a 12-point victory.

Brandon Kramer netted 13 points and pulled down 13 rebounds for the Panthers, who slipped to 1-5 in league play.

Noah Kruse, Anthony Lenz and Sam Kramer grabbed nine, eight and five rebounds respectively for Ellsworth, while Peyton Lewis charted three assists.

The Panthers attempt to snap a five-game losing skid when they host Murray County Central in Ellsworth Thursday.

**Box score**  
B.Kramer 6 0 1-2 13, Kruse 1 2 1-2 9, Lewis 1 2 0-8, Lenz 0 1 0-0 3, S.Boltjes 0 1 1-2 4, Jansma 0 2 0-0 6.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 14 of 62 field goals (23 percent), three of six free throws (50 percent), 33 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

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the stanza.

The Patriots continued to pad their lead as the game progressed and sported a 33-point (74-41) advantage when Taryn Rauk registered a field goal with 4:03 left to play.

The Lions outscored H-BC 9-1 in the final four minutes, but it didn't keep the Patriots from registering a convincing 26-point win.

Fick (22 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists), Abby Knobloch (13 points) and Whitney Elbers (12 points and 11 rebounds) carried the scoring load for H-BC.

Bundesen (10 rebounds and four assists) and Madison Spath (five rebounds) played strong games as well.

**Box score**  
K.Fick 3 0 0-0 6, Rauk 3 1 0-0 9, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 1 0 0-0 2, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 5 1 0-3 13, S.Fick 8 1 3-4 22, Bundesen 3 1 0-0 9, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 1 0 1-2 3, Elbers 6 0 0-1 12.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 34 of 74 field goals (46 percent), 10 of 15 free throws (67 percent), 49 rebounds, 18 turnovers.  
CL: 17 of 58 field goals (29 percent), 12 of 16 free throws (75 percent), 24 rebounds, 22 turnovers.

## H-BC 82, HL-O-F 20

The Patriots notched the

seventh Red Rock Conference win of the season when they dismantled the Coyotes by 62 points Thursday in Hills.

H-BC assumed control of the contest by rolling to a 51-9 lead in the first 18 minutes of play.

When the Patriots outscored the Coyotes 31-11 in the second half, their 62-point rout was complete.

Sidney Fick (18 points and six steals), Elbers (16 points and 12 rebounds) and Rauk (16 points, five steals and five assists) propelled the Patriots offensively.

Abby Knobloch (nine re-

bounds), Kenadie Fick (four assists), Joslyn Birger (three assists), Spath (three assists) and Bundesen (four assists) emerged as key contributors as well.

**Box score**  
K.Fick 0 1 0-0 3, Rauk 7 0 2-3 16, Birger 0 1 0-0 3, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 3 0 0-0 6, S.Fick 8 0 2-2 18, Bundesen 4 0 1-1 9, Boltjes 0 1 0-0 3, Moser 1 0 0-0 2, LaRock 3 0 0-0 6, Elbers 7 0 2-2 16.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 36 of 76 field goals (47 percent), seven of eight free throws (88 percent), 48 rebounds, nine turnovers.  
HL-O-F: eight of 40 field goals (20 percent), two of eight free throws (25 percent), 16 rebounds, 27 turnovers.

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170 (A) Nelson pins Altenburg.  
182 (A) Wieneke by forfeit.  
195 (A-M) open.  
220 (A) Winselman by forfeit.  
285 (A-M) open.

W-MLA 51, Adrian 19  
106 (A) B.Ayana pins Renquist.  
113 (A) Hieronimus 6-5 Swoboda.

120 (W) Ekstorm pins Heidebrink.  
126 (A) Taylor 13-4 Holmberg.  
132 (W) Willaby pins Bullerman.  
138 (A) Loosbrock pins Renquest.  
145 (W) Sammons pins Sherer.  
152 (W) Sprinks pins Wolf.  
160 (W) Sandoval 6-5 Nelson.  
170 (W) Borsgard pins Wieneke.  
182 (W) Jepsen pins Lehmann.  
190 (A-W) open.

220 (W) Swenson pins Winselman.  
285 (W) Mutz by forfeit.

Adrian 38, NR-H-E-G 30  
106 (A) D.Anaya pins Petsinger.  
113 (A) B.Anaya 16-6 Petsinger.  
120 (N) Stenzel 4-2 Hieronimus.  
126 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.  
132 (A) Taylor 12-2 Reich.

138 (A) Bullerman pins Cantu.  
145 (A) Sherer 7-2 Routh.  
152 (N) Gushwa pins Wolf.  
160 (N) Roesler 5-0 Nelson.  
170 (N) Jacobson by forfeit.  
182 (A) Wieneke by forfeit.  
195 (N) Okland pins Lehmann.  
220 (A) Winselman 4-1 Misgen.  
285 (N) Arndt by forfeit.

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### St. Catherine Catholic Church

203 E. Brown St., Luverne  
**St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net**  
 Thursday, Jan. 10: 9 a.m. Head Start. Friday, Jan. 11: 10 a.m. Mass at Poplar Creek and The Oaks. Saturday, Jan. 12: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 13: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. CLW. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 1 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Leo. Tuesday, Jan. 15: 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation; Second-grade parent meeting. Thursday, Jan. 17: 9 a.m. Head Start. 7 p.m. PC.

### Luverne Christian Reformed Church

605 N. Estey St., Luverne  
**Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982**  
**www.luverncrc.com — office@luverncrc.com**  
**Roger Sparks, Pastor**  
 Sunday, Jan. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship.

### First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne  
**Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org**  
**Walt Moser, Pastor**  
 Thursday, Jan. 10: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 13: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Jan. 15: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 6:30 p.m. Awana.

### Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net**  
**Ron Nichols, Pastor**

Thursday, Jan. 10: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action. Friday, Jan. 11: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 13: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, Jan. 14: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 5:30 p.m. Ride and Dine. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:15 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal; Grades 6-8 Confirmation. 7:30 pm. Grade 9 Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 17: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

### Bethany Lutheran Church

720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
**Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834**  
**pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com**  
 Thursday, Jan. 10: 2 p.m. Ladies Aid. Sunday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Jan. 14: ELS Pastors meeting in Mankato. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes

### American Reformed Church

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

Friday, Jan. 11: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, Jan. 12: 8 a.m. Commons reserved. Sunday, Jan. 13: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Girls Night and Guys Night. Monday, Jan. 14: 3 p.m. Commons reserved. Tuesday, Jan. 15: Noon Staff meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Junior and Senior Youth Group. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle; Praise Team.

### First Assembly of God Church

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

### United Methodist Church

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

Thursday, Jan. 10: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. 7 p.m. Schwartz Scholarship Meeting. Saturday, Jan. 12: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship with Communion; Officer Recognition Sunday. Prayer Warriors following service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group – Family Night. Monday, Jan. 14: 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music Meeting. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 15: Shut-in Communion Day. 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Jan. 17: 1-3 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

### First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne  
**Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcuverne.com**  
 Thursday, Jan. 10: 10 a.m. PW Bible Study; Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Jan. 15: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 9:15 a.m. Mary Circle. 1:30 p.m. Rebekah Circle. 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Middle School Fellowship; Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. Choir. 7:30 p.m. Esther Circle. Thursday, Jan. 17: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

### St. John Lutheran Church

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**www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org**  
**Gary Klatt, Pastor**

Thursday, Jan. 10: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Guild. Saturday, Jan. 12: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 2 p.m. Cards and Games afternoon. Monday, Jan. 14: 1:30 p.m. Communion at Brandon. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Jan. 15: 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circle meetings. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth dinner. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/High School Youth Group; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 17: 12:30 p.m. Rock the Edge at LHS. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group.

### Living Rock Church

500 E. Main St., Luverne  
**Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org**  
**Billy Skaggs, Pastor**  
 Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

### New Life Celebration Church

110 N. Oakley, Luverne  
**Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net**  
 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
 Thursday, Jan. 10: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 11: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Monday, Jan. 14: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Jan. 17: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

### Ben Clare United Methodist Church

26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.  
**igtwlb@WOW.net**  
**Bill Bates, Pastor**  
 Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

### First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.  
**Ph. (605) 757-6662**  
**Laura Phillips, Pastor**  
 Sunday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Jan. 15: 7 p.m. First Council Meeting.

### Palisade Lutheran Church

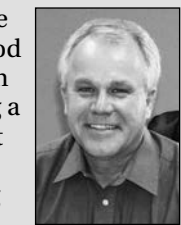
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
**Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net**  
**Laura Phillips, Pastor**  
 Sunday, Jan. 13: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Thursday, Jan. 17: 7 p.m. Palisade Council Meeting.

### First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
**Ph. 507-935-5025**  
**Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com**  
 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer  
 112 N. Main St., Hills  
**Ph. 962-3270**  
**e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net**  
 Sunday, Jan. 13: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Jan. 15: 2:30 p.m. Bible study at Tuff. 3:15 p.m. Bible study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 16: 9 a.m. Quilting.



## Very wise men

Anyone can give God credit when celebrating a victory, but it's another thing altogether to recognize God's power and purpose in our disappointments.

Three wise men who traveled many miles by camel to discover that the star had come to rest over a stable ... a barn! They had followed a star, no less, but ended up at a smelly barn. Surely, as they were anticipating meeting a new king, they would have expected the star to point to at least a mansion, a castle perhaps — but not a stable. Not a stable filled with straw and manure, filled with the stench of farm animals. Can you feel their vast disappointment as they looked down from some nearby Judean hill and came to the realization that their destination was a barn?

All of us, at some time in our life, follow a star only to discover a stable. This is the human experience. The real challenge then becomes whether or not we can still recognize God with us, still helping us, still present in the midst of our disappointments as well as in our joys?

Who would blame the wise men, as they discovered their journey's end was a stable, not a castle, if they just turned and went back home? After all, what would anyone expect to

## BUILT ON A ROCK

**By Pastor Ron Nichols, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne**

find in a stable? Cows, pigs, sheep ... but not a king!

Yet, these very wise men went into the stable with options open. They did not close their eyes to the opportunity. They were not blinded by their preconceptions. Perhaps the thought came to them that the wonder and majesty of God and his purpose could be just as potent in the stable as in a palace.

They went in, and they saw not a peasant family and an infant lying in a feed bunk. No, they went in and they saw the holy family and they beheld God in human flesh! They saw the fulfillment of God's ultimate plan of salvation!

Imagine if the three wise men where convinced that kings only appear in castles and mansions. They would have never entered the stable. Imagine if we only look for God's purpose when we are on the mountaintop and never think to see God while in the valley.

Let us enter this new year with eyes open and anticipate God's presence in all portions of our lives.

### Magnolia United Methodist Church

501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia  
**Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com**  
**www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc**  
 Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

### Steen Reformed Church

112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
**Ph. 855-2336**  
**Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor**  
 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

### Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
**Office Ph. 962-3254**  
**hillsurc@alliancecom.net**  
**Alan Camarigg, Pastor**  
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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a summary of the operation budget for the 2019 fiscal year for the County of Rock. This summary is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.169. The detail for the County Budget is on file in the Office of the County Auditor-Treasurer at the Courthouse and may be reviewed during normal hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

### COUNTY SUMMARY BUDGET

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
County Portion of Tax Levy	\$ 5,633,174	\$ 5,872,592
Other Taxes and Penalties	673,743	905,493
Special Assessments	299,943	299,109
Licenses and Permits	57,400	36,015
Shared Revenues	1,424,703	1,710,903
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	70,000	80,000
Local Grants	228,000	228,000
State Grants	161,000	76,200
Federal Grants	21,003	21,100
County Program Aid	520,654	517,040
Charges for Services	1,748,796	1,761,774
Fines and Forfeitures	17,000	10,000
Investment Earnings	63,000	105,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	236,190	213,700
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 11,154,606</b>	<b>\$ 11,836,926</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
General Government	\$ 2,305,817	\$ 2,238,347
Public Safety	2,085,420	2,233,780
Highways & Streets	2,492,603	3,057,903
Human Services	1,283,658	1,385,509
Sanitation	738,514	719,918
Health	16,800	16,800
Culture & Recreation	433,840	454,069
Conservation of Natural Resources	532,907	564,831
Economic Development	1,940	2,000
Intergovernmental	211,166	219,009
Debt Service	910,226	904,207
Capital Outlay	-	75,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>\$ 11,012,891</b>	<b>\$ 11,871,373</b>

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## Vanden Bussche probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK  
Estate of Lloyd Thomas Vanden Bussche

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 4, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 E. Brown Street, Luverne, MN 56156, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated July 16, 2012 and codicil(s) to the Will dated \_\_\_\_\_, and separate writing(s) under Minn. Stat. 525.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Cynthia Reu, whose address is 1495 115th Street, Luverne, MN 56156 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an Unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if not objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minn. Stat. 501B.41, subd. 5  
Dated: 1/9/2019

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

Attorney for Petitioner  
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## Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY ROCK

DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type:  
Civil Other: Quiet Title Action  
Court File No: \_\_\_\_\_

Amanda Jo Plueger,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

SUMMONS

Estate of Elmer Metzger, deceased,  
Mariann L. Metzger, and Chris VanderWal,  
Defendants.

### TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

1. **YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. **YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a **written response** called an Answer within 20 days of the date which you receive the Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

7616 Currell Boulevard, Suite 200, Woodbury, Minnesota 55125

3. **YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.** The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. **Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.**

6. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. **THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY** located in Rock County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

That part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township One Hundred One (101) North, of Range Forty-six (46) West of the 5th P.M., described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter as the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 52 seconds East on the North line of said Northwest Quarter a distance of 183.00 feet; thence South 00 Degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 359.77 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 183.00 feet to the West line of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 360.00 feet to the point of beginning.

8. **THE OBJECT OF THIS ACTION IS TO** quiet title to real property described herein.

Dated: 12/3/2018

WILFORD, GESKE & COOK, P.A.  
By: /s/ Michael R. Sauer  
Michael R. Sauer (#387005)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
7616 Currell Blvd., Suite 200  
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125  
(651) 209-3300  
(1-10, 1-17, 1-24)

## Development grant program public hearing Jan. 22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF LUVERNE  
APPLICATION TO

### SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Luverne City Council at 5:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 at the Luverne City Hall, 305 E. Luverne St, Luverne, Minnesota.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide information and receive citizen's comments regarding the submission of an application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Small Cities Development Grant Program for rehabilitation activities within the City of Luverne. Grant dollars will be utilized for multi-family rental housing rehabilitation of the Blue Mound Tower, located at 216 North McKenzie Street, Luverne, MN.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing to learn about the proposed grant activities and provide comments. If you are unable to attend; or would like additional information prior to the hearing; materials pertaining to the proposed use of funds are available for review at Luverne City Hall between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday; or online at [www.cityofluverne.org](http://www.cityofluverne.org).

John Call  
City Administrator  
(1-10)

## Luverne Dist. 2184 seeks bids for asbestos abatement

REQUEST FOR BIDS  
LUVERNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Luverne School District is requesting bids for Asbestos Abatement at the High School, Luverne, Minnesota. Bids will be received by Independent School District No. 2184 until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Luverne, Minnesota.

Bid documents will be available at the bidders meeting and building inspection to be held in the District Office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Each bid must be made on a form furnished by MacNeil Environmental and must be accompanied by a bid bond, cash deposit, cashier's check or certified check equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid payable to the Independent School District No. 2184. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall provide a performance bond and payment bond.

The Independent School District No. 2184, Luverne, MN, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in Bids

Shelley Sandbulte  
Clerk  
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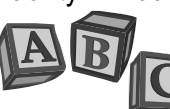
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## EMPLOYMENT

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## EMPLOYMENT

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# Expanded school day becomes 'flex time' for staff, students

Extra 30 minutes allows time for teacher-student meetings, homework and activities

Story and pictures by Mavis Fodness

Luverne students are spending an additional 30 minutes in class each day to accommodate a longer summer construction season for the school building project.

The 2 to 2:30 p.m. "flex time" is tacked on to existing homeroom periods and can be spent making up missed tests or homework assignments, meeting with a teacher or trying fun activities.

The latter option is putting the "fun" in fundamentals of learning.

For example, students who are up-to-date on their assignments can choose enrichment activities during the half hour.

These have included solving a Rubik's Cube, learning to play chess or working in the art studio, among a dozen other choices.

Already the half-hour flex time has reduced the number of missing assignments reported by teachers through its ICU program, which tracks



Above: LHS Junior McKenzie Swenson sews hexagonal quilt squares together during a weekly enrichment activity on Thursday, Jan. 3, while (at left) jazz band students practice during flex time, a uniform block of time for students in grades 6 through 12 to complete school work or enrichment activities.

assignments, with completion time set for after school.

"Building that piece into the day was a big motivator for students to complete their work," said counselor Amy Cook.

Flex time didn't forget about needed breaks for students as well as staff.

The weekly enrichment activities encouraged staff to

organize different fun activities, some of which have become weekly student favorites.

For instance, English teacher Amy Sahly introduced her love of quilting to students.

Juniors McKenzie Swenson and Kaitlyn McDowell like hand-sewing hexagonal quilting squares together.

"It's fun," Swenson said as she carefully stitched the six-sided fabrics together.

"And relaxing," added McDowell as she chose more fabric.

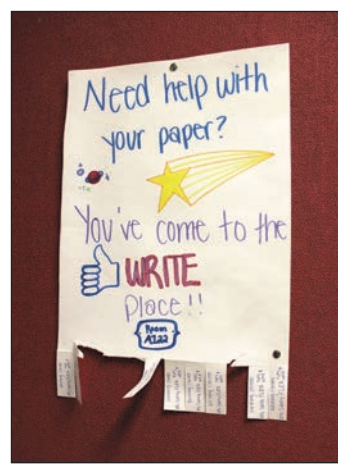
Classmate Dalwa Alinzi said she normally joins in the sewing activity, but last week she sat with her open math textbook while others sewed.

"I am using the time to complete homework," she said.

Students can change flex time options over the lunch hour depending on class assignments and any need for additional time to complete those assignments.

"There is definitely an education piece to it that came first," said math teacher Becky Rahm, who introduced the idea of flex time.

When the lengthened school days were announced



A writing lab is available for students Tuesdays and Wednesdays during flex time. Right: Sophomore Zach Ahrendt (left) and senior Payne Bonnett throw beanbags in the corn hole game activity Thursday, Jan. 3, in the high school gym.



last spring, teachers and administration wrestled with how to add 30 minutes into the existing seven-period schedule.

According to principal Ryan Johnson, ideas such as adding more minutes to each of the seven class periods or

giving students longer lunch periods were considered be-

fore they agreed to try flex time.

Students and staff in grades 6 through 12 have the same uniform 30-minute flex time.

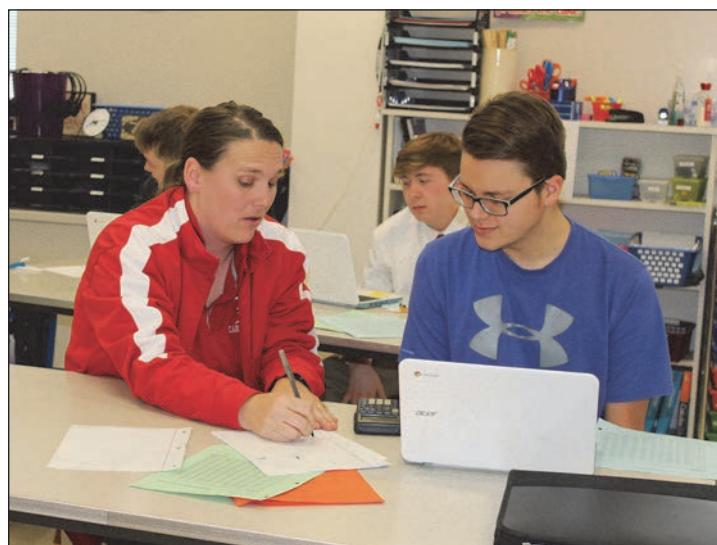
Flex time was piloted this fall, and due to its early success, it continued into the New Year.

"Overall there's been a lot of positives for the staff," said counselor Amy Cook.

"And the students, too," added Principal Johnson.

The extra half hour will be a part of the district's schedule through the first half of the 2020 school year.

School officials are tentatively looking at tailoring flex time to the daily schedule after construction is finished.



Mathematics teacher Becky Rahm (left) works with Oscar Serreyn during a statistics lab in her room during flex time while students Brayden Jacobsma (hidden) and Carter Stemper (back, right) work quietly on other activities.

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