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Brrr-r-r-r ... it's c-c-cold!

Arctic blast sends temperatures plunging, schools and businesses closing

By Lori Sorenson

An arctic front settled over the region this week, bringing with it sub zero temperatures and dangerous wind chills.

By Wednesday, temperatures were forecast to hit minus 25 degrees with wind chills registering at minus 60 degrees.

With these conditions expected to last for days at a time, most schools across the state, including those in Rock County, called off classes for Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition to school related activities, many other area events and activities were also canceled due to the dangerous cold.

Many businesses announced early closings to protect employees and encourage customers to stay home. Among them were Teal's Market, Teal's Gas and Pizza Ranch in Luverne. All three closed at 8 p.m.

Those who needed to be outdoors were warned to keep their skin covered, because even short exposures of five minutes or less could result in frostbite.

For livestock producers, the cold snap meant extra work blending fuel in tractors and vehicles, checking water, bedding animals and feeding extra calories that animals burn to stay warm.

"They need extra calories to stay warm," said Dr. Erin deKoning with Rock Veterinary Clinic, Luverne. "The smaller animals you should bring inside, if possible."

In addition to checking livestock and pets, she reminds people — especially rural residents — to check on their elderly neighbors.

The Polar Vortex, as its called, creates busy spells for plumbers and furnace specialists.

Mark Kurtz of Kurtz Plumbing and Heating, Luverne, said long cold spells can wear on equipment. For example, LP regulators on



Lori Sorenson photos/0131 cold Monday

Sundogs rise in a dramatic circle over wind turbines on the horizon north of Beaver Creek Monday morning. This scene was repeated with the rising and setting sun throughout the week of subzero temperatures.

outdoor fuel tanks can freeze up, cutting off fuel supplies to home heating systems, and outside vents on homes can plug up with ice and snow, causing a furnace to shut down.

Also, newer home thermostats are battery operated, and something as simple as a dead battery can turn a house cold.

"You can have a \$10 or \$20,000 furnace system shut down because of a dead battery," Kurtz said.

Kurtz said he makes extra house

calls this time of year, but there are several things homeowners can do on their own. For example, make sure furnace filters are clean, complete simple furnace maintenance and keep vents clear.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Kurtz said. "A little maintenance goes a long way."

A fresh snow over the weekend in Rock County caused some drifting and visibility issues on roadways, but that problem was worse in neighboring counties to

the north where there had been heavier snowfall.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation issued a warning Tuesday afternoon that blowing snow was causing blackice on road surfaces, especially on bridges and overpasses, and spinouts were being reported across the state as a result.

The forecast for the weekend called for much milder weather, perhaps even a thaw, with temperatures predicted to rise into the 30s and maybe 40s.

Rock County takes first steps toward forming EDA

Move may position Rock County to take advantage of Opportunity Zones

By Mavis Fodness

A committee to study whether or not Rock County should form its own economic development authority is being formed.

At their Jan. 22 meeting, commissioners approved the 11- to 15-member study committee which will have 90-days from its initial meeting to make recommendations.

Goal of the county EDA is to attract more business and industry to lessen the burden on agriculture, said County Administrator Kyle Oldre.

Agriculture currently comprises over 80 percent of the county's estimated market value.

"If you have created an EDA you have more tools than what the county traditionally has now," Oldre said. "The county is basically limited to tax abatement."

An EDA has broader powers, according to information from Assistant County Attorney Don Klosterbuer.

EDAs have the ability to levy for economic development purposes. The levy cannot exceed 0.01813 percent of the county's estimated market value, according to Klosterbuer.

Oldre estimated that amount to be about \$529,000.

"It's a pretty big tool in the toolbox," he said.

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Engesser honored by Chamber

By Lori Sorenson

The Chamber Board of Directors honored Mike Engesser as the 2018 Outstanding Chamber Member during an after-hours reception Monday in Sterling's Café & Grille.

The Chamber annually selects a local individual to honor with the award, which recognizes personal and professional contributions to the community.

"Mike has been an active, committed, involved and dedicated member of our community since 1981 when he moved from Benson to Luverne as an insurance agent for First Bank," said Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

In accepting the honor Monday night, Engesser said he "won the lottery" when he moved to Luverne.

"From the time I drove into town, it was such a nice clean community, it was a chance of a lifetime," Engesser said. "I got a chance to do what I wanted to do. I'm blessed."

Particularly, he said Luverne has countless opportunities to help others and to improve the community.

"It's not that people in Luverne think they're better; it's just that they want to make Luverne a better place to live and to visit," Engesser said. "I'm so proud to be a part of it."

In her Chamber write-up about the award, Lanphere provided background on Engesser's role at the bank that was acquired by the

Engesser honored/see page 3

One owner, two charters, eight offices in three states ... now operating together as Security Savings Bank

Customer accounts will become Security Savings Bank accounts March 12, but Exchange State Bank check blanks will be accepted indefinitely

By Lori Sorenson

In general terms of mergers and acquisitions, the story of Exchange State Bank and Security Savings Bank is one-of-a-kind.

For one thing, the name has changed — all locations are now known as Security Savings Bank, but the leadership has stayed the same.

"We still have the Exchange State Bank leadership," said Tim Plimpton, president and CEO of Security Savings Bank.

"You still get to see Ryan (DeBates) in Luverne, you'll see me in Hills and you'll see Mark Iveland in Ellsworth ..."

He goes on to list the names of the other five market presidents, as they're now titled, in Larchwood, Inwood and George, Iowa, and Canton and Sioux Falls in South Dakota.

Plimpton's office will be in Hills, but Kathy Fick is now market president there

"It's about the people," Plimpton said. "You can change the name, but the people are still the same."

Exchange State Bank and Security Savings Bank are owned



Submitted photo/0131 security savings bank group

Staff members from the former Exchange State Bank are now Security Savings Bank personnel. Local leaders are (front, from left) assistant vice president Caleb Ellingson, Security Savings Bank President and CEO Tim Plimpton, Luverne mortgage lender Tyler Bush, (back) vice president Don Bryan, Luverne Market President Ryan DeBates, Ellsworth Market President Mark Iveland and Hills Market President Kathy Fick.

by the Bonander family, which saw an opportunity to streamline operations and strengthen capacity by merging into one charter.

After Security Savings Bank opened its new office in Sioux Falls last year, the board decided to move the Minnesota charter to South Dakota, so all operations could be on the same page.

"It just made sense to do it this way," DeBates said, explaining that all operations are now regulated under South Dakota and the FDIC.

"Our software will be integrated, and that's a big deal for us to all be able to communicate with each other and see what each other is doing."

The merged operation will have advantages for customers, too, Plimpton said.

"This gives us way more capacity and higher lending limits for customers," he said.

As of Jan. 1, Exchange State Bank no longer exists, and on March 12, 2019, Exchange State

Bank accounts will become Security Savings Bank accounts.

But old check blanks will always be accepted, Plimpton pointed out, because the new system has already accounted for the old routing numbers and account numbers. "We took care of that right away," he said.

The fact that all locations now operate on the same system means that customers can bank at all locations with the same service.

"There are a lot of people who live in these communities and work in Sioux Falls," Plimpton said.

"For them to be able to stop in Sioux Falls and do business will be really convenient."

Tale of two banks in three states owned by one family

The bank's original charter in Granite, Iowa, dates back to 1920, when Axel Bonander was a shareholder and board director.

When the bank moved to Larchwood, Iowa, in 1934, Axel's son, Harold began working for the bank, and eventually worked his way to bank president in 1959.

In 1978 Harold Bonander turned over the president's job to Mark Dominy and in 2012 Joel Klatt was named President.

Rodney and Lachlan Bonander purchased the bank from Harold Bonander in 2007.

Security Savings Bank expanded to include branch offices in Inwood in 1985 and George, Iowa, in 2007.

A new Security Savings Bank

Security Savings Bank/see page 5



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the Rock County Community Library. Program: Learn to make iron carrier. Call Dianne at 507-530-3307.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the new townhall.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Howling Dog for lunch, with cards to follow. RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 6, to Connie at 283-8470.

Beaver Creek Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the township hall in Beaver Creek. Call 507-755-6107 for info.

Rose Dell Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the township hall. 605-595-3258.

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. 449-0568.

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.

Alanon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

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

Pub Theology hosts Stiegelmeier Feb. 4

The group "Pub Theology" will host guest speaker SDSU Coach John Stiegelmeier Monday, Feb. 4, at Take 16 Brewery banquet room beginning with a 6:30 social, with the presentation "Faith and Football" at 7 p.m. Call Don Dinger at 507-993-1747 or Cary Radisewitz at 507-227-0466 to reserve a "free" ticket.

Rock Nobles Cattlemen banquet Feb. 4

The Rock Nobles Cattlemen banquet will be Monday, Feb. 4, in Grand Prairie Events, Luverne. Social hour is at 6 p.m. and steak dinner is at 6:30, followed by "farm boy" humor speaker Matt Rush. Tickets are available at the door for \$25 per plate.

'Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby' Feb. 9

The "Get Hooked Ice Fishing Derby" is planned for 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at The Lake in Luverne. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with concessions available from 11 a.m. by Boy Scouts Troop #32. Cost is \$15 for adults (two for \$25) and \$10 for youth (two for \$15). Prizes will be awarded, and free rods and reels will be given to youth until gone. Temporary and permanent ice houses are allowed. Weather date is Feb. 16. Call 283-4061.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Monday, Feb. 11. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available.

The service is free through April 15 for any private individual with a simple tax format. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.

Community Ed

Contact Luverne Community Education at C.Arends@isd2184.net or 507-283-4724.

Luverne School students in grades 8 and older -- register now for **Student Driver Education class with the payment of \$335.** Class begins February 4. Out-of-district students may register for open spots on Jan. 28.

Mike Frisch School of Fish will teach anglers grades 3 and older about ice fishing on Feb. 2. For \$30 each child leaves ready to fish with a new rod and reel with tackle. Each child can invite one adult at no extra cost.

Snowballs and Snowmen Kids in the Kitchen class for students grades K-6 will be Jan. 28. Fee is \$18.

Pottery Wheel Throwing, a basic intro class, will be four Mondays beginning Feb. 4. Fee is \$40, plus a \$10 material fee.

Sneakers, Slithers & Scaly Creatures will be Feb. 7 is for children ages 4 through grade 2 who want to learn more about reptiles and amphibians. Plan to pet a real snake. Fee is \$5.

Indoor Playtime is Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at St. Catherine gym for children birth to 5 years and a parent. *Registration requested for this free activity.*

Frugal Family Living on Feb. 12 will help participants learn and share ideas to save money. \$5 per family.



A balloon printed with the words "Congratulations" designated which of the five queen candidates school staff selected for Snow Week queen. The balloon was in the box Jadynd Anderson (left) opened as she sat next to Carissa Cunningham. King candidates Nathan Overgaard (left) and Jackson Golla (right) congratulate Derek Lundgren whose box revealed a balloon congratulating Lundgren as the king for Luverne High School's Snow Week. Mavis Fodness photos/0131 Snow Week Royalty 2019

Anderson, Lundgren crowned Luverne High School Snow Week queen, king

By Mavis Fodness

Seniors Jadynd Anderson and Derek Lundgren were selected Monday as queen and king of the Luverne High School 2019 Snow Week.

School counselor Amy Cook was mistress of ceremonies for the event that began in 2016.

"One thing that makes Snow Week unique is that the royal court is selected by teachers," she said. "Ten seniors were chosen as recognition for positive leadership in the classroom, in Cardinal activities and in the community during their high school years."

In addition to Anderson and Lundgren, nominees included Jackson Golla, Nathan Overgaard, Eric Thorson, Austin Winter, Carissa Cunningham, Jacinda Hustoft, Mackenzie Petersen and Emilie Staeffler.

Snow Week activities

began Monday with students dressing in their pajamas.

Extreme wind chills closed school Tuesday and Wednesday, postponing the activities of Ride Your Snowmobile to School Day and a senior class trip to Great Bear Recreation Park near Sioux Falls to a later date.

Freshmen through seniors gathered in the school auditorium for the coronation that included a multiple-choice Snow Royalty Quiz.

Many of the answers received laughs from those attending the afternoon event.

Students, staff and a few parents learned that the newly crowned king Lundgren has watched games at 14 major league baseball stadiums and Anderson used the teacher bathroom all through her sixth-grade year because she thought the sign was just a suggestion.



Mavis Fodness photo/0131 Snow Week Royalty 2019
Derek Lundgren (left) and Jadynd Anderson pose for photographs as the 2019 LHS Snow Week king and queen.

New officers take over school board helm

By Mavis Fodness

Oaths and officer selections were the first items of business Thursday night, Jan. 24, for Luverne School Board's first meeting of 2019.

Board incumbents Katie Baustian, Eric Hartman and Jodi Bosch recited oaths of office administered by Superintendent Craig Oftedahl. They were re-elected to four-year terms last fall.

Reva Sehr was also re-elected to another term on the board. She was not at Thursday's meeting.

As per tradition, officer positions were rotated among the current members.

Previous vice-chairman

Bosch moved to the chair position, and Hartman (previously treasurer) assumed the vice chair position for 2019.

Director Tim Jarchow took over as clerk and Sehr as treasurer for the board.

Baustian served two years as chairman.

The board decided not to switch offices in 2018 as they moved forward with the middle-high school remodeling and construction plans.

With construction set to begin within the next few weeks, Baustian moves to board director along with Shelley Sandbulte (previous clerk) and Colleen Deutsch.

In other business, the

board:

- purchased a Thomas 71-passenger school bus for \$95,613 (including trade-in) through the Minnesota State School Bus Cooperative Purchasing program.

- accepted the lower of two bids, \$259,870, from Sheltertech of St. Paul for asbestos removal. The other bid (\$787,500) was from Envirotech of Minneapolis.

- approved the seniority lists for custodial staff, paraprofessionals/food service/administrative assistants, ECFE/School Readiness/Discovery Time and alternative school, plus the preliminary seniority list for licensed staff.

- granted medical leave to paraprofessional Lacey Sik from Jan. 1 until the end of the school year and a six-week medical leave for health instructor Kari Lais beginning Jan. 23.

- hired Judy Knutson as long-term paraprofessional substitute beginning Jan. 21, and Jodi Nelson as long-term health teacher substitute beginning Jan. 23.

- accepted the resignation of Shawn Kinsinger as paraprofessional effective Jan. 11.

Two work sessions are scheduled to take place Feb. 14 and March 14.

The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.



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Short family in 1987 when the name changed to First Farmers and Merchants Bank



From there, Lanphere noted, Engesser's accomplishments were quickly acknowledged as he was promoted in the company.

He became vice president/cashier in 1987 and senior vice president/cashier and COO in 1990.

In 1998 Engesser became president and CEO of First Farmers & Merchants Bank, a position he held through 2016.

During that time, from 2005 through 2016, he also served as senior vice president and secretary of the 215 Holding Company with banking locations in Brownsdale, Austin, Sargent, Grand Meadow, Racine and Stewartville reporting to him.

Now in retirement Engesser serves the bank in an advisory capacity as director and chairman of FFM in Luverne and director and secretary of FFM banks in Fairmont, Le Sueur, Brownsdale, Grand Meadow and Cannon Falls. He also continues to serve as vice president of the 215 Holding Company.

"In selecting Mike Engesser for the 2017 Outstanding Chamber Member, the Chamber Board of Directors recognized Mike's extraordinary accomplishments in his banking career but also recognized the extremely important contributions he has made and continues to make to our community," Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere shared in her 2018 year-end newsletter.

Current Chamber president Kevin Thelen shared Engessers accomplishments with those who gathered Monday's reception.

Engesser's contributions through the years have included membership and leadership in a long list of organizations:

- Tourism Committee for the Luverne Chamber of Commerce for three years.

- Community Strategic Technology Planning Committee.

- Luverne School District Long Range Planning Committee.

- Chamber's

- Blandin Community Leadership Program in 1998.

- Luverne Music Boosters.

- Luverne School Foundation.

- Citizens for School Board Leadership (Engesser founded this group in 2012 to improve communication between the public and school district.)

- Luverne School District Referendum Committee.

- Luverne Area Community Foundation.

- Luverne Education Association as the Friend of Education.

- Luverne Lions Club 37-year member (In 2005 he was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award from Lions Clubs International for his dedicated service to humanitarian causes.)

- Luverne Economic Development Authority, 26 years.

- Luverne Housing and Redevelopment Authority, 26 years.

- Beaver Creek Mutual Insurance Company board.

Engesser is an active member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church where he's served on several committees, boards and councils through the years.

"Throughout his career and daily life, Mike has spent his life in service to others. He is a person we know we can count on to meet the needs of the community, individuals, businesses and organizations," Lanphere said. "In being selected as the 2017 Outstanding Chamber Member, the Luverne Area Chamber Board of Directors recognizes his outstanding accomplishments in career and personal life and thank him for his continuing service to the people of Luverne and Rock County."

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EDA options include exercising the right of eminent domain, entering into partnerships and/or contracts, acquiring easements for an economic development district and acting as an agent for another governmental unit to carry out EDA purposes.

"If we want to develop an industrial park (in the county), it's better to do it in 2019," Oldre said.

Last year, the southern third of the county's townships were designated as Opportunity Zones by the federal government.

The zones encourage long-term investments in low-income rural and urban communities nationwide.

The program is outlined in the federal Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.

Oldre recently attend-

ed a meeting about Opportunity Zones.

"To maximize your Opportunity Zone, you really have to have the investment by the end of 2019 to maximize the first seven years of the Opportunity Zone out to 10 (years)," he said. "That's how the federal rules were set."

The county's Opportunity Zone designation includes portions of Luverne and Luverne Township plus the townships of Magnolia, Martin, Clinton and Kanaranzi.

Cities of Magnolia, Hills and Steen are also included in the designation.

Commissioners will authorize a resolution naming specific organizations to the exploratory committee at their next meeting, which is set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5.



Mavis Fodness photos/0131 4H Robotics 2019

The Rock's Robotics team will compete Saturday in the First LEGO League state tournament. Members of the 2019 team include (front row from left) Quentin Johnson, Alex Reker, Zoey Berghorst, Zoe Perkins, (back) Garret Cattnach, Shelby McCarthy and Brenna Reker.

Rock's Robotics blasts into First LEGO League state competition

By Mavis Fodness

For the past six months, the seven-member Rock Robotics team acted like a team of NASA scientists and engineers.

They developed a virtual reality identity named SEBASTIAN, which stands for Space Entertainment Because Astronauts Should Talk In order to Avoid Neurosis.

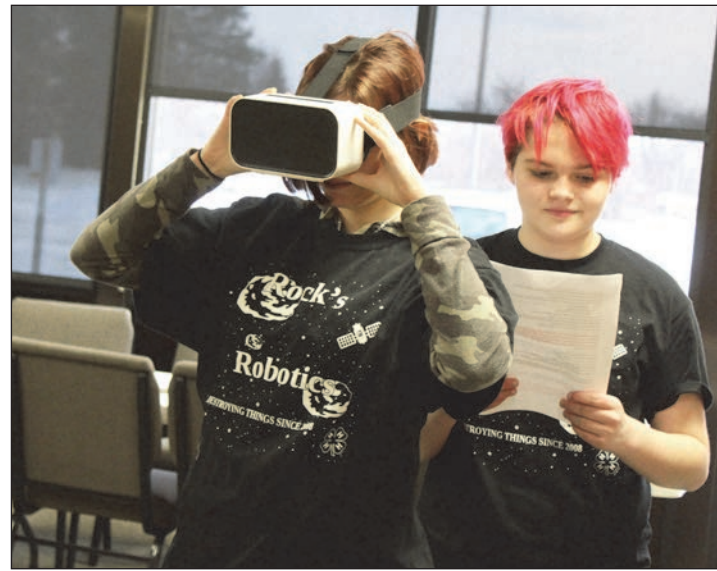
They constructed a robot called BURKE and programmed it to complete various tasks. It's name stands for Broken Under Really Kind Expectations.

For their hard work, the team qualified for the state's first LEGO League tournament Saturday in Sioux Falls.

On the line is a possible trip to the national tournament.

Aaron Perkins is one of three coaches for the robotics team that organized in 2008.

"This year, we are a remarkably close and cohesive group," he said. "All in all we are very consistent with robotics and team presenta-



The Rock's Robotics team members practice the skit explaining their idea to help astronauts be less lonely during space travel. Zoey Berghorst (left, wearing the VR goggles) portrays an astronaut wearing SEBASTIAN while Zoe Perkins provides the voice for the program called Space Entertainment Because Astronauts Should Talk In order to Avoid Neurosis.

tions."

Carrying on that team consistency are youth members Alex Reker, Quentin Johnson, Zoey Berghorst, Garret Cattnach, Shelby

McCarthy, Zoe Perkins and Brenna Reker.

Adults coaching with Perkins are Randy Berghorst and Kelly Perkins.

Since August, when the First LEGO League released the challenge "Into Orbit," the team has met weekly to develop the required presentations and robotic programming tasks.

The league stresses core values of celebrating discovery, teamwork and gracious professionalism.

Perkins credits balance

for the team's success.

"We are an all-around team," he said. "We are not the strongest on robotics or the strongest in presenting," he said.

That balance comes from focusing on all the tournament elements each week.

The presentation called for students to identify a physical or social program faced by humans during long durations of space exploration.

The local team explained their idea to judges through a skit they developed.

SEBASTIAN is a set of virtual reality goggles that interacts with the wearer through questions and videos. Alex Reker explained how it works.

"(The) prompting questions guide the conversation with astronauts so they have another option for someone to talk to," he said.

McCarthy added, "One SEBASTIAN can be used to ease the loneliness of a crew of astronauts."

The team also earns points in the robotics competition with BURKE.

The small, plastic LEGO blocks used for construction tend to fall apart, Zoe Perkins admitted.

With durability in mind, the youth kept their robot design simple and focused on a limited number of missions the robot completes for points.

"We find the ones without the need for a fancy contraption," Johnson said. "It dispenses the switching of equipment."

Coach Berghorst said the team uses the "keep it simple" approach to tournament elements.

This not the first time a Rock County group has competed at the state level.

According to the Rock County 4-H Extension, a local team has competed at the state level in two of the past three years.



Left: Garret Cattnach, Quentin Johnson and Zoe Perkins talk about the steps needed to complete a series of tasks during the LEGO robotics competition. Below: "Into Orbit" is this year's theme.

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Father Tom Jennings blessing his new car with Holy Water.

Secret about Father Tom's gift is finally revealed

When the retirement of Father Tom Jennings appeared in the Sept. 27, 2018, edition, I kept a secret for the parishioners of Luverne and Ellsworth.



RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

As Father Tom was winding down his 49 years in the priesthood, the parishioners of St. Catherine and St. Mary churches were busy finding a heart-felt thank you gift for the man who faithfully served the parish for 15 years.

Parishioners finally decided Father Tom deserved a new car. He put on lots of miles in his weekly travels between the two towns and his 2014 Ford Fusion was showing its age.

Because my story would appear in public before Father Tom's last day on the job, I agreed not to mention their parting gift in the retirement story.

Until now, when Father Tom used the \$25,000 given him to purchase an electric blue Ford EcoSport from the showroom floor at Herman Motor Company.

The transaction is one experience salesman Travis Dunn admits he won't soon forget.

Two weeks on the job and Travis admits he wasn't used to Father Tom's humorous yet priestly demeanor.

The vehicle purchase was a topic Father Tom said he had in his prayers for months and when he saw the four-door crossover in the showroom he knew it was the vehicle for him.

"It spoke to me," he said simply from his retirement home in Caledonia, Minnesota. "It said, 'I am the one.'"

Father Tom admitted his decision was assisted by Pope Francis, who was shown in news reports riding in a similar blue vehicle during his travels in Panama.

The Pope connection was unknown to salesman Travis, whom Father Tom grilled with questions of family, faith and Fords.

"I wanted to make sure he was a Bible-believing salesman," Father Tom said.

Travis passed the test and the sale was sealed.

Before driving off the lot, Father Tom blessed both his old and his new cars with Holy Water.

The priest admits he may have blessed Travis, a Lutheran, too.

"Now I know what a Catholic blessing is," Travis said. "It's like a little bath."

Travis, who used to work in marketing, photographed the blessing (above picture) and announced the vehicle purchase on social media.

The post reached 4,000 views within days, as parishioners and friends of Father Tom posted their congratulations. Normally the business posts reach about 1,400.

"You don't see that much engagement in a vehicle post," Travis said.

Fortunately it's a response you'd expect from a community who thought to buy a retired priest a car.

Walz releases Southern Minnesota Way of Life Report

GUEST EDITORIAL

Former U.S. Representative Tim Walz (now governor) released the Southern Minnesota Way of Life Report on behalf of the people of Minnesota's First Congressional District.

The report, released at the end of 2018, summarizes what Walz and his office learned from constituents over the last two years along their listening tour across southern Minnesota.

The report showcases the Walz's Small Town and Regional Vitality Investment Act legislation to invest in the needs and longevity of Minnesota's small towns and empower local leaders to create jobs.

"This report is a call to action," said Walz.

"It's a call to continue the conversations and building the bridges we started along the Southern Minnesota Way of Life Tour. It's a call to participate in our democracy and invite others to do the same."

He thanked the communities and local participants for contributing to the conversation.

"This report would not have been made possible without your invaluable input and expertise," he said.

"It is because of each and every one of you that Minnesota has a bright future, and I look forward to continue working with you all to bring

it to fruition."

Background

In May of 2017, Walz and his office set out to visit all 21 counties in Minnesota's First Congressional District to hear from constituents and community leaders.

Along the Southern Minnesota Way of Life Tour, Walz and his team convened more than 60 meetings in small towns to hear about the critical challenges rural leaders are facing.

The Tour culminated in the Small Town and Regional Vitality Investment Act (H.R. 6383), legislation Walz introduced in July of 2018 to invest in the needs and longevity of Minnesota's small towns and empower local leaders to create jobs.

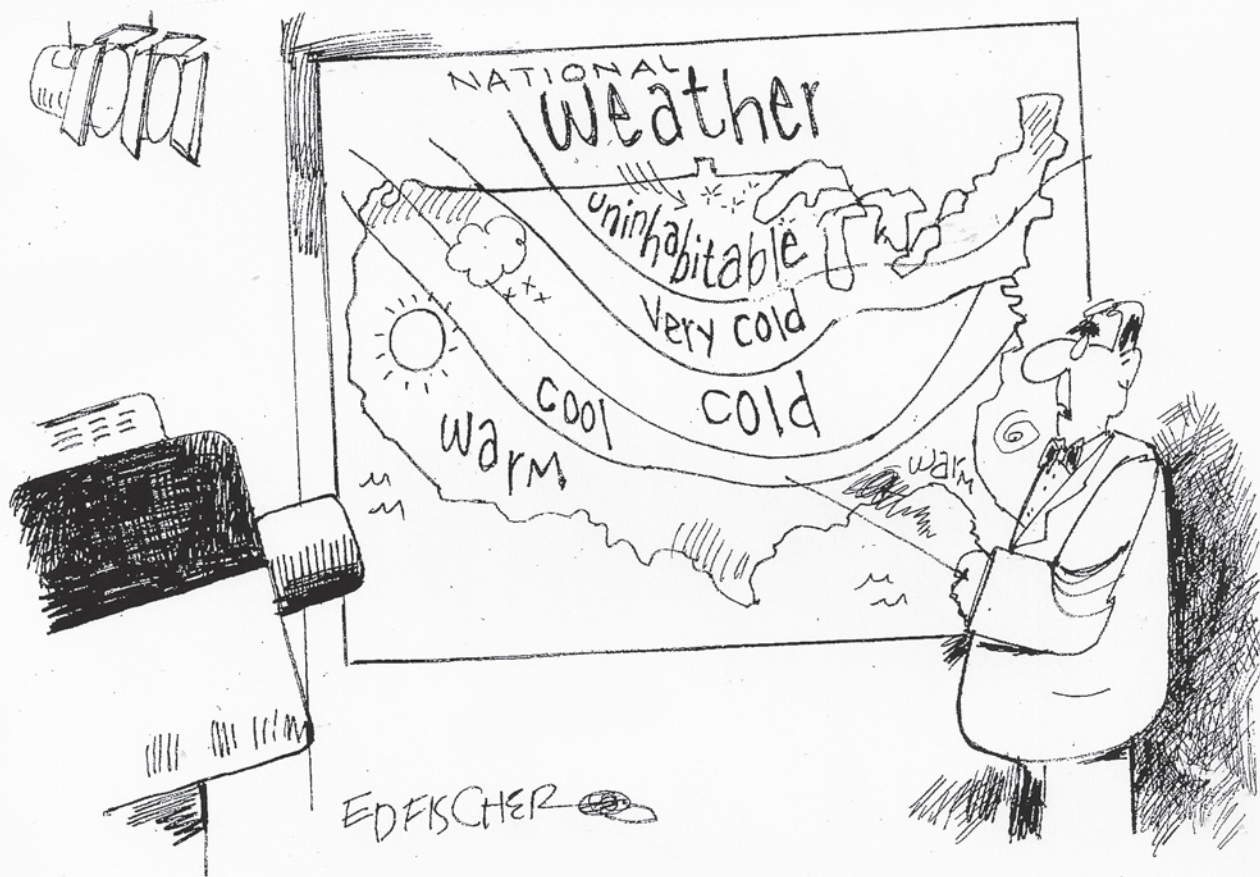
The bill, now making its way through Congress, creates a new investment initiative by sharing federal revenues directly with local governments to address the major challenges facing their specific com-

munities.

Summary

The specific needs of small town Minnesota communities identified in the report and addressed by Walz's legislation include but aren't limited to:

- affordable, quality child care and early childhood education options.
- public infrastructure investment, such as waste water treatment facilities and substance abuse treatment centers.
- sufficient housing opportunities for the local workforce.
- reliable, high-speed Internet.
- increase in health care services, including mental health care, and affordable health insurance options.
- increase in skilled, experienced workers.
- increase in amenities like art and music, sports, bike trails and other outdoor recreational opportunities.



Grandparent babysitting roles become apparent

It's been a while, but recently Grandma Mary and I were called into duty to watch our granddaughters while their mom and dad attended a holiday gathering.

Brooke is four and Ellee is one. So both walk, only one in diapers, and there are no bottles to deal with. So this should be relatively simple. So I thought.

Grandma Mary and I do this granddaughter-sitting thing as a team. I drive us to Hartford, South Dakota, where they live, and Grandma Mary does everything else. I try to help where I can ... like, if the girls don't eat all their supper, I am more than willing to eat whatever is left over.

While Grandma Mary handles all the normal duties such as feeding the girls, playing with them, changing Ellee's diaper, giving both of them a bath, putting their toys away, and of course rocking them to sleep, I pitch in by trying to figure out the TV remotes.

I know what you're thinking ... it sounds like Grandpa Rick isn't doing his share of the work. Not so. Consider that I watched three hours of "Peppa the Pig," "Paw Patrol" and "Toy Story," not to mention I went to the convenience store and bought two cups of coffee and some ice cream for the girls. I think I am more than holding up my end of



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

granddaughter-sitting team.

While I was on the coffee/ice cream run, the girls got their iPads out and were playing games on them. That started out as a good thing at first until Ellee, the one-year-old, was having some issues and she came to Grandpa Rick for help. I hadn't figured out the TV remote yet, and now I had an iPad in my hand. Good thing four-year-old Brooke

was there to help 60-plus-year-old Grandpa with the iPad.

Once the iPad issue was resolved, I found my way back to the recliner. I was able to recline the chair like a pro, but getting it back to its upright position was a different story. As you can imagine, I was having some difficulty. I kind of felt like I was sitting in a swing, and you know how you have to pump your legs to make the swing go higher? Well, I thought if I employed the swing-pumping method, I could get the recliner back to the upright position. As it turns out, the swing method was a failure. It did, however, provide Grandma Mary and the girls with a good laugh watching me trying to exit the recliner.

Finally, I kind of rolled out of the recliner to the side. Once on the floor, I got to my feet and pushed the recliner back to the upright position by stepping down on the footrest. Laugh at me all you want, but you know what I'm talking about because more than likely you've done the same thing.

So, to recap, I struggled with the TV remote, was an outright failure when it came to the iPad, and got my butt kicked by the recliner. From now on, when it comes to granddaughter-sitting, I'll stick to driving and eating leftovers, two things I can handle.

Preuss: Thoughts on 'Minnesota Nice'

To the Editor:

I've noticed that people do not give a house number or street name as their residence. They say, "The Grumbel House." When introduced to someone new, I get their name plus their genealogy. I'm Alotta Stuff, my mother is Augusta Wind, and my grandparents are the Grumbels.

Do you think the reason we don't win championships is because of "Minnesota Nice?" I am for free education and health care. That way I won't have to pay taxes.

It's interesting that meteorologists cannot predict with certainty what the weather will be in 30 days, but they are certain that in 30 years if you go outside, you will melt.

People want equality. Equal to what? Income, athletics, music, science or physical features? We can never be equal. Viva la difference!

Last thought: You can say holy mackerel and deader than a mackerel. How can you be deader? You're dead and cannot be more dead. Are you a holy mackerel and then a dead mackerel, or are you dead and then become holy?

With the cold and snow, you can tell I have way too much time to think. Waiting for warmer weather so I can get a life.

Bill Preuss
Luverne

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 18
 •Complainant reported a vehicle in the wrong lane in Hardwick.
 •Complainant requests assistance with a vehicle pursuit in Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant reported erratic drivers on E. Maple St.
 •Deputies assisted another department.

Jan. 19
 •Complainant requests a lodging voucher.
 •Deputy assisted with an unlock at The Laundry Room.
 •Complainant reported an accident on N. Cedar St.
 •Complainant reported a plow attachment was found in Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant reported a theft on W. Hatting.
 •Complainant reported an accident on Kniss Ave.
 •Complainant requests a welfare check.
 •Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on Quarry Road.
 •Complainant reported an outage.
 •Complainant requested a warrant check on S. Estey St.
 •Complainant requested assistance on N. Spring St.

Jan. 20
 •Complainant reported subject trespassing in Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant reports suspicious activity on W. Luverne St.
 •Complainant reported trespassing in Hardwick.
 •Deputy assisted subjects with property exchange on W. Warren St.

Jan. 21
 •Complainant reported he will be doing bird surveys in the Beaver Creek area.
 •Complainant reported a pedestal with line gear in it was run over by a truck on Kniss Ave.
 •Complainant reported her wallet was missing from W. Main St. on Saturday night.
 •Fire Department reported they would be out for drill and training.
 •Complainant reported astoplight outage on Main St.

Jan. 22
 •Complainant reported cars are not moving on Freeman Ave when it snows.
 •Complainant reported

an issue with her daughter on W. Hatting St.
 •Complainant reported someone stole his till in Hills.
 •Complainant conducted a follow up on N. Estey St.
 •Complainant reported a hit and run on N. Spring St.
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding juvenile harassment.
 •Complainant reported his carbon monoxide detector is going off in Magnolia.
 •Complainant reported a broken water line on E. Dodge.

Jan. 23
 •Complainant reported an accident on Britz Dr.
 •Complainant reported they found property in Hills.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check.
 •Complainant reported a vehicle has been parked on Spring St. for too long and has been plowed around several times.
 •Alarm reported on S. Kniss Ave.
 •Deputy assisted another agency in Magnolia.

Jan. 24
 •Complainant reported a burglary alarm on S. Kniss Ave.
 •Complainant reported construction signs in the middle of the road on County Rd. 8.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check.
 •Complainant reported there is a client on Spring St. that wants to make a theft report.
 •Complainant reported a bus stop arm violation on S. Donaldson St.
 •Complainant requested escort to the impound for vehicle retrieval.
 •Complainant reported a gas drive off in Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant requested property from the impound.
 •Complainant reported interior motion alarm activated in Hardwick.

In addition officers also responded to 1 deer accident, 3 vehicles in the ditch, 9 escorts, 24 ambulance runs, 3 animal complaints, 8 burn permits, 5 drug court tests, 6 permit to purchase/carry applications, 12 paper service attempts, 3 traffic stops, 1 test and 2 abandon 911 calls.



Mavis Fodness photo/0124 HBC Mock Trial in Luverne

Junior Bryn Mongeau presents closing plaintiff arguments Wednesday, Jan. 23, to presiding judge Ben Vander Kooi (seated, far right) and scorer Margaret Erickson (seated far wall) during mock trial competition at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne.

H-BC mock trial teams face each other

By Mavis Fodness

Hills-Beaver Creek Mock Trial teammates may soon be watching movies together in order to better present their case in court.

The two H-BC Mock Trial teams competed against each other Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 23, in the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne.

Presiding judge, Luverne attorney Ben Vander Kooi, suggested that the students watch one or both of the movies that were made from the cases.

Observing the actors in the movies could help the students better present their mock trial cases.

"Proceed as if there is a jury and you have to tell them the story," Vander Kooi said.

He and Margaret Erickson of Worthington scored the competition, ruling for the defense (High School) in the mock trial case of Hayden Brooks versus Cahill Monitor. The winning defense team consisted of student attorneys Abby Knobloch, Allie LaRock and Josie Scholton. Defense witnesses were Sadie Fuerstenberg, Lauren Tatge and Hannah Fick.

In the civil mock trial case, Commissioner Brooks contends he was defamed by the Monitor's article about him accepting a bribe from a local businessman to vote in favor of moving a planned pipeline. Brooks was unable to cast a vote since he was out of office



Mavis Fodness photo/0124 HBC Mock Trial in Luverne

Sadie Fuerstenberg takes the stand as business owner Morgan Ramsey and is questioned by teammate Allie LaRock (standing) with Abby Knobloch (left) and Josie Scholten at the table.

when the postponed vote took place. Brooks kept the bribe, stating he won the \$500,000 gambling.

The businessman took his story to the newspaper.

Not proving their client was defamed by the newspaper article were plaintiff attorneys portrayed by students Bryn Mongeau, Jacob Sheppard, Shayla Rainford with

plaintiff witnesses portrayed by Carter Hartz, Taylor Durst and Austin Allen.

"I want to congratulate everybody for their civility and professionalism," scorer Erickson said. "The main point is that this is a learning experience."

Wednesday's competition was the third of four rounds of the 2019 Minnesota Bar As-

sociation Mock Trial regular season.

Both H-BC teams were 0-2 before going head-to-head at the Rock County Courthouse in Luverne.

"I was really proud of them," said coach Glenda Kuehl. "I've seen such improvement since they started."

Competition began Jan. 11. The case was released to students in October 2018.

The Jan. 23 competition gave students a rare chance to compete in their own county courthouse. They usually travel to Slayton, Redwood Falls or Ivanhoe.

"Amazing," Abby Knobloch summed up the experience.

Students Taylor Durst, Jacob Sheppard, Lauren Tatge and Josie Scholten received certificates for their witness and attorney performances.

The recognition, voted on by the students after each competitive round, is new this year.

"It makes your team think about the other team and recognize they did a good job," Kuehl said.

Due to the increased interest in mock trial this year, two H-BC teams were formed (H-BC High School and H-BC White).

Competing against teammates was also an unusual experience for the students.

"I found it hard to stay serious," Rainford said.

H-BC's last competitions are Feb. 8 in Ivanhoe.

Exchange State Bank becomes Security Savings Bank/story continued from page 1

was built in Canton, South Dakota, in 2011, and in 2014, the charter was moved from Iowa to South Dakota, but primary operations were conducted through the Larchwood office.

In 2017, a new Security Savings Bank was started in Sioux Falls, with the opening in 2018.

Meanwhile, the Bonander family expanded its community banking business on the

Minnesota side of the border.

In 1978, Dennis Roning sold the Exchange State Bank of Hills to Rodney and Lachlan Bonander.

That bank, which first chartered in 1900, changed its name to Exchange State Bank in 2004, the same year it acquired Ellsworth State Bank.

In 2007, it acquired Hardwick State Bank and in 2008, ESB moved its headquarters

from Hills to Luverne, where the new location was built at Gabrielson Drive and South Highway 75.

Good-bye, Exchange State Bank

He said the Exchange State Bank Christmas party was a time to reflect on the bank's history in Hills.

"I have to admit, I got a little emotional," said Plimpton,

who's been with the bank for 28 years. "It's been Exchange State Bank as long as I've known it here."

For others, it's been much longer.

Carol Nelson said she was looking forward to retiring from Exchange State Bank after 50 years. (She'll still have 50 years with the bank, but it will just have a different name when she retires.)

"She told me for the first time in her entire life she won't get a paycheck from Exchange State Bank," Plimpton said.

He noted that all the bank locations have a history of longevity with their employees, and that's not just by chance.

"We tell people when they come to work here, we want this to be their last job," Plimpton said.

"It's part of living and work-

ing in a community — to keep local connections."

He said banks do better when they know their customers and communities do better when they are closely tied to their banks.

"We're blessed with good people. It's a two-way street," Plimpton said. "We've been involved in these small communities and we want them to survive."



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Park lessons come indoors

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Area youth experienced the outdoors in the warmth of the classroom Thursday afternoon, Jan. 24, in the "Track Those Creatures" lesson offered through Luverne Community Education.

Blue Mounds State Park Naturalist Amber Brooks brought the nature lesson indoors to life for the ten participants.

Animal tracks were placed around the room for

the students to identify the animal hoof or paw prints using a booklet Brooks developed.

They later used 3-D molds to make plaster casts of animals living at the state park located north of Luverne.

Thursday's sub-zero temperatures and wind chills hindered an actual outdoor search for animal tracks, but Brooks' position allows her to bring her nature lessons to the community.

"The class gives us an op-

portunity to let people know we are here and we want people to come out and see us," Brooks said.

The booklet, "Winter Tracks and Trails of Blue Mounds State Park," showed a picture of area wildlife such as a white-tailed deer, gray fox and snowshoe rabbit.

Another community education offering featuring the state park will be Feb. 7. "Sneakers, Slithers and Scaly Critters" is for children ages 4 through second grade.



Above left: Kindergartner Clara Sandager is intent on mixing the powdered plaster with water for her animal track. **Above, right:** Kloe Brockberg, a third-grader, examines the booklet put together by park naturalist Amber Brooks called "Winter Tracks and Trails of Blue Mounds State Park."



Blue Mounds State Park Naturalist Amber Brooks conducts "Track Those Creatures" Thursday afternoon, Jan. 24, in the Luverne Community Education classroom. The 11 kindergarten through fourth-grade students learned about wildlife at the park and the tracks animals make in the snow. **Above, left:** A plaster cast of a raccoon track.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

Four Luverne homes were without water Saturday night through Monday afternoon, thanks to one of four broken underground water mains discovered over the past several days.

A water main break near the intersection of East Lincoln Street and Blue Mound Avenue was to blame for interrupted water service Saturday night.

Four homes on East Lincoln Street plus the Luverne Alternative School were without water until 4 p.m. Monday, according to Luverne utilities supervisor Al Lais.

"We tried to run a garden hose to them, but apparently someone must have turned it off, and it froze up," Lais said. "We brought them drinking water and did what we could, but they were pretty good about it."

Leak detection professionals from Minneapolis arrived Monday at 7 a.m. and found the break 50 feet west of where the water came up in the boulevard.

"Normally we dig where the leak is, but since that was in the boulevard, we know there's no water main there," Lais said.

25 years ago (1994)

A rural Luverne man was sentenced to probation Monday in Minnehaha County Circuit Court after admitting he stole an airplane last summer.

Nathan Byron Chesley, 23, was sentenced to a two-year suspended prison sentence when he pled guilty, but mentally ill, to one count of grand theft.

Chesley, a 1989 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School, stole a 1966 Beechcraft on June 26, 1993. The single engine plane was owned by Neil Baier of Cold Springs.

Chesley landed at the Sioux Falls airport without notifying air

traffic controllers and ignoring signals to remain on the ground. This action is in direct violation of the FAA rules.

He was arrested at the Sioux Falls Regional Airport after circling over the Luverne Municipal Airport and then returning to Sioux Falls.

50 years ago (1969)

A city the size of Luverne without a downtown theatre?

It's not only a possibility, but it's highly probable unless the community takes steps to support it, say Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deutsch, who have been operating the Palace the past nine months.

Their lease on the theatre expires April 30, they told a group of men meeting at the city council rooms Saturday morning. As the situation now stands it's not economically feasible to renew it, they said, but they don't want to give it up until every avenue for keeping the theatre operating is exhausted. ...

A county-wide ticket campaign will be conducted starting next week to raise sufficient funds to ensure that the theatre is kept open and operating until April 30. Tickets will be issued in two denominations, \$5 and \$10. The \$5 ticket will entitle the holder to attend six regular one-dollar movies. The \$10 ticket will be good for 12 regular one-dollar movies. Volunteers will make the house-to-house solicitation. Anyone interested in helping should notify Mr. Sliby.

75 years ago (1944)

Someone who carelessly shot at an insulator on the REA line near the state line Presbyterian church southwest of here could easily have been killed Thursday, Le Roy Sabie, manager of

the Southwestern Minnesota Cooperative Electric, at Pipestone reported.

As it was, the broken insulator caused a 7,000 volt wire to fall down upon the neutral wire, which burned off, and hit the ground. As a result, 30 farms were without electrical current for several hours, and a maintenance crew had to make an 80-mile round trip to repair the damage.

Because of the danger involved, and because of the inconvenience and loss that might be inflicted on REA patrons the company is offering a \$50 reward for any information leading to the apprehension of anyone shooting at insulators, or otherwise damaging REA property. Anyone having such information should notify Mr. Sabie immediately.

100 years ago (1919)

The advisability of taking the necessary steps to obtain an armory for H Co., 5th M.I.N.G., and the selection of a suitable site for such a building occupied virtually all the time at the special meeting of the Luverne Commercial club held Friday evening. Consequently the question of paving Main street went over until the meeting to be held tonight, when this subject will be given the bulk of attention.

The matter of building an armory and the selection of a site for it were thoroughly discussed and those present voted unanimously in favor of taking such steps as are necessary to secure the armory, and the committee appointed some time ago to ascertain what sites are obtainable was instructed to continue its investigation and report at the meeting tonight.

Under existing state laws, an appropriation of \$15,000 is available from the state for the erection of an armory, providing the city furnishes a site and in addition thereto contributes \$1,000 towards the expense of building the armory.

1954: March of Dimes reaches \$4,253

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on February 4, 1954

Polio Fund Now Over \$4,000

Contributions turned in to the county March of Dimes committee up to Tuesday of this week amounted to \$4,244.13, it was announced this week.

Luverne's "Mothers' March" last Thursday night proved highly successful, with \$1,453.48 turned in, according to Lester Tollefson, drive chairman. Largest single individual contribution was \$50.

A special solicitation was made of the business district, but returns on this were still incomplete yesterday.

Beaver Creek's benefit program and donations totaled \$321. A March of Dimes dance at Hardwick brought in \$473.76.

Magnolia's program which included a band

concert, musical selections, an independent basketball game between Magnolia and Beaver Creek, tumbling acts and the serving of lunch by the Magnolia Music Mothers Club netted \$121.50. Other donations received at Magnolia raise the total for the community to \$261.51, and the solicitation is still not complete.

A benefit basketball game will be held at Hills Saturday evening, with the Hills Indies meeting West Sioux Hardware, and the Hills grade school boys playing Steen. The preliminary game starts at 7 p.m.

Reports from the townships are still not complete.

Special contributions from organizations the past week include \$50 from the Rock County Sportsmen's Club and \$36.50 from the American Legion, representing the proceeds from last Saturday evening's bingo party.



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



Lighted porchlights signaled the willingness to give to the March of Dimes drive conducted under the auspices of the Luverne Grade School Mothers' club Thursday night. Typical of the scenes at virtually every Luverne home is this one caught by the Star-Herald's camera at the Henry Untiedt home on North Estey street. Standing in the doorway is Mrs. Untiedt. The "marching mother" is Mrs. James Bagbey. Foreground is Stephen Bagbey who made the march with his mother. In all, 95 Luverne mothers participated in the march collecting \$1,452.48. (Star-Herald photo.)

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, **Nash Daniel**, weighing 9 pounds and measuring 20 1/4 inches, was born Monday, Jan. 14, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to **Caleb and Macy Ellingson**, Luverne.

Grandparents are Dan and Linda Ellingson, Beaver Creek, and Bryce and Ellie Oldre, Luverne.

Card showers

Bonnie Scherff will celebrate her 80th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Greetings may be sent to her at 605 W. Lawn Park Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

Nori Welch Duchene celebrated her 80th birthday on Jan. 28. Greetings may be sent to her at 2205 Hillcrest East #308, Yankton, SD 57078 or noriduchenesd@gmail.com.

MENU

Monday, Feb. 4: Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, corn, cookie.

Tuesday, Feb. 5: Lemon pepper fish with tartar sauce, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, dinner roll, slice pie.

Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Edward Jones.

Wednesday, Feb. 6: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, beets, bread, apple brown Betty.

Thursday, Feb. 7: Country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit cobbler.

Program: Pastor of the

Month: Pastor Moser of First Baptist Church. Half-Price Day.

Friday, Feb. 8: Italian meat sauce over spaghetti, lettuce with dressing, cauliflower, garlic bread, peaches.

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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

MSU Moorhead names honor students

Three area students were named to the Fall 2018 semester dean's list at Minnesota State University Moorhead. To be eligible, students must earn a minimum of 12 graded credits with at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.

Earning recognition were Grace Holthaus, Hills, speech/language/hearing science; Bryan Stanley, Luverne, music industry, commercial music; and Bryana Thorson, Luverne, theater arts.

Vaselaar earns master's degree

Local student Rona Vaselaar received her master's degree from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies with concentrations in International Economics, Conflict Management and Chinese/Asian Studies.

Vaselaar, daughter of Eric and Meredith Stanton Vaselaar, rural Adrian, graduated from Luverne High School in 2012 and from Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. The first year of her master's program was in Nanjing, China, followed by 18 months in Washington, D.C. In China she wrote for the school newspaper, conducted research in Mandarin, and traveled to Yixing and Hangzhou. She was chosen

to travel to South Korea to research the conflict on the Korean Peninsula. She indexed a book for prominent international relations scholar Ira Zartman and co-edited the SAIS China Studies Review, a scholarly journal about China-related issues.

USD announces dean's list

The University of South Dakota has announced its academic honors and dean's lists for the Fall 2018 semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must earn a minimum of 12 graded credits with at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Part-time students are named to the academic honors list.

The following area students were named to the dean's list: Adrian: Aaron Marsh, Hannah Bullerman, Skylar Polzine. Hills: Ashley Esselink, Tim Hartman. Lismore: Dustin John. Luverne: Amanda Jensen, Bailey Jacobsma, Maddie Stegenga, Mike Van Wyhe, Morgan Haugen, Jazmine Maria Aakriti Olson. Steen: Jordan Bosch. Amanda Walker and Paige Paquette, both of Luverne, were named to the academic honors list.

OBITUARIES

Garneth Van Surksun

Garneth Irene Van Surksun, 76, Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A funeral service was Sunday, Jan. 27, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial was Monday, Jan. 28, at the Leota Community Cemetery.

Garneth Hulstein was born on Sept. 15, 1942, to Raymond and Della (Gritters) Hulstein on the family farm near Carmel, Iowa. She was baptized that same year at Protestant Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. She attended Edgerton Christian Grade School in Edgerton. She was confirmed in 1959 at the Protestant Reformed Church in Edgerton.

On Feb. 5, 1960, Garneth married Harold Van Surksun at Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. The couple moved to Chino, California. Garneth cleaned houses and businesses until 1965 when they moved back to Leota where they began farming. While on the farm, Garneth was willing to help anywhere she was needed. In 1980 she received her GED. In the late 1980s she started working at the rest home in Worthington, and over the years she spent a great deal of her time nurturing others and offering care. In addition to her own grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Garneth embraced Zach and Liam Brown as part of her family and loved being their caregiver

when they were young.

Garneth spent several years working retail as well, including time at Creeger's and True Value in Luverne, and Steinmart and Gordman's in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, but her heart was repeatedly pulled back to the caregiver role.

Garneth was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. During their time on the farm, they attended Bethel Reformed Church in Leota. She was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She and Harold were both RCYF sponsors for many years. Her joy was her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Garneth is survived by her husband, Harold Van Surksun; four children, Gwen Van Surksun of Sioux Falls, Garvin (Becky) Van Surksun of Chandler, Rick (Jacci) Van Surksun of Bullard, Texas, and Renita (Jerod) Enninga of Luverne; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Sr. and Della; brothers Gary and Ed Hulstein; sisters Alberta Broek and Lois Buyert; brothers-in-law Cornie Broek, Barney Buyert, Pete Struiksma and Arvin Mesman; and sister-in-law Telena Hulstein.

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Clara Getman

Clara Ethel Getman, 100, Rehoboth, Delaware, died peacefully Jan. 22, 2019, at the Brandywine Senior Center in Rehoboth.

Clara Ethel Mains was born on Jan. 2, 1919, to Albert and Clara Mains in Seymour, Indiana. She moved with her parents as an infant to Phoenix, Arizona, population 12,000. She was a 1936 honors graduate of Phoenix Union High School and a 1940 graduate of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, with a major in history, anticipating a teaching career. She met her future husband, Minnesota optometrist Dr. Gerald Getman, a child developmentalist who was attending a 1939 professional conference in California. The officers of his professional fraternity were assigned blind dates with the officers of Ms. Mains' sorority.

After a cross-country courtship they married a year later on April 4, 1940, in the pastor's parlor of the Disciples of Christ Church in Phoenix, Arizona, while she was on senior year Easter break. This precipitous romance was much to the chagrin of her mother who had foresworn the North for a healthier climate. She warned her climate-challenged only daughter, "Do not come running back to me if the arctic weather becomes too difficult!"

Clara was welcomed to the North Country in a new "sorority" by a number of spouses of absent World War II soldiers who subsequently become famous in Ken Burns' World War II TV special, "The War." The impact on families brought the young bride a new career to supplant her teaching plans. In addition, Clara was soon nurturing their own five children born in Luverne and became a critical part of the research team for Dr. Getman's study of early childhood special needs youngsters.

Professionals from around the world came for weeklong seminars in developmental optometry. Dr. Getman's staff led by Clara became the hosts, tour guides and healing presences for the families who were subjects of research still used widely for developmental education in professional schools and health and education practices.

Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne where he was baptized and confirmed. He loved attending his nieces' and nephews' activities; he was always their "Big Buddy." Eric was very artistic and was big into gaming.

Eric is survived by his daughter, Ferynn Rose Sammons of Harlingen, Texas; his mother, Mary (Mike) McLaughlin of Luverne; his father, Mike (Ronda) Sammons of Round Lake; three siblings, Chad (Sara) Sammons of New Ulm, Angela (Robert) Sneller of Luverne, and Lindsay (Thomas) Jenniges of Ellsworth; step-siblings Ashley Harms, Ocheyedan, Iowa, Anthony Voss, Round Lake, Billy McLaughlin, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Kristina McLaughlin, Pipestone; his paternal grandmother, Lilly Ann Sammons; nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ben and Betty Padilla; his paternal grandfather, Leslie Sammons; an uncle, David Sammons; and an aunt, Kristi Baker.

Memorials are preferred to establish an education fund for his daughter, Ferynn.

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0124 F)



Eric Sammons

Eric Sammons, 42, Luverne, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral Mass was Monday, Jan. 21, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Burial followed at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

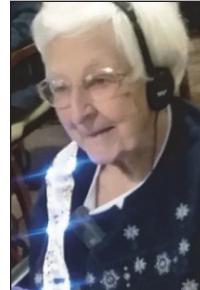
Eric Sammons was born on June 21, 1976, to Mike and Mary (Padilla) Sammons in Luverne, where he was raised. He attended school and graduated from Luverne High School in 1995. While in high school, Eric was involved in sports and worked at McDonald's. He then moved to the Twin Cities and attended school at Brown Institute, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design in 1998. During this time, Eric worked at Xerox.

Following graduation, Eric's field of education took him to Hallendale, Florida. He eventually became a cook at Chili's restaurant. In January 2004 Eric returned to Luverne and worked as a cook at the Howling Dog Saloon and then as a service technician at Papik Motors, along with playing baseball for the hometown Luverne Redbirds team.

He moved to Brownsville, Texas, to work for the Panasonic company in 2009. Due to his health concerns, Eric returned to Luverne in July 2011.

Eric was a member of St.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct an error in the obituary as submitted.



Among her many activities as a young wife in the Midwest were a Masonic membership where eventually she became the Eastern Star Worthy Matron. She was an active Presbyterian laywoman who modeled living faith with extraordinary grace and patience.

Her kitchen was one of the first stops for not only many relatives but for meals and clothing in the Post Depression and post World War II era for those who then were called "hobos" who "rode the rails." Dr. and Mrs. Getman stewarded the not substantial Salvation Army funds for the country's needy.

The Getmans left Luverne in 1967 for Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and later resided in Orange County, California, and Waldorf, Maryland. Her last five years she continued to spread joy to fellow residents at Brandywine, supported by her only daughter Cynthia and her husband and Clara's former Waldorf pastor, Donald, residents of Bethany/Ocean View.

Maybe most telling is the result of Clara's impact that a large number of her children and grandchildren are in ministries, education and other service professions today.

Clara is the last of her generation in the immediate family circle, having been preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Clara, her brothers Thomas and Charles, and her beloved husband, Gerald (Jerry) in 1990, and all his immediate family of parents and siblings.

She is survived by her five children, Thomas, James, Cynthia, Charles and William, and her beloved "adopted" son Philippe Piot, Luverne's first AFS student.

She is being laid to rest next to her husband at the Trinity Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 3221 Mattawoman-Beantown Road, in Waldorf, Maryland on Friday, Jan. 25. Her memorial service was Sunday, Jan. 27, at the First Presbyterian Church.

It is requested that memorials in her name go to: Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 822, Luverne, MN 56156 or email: luvernedfs@gmail.com. (0131 V)

Jeffrey Dirks

Jeffrey Lee Dirks, 56, of Mesa, Arizona, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at his home in Mesa.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, March 23, 2019, in Arizona. Details will follow.

Jeff was born on June 10, 1962, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Ben and Edna Dirks.

He grew up in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 1980. After high school he moved to Garden City, Kansas.

Jeff married Laura Post in 1983 in Garden City. They were happily married for 35 years.

He enjoyed music, studying martial arts, classic cars, vehicle restoration, drawing, gardening, hiking, running and home improvement. What brought him joy was family functions, weddings, and birthdays.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ben.

Jeff is survived by his wife Laura; his sons Blake and Cody (Crystal); his mother Edna; his brothers Mike (Denice), Steve (Mo); his sister Nancy (Scott); and his family from the Post side; Doug (Kim); Greg (LeAnn); Roger (Elie); Terry (Pam), Pat (Kent), Marg (Dallas); Gary (Bev), Linda (Vic); as well as his many wonderful nieces and nephews who knew him as "Uncle Jeffie."

Memorial donations may be made to Seena Magowitz Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, www.seenamagowitzfoundation.org.

Arrangements were handled by Sonoran Skies Mortuary, Mesa, Arizona, www.sonoranskiesmortuary.com. (0131 F)



Mark Harrison

Mark Allen Harrison, 58, Snohomish, Washington, died suddenly Friday, Jan. 18, at his home outside Snohomish.

A memorial gathering is planned from 3 to 6 p.m., Feb. 23 at Legion Hall in Everett, Washington.

Mark Harrison was born June 25, 1960, to Bruce A. Harrison and T. Jean Harrison in Iowa City, Iowa. After graduating from Luverne High School in 1978, he first attended St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota, and then the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, where he graduated in 1984. In that same year, Mark won the prestigious Hearst journalism award for photography.

His parents were the publisher and editor of the Rock County Star Herald. Mark's experience as part of a newspaper family fostered his passion for photojournalism. While working for his family's newspaper as a photographer, he met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Brenda Mann, and they married Aug. 16, 1980.

The Herald in Everett offered Mark a job as staff

photographer in 1984, which brought him to the Pacific Northwest.

In 1986 he was hired by the Seattle Times, where he worked as a photojournalist until he retired in 2015. During his long career, Mark was known best for his sports and nature photography and his ability to tell

poignant stories through his images.

Mark was also passionate about fishing the waters of the Pacific Northwest and sharing what he caught with family and friends.

Mark is survived by his wife, Brenda Mann Harrison, Snohomish; daughters, Elizabeth Harrison DeVivi (Ian), Charlotte, North Carolina, and Leah (Tom) Naccarato, Federal Way, Washington; granddaughter, Eleanor Naccarato; sister Diane Harrison Ogawa (Greg), Albuquerque, New Mexico and nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly.

Memorials may be made to the Mark Allen Harrison Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Snohomish County, 2823 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. (0131 F)



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Patriots sweep series with Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team completed a sweep of its annual season series with Adrian Friday in Hills.

H-BC, which posted a 66-57 win when the teams met in Adrian Dec. 11, bettered that effort in front of their home fans Friday.

The Patriots outscored the Dragons in both halves of a 77-60 victory.

Adrian played well early in the game by breaking a deadlock at six by putting together a 10-4 run ending with a field goal from Noah Reyne to open a 16-10 lead at the 10:29 mark of the first half.

H-BC, however, countered with a 13-7 surge to knot the score at 23 when Kyle Kueter turned an offensive rebound into a field goal with 5:03 remaining in the stanza.

The score was tied at 28 moments later when H-BC went on an 11-0 run capped by a three-point shot from Preston Wilhelmi that gave the Patriots a 39-28 lead they would take into the second half.

Wyatt Westrum scored H-BC's first five points of the second half to up the lead to 14 points (45-31) 1:19 into the stanza.

Adrian bounced back by going on a 13-2 run to trim the difference to three points (47-44) when Reyne canned a three-point shot with 12:52 left to play.

The final 12 minutes of the game belonged to H-BC, which outscored AHS 30-16 the rest of the night.

H-BC led by as many 21 points (77-56 when Jax Wysong converted a field goal with 2:13 remaining) before settling with a 17-point conquest at game's end.

Wysong (25 points and eight rebounds), Wilhelmi (20



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Hills-Beaver Creek post Kyle Kueter puts up a shot as Adrian defenders Lance Luettel (left) and Ian Stamer (right) challenge the Patriot during Friday's basketball game in Hills. H-BC overcame an early deficit to post a 77-60 victory.

points and five assists) and Westrum (20 points and seven rebounds) led the Patriots to victory.

Kueter (10 rebounds and six blocked shots), Easton Harnack (four assists) and Luke LaRock (three assists) made key contributions for

H-BC as well.

Reyne (21 points, five rebounds and three steals), Christian Weidert (18 points) and Ian Stamer (12 points and four steals) played strong games for Adrian.

Lance Luettel grabbed 10 rebounds for the Dragons.

Box score

Adrian
Reyne 6 2 3-4 21, Weidert 6 0 3-4 15,
Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 3 2 0-3 12,
Bx.Vortherms 0 0 2-2 2, John 1 2 0-0 8,
Rahe 0 0 0-0 0, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0,
Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0,
Luettel 1 0 0-2 2.

H-BC

Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Baker 0 1 0-0 3, Deelstra 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Westrum 8 11-22, Wilhelmi 16 0-0-20, Z.Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 1 0-0 3, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 3 0 0-0 6, J.Wysong 10 0 5-8 25, Steensma 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

Adrian: 23 of 66 field goals (35 percent), eight of 16 free throws (50 percent), 24 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
H-BC: 31 of 51 field goals (61 percent), six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 31 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

H-BC improves to 18-0 Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team ran its record to 18-0 Thursday night in Ellsworth.

Taking on the EHS Panthers for the second time this winter, H-BC flexed its muscle by rolling to a 61-26 victory.

The Patriots gained control of the contest by strolling to a 33-11 lead in the first 18 minutes of play.

H-BC went on to outscore Ellsworth 28-15 in the second half to complete a 35-point win.

Kenadie Fick (20 points and five rebounds) and Sidney Fick (10 points, five rebounds and four steals) led the Patriots offensively.

Whitney Elbers (six rebounds and four assists), Grace Bundesen (six rebounds) and Taryn Rauk (three assists) emerged as key contributors for H-BC.

Sierra Smith netted seven points and Kallie Chapa registered three assists to lead EHS in the game.

Box score

H-BC
K.Fick 4 4 0-0 20, Rauk 1 0 2-2 4, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 1 0 0-0 2, Knobloch 3 0 1-3 7, S.Fick 2 1 3-4 10, Bundesen 4 0 0-0 8, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 1 0 0-0 2, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 4 0 0-0 8.

Ellsworth

Meester 1 0 0-0 2, Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, K.Chapa 0 1 0-0 3, L.Chapa 2 0 0-2 4, Popkes 1 0 1-2 3, Custer 1 1 0-0 5, Smith 1 1 2-2 7.

Team statistics

H-BC: 25 of 61 field goals (41 percent), six of nine free throws (67 percent), 37 rebounds, seven turnovers.
Ellsworth: 10 of 31 field goals (31 percent), three of six free throws (50 percent), 20 rebounds, 21 turnovers.

Panthers prevail Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth Panther girls registered their fourth win of the basketball season when they squared off against the Westbrook-Walnut Grove Chargers in Ellsworth Saturday.



Smith

Ellsworth raced to an 18-point lead in the games first half and padded the advantage in the second half to secure a 59-37 Red Rock Conference conquest.

EHS led 35-17 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Chargers 24-20 in the second half to prevail by 22 points at game's end.

Morgan Dreesen (17 points and nine rebounds) and Sierra Smith (13 points, eight

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Cardinals ice defending Section 3A champion

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team split a pair of weekend contests on their home ice over the weekend.

The Cardinals knocked off Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato by four goals Friday before falling by five goals to Mound-Westonka Saturday.

Luverne, 8-10 overall, skates in New Ulm Thursday.

M-W 6, Luverne 1

The Cardinals couldn't keep up with a hard-charging White Hawks team Saturday at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

M-W scored three goals in each of the game's first two periods and outshot LHS 49-11 during a five-goal victory.

M-W senior Carter Hansen registered a hat trick in a span of 5:06 of the first period to give the visitors a 3-0 lead.

Luverne's Gaige Nath scored 4:40 into the second period after being set up by Marshall Dammann to make it 3-1, but the White Hawks put the game



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Luverne junior Colby Crabtree competes for the puck with a Mound-Westonka player during Saturday's hockey game in Luverne. The Cardinals lost to M-W after defeating Litchfield-Dassel-Cokato by a 5-1 tally Friday in Luverne.

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LHS wrestlers post first win of season Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team picked up its first two wins of the season during the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton-Westbrook-Walnut Grove quadrangular Thursday in Tracy.

The Cardinals lost a pair of matches at the Fairmont-Martin County West Triangular Jan. 22.

Luverne, 2-13 overall, took on the Adrian Dragons in Adrian Tuesday (Jan. 29).

T-M-B-W-WG quad

Luverne collected its first wins of the 2018-19 campaign during Thursday's quadrangular in Tracy.

The Cardinals lost a 66-6

decision to the host team, but registered victories over Fulda-Murray County Central (48-18) and Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther (57-0).

LHS freshman Noah Mehlhaff put together a 3-0 night in Tracy.

Mehlhaff pinned T-M-B-W-WG's Alexander Schuh and F-MCC's Landen Like-Bonstetter along with drawing a forfeit from M-T-ML.

Zach Bradley went 2-0 at the event, while Riley Cowell, Justyce Ripka, Camden Janiszski, Braydon Ripka, Jed Dooyema and Tom Brown went 2-1.

Dalton DeSollar split matches, while Chris Rosing went 1-2.

Match wrap-ups

T-M-B-W-WG 66, LHS 6
106 (L) Mehlhaff pins Schuh.
113 (T) Horner 8-2 Cowell.
120 (T) Ellingson pins J.Ripka.
126 (T) Perez pins Janiszski.
132 (T) Ellingson t.f. B.Ripka.
138 (T) Vandendriessche by forfeit.
145 (T) Axford by forfeit.
152 (T) Schwartz pins Rosin.
160 (T) Axford 12-4 Dooyema.
170 (T) Krick by forfeit.
182 (T) Paplow pins Brown.
195 (T) Eisfeld by forfeit.
220 (T-L) open.
285 (T) Bauer by forfeit.

LHS 48, F-MCC 18

106 (L) Mehlhaff pins Like-Bonstetter.
113 (L) Cowell by forfeit.
120 (L) J.Ripka by forfeit.
126 (L) Janiszski by forfeit.
132 (L) B.Ripka by forfeit.
138 (L) Bradley by forfeit.
145 (F) Behnke by forfeit.
152 (F) Kuball pins Rosin.
160 (L) Dooyema pins Henning.
170 (L-F) open.
182 (L) Brown pins Behnke.
195 (F) Wendorf by forfeit.

220 (L-F) open.
285 (L-F) open.

LHS 57, M-T 0

106 (L) Mehlhaff by forfeit.
113 (L) Cowell by forfeit.
120 (L) J.Ripka by forfeit.
126 (L) Janiszski by forfeit.
132 (L) B.Ripka 7-5 Mar.
138 (L) Bradley pins Garcia.
145 (L) DeSollar by forfeit.
152 (L) Rosin by forfeit.
160 (L-M) open.
170 (L) Dooyema pins Altenburg.
182 (L) Brown by forfeit.
195 (L-M) open.
220 (L-M) open.
285 (L-M) open.

F-MCW triangular

The Cardinals dropped a pair of matches at a triangular meet in Fairmont Jan. 22. Luverne lost a 78-0 decision to F-MCW and came up on the short end of a 48-30 tally against St. James.

The Cardinals registered

pins and another drew a forfeit to highlight the match against the Saints.

Abraham Hernandez (1:43 over Gadiel Velasco), Dooyema (40 seconds over Erik Banda) and Brown (2:26 over Alfredo Carreon) produced the pins for LHS, while Mehlhaff drew a forfeit.

Cowell (8-2 over Josh Olivares) and Braydon Ripka (9-5 over Austin Knickrehm) won decisions against St. James.

F-MCW registered seven pins, drew four forfeits and secured one technical fall, one major decision and one decision against LHS.

Match wrap-ups

St. James 48, LHS 30
106 (L) Mehlhaff by forfeit.
113 (L) Hernandez pins Velasco.
120 (L) Cowell 8-2 over Olivares.
126 (S) Westcott pins Janiszski.
132 (S) Kulseth by forfeit.
138 (L) B.Ripka 9-5 Knickrehm.
145 (S) Hanson pins DeSollar.
152 (S) Hoppe pins Rosin.
160 (L) Dooyema pins Banda.
170 (S) Trejo by forfeit.
182 (L) Brown pins Carreon.
195 (S) Brey by forfeit.
220 (S) Engelking by forfeit.
285 (S) Johnson by forfeit.

F-MCW 78, LHS 0

106 (F) Potts pins Mehlhaff.
113 (F) Jagodzinske 12-2 Cowell.
120 (F) Rohman t.f. Janiszski.
126 (F) Jagodzinske pins J.Ripka.
132 (F) Simmonds pins B.Ripka.
138 (F) Steuber by forfeit.
145 (F) Wolter pins DeSollar.
152 (F) Anderson pins Rosin.
160 (F) Simmonds pins Dooyema.
170 (F) Maldonado by forfeit.
182 (F) Myren 2-0 Brown.
195 (F) Steinbrink by forfeit.
220 (F) Rahn by forfeit.
285 (F) Hernandez by forfeit.

Dragon wrestlers notch 10th victory of season Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team went 2-1 during a stretch of hosting three opponents for matches last week. The Dragons lost a 21-point battle to Worthington Jan. 22 before besting Sioux Falls Lincoln by 17 points Thursday. AHS ended the stretch by taking a 41-point setback from Jackson County Central Friday. The 10-14 Dragons compete at the McCook County Central quadrangular Thursday in Montrose, South Dakota.

JCC 57, Adrian 18

The visiting Huskies stole the show when they took on the Dragons in Adrian Friday. JCC wrestlers won nine of 13 matches and drew one forfeit during a 41-point victory over Adrian.

Adrian received pins from Brayan Anaya (33 seconds over Logan Butzon) and Scot Edwards (43 seconds over Lee Drahota) during the match. Adrian's Quentin Wolf posted a 5-4 win over Carter Hix, and Preston Nelson prevailed by the same tally against Will Freking.

Match wrap-up
 106 (A) Anaya pins Butzon.
 113 (J) Haley pins Hieronimus.
 120 (J) Handeviddt 6-2 Taylor.
 126 (J) Mohning pins Heidebrink.
 132 (J) Vancura by forfeit.
 138 (J) Beaber pins Loosbrock.
 145 (J) Hendrickson pins Sherer.
 152 (J) Heckard pins Hix.
 160 (A) Wolf 5-4 Hix.
 170 (A) Nelson 5-4 Freking.
 182 (J) Michelson pins Wieneke.
 195 (J) Dunker by forfeit.
 220 (J) Edlin pins Winselman.
 285 (A) Edwards pins Drahota.



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Adrian sophomore Logan Sherer (top) is one of two Adrian wrestlers to register pins during a home match against the Worthington Trojans Jan. 22. Worthington came out on the winning end of a 45-24 decision against the Dragons.

Adrian 48, SFL 31
 The Dragons posted their 10th win of the season when they took on the Patriots

in a match staged in Adrian Thursday. Adrian drew five forfeits and won three of the six battles

staged on the mat to secure a 17-point victory. Logan Sherer (4:51 over Em-erant Beyene), Nelson (3:30

over Christian Muhindo) and Edwards (39 seconds over Gavin Marco) registered pins for the Dragons.

David Anaya, Rilee Heidebrink, Logan Taylor, Isaac Bullerman and Tyler Hix drew forfeits for the hosts.

Match wrap-up
 106 (A) Anaya by forfeit.
 113 (S) Mentzer pins Morrison.
 120 (A) Heidebrink by forfeit.
 126 (A) Taylor by forfeit.
 132 (A) Bullerman by forfeit.
 138 (S) Ellenbecker 10-2 Loosbrock.
 145 (A) Hix by forfeit.
 152 (A) Sherer pins Beyene.
 160 (A) Nelson pins Muhindo.
 170 (S) Murphy by forfeit.
 182 (S) Dumke by forfeit.
 195 (S) Bechard by forfeit.
 220 (S) Muth 15-8 Winselman.
 285 (A) Edwards pins Marco.

Worthington 45, AHS 24
 The Dragons opened their home stretch by dropping a 21-point decision to the Trojans Jan. 22.

Along with drawing three forfeits, Worthington won six of the 11 matches staged on the mat during the win.

Sherer (4:29 over Juan Guizar) and Nelson (2:46 over Thomas Lais) pinned their opponents, while Max Lehmann won by injury default.

Taylor posted a 10-5 win over Zaydan Abdulrahman, and Brody Loosbrock nipped Kent Lais 4-2 in overtime.

Match wrap-up
 106 (W) Meyer pins D.Ayana.
 113 (W) Galvez 7-4 Hieronimus.
 120 (A) Taylor 10-5 Abdulrahman.
 126 (W) Schutz pins Heidebrink.
 132 (W) Paw pins Bullerman.
 138 (A) Loosbrock 4-2 Lais.
 145 (W) Hennings 9-2 Hix.
 152 (A) Sherer pins Gulzar.
 160 (W) Donkersloot by forfeit.
 170 (A) Nelson pins Lais.
 182 (W) Cornejo by forfeit.
 195 (A) Lehmann by default.
 220 (W) Mullaney by forfeit.
 285 (W) Cam 9-2 Winselman.

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away before the second period was complete.

Trent Bowe scored at the 11:03 mark of the second stanza and Luke Holeman and Ivan Sunder added tallies in the final five minutes of the period to cap the scoring in the game.

Shaid Shearer made 43 saves in net for the Cards.

Luverne 5, L-D-C 1

The Cardinals knocked off the defending Section 3A champions when they skated to a four-goal win at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday.

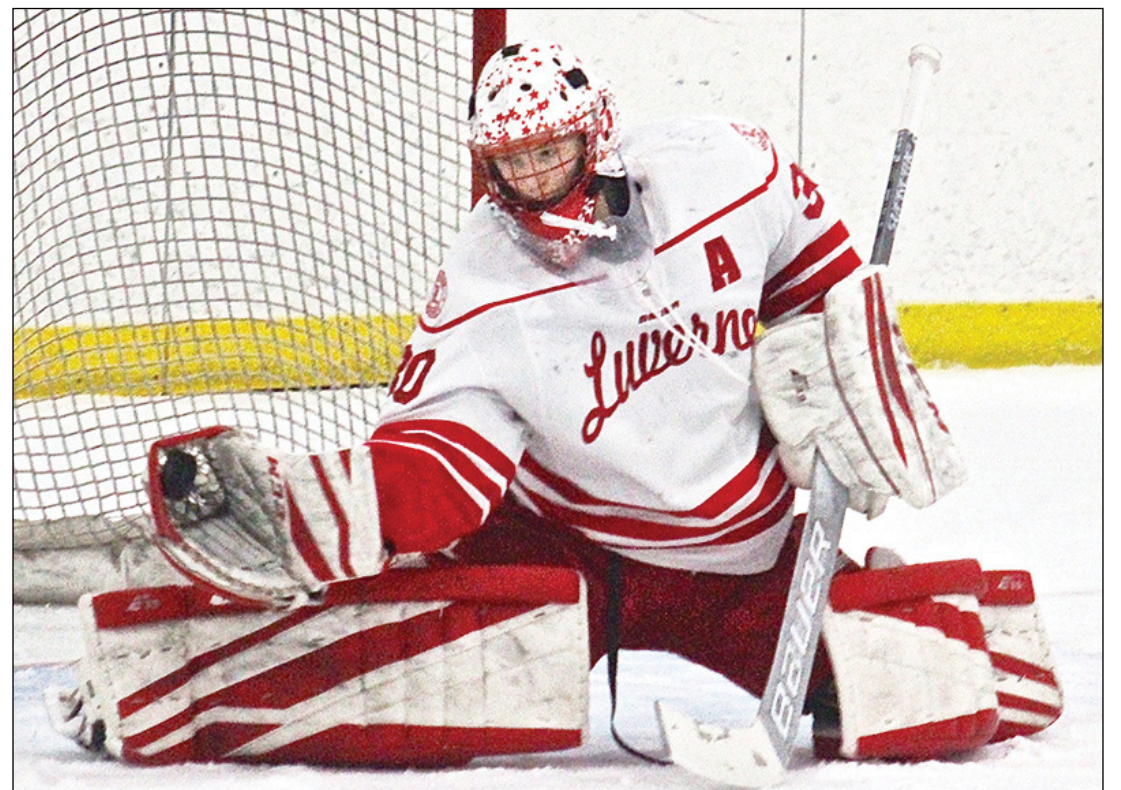
L-D-C kept LHS from repeating as section champions last winter, but the Cardinals gained some revenge by saddling the Dragons with a four-goal setback in Luverne.

The game was tied at one when L-D-C's Logan Benson scored with 9:10 remaining in the second period.

Luverne, however, scored two goals before the second period was complete and added two more in the third period to ice the win.

Ben Serie put the Cards in front 2-1 with an unassisted tally with 7:14 left in the second period before Austin Watts-Boll scored with 1:15 remaining in the stanza to give LHS a two-goal (3-1) cushion.

Serie capped a two-goal effort with a power-play tally



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Sophomore goalie Shaid Shearer makes one of his 43 saves during Saturday's 6-1 home loss to Mound-Westonka. Shearer made 51 saves against L-D-C Friday.

1:17 into the third period and Colby Crabtree added a power-play goal 2:19 later to end the scoring in the game.

Luverne's Tyler Roberts scored the lone goal of the first period 1:13 into the contest.

L-D-C sported a 52-38 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Shearer made 51 saves in goal for LHS, while Crabtree,

Serie and Mason Steensma recorded one assist each.

JAN. 22 SPORTS REPLAY

Panther boys end eight-game slide

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team snapped an eight-game losing streak and posted their second win of the season when the Panthers topped Fulda 63-41 in Ellsworth.

EHS rolled to a 38-15 lead in the first half and prevailed by 22 after Fulda sported a 26-25 scoring edge in the second half.

Grant Jansma (14 points), Peyton Lewis (11 points and seven rebounds), Brandon Kramer (10 rebounds) and Noah Kruse (eight rebounds) played well in the win.

Patriot girls win 17th consecutive contest

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team ran its record to 17-0 with a 79-49 victory over Murray County Central in Slayton.

The Patriots raced to a 21-point lead (38-17) in the first half before outscoring the Rebels 41-32 in the second half to prevail by 30 points. Sidney Fick (26 points and four steals), Grace Bundesen (15 points and 12 rebounds), Taryn Rauk (14 points and five rebounds), Kenadie Fick (five rebounds, three steals and three assists), Whitney Elbers (seven rebounds and five blocked shots) and Madison Spath (three assists) played key roles in the win.

Adrian boys rally to upend Flying Dutchmen

The Adrian boys' basketball team overcame a halftime deficit to secure a 76-57 home win over Edgerton.

AHS faced a 32-28 deficit after 18 minutes of play before outscoring Edgerton 48-25 in the second half to prevail by 19 points.

Christian Weidert (18 points and nine rebounds), Ian Stamer (18 points and three assists), Dakota John (14 points), Noah Reyne (11 points and six rebounds) and Lance Luettel (12 rebounds) led the Dragons to victory.

H-BC boys drop third consecutive conference clash

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team lost its third straight Red Rock Conference game when the Patriots came up on the short end of a 76-57 tally against Murray County Central in Slayton.

MCC, which sank 61 percent of its field goals in the game, led 43-28 at the intermission before outscoring H-BC 33-29 in the second half to complete a 19-point win.

Jax Wysong (19 points), Preston Wilhelmi (17 points and three assists) and Easton Harnack led H-BC statistically.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League

Jan. 24

Games won: Kougarettes 4; Three Hole 3; Three people 3; Three Chumps 0; The Bam Bams 1; I Don't Know 1.

High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 196; Landon Runia 188.

High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 155; Kathy Popp 138.

High Scratch Series Men: ; Landon Runia 547; Zach Runia 530.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy Matson 437; Kathy Popp 355.

Team High Scratch Game: Don't Know 490; The Bam Bams 467.

Team High Scratch Series: Don't Know 1430; Three People 1322.

Team High Handicap Game: Kougarettes 628; The Bam Bams 620.

Team High Handicap Series: Kougarettes 1802; Three People 1787.

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rebounds and eight assists) carried the offensive load for the Panthers.

Lizzie Chapa added three assists to the effort.

Ellsworth, which now has two league wins, shoots for another RRC victory when it plays at Edgerton Public School Thursday.

Box score
 Meester 1 2 0-0 8, Dreesen 3 1 8-12 17, K.Chapa 2 1 0-0 7, L.Chapa 2 0 2-3 6, Mulder 0 0 1-2 1, Popkes 1 0-0 2, Custer 2 0 1-1 5, Smith 4 0 5-6 13.

Team statistics
 Ellsworth: 19 of 44 field goals (43 percent), 17 of 24 free throws (71 percent), 29 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

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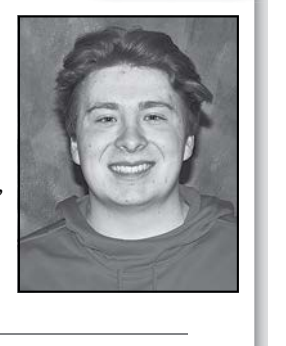
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Derek Lundgren
 Sport: Basketball
 Position: Guard
 Parents: Mark and Lisa
 Favorite Subject: Math
 Extra Curricular Activities: Football, baseball, choir
 Future Plans: Attend college



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Luverne junior Meghan Mollberg turned in the gymnastics team's top score of 9.05 on the vault during Thursday's home meet against Worthington. Luverne came up on the short end of a 142.75-126.875 tally against the Trojans, leaving the Cards with a 1-2 league record.

Trojans best LHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team squared off against Big South Conference power Worthington for a meet in Luverne Thursday.

Unfortunately for the Cardinals, they couldn't stun the Trojans by registering an upset.

Worthington athletes claimed all four individual titles during the meet to set the stage for a 142.75-126.875 victory over the Cardinals.

Meghan Witte turned in Luverne's best efforts by placing fourth on the bars (8.3) and in the all-around competition (34.1).

Worthington's Gracia Elias took top honors on the beam (9.2), bars (8.725) and in the all-around competition (36.175).

Taylor Eggers won the vault and floor titles with respective scores of 9.275 and 9.4 for the Trojans.

The loss left LHS with a 1-2 record in Big South Conference competition and a 7-9 overall mark.

The Cardinals compete in Marshall Thursday.

Individual scores
Vault: Witte, 9.1; Meghan Mollberg, 9.05; Melissa Teal, 8.65; Anna Huisman, 8.625; Sydney Wicks, 7.8
Bars: Witte, 8.25; Huisman, 7.3; Teal, 7.15; Madigan Flom, 6.625; Bonita Tiesler, 5.3
Beam: Witte, 7.875; Flom, 7.8; Huisman, 7.1; Wicks, 6.35; Mollberg, 5.925
Floor: Witte, 8.825; Huisman, 8.425; Mollberg, 8.05; Flom, 7.8; Wicks, 7.575



John Rittenhouse photo/0131 gym 11

Luverne junior Anna Huisman turned in a 7.8-point effort on the balance beam during Thursday's home meet against WHS.

Cardinal girls split games with Huskies, WHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team split a pair of Big South Conference games last week.

The Cardinals notched an eight-point home win over Worthington Thursday, but they came up on the short end of a two-point decision in Jackson Friday.

Luverne, 10-7 overall, plays in Redwood Falls Friday.

JCC 47, Luverne 45

An impressive second-half rally was wiped away by a last-second shot when the Cardinals took on Jackson County Central in Jackson Friday.

After falling behind 23-15 in the first half, LHS rallied to knot the score at 45 late in the second half.

The game was on the verge of going to overtime when JCC junior guard Jordan Rogotzke

settled the issue by draining a 10-foot jump shot from the baseline right before time expired.

Mallory Thorson tossed in 13 points, charted nine steals and collected five caroms for LHS, while Brooklynn Ver Steeg and Mackenzie Petersen chipped in 11 and 10 points respectively.

Jadyn Anderson pulled down six rebounds and registered three steals.

Box score
 Ver Steeg 3 1 2-3 11, Anderson 0 1 2-25, Thorson 3 1 4-4 13, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Nath 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 0 3 1-3 10, Ferrell 3 0 0-2 6.

Team statistics
 Luverne: 15 field goals made, nine of 14 free throws (64 percent), 22 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
 JCC: 17 field goals made, 11 of 20 free throws (55 percent).



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Luverne eighth-grader Averill Sehr spots the target before releasing a shot during Thursday's home win over WHS.

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Asked to choose, I'll always side with old guy

A simple question following Friday's boys' basketball game between Adrian and H-BC in Hills stumped me.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Annette Elbers, the official scorekeeper for H-BC home games, left me feeling baffled with her unexpected query.

"So who do you want to win the Super Bowl," Elbers asked?

For the next 10 to 15 seconds, I couldn't offer a reply.

My lack of a reaction doesn't mean I don't care about the game.

Like millions of other Americans, my entire Sunday will be centered around the Rams-Patriots clash that begins around 5:30 p.m. in our time zone.

The hesitation I experienced about reacting to the question thrown my way in Hills speaks volumes toward my take on the game.

I really don't care who wins. I just want to be entertained.

As a fan of a Vikings' team that missed out of making the playoffs by one win, I could blame both the Rams and the Patriots for our fate because they both beat Minnesota during the regular season.

For that reason alone, I had no quick answer to the question posed to me in Hills.

Eventually, I offered a reply that didn't seem to sit well with Elbers.

I said a guess I would like to see the Patriots win, which prompted an immediate response from the woman who initiated the conversation.

"The Patriots! Do you really want the Patriots to win again?" she responded.

All things considered, I guess I do want things to fall in New England's favor.

The fact that the Patriots have played in eight Super Bowls since 2002 and won five of them doesn't make them the villains in my eyes.

The Patriots are the beneficiaries of a competent, first-class organization that includes Luverne High School graduate Monti Ossenfort, who serves as the Director of College Scouting for New England.

It would be easy for me to say I'm pulling for the Patriots because I enjoyed watching Ossenfort compete as a three-sport athlete more than two decades ago, but that would be misleading.

I always wish Monti well, but I'll be pulling for the Patriots on Sunday because of veteran quarterback Tom Brady.

Again, Brady seems to be a player fans love to hate for the success he has experienced during his distinguished 19-year career.

I'm not a Brady-hater. The older I get, the more respect I gain for athletes who compete at a high level for a long time.

Tom Brady fits that billing perfectly.

At the age of 41, Brady will be making his third consecutive and eighth overall appearance as a starting quarterback for the same team on Sunday.

That's something that should be celebrated, not chastised.

Brady may be a lot younger than I, but that doesn't stop me from considering him to be one of us old guys.

At my advanced age, I'll always side with veteran players who should have earned everybody's respect by now.

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H-BC's Jax Wysong scored 14 points and collected five rebounds during a Saturday loss in Madison, South Dakota.

H-BC falls at Mustang Seeds Shoot-Out

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team took a loss at the Mustang Seeds Shoot-Out Saturday at Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota.

The Patriots squared off against a tall and talented Kimball-White Lake squad at

the event.

H-BC erased a 16-point deficit in the second half to make a bid for a win, but the Wildcats thwarted the rally to secure a 70-64 win.

K-WL opened a 27-21 lead in the game's first half and matched H-BC's scoring output of 43 points in the second

half to complete the win.

Preston Wilhelmi (25 points and three assists) and Jax Wysong (14 points and five rebounds) led H-BC offensively.

Luke LaRock and Kyle Kuester snared five rebounds each for the 9-7 Patriots, who play in Mountain Lake Thursday.

Box score

Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Baker 0 2 0-0 6, Westrum 2 0 0-0 4, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Wilhelmi 5 4 3-4 25, Z. Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 3 0-0 9, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, J. Wysong 4 1 3-4 14, Kueter 3 0 0-1 6.

Team statistics

H-BC: 24 of 57 field goals (42 percent), six of nine free throws (67 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
K-WL: 27 of 64 field goals (42 percent), 14 of 19 free throws (74 percent), 48 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

JCC humbles LHS boys Friday

By John Rittenhouse

A run of three consecutive wins put together by the Luverne boys' basketball team came to an end Friday in Jackson.

The Cardinals squared off against the Jackson County Central Huskies in a Big South Conference contest.

The Huskies outscored the Cardinals in both halves of a 76-65 victory.

JCC led 33-27 after 18 minutes of play before using a 43-38 scoring cushion in the second half to prevail by 11 points.

Bailey Cowell (19 points),

Isaiah Bartels (17 points and six rebounds), Brayden Jacobsma (13 points) and Matt Sehr (10 points) led the Cardinals statistically.

Derek Lundgren grabbed five rebounds for the 9-6 Cardinals, who host Adrian Thursday.

Box score

Cowell 5 2 3-7 19, Jacobsma 4 0 5-5 13, Lundgren 3 0 0-1 6, Sehr 4 0 2-3 10, Bartels 7 0 3-4 17, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

Luverne: 25 of 60 field goals (42 percent), 13 of 20 free throws (65 percent), 20 rebounds.
JCC: 26 field goals made, 16 of 18 free throws (89 percent).

Dragons test Wolverines in Mountain Lake

By John Rittenhouse

A strong performance didn't translate into a victory when the Adrian girls' basketball team challenged Mountain Lake Area Saturday in Mountain Lake.

Adrian remained in contention with an MLA squad that sports an 8-2 record in the Red Rock Conference, but the Wolverines played well in the second half to secure a 58-48 win.

MLA led 23-22 at the intermission before outscoring the Dragons 35-26 in the second half to prevail by 10 points.

Avery Balster (17 points) and Moriah Bullerman (13 points and three assists) turned in

strong offensive performances for Adrian.

Bailey Lonneman pulled down 13 rebounds for the Dragons, while Jennifer Preuss finished the game with six rebounds and three assists.

The 5-11 Dragons host Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday.

Box score

J. Zebe 0 0 2-2 2, B. Zebe 0 0 0-1 0, Bullerman 3 1 4-6 13, Balster 4 2 3-5 17, Nelson 1 0 0-0 2, Preuss 2 0 0-0 4, Lonneman 3 0 0-0 6, Cauwels 0 0 0-0 0, Grussing 1 0 0-0 2, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics

Adrian: 18 of 47 field goals (38 percent), nine of 14 free throws (64 percent), 25 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
MLA: 19 of 48 field goals (40 percent), 18 of 23 free throws (78 percent), 31 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

Hockey girls break even against section foes

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team broke even when it played a pair of games on consecutive nights last week.

The Cardinals nipped Marshall by one goal in Luverne Thursday before falling by two goals to Mankato West Friday in Mankato.

Luverne, 14-5-3 overall, hosts New Ulm Friday.

MW 4, Luverne 2

The Cardinals lost their first game of the season to a section opponent when they challenged the Scarlets in Mankato Friday.

MW scored two goals in the first period and never lost the

lead during a game in which the Scarlets sported a 27-22 advantage in shots on goal.

Molly Grundhoffer gave the hosts a 1-0 lead with a short-handed tally 2:43 into the game and Hannah Wieland added a goal with 17 seconds left in the first period to give the hosts a two-goal cushion.

Luverne's Rozilyn Oyes sliced MW's lead in half (2-1) with a goal that came with 4:31 left to play in the second period, but the Cards were unable to knot the score.

Caitlin Hvinden netted an unassisted goal 50 seconds into the third period for MW before Reghan Bork countered for Luverne with a power-play

tally that made it a 3-2 game with 12:49 left to play.

Lindsey Hays capped the scoring for the Scarlets with 6:05 left in the final stanza.

Cheyenne Schutz made 23 saves in net for the Cards, while Oye, Bork and Kamryn Van Batavia charted one assist each.

LHS 2, Marshall 1

The Cardinals completed a sweep of their annual season series with the Tigers when the teams squared off at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

Luverne posted a 5-4 win over the defending Section 3A champions in Marshall Dec. 4 and prevailed by one goal in

Thursday's rematch.

Marshall drew first blood in the contest when Sydney Mauch recorded an unassisted tally 5:17 into the game.

LHS knotted the score at one 3:14 later, when Van Batavia found the net after being set up by Mallory Nelson with 8:29 remaining in the opening stanza.

The score remained deadlocked until there was 5:25 left in the game, when Luverne's Rylee Gee registered the decisive goal with assists going to Shelby Kracht and Oye.

Schutz made 25 saves in net for an LHS squad that sported a 33-26 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

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LHS 48, Worthington 40

The Cardinals collected their third conference win of the season when they took on the Trojans in Luverne Thursday.

LHS outscored Worthington 20-12 in the first half and matched the Trojans' scoring output of 28 points in the second half to secure an eight-point victory.

Ver Steeg buried 11 free throws to highlight a 17-point, four-steal effort for the Cardinals.

Gabrielle Ferrell netted 16 points for the winners.

Thorson nabbed five rebounds and Anderson charted three steals.

Box score

Ver Steeg 3 0 11-13 17, Anderson 2 0 0-0 4, Thorson 2 0 0-0 4, Sehr 0 0 3-4 3, Petersen 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 2 3 3-4 16, Sweeney 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics

Luverne: 14 of 46 field goals (30 percent), 17 of 21 free throws (81 percent), 23 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
Worthington: 13 of 55 field goals (24 percent), 14 of 21 free throws (67 percent).



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Luverne senior Jadyn Anderson fires up a shot during Thursday's 48-40 home win over the Worthington Trojans.

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

BSC girls' hockey

New Ulm	9-1-1
Marshall	11-2-1
Luverne	9-2-1
Minnesota River	5-7-1
Waseca	4-7
Windom	3-7
Worthington	3-9
Fairmont	3-11

BSC West girls' hoops

Minnesota River	11-1
New Ulm	8-3
Luverne	6-4
Windom	5-4
Waseca	5-5
RWV	2-10
Fairmont	1-11
Worthington	1-12

BSC boys' hockey

Marshall	12-1
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BSC West boys' hoops

RWV	6-1
Marshall	6-1

BSC West girls' hoops

Marshall	8-0
RWV	5-3
Pipestone	4-3
Worthington	3-4
Luverne	3-5

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Friday, Feb. 1: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, Feb. 2: 8 a.m. Consistory Retreat. Sunday, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:30 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring Offering. Monday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m. Playtime at ARC. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Wednesday, Feb. 6: 8 a.m. Luverne School Retreat. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal, Ladies Night Out. 6:30 pm. Pioneer Clubs, Jr & Sr Youth Group. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle, Praise Team.

First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th 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. 31: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 2: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. No ALIVE Group.

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.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com
Sunday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Tuesday, Feb. 5: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Feb. 6: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Middle School Fellowship, Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. Choir. Thursday, Feb. 7: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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: newlifecelebration@gmail.com
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. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
Thursday, Jan. 31: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 1: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Potluck Dinner, Youth Group Meeting. Monday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastor's Meeting at Fulda. 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Feb. 6: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. LWML Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church

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

First Lutheran Church

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.
Ph. (605) 757-6662
Laura Phillips, Pastor
Sunday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School.

Palisade Lutheran Church

211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Laura Phillips, Pastor
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First Presbyterian Church

201 S. 3rd St., P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek
Ph. 507-935-5025
Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com
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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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethleheluth@alliancecom.net

Thursday, Jan. 31: 7 p.m. Bunco Night in church basement. Saturday Feb 2: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Hope in Heartland. Sunday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 5: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at the Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Feb. 6: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Deacon meeting, Trustee meeting. 7:30 p.m. Council meeting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

Hills United Reformed Church

410 S. Central Ave., Hills
Office Ph. 962-3254
hillsurc@alliancecom.net
Alan Camarigg, Pastor
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Do you know who I am?

There's a popular new Netflix show called *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*. I'll admit, I haven't seen it, nor have I read Marie Kondo's book: *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*. Usually I try not to form an opinion on something I know little about and have no experience with, but from what I've read about it from various media outlets, it's an interesting concept, and it fits well with how I believe we are called to live into our identities as children of God.

This is undoubtedly oversimplified, but Marie Kondo's method for decluttering as I understand it is to ask yourself if the object you are holding sparks joy. If it doesn't, gives thanks for it, and then let it go.

I think it's great that the practice of giving thanks and letting go is becoming a mainstream trend.

Our possessions do not define us or make us worthy of love. God calls you beloved simply because you are one of God's creatures. Your worth is in Christ, not in your stuff. Not to mention that we can't take any of our possessions with us when we die.

It's only the love of God that endures for all of time and joins us to God's Kingdom forever. The art of letting go is precisely what Christ calls us to do at the cross. To lay down our burdens, confess our sins, give up trying to be in control and let it all go at the foot of the cross. There God's love and mercy meets us and carries it all away.

Regarding the ques-

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Maggie Berndt-Dreyer, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hills

tion as to whether something sparks joy, here is where I have a small objection. In my life joy ebbs and flows through different seasons. What might spark joy for a few months, might not before too long. And at some points, joy feels elusive.

Then I think of the first sign of Jesus in the second chapter of John's gospel where Jesus turns water into wine at the Wedding in Cana. The wine has run out long before the wedding guests are ready to stop celebrating. It seems like a trivial thing, but Jesus steps in. He tells the servants to fill up 6 giant stone jars all the way to brim with water.

When they draw some out after following Jesus' command, the water is now wine, and it's better than the best wine at the wedding.

God can surprise us with joy in unexpected places: in the midst of the pile of stuff we thought had long gone cold, in the middle of the ordinary and mundane.

God continues to call forth joy throughout our lives to delight us and remind us that we are loved. Cluttered or tidy, God is faithful to you and wants you to find joy, even if just a spark.

St. John Lutheran Church

803 N. Cedar St., Luverne
Ph. 283-2316; email: stjoh@iw.net
www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 31: 11:30 a.m. DCE Jessica devotions at Mary Jane Brown Home. Saturday, Feb. 2: 9 a. SOUPer Bowl NYG Fundraiser Assembly. 5:30 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Spanish Worship. Sunday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. Monday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m. Winkal at Fulda. 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 5: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out. Wednesday, Feb. 6: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth Supper. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC/HS Youth Group, Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Feb. 7: 2 p.m. Women's Society.

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ISD #2184 School Board meets Dec. 20

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on December 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Jodi Rops, Jady Anderson, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann presented the Truth-in-Taxation information to the school board. There were no community members in attendance for the hearing.

It was noted there was community input this evening. Tara Zewiske and Lisa Dinger, representing JO Volleyball, attended the community input session to discuss the rental/usage of facilities and volleyball fundraising.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the November 26, 2018, School Board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Bosch, second by Sandbulte, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$2,720,725.67. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of November 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

A report of the district-owned vehicles was presented to the School Board. It was noted that we may consider trading in two buses and purchasing one new bus. We may also need to consider trading in one of the cars for a newer model. Motion made by Bosch, second by Hartman, to receive the transportation update report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES FOR MULTIPLE PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLING PLACES WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELECTIONS NOT HELD ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, State of Minnesota, as follows:

- Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.
- Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:
Combined Polling Place: Luverne Middle/High School Gymnasium – 709 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne
"This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2184 located in Battle Plain Township; Beaver Creek Township; Clinton Township; Denver Township; Kanaranzi Township; Luverne Township; Magnolia Township; Mound Township; Rose Dell Township; Springwater Township; Vienna Township; the City of Hardwick, the City of Kenneth, City of Luverne; and the City of Magnolia; in Rock County, Minnesota; and Leota Township, Lismore Township, and Westside Township in Nobles County, Minnesota."
- Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.
- The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty days after its adoption.
- As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the 2018 Payable 2019 Levy Limitation and Certification Report with the school board. It was noted this levy certification reflects a 2.05% decrease. Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to set the 2018 Payable 2019 Levy at \$3,855,220.86. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to set a bid date of January 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. to receive bids for asbestos removal. Superintendent Oftedahl informed the school board that the main areas of concern are the boiler room and the tunnels under the building. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Jarchow, second by Deutsch, to amend the Cooperative Agreement with the Adrian School District for boys and girls hockey to be extended to the end of the 2022-2023 season to accommodate the current participating 8th grade student. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to accept the resignation of Melva Schwiedop as 2-hour food service worker effective November 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Amanda Thorson as 2-hour food service worker effective November 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Awanda Siebenahler as Elementary School cook effective November 30, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Tonya

Honermann as Elementary School cook effective December 10, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Linda Bruhn as 2-hour food service worker effective December 10, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to accept the resignation of Karson Demuth as custodian effective December 28, 2018. Motion unanimously carried. There were no committee reports. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. It was noted the special meeting may be January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Dated: December 20, 2018

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(1-31)

ISD #2184 insurance proposals due March 22

Public Notice of Request for Proposal

ISD 2184 Luverne Public Schools ("District") requests proposals for group insurance coverage for the health plan year beginning July 1, 2019. Sealed proposals will be accepted in paper form until 12:00 pm central time on March 22nd, 2019 at Luverne Public Schools, District Office, 709 N Kniss Ave, Luverne, MN 56156. Copies of the request for proposal and exhibits may be requested from Marlene Mann at m.mann@isd2184.net, and will be sent electronically at no charge. District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. District reserves the right to select the proposal which it determines to be in the best interest of the District.

(1.31-2.7)

Intent to dissolve Alit USA, Inc.

CORPORATE DISSOLUTION

Alit USA, Inc.

NOTICE IF INTENT TO DISSOLVE Alit USA, Inc. BY ITS DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS AND NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, CREDITORS, AND CLAIMANTS:

Notice is hereby given that Alit USA, Inc. is in the process of dissolving. A notice of intent to dissolve has been filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota on January 23, 2019.

Notice is hereby further given that ALL CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS having claims against said corporation are required to present the same, in writing, to Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke, as the legal representative of said corporation, within ninety (90) days after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: January 23, 2019.

Jennifer L. Eisma-Reinke

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I.D. # 389457

(1.31-2.21)

Boeve applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

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

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 34 in Beaver Creek Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The proposed facility consists of a total confinement barn to house 2,400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. Using 0.3 animal units per head, total animal units are 720. The building shall have a poured reinforced concrete pit for manure storage. The total animal unit capacity will be 720.

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

(1.31)

ISD #2184 Special meeting Jan. 7

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Jodi Bosch. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Angie Swenson, Lynn Remmers, Katie Becker, Joel Bornhoff, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Joel Bornhoff with ICS Consulting, Inc., reviewed the building project bids. The recommendation received from ICS Consulting, Inc., was to accept the bid from Gil Haugan Construction, Inc., and to include alternates #1, #2, #4, #5c, #5d, #6 and #7. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to accept the bid from Gil Haugan Construction, Inc., including alternates 1, 2, 4, 5c, 5d, 6 and 7 for a total contract of \$22,323,300.00. Motion unanimously carried.

The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: January 7, 2019

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(1-31)

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The Pearl Schomacker family would like to say thanks for all the thoughts of concern by way of cards, food, flowers, memorials, visits and hugs. They appreciated those that took part in the service, for Jeff & staff for helping us fulfill Mom's wishes and those that were able to attend visitation or service. Thanks to the staff & residents of Poplar Creek for being part of Mom's family the last few years and also to the Hospice staff for caring for Mom and making her comfortable the last weeks. Mom/Grandma will be missed but we know she is at peace and no more pain. Again thank you and God's blessings to you all. (1.31-2.3)

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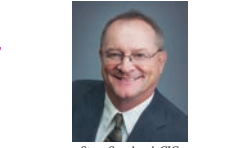
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