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Fishing Derby set for Saturday

By Mavis Fodness

If history is any indication, Saturday's weather won't stop hundreds of anglers and spectators from attending the fourth annual "Get Hooked" Ice Fishing Derby in Luverne.

"Hopefully, it's a good turnout," said event organizer Jeremy Wallenberg.

One element is evident: Rewards will go to those who attend.

More than \$4,000 in cash and prizes will be given away during the event with the top prize of \$500 given to the largest fish caught during the three-hour event.

Forty-five prizes are designated for adults and another 45 prizes are for youth. Also for youth, the first 200 to register will receive fishing poles. The first 100 poles will be complete with hocks and bobbers, Wallenberg said.

Pole sponsors are Jaycox Implementation, Jaycox Truck and Trailer, Loosbrock Electric and Rock County Pheasants Forever.

Derby registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at The Lake, located on the west edge of Luverne. Competition is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Cost is \$15 for adults or two for \$25. Youth is \$10 or two for \$15.

Scout Troop 32 will open concessions at 11 a.m.

Depending on ice conditions, temporary and permanent fish houses can be used by anglers during the derby.

Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club will judge the tournament.

Since the first derby in 2016, the largest fish has ranged from a 3.32-pound walleye to a 9.1-pound northern.

"Fish are biting," said Wallenberg, a regular angler at The Lake.

Ice was estimated at 11 to 13 inches thick as of Sunday.

Last year, temperatures were in the single digits after the previous year brought near-thawing conditions. In 2016, the first derby year, temperatures were in the 60s.

The weather date is Feb. 16.

Luverne Area Chamber and Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsor the event.



Lori Sorenson photos/0207 sledding

Downhill slide

Sheer joy was evident on the faces of Luverne Elementary School second-graders in Laura Louwagie's class during their sunny sledding recess Friday afternoon. The weekend thaw was a welcome reprieve from record cold temperatures last week and subzero conditions that returned Monday and Tuesday. Above, Summer Mollberg tests the speed and slope of the hill west of the school building.



Quinn Sandbulte kicks up some snow.



Bridget Sandager and Emersyn Remme.



At left, Marshal Hoff (left) and William Saarloos fall off their snow machine. Above, right, is Miyah Gober



Shopko pharmacy closes suddenly

By Mavis Fodness

In a less than a week, four Luverne Shopko pharmacy employees found themselves without jobs and their place of business empty.

Workers learned Jan. 28 the pharmacy would permanently close the following day at 4 p.m.

The Shopko Pharmacy and Hometown Shopko retail stores are owned by an affiliate of Sun Capital Partners. Financial struggles prompted store closures, and on Jan. 16, the business filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which prompted the sale of pharmacy assets.

"As part of the Chapter 11 process, we have made the difficult decision to exit our pharmacy business," company representative Michelle Hansen responded by email.

"On 1/23, Shopko sold many of our pharmacies through a court-supervised auction process."

According to the court documents, Lewis Family Drug, headquartered in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, purchased the Luverne Shopko Pharmacy assets in the auction involving 120 Shopko pharmacies.

Lewis also bought the Shopko pharmacy assets in Mitchell, Sisseton and Madison, all in South Dakota; Ida Grove, Iowa; and St. James.

All Luverne Shopko Pharmacy customer records transferred to the Luverne Lewis Family Drug location, effective Jan. 31.

The Luverne Shopko Pharmacy employed one full-time and one part-time pharmacist in addition to two pharmacy technicians.

Janet Reisch of Luverne worked as a pharmacy technician in the Luverne Shopko Pharmacy for 21 years.

She said staff members were surprised at the sudden closure and job losses.

After three days of packing pharmacy merchandise, her last day on the job was Friday.

The Shopko pharmacy was located inside the Shopko Hometown retail store on South Highway 75.

The store and pharmacy moved to that new location from its previous Pamida building on East Main Street (now Living Rock Church) in 1997.

The Luverne Shopko Hometown store remains open, according to the court documents, and there are no plans for the empty pharmacy space in the store.

Sun Capital Partners, a privately owned company, purchased Shopko in 2005.

Shopko was founded in 1962 and in 1999 purchased the regional Pamida stores, which included the store in Luverne. Most Pamida stores were rebranded in 2012 as Shopko Hometown.

What should a downtown plaza look like in Luverne?

Downtown plaza committee seeks community input at Feb. 11 meeting at Palace Theatre

By Lori Sorenson

What should a downtown plaza look like? Where should it be located? What features should it offer?

These questions and others will be explored at a community meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Palace Theatre.

"It will be a conversation about what we want to see in a plaza,"

said Luverne Chamber director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

The idea stems from a 2017 meeting when Luverne residents listed a downtown plaza among their top three priorities for community improvement.

Given the popularity of events at the History Center last summer, Lanphere said there's clearly interest in having a downtown gathering space.

The plaza priority first emerged at a 2017 meeting of Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow, which is now spearheading the effort.

Community consultant Roger Brooks told Luverne that gathering spaces downtown are essential for community health and human connections.

He said successful destination

communities have revitalized their downtowns not just for shopping but for spending time.

"Suburban malls are dying," Brooks said in a June 2017 meeting. "Downtowns are back ... It's where we go after work and on weekends. Nothing is more vital than downtown."

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Blue Mound Tower management prepares for \$1 million improvements

By Lori Sorenson

The 48-year-old Blue Mound Tower in the center of town is showing its age with a leaky roof, outdated safety features and inefficient lighting and plumbing fixtures, to name a few.

Housing director Tammy Johnson is making plans to address these projects and is working with the city of Luverne to apply for grants to help cover the costs, which are estimated to be over \$1 million.

"We're in good financial shape, but some of these projects would wipe out our reserves," Johnson told the council.

She attended the Jan. 8 City Council meeting to answer questions about the projects and about

Blue Mound Tower work/see 3A



Housing director Tammy Johnson (center) leads City Council members on a tour of the Blue Mound Tower to explain planned upgrades to the building.

Apartment tenants comprise a diverse group well-served by housing services

By Lori Sorenson

The Blue Mound Tower serves a diverse population of all ages, including elderly, disabled and college students — who share a common bond under the one roof.

"We really are like a big family out here," said housing director Tammy Johnson, who can name nearly all the tenants in the 70-unit, seven story apartment building.

"The people here are very nice and they look out for each other."

Johnson is planning several improvement projects for the building and is working with the city of Luverne

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— Tammy Johnson, housing director

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As she met with local government officials and state and federal agencies to secure funding for the projects,

Blue Mound Tower people/see 3A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Pizza Ranch, Luverne.

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.

Battle Plain Township Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the home of Aaron Sandbulte.

American Legion Auxiliary #123 will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Legion Post Hall. 507-283-1934.

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

MS Support Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Feb 19, in Pizza Ranch Luverne, for all persons with MS, family and friends. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Parkinsons Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne.

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 Methodist Church. 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.

Bison Tales at Blue Mounds Feb. 8

Learn more about the bison at Blue Mounds State Park and how they are part of a larger effort to conserve bison throughout the state. Touch real pieces of a bison, practice bison communication skills, and make a bison storybook to take home. Meet at the cart-in site picnic shelter from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. Call 507-283-6057.

Tai Ji Quan starts Feb. 8

Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance will begin another round of classes Friday, Feb. 8, in the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness center on North Blue Mound Avenue. A total of 24 classes will be each Monday and Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Each session consists of warm-up exercises, a mix of core forms and cool-down exercises. Cost is \$5 for adults up to age 54; \$1.75 for 55 and older. First class is free. Contact Norma Brands, Rock Co. Aging & Volunteer Services Coordinator, (507) 283-5064 or ace.rock@co.rock.mn.us

Hospice kickoff meeting Feb. 14

Sanford Luverne Hospice will host a kick-off meeting at noon Thursday, Feb. 14, for anyone interested in helping with this year's charity dinner and auction. RSVP for lunch and materials by Feb. 11 by calling 283-1805.

Snowy Survival at State Park Feb. 16

Practice survival skills like building a snow den and starting a fire at the Blue Mounds State Park from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Cart-in Site Picnic Shelter. It's open to all ages and abilities. (If there is little snow the program will instead be spring survival.) Call 507-283-6057.

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.

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.

Valentine Treats for Kids in the Kitchen class for students grades K-6 will be held on **Feb. 14. Fee is \$18.**

Preschool/Daycare for Free? On Feb. 19 or Feb. 21 will help you understand what Parent Aware, Early Learning Scholarships and Four Star Rating means in the world of preschoolers. No fee for this free class, but registration requested. Choose **Feb. 19 at 10:45 a.m. or 6:15 p.m.** or choose **Feb. 21 at 11.**



Lori Sorenson photo/0207 cattlemen's banquet

More than 430 people attended the 2019 Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's annual banquet Monday night in Grand Prairie Events. The local group routinely hosts the largest annual Cattlemen's Association meeting of any county cattlemen's group in the state.

Valuable, viable, visible

Cattlemen's speaker urges farmers to know their value, share their message

By Lori Sorenson

New Mexico rancher and motivational speaker Matt Rush delivered the keynote message at the 2019 Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's Association annual banquet Monday night in Grand Prairie Events.

His message was about the fact that farmers need to recognize their own importance and the value their work brings to the world.

"Ag people have such an amazing story to tell, but I just don't think they realize their true value, and I want to recognize that," Rush said. "We need to be out there introducing ourselves to our customers."

He shared the story about sitting on a plane next to an actress who was excited to

meet a "real, live farmer," and she asked him sincere questions about GMOs, organic vs. non-organic, safe animal handling, antibiotic use and other agriculture concerns.

After the conversation, Rush said the actress told him that if she ever "made it big," she'd like to be a spokesperson for farming.

But that's where he paused at the microphone and said it occurred to him that his industry should already be outspoken about what it does.

"Can you imagine what kind of industry we could be if we had people from Hollywood and all across the United States standing up for people in agriculture?" Rush said.

"The reality is most of us

are perfectly content to sit on our tractors and be left alone to do our work."

He said that's why it's important for groups like the Rock-Nobles Cattlemen's Association and other ag organizations to share the message that U.S.-produced food is the safest and the best in the world.

"It's up to us," he said. "It's up to all of us."

The Bluestem restaurant catered the steak supper that served more than 430 people, which is typical for the local group, which routinely hosts the largest annual meeting of any county Cattlemen's Association in the state.

In addition to introducing 2019 local officers (president Jay Bakken, vice president

Adam Blume, secretary Dan Leuthold and treasurer Jesse Brake) the group honored Rock County beef producers Dave DeBoer and Peter Bakken with "outstanding service to the industry" awards and introduced Hannah Kruse and Whitney Elbers as 2019 beef ambassadors.

The group also donated \$1,500 to local food pantries and handed out 160 beef bundles valued at roughly \$3,200 as door prizes for attendees.

"The local cattlemen's association really appreciates the support from the community," Peter Bakken said.

"People get excited about the economic impact the beef industry has on the community."

Rock County Star Herald earns state newspaper awards

Editor honored for 'Last Man' feature, breaking news coverage of 'Thunder Blizzard'

The Rock County Star Herald received two state awards in the Better Newspaper Contest of the 152nd annual convention of the Minnesota Newspaper Association Jan. 24-25 in the Twin Cities.

Star Herald Editor Lori Sorenson was honored with a first-place award in the human-interest feature story category for her coverage of "Last men share last toast."

The award recognizes excellence in feature story writing about subjects in relation to "concerns interests or achievements of a group or individual."

Sorenson's award-winning piece appeared in the Nov. 16, 2017, edition of the Star Herald on the front of the B section as part of community Veterans Day coverage.

The story and photographs recorded the final toast of local World War II veterans Helmer Haakenson and LeRoy Luitjens with their special guest, former first lady Mary Pawlenty.

Sorenson also received a second-place award in the "local breaking news" category for her coverage of "Thunder

blizzard shuts down region" in the April 19, 2018, Star Herald.

Judges commended Sorenson on her "substantial and varied coverage" of the storm and its effects on area residents and institutions.

Minnesota journalists from around the state were honored during the Thursday night, Jan. 24, banquet at the Double Tree in Bloomington where Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar received the Distinguished Service to Journalism Award.

The award, established in memory of former Star Herald editor and publisher Al McIntosh, recognizes individuals who have provided exceptional service to journalism.

The Minnesota Better Newspaper awards are based on work published between Sept. 1, 2017, and Aug. 31, 2018.

This year's MNA contest entries were judged by the Colorado Press Association and included more than 4,000 entries from daily and weekly newspapers statewide.

MNA is a voluntary association of all general-interest newspapers in the state of Minnesota.

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"We will never forget the hours spent together at our Glen's Coffee Clique..." — Last Man Club member LeRoy Luitjens



Former Minnesota First Lady Mary Pawlenty helps Helmer Haakenson (left) and LeRoy Luitjens open the official bottle of bourbon to carry out the final toast of the Last Man Club Saturday night during the Veterans Day program at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Last Man Club member Helmer Haakenson spoke this spring about meeting Mrs. Pawlenty to join them in the honor. He died Oct. 26, just one day before Veterans Day. Pawlenty, an honorary Last Man Club member, attended Haakenson's funeral with Haakenson and Luitjens who were at that time to attend the club before he passed the last two members, after that the last toast.

Last men share last toast

Former First Lady opens bourbon with Haakenson, Luitjens on Veterans Day

Story and photos by Lori Sorenson

The official bottle shall remain sealed and unopened until the last member of the last man to all his comrades who have served in the military.

Pawlenty shared a letter she wrote to the Last Man Club members, which was read by Helmer Haakenson and LeRoy Luitjens.

The group of 22 veterans who were the last men to serve in the military gathered for the final toast of the club's history — that is, the last toast of the club's history — at the Grand Prairie Events in Luverne on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017.

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Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty (left), Helmer Haakenson and LeRoy Luitjens of the Last Man Club. The club began in 2000 with 24 World War II veterans who drank coffee together at Glen's. For each Veterans Day since then, the members — whose numbers have dwindled each year — have gathered to toast each other and their late comrades.

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the building. The seven-story, 70-unit apartment building was built in 1971 for low-income elderly residents, and since then has expanded to serve disabled people and income-eligible students.

Johnson's list of work to be done includes the following:

- improve the sprinkler system and fire alarm panel.
- improve handicap access to the west entrance.
- install new skylights (the current ones are stained, leaky and original to the 1971 building).
- repair the roof
- replace faulty windows.
- upgrade security lighting.
- replace thermostats.
- replace toilets with water conservation models.
- replace baseboard heaters.
- replace lights with newer and more efficient LED fixtures.

• Install a generator to operate the elevators and community room during power outages.

Johnson also hosted City Council members for a Jan. 15 tour of the building to point out work that's been done and improvements still on the list.

Despite the list of deficiencies she's working on addressing, Johnson made it clear the improvements are a matter of planning ahead — not fixing hazards.

"Our tenants are not in immediate danger," she clarified at the Jan. 22 council meeting. "It's just that some of these parts aren't manufactured anymore and we're trying to plan ahead."

Public housing resources

The Blue Mound Tower is operated by the Luverne Housing and Redevelopment Authority, a public housing agency governed by a board of local residents, business people, law enforcement and government leaders.

The Luverne HRA is affiliated with national public housing agencies, such as the Housing and Urban Development Authority, and as such can access state and federal grants such as the ones Johnson and the Luverne City Council are applying for.

The council agreed to sponsor Johnson's grant application and adopted a resolution in support of the HRA's grant application through the Small Cities Development Program.

Johnson said that federal grant application, through the Department of Employment and Economic Development, can be used as leverage to apply for a state loan through the Publicly Owned Housing Program.

"These programs are both competitive so the more financial leverage we have the better our chance of securing funding," Johnson said.

"We can use incentives and in-kind donations as leverage too. For example I included the City of Luverne as they are offering a \$75 per toilet rebate for each eco-friendly toilet we install."

Considering more than 70 toilets in the building, this would amount to more than \$5,000 in rebates. Also, the eco-friendly toilets use less water (1.5 gallons per flush, versus 4 gallons per flush with existing toilets) and would result in lower utility bills.

Plus, CenterPoint energy is offering rebates (roughly \$6,000) for more new LED lights through the building.

POHP (Publicly Owned Housing Program) offers a 20-year deferred, forgivable loan program. "If we meet all the requirements of the loan they will forgive this loan at the end of the 20 year term," Johnson said.

The POHP grant, if awarded in full, would amount to \$481,710. The DEED grant request is \$534,903.

The Blue Mound Tower capital fund has \$53,000 to contribute toward the \$1.081 million improvements.

Grant awards are announced in April, Johnson said bid specs would be completed over the summer and bids let in the fall for a construction start possibly in 2020.

Blue Mound Tower tenants comprise diverse community/continued from page 1

information emerged about the Blue Mound Tower, its tenants and its role in the community.

Occupancy is nearly 100 percent with nearly one-third Minnesota West students

Through the course of discussion at the two meetings, Johnson shared information about the Blue Mound Tower and its residents.

Of the 70 units, two are two-bedroom units and the rest are one-bedroom apartments.

She said all the apartments are rented and roughly 25 are on the waiting list at any given time, which is a change from several years ago when the vacancy rate was consistently 70 percent.

Since Minnesota West Community and Technical College moved into the former hospital space across the street from the Blue Mound Tower, income-eligible students have been allowed to rent there, also boosting occupancy. Students now comprise roughly one-third of the Tower population.

Blue Mound Tower is an income-based facility with rent calculated at one-third of a tenant's adjusted gross income or the designated flat rent, whichever is less. This includes all utilities.

The flat-rate rent for one-bedroom apartment is \$424 per month and a two-bedroom is \$560 per month.

Johnson said the rent schedule at the Blue Mound Tower provides opportunities for many people in a variety of ways.

"We have a lot of working poor or middle-aged people who just don't make enough money to secure home ownership or pay market rate rent," Johnson said.

She shared the story of a college student who qualified for \$50 per month rent.

"She has food stamps, and she walks everywhere she needs to in town and her family is not able to give her much financial support," Johnson said.

"I know she wouldn't be able to afford school if it weren't for her low rent with us."

She said the Blue Mound Tower provides opportunities for students and people of all ages to get a start in life.

But the building is geared for elderly and disabled low-



Lori Sorenson photos/blue mound tower tour

Members of the HRA recently led city leaders on a tour of the Blue Mound Tower apartments. Pictured are (from left) Kevin Aaker, Barb Berghorst, Susan Schneckloth, Pat Baustian, Tammy Johnson, Caroline Thorson, Ben Vander Kooi, Evan Verbrugge and Lori Hallstrom.

income residents, who have priority on a waiting list over students.

Johnson said the students have proven to be good neighbors in the building.

She shared a story about a student who helped an elderly tenant who had fallen in the parking lot.

"The two developed a relationship, and when the student comes back from visiting her family, she shares home-baked foods with the tenant."

She said encounters like these are endless at the Blue Mound Tower. She shared another story about an elderly woman whose cat of 16 years passed away.

"This lady was never married nor does she have any children; her cat was her baby and companion," Johnson said.

"It looked like she had cried all night. That afternoon a couple of the college students and another tenant were running around with a sympathy card for everyone to sign. They brought her treats and just sat with her."

Johnson said people make assumptions about college students and loud parties.

"I'm proud to say that's not the case with our students," she said.

"The different generations enrich each other's lives. Our college students are a breath of fresh air for our other tenants and our older tenants are adopted parents or grandparents for our students. It's a nice blend."

A home through the ages

Since Johnson started nearly five years ago as Blue Mound Tower director, she's

worked steadily toward improving the building and making community spaces more inviting.

These include new carpet, fresh paint and updated interior decorating, and building maintenance supervisor Gene Aanenson has been praised for being extra thorough and extra clean.

Office manager Vonnie Nergaard keeps the office running smoothly, Johnson said. "We really have good staff, and we couldn't do what do for our tenants without them," she said.

Lorna Boots has been a Blue Mound Tower tenant for nearly 30 years, and she said the improvements in recent years have been noticeable and welcome.

"It's been improved a lot since Tammy and Gene took over," Boots said.

"They go above and beyond as far as keeping it clean and neat."

Her seventh floor apartment faces the Blue Mounds to the north, and she said hers was one of the first to be remodeled several years ago. "I love my view," she said.

In addition to structural and aesthetic improvements, Johnson has worked to connect Blue Mound Tower tenants with the community.

For example, she encourages them to eat at Senior Dining, where the Senior Citizens also host social activities, quilting and the monthly free food distribution.

The Senior Citizens are also planning computer training to complement a recent Blandin Foundation senior computer donation.

Those who find it difficult to walk to Senior Dining can order Meals on Wheels, which Johnson helps to facilitate.

In addition to meals, many services — especially medical — come to the Blue Mound Tower residents.

These include an annual flu shot clinic for tenants and veterinary visits with animal exams and a vaccination clinic twice a year for pets.

"We have a lot of pets here and emotional support animals," Johnson said, adding that they must weigh less than 25 pounds.

She said patients released from therapy programs at the hospital are able to continue therapy with the recent purchase of a NuStep machine, which is what is used at the hospital.

"We have many tenants use the NuStep to support their health and wellness without having to leave the building," Johnson said.

In fact, she said Blue Mound Tower tenants are able to live well into old age in their own apartments.

"There is no reason people can't live here almost as comfortably as they can in an assisted living facility," said Johnson, who has a background in senior care.

"Rock County is blessed to have wonderful supportive services such as visiting nurses, public transit, meals on wheels and personal care aids that come in for light housework and laundry services."



Recently remodeled Blue Mound Tower apartments feature new bathroom and kitchen fixtures, new flooring, fresh paint and other updated improvements.

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Hot vs. cold, spicy vs. mild, busy vs. lazy, rich vs. poor ... Relative to what?

When temperatures finally climbed above zero Friday, it felt balmy outside.



We could breathe deeply without freezing our lungs. We could walk to the car without wrapping our faces like mummies.

Was 15 degrees really all that warm? Compared to minus 15 degrees, it sure was. And the weekend thaw felt like a heat wave.

This time of year, our perception of outdoor temperatures is mostly relative to what we most recently survived.

It occurred to me that lots of things in life are defined in relative terms.

My husband made chili last week, and it was so spicy it made my scalp sweat. He, on the other hand, added hot sauce to his bowl.

Was the chili spicy or mild? Depends whom you asked, and relative to what.

"Busy" is another relative term.

I used to think I was a "busy" working mom when my kids were younger than driving age and I was shuttling them around to their activities.

Then, I visited with friend of mine, a working mom with five kids under driving age and a baby on the way. (And she successfully maintained a full produce garden.)

I decided I wasn't very busy. In fact I mostly refrain from using that word at all.

See how it works? Life is relative.

Other terms defined by relativity are "poor" or "rich."

My younger son once asked me if we were poor after I told him we couldn't afford a trip to Disney World over Christmas break.

"Well," I took a deep breath. "Compared to your friend's family that travels somewhere warm every Christmas, we

ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

It occurred to me that lots of things in life are defined in relative terms.

may be poor — or perhaps less wealthy."

I seized the opportunity to illustrate how relative these terms can be.

Were we rich or poor compared to what?

Do we have a roof over our heads?

Do we have food on the table?

Do we have clothes on our backs?

Do we have a car in the garage?

Compared to half the global population, these simple assets rank us pretty high on the rich-vs.-poor measuring stick.

Compared to the wealthiest 1 percent in America, we eek out a pretty meager existence.

But this leads to a more important discussion: How do we measure wealth?

Or, more to the point — how do we count our blessings?

Do we enjoy good health?

Do we have the luxury of stable family relationships? Do we benefit from freedoms protected by our constitution?

If so, perhaps then we're blessed, relatively speaking.

And if we're smart (relatively speaking) we'll recognize that happiness lies in our ability to see how fortunate (relatively speaking) we actually are.

Southwestern Youth Services, Magnolia, shares message with community

In a world of uncertainty, our students can be certain of warm shelter, nourishing food, good health and consistent learning while they're in our care ... thanks to community support.

The start of the new year often compels us to reflect on past years, and I find myself doing exactly that. As I think about the many years that Southwestern Youth Services has existed, I wonder about the boys that have passed through our doors.

I wonder if they remember the lessons we tried to teach them and if they have matured into productive citizens. I wonder if they have families of their own, if they made their way in the work place, and if they have found peace in their lives. We hear from some past students every now and then, especially when they have experienced some success that they want to share.

Unfortunately, we also learn about some past students when we read of them in the newspaper or hear about them on the news. Due to confidentiality laws for juveniles, we receive no official report on their progress and are left to wonder about the majority of them.

What I don't have to wonder about is the certainty that our students, regardless of how long they are with us, find more than warm shelter, nourishing food, health care, and consistent schooling during their stay in Magnolia.

SYS teachers strive to create inventive ways to teach reluctant students in the lessons of math, science, government, reading and writing, and many other academic lessons which are required by state law and for which there is often little interest.

Our SYS line staff work diligently to teach the boys how to work within a group, how to follow directions, and how to complete daily chores that they will need in adulthood. Their group leaders work tirelessly to advise and teach each individual young man and communicate with their families, social workers, and corrections workers to find a clearer path into their future.

The SYS nurse teaches CPR and First Aid, schedules and oversees doctor appointments to address often deferred health issues, and also tends to endless scratches, bumps, and bruises inevitably incurred by young boys and teenagers.

The SYS cook and kitchen staff consistently provide appealing, healthy, and balanced meals and also teach the benefits of nutritious

GUEST OPINION

By Carole Naasz, Southwestern Youth Services



Submitted photo

Southwest Youth Services, Magnolia, employs 40 people full and part-time. Staff members on hand for the photograph Friday, Feb. 1, include (front, from left) line staff Craig Lovett, line staff, teachers Christine Lovett and Dawn Wojciechowski, group leader Dennis Wojciechowski, (back) business manager Amber Shaw, program director Jeremy Hough, line staff Kent Davis, records manager Renee Dibbern, food service manager Kerassia Aslanoglou, facility manager Dale Auch and executive director Don Johnson.

and appropriate food choices. The in-house counselors work weekly with each of our students to teach coping skills, how to deal with anxiety and trauma, and show them a way toward making better choices in their lives. Finally, the administration, office and business personnel, and facility manager keep the facility running smoothly and teach the entire staff the value of organization, teamwork and support.

SYS is a busy place with all the comings and goings, but there is also another factor at work that provides stability, sustenance, and practical lessons to our students. Our surrounding community provides many lessons to our young men that are often intangible but just as valuable as learning math and reading.

The farmers (such as Gary Overgaard Steve Knips and Alan Vogt) who hire our students to clean barns, tend to livestock, paint fences, and pick rocks from fields as well as deliver sweet corn and pumpkins for our students teach the lessons of responsibility and hard work.

The city and county workers who hire our students for tree matting and other jobs teach how a community works together for the benefit of all.

The volunteers who assist with transportation, food donations, attend educational meetings, instruct art and Bible classes, and help us meet innumerable other needs are teaching the value of giving as a means to help oneself. The donations of computers, clothing, winter gear, funds for our library, shoes, games, movies, TVs, sports equipment, and many other items teach the lessons of humility, gratitude, and kindness. The majority of us take these life skills for granted but they are not often present when students enter our doors.

We cannot thank you enough for your support throughout the years. We realize there are many causes in the world and in our community that are deserving of donations of time, gifts and funding.

Thank you for opting to support our mission and for assisting the SYS Programming and Education Staff to teach our students how to reach for and achieve an honest and fulfilling life and guide them in the direction of peace and positive choices in their futures

Carole Naasz is the education director for Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia.

Tow rope use illegal to pull vehicles from ditches

Question: During the last snow storm I went in the ditch and got stuck. I wanted my friend to come with a tow rope and pull me out. The officer that was there said that was not allowed. What is the deal with that?

Answer: It is illegal in Minnesota for the public to use the highway or right-of-way if it may cause a danger to other motorists.

Generally speaking, a tow rope requires the tow vehicle to get momentum in order to pull the other vehicle out of the snow, mud, etc. This could send either or both vehicles out of control and into traffic. Busy highways, poor road conditions, weather, limited visibility, and many other safety factors create too much risk.

It is important to leave these types of situations to professionals who are equipped with emergency lights as



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol

well as cables and winches that allow for control and stability of the vehicle's removal in a safe and timely matter.

Law Enforcement works crashes, spin outs and other incidents to help protect the people involved, their property and all of the motoring public. We don't want to see good Samaritans get hurt along the way.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at

safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

VOICE OF OUR READERS

Remove snow, ice from sidewalks

To the Editor:

Now that Polar Vortex Jayden has moved on and we are headed for a brief warm up, we need our customers' help. Postal carriers have suffered serious injuries related to slips, trips and falls due to icy and snow covered walkways and porch steps. Preventing a slip or bad fall can be as easy as putting down salt or sand on slippery surfaces or clearing the way to mailboxes.

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both sides of curblines mailboxes allows carriers to approach and leave without backing up their vehicles.

When customers maintain a clear path to the mailbox, it helps us provide timely, consistent delivery service. More importantly, it helps keep all visitors - including our letter carriers - safe from injury in these challenging conditions.

Thank you for your assistance and for being a United States Postal Service customer.

Sincerely,
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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 25
 •Complainant reported an activated burglar alarm on W. Hatting St.
 •Complainant reported a vehicle violating parking regulations on N. Spring St.
 •Complainant reported her car was hit in the parking lot on S. Kniss Ave.
 •Complainant requested deputy for an employee embezzlement on S. Kniss Ave.
 •Reserved for theft arrest.
 •Complainant requested assistance for an interview of alleged offender.
 •Complainant reported an abandoned vehicle on S. Kniss Ave.
 •Complainant reported subject in Pipestone County jail with a Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant requested extra patrol on 160th Ave.
 •Complainant requested extra patrol on 150th Ave.
 •Complainant requested background check for housing.
 •Complainant reported an accident on W. Main St.
 •Complainant requested a driver's license history.
 •Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about information released.
 •Reserved for investigation.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check.
Jan. 26
 •Deputy requested to assist Pipestone County Sheriff's Office with traffic in Edgerton.
 •Complainant out with subject in Sioux Falls on a Rock County Warrant.
 •Complainant reported a front door alarm on 111th St.
 •Complainant reported he will be doing bird surveys in the Beaver Creek area.
 •CComplainant requested a deputy for property exchange on N. Elm St.
 •Complainant reported cows out in Hills.
 •Complainant reported they dialed 911 but the situation has been resolved in Mead Ct.
Jan. 27
 •Deputies out with vehicle for a roadside assist on I-90 w/b.
 •Complainant reported probable cause to arrest subject on W. Brown St.
 •Complainant reported stolen property on W. Hatting St.
 •Complainant reported she is getting calls and has a domestic abuse no contact order on N. Estey.
 •Complainant reported the school crossing lights on N. Kniss are coming on at odd times.
 •Complainant reported a suspicious person on N. Kniss.
Jan. 28
 •Complainant reported

an accident in Beaver Creek.
 •Complainant reported debris in the roadway on W. Main St.
 •Complainant reported someone driving without a license on N. Kniss Ave.
 •Reserved for citation.
 •Complainant recovered stolen cell phone.
 •Complainant reported a scam with a check by mail on Hwy. 75.
 •Complainant reported paint on his vehicle.
 •Deputy conducted a follow up on W. Mead Ct.
 •Complainant reported their car broke down on Main St.
 •Deputy conducted a follow up on W. Mead Ct.
 •Complainant requested deputy do a notification on Estey St.
 •Deputy conducted a follow up on W. Brown St.
Jan. 29
 •Deputy fingerprinted subject.
 •Extra patrol requested in W. Mead Ct.
 •Complainant reported vehicle with hazard lights on in Beaver Creek.
 •Deputy conducted a follow up on W. Mead Ct.
Jan. 30
 •Power outages reported throughout the city.
 •Complainant reported commercial fire alarm in Hills.
 •Complainant requested subject was picked up in Blue Earth on a Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant requested a Dot alcohol test.
 •Deputy conducted a follow up on W. Mead Ct.
 •Complainant reported a burst pipe on N. Kniss.
Jan. 31
 •Complainant requested a warrant service on subject on W. Brown St.
 •Subject transported from Rock Rapids on a Rock County warrant.
 •Complainant reported the smell of marijuana coming from apartments on W. Main St.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check.
 •Complainant requested a deputy to escort him for property pickup on E. Luverne St.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check.
 •Complainant reported a possible medical issue on E. Veteran's Dr.
 •Complainant reported alarm activation on S. Kniss Ave.
 In addition, officers also responded to 1 transport, 6 escorts, 18 ambulance runs, 6 animal complaints, 12 burn permits, 7 drug court tests, 4 permit to purchase/carry, 7 paper service attempts, 8 traffic stops, 3 tests and 4 abandoned 911 calls.



Lori Sorenson photo/0207 hagedorn at bakken farms

Hagedorn visits farm

Congressman Jim Hagedorn (right) stopped in at Blac-X Farms in western Rock County Saturday afternoon to meet with Peter Bakken and Bakken family farm members about issues in agriculture.
 In addition to touring the cattle feedlots with Peter Bakken, Hagedorn visited with neighboring farmers in the area (Dick and Teresa Kramer and Tim and JoEllen Benson) about rural concerns like trade and tariffs, health insurance for farmers and small business people and mail service concerns stemming from South Dakota postal addresses for their Minnesota residences.
 Hagedorn (R-Blue Earth) represents Minnesota's first Congressional District (previously served by now-Gov. Tim Walz). He and was traveling through Rock County Saturday to attend the local Republican Convention organizing meeting that night in Luverne and requested the informal meeting at the Bakken feedlots.

Luverne student achieves top rank in DSU cyber competition

Luverne High School graduate Logan Stratton played a successful role in the Fall 2018 National Cyber League competition through Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota.

Stratton placed second in the silver bracket, and 28th overall out of 2,450 competitors in the 30-hour event that divided students into three groups by level of experience — gold, silver (intermediate), or bronze.

This was Stratton's second time participating in the competition that involves 30 challenges in five specific areas such as HTML, password cracking and cryptography.

The competitions prepare students for cyber security challenges that they will likely face in the workforce and open the doors to job opportunities.

"I really enjoyed the reverse engineering questions in the competition," Stratton said, adding that he hopes someday to work in reverse engineering with binary exploitation or analysis such as malware.



Logan Stratton is majoring in cyber operations at DSU.

"It's a real honor to get to work with talented students like Logan," said Andrew Kramer, a DSU computer science instructor. "His accomplishments make me proud as a teacher."

Stratton, son of James and Jennifer Stratton, is a senior cyber operations major, and he plans to continue his education at DSU after spring graduation, working for a master's degree in computer science with cyber operations specialization.

Plaza meeting is Feb. 11 in Palace Theatre/continued from page 1

Particularly, he said downtown plazas — with outdoor seating, greenery, a movie screen and even splash parks (with water valves flush with the street surface) are popular.

In the time since then, LIFT (through the work of the Plaza Committee and the Chamber) applied for a partnership project with the Southwest Sustainable Development Partnership and the Center for Sustainable Building Research in the University of Minnesota's College of Design.

The total project cost is over \$26,000 with \$14,000 funded by the University of Minnesota.

LIFT, City of Luverne, Luverne Area Chamber and Southwest Initiative Foundation have already pledged

support, and \$3,000 of local funding is needed to complete the project.

The grant provides services of a landscape architecture graduate student (Haily Schmitz) with supervision/consultation from a professor at the School of Architecture to gather information and develop a design concept for a plaza in downtown Luverne.

"If we had to do this engineering on our own, it would cost our community \$40,000 or more," Lanphere said.

"But with this grant, we have access to this grad student's expertise, and she will gather information to draft conceptual drawings of what our plaza could look like."

In the grant application, the committee identified several ways a plaza would benefit the community, and

they all came down to improving quality of life.

"It will create a sense of place for residents and visitors that will improve relationships and build community," the committee wrote in the grant application.

"[It will] offer attractive space for pop-up businesses, organizations and the farmers market to support their work by creating a new type of public space with environmentally sustainable amenities."

Lanphere said a plaza has the potential to offer quality of life benefits similar to what the Loop trail is already providing citizens and visitors.

"Even in the wintertime, you see people using the trail," she said.

"Clearly there was a need for that, and we see a similar need for a plaza."

A stipulation of the grant award is that the project needs to "include diverse perspectives," as it's developed,

The LIFT plaza committee is comprised of a wide cross section of Luverne residents and business people, and the Feb. 11 meeting will also seek to include more voices.

"We really want to have people come out and share their ideas," Lanphere said.

Working on feedback from that meeting, the Plaza Committee intends to report on its progress, and possibly have a design concept in time for the March 1 annual LIFT gala event.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for the Feb. 11 event and the meeting starts at 5:15.

Free popcorn and water will be available for those who attend.



Submitted photos/0207 middle school great bear trip



All downhill from here ...

Luverne Middle School student celebrated Snow Week with an outing to Great Bear Ski Valley in Sioux Falls Friday afternoon. Pictured here with their inner tubes are (from left) Rydell Uithoven, Levi Gonnerman, Jaden Reisch, Caden Kruger, Sadie Kessler and Jesse Aning.



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CELEBRATIONS

Open houses

Helmer Haakenson will celebrate his 100th birthday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the St. Catherine Church gathering space. Greetings may be sent to 1018 N. Elmwood Ave., Luverne, MN 56156.

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.

MENU

Monday, Feb. 11: Creamed chicken over biscuit, country blend vegetables, pudding, brownie. Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Feb. 12: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, coleslaw, oatmeal bar. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Continental Western employees.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: Vegetable soup, chicken salad sandwich, pea and cheese salad, crackers, cookie.

Thursday, Feb. 14: Cubed roast beef in gravy over mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin salad, bread, cake. Program: Sweetheart's Day.

Friday, Feb. 15: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dinner roll, lemon mousse. Program: Birthday Party with Kitchin Band.

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.



Mavis Fodness photo/0131 Luverne Speech 2019

Luverne High School speech team 2019 captains (from left) Julia Ferguson, Lindsey Roemeling, Adriana Gonzalez and Shane Berning are focused on building team spirit, mentoring and returning students to the state tournament as goals for this speech season.

Working together

Speech captains build team spirit while helping members improve

By Mavis Fodness

If Saturday's sweepstakes win in Worthington is any indication, the Luverne High School speech team is kicking off the 2019 season meeting one of its goals.

Thirty students traveled to the Worthington Speech Invitations. Twenty-two of them received recognition for their performances or more than three-fourths of the team.

"We had a lot of skill and lots of experience on our end," said senior captain Shane Berning. "A

lot of us have been on the team since seventh or eighth grade and now we are on our senior year."

Berning along with classmates Lindsey Roemeling, Adriana Gonzalez and Julia Ferguson are this year's team captains.

Along with creating team spirit, the captains are focused on peer mentoring and returning students to the state speech tournament in April.

Peer mentoring has been key to meeting personal goals and engaged competitively through the

three-month speech season.

"Over the years, our public speaking skills have definitely developed over time," Roemeling added.

As per tradition, the team captains were chosen earlier this year by the 60 students on the speech team.

"They are chosen by the team and lead the team throughout the season," said coach Caroline Thorson. "It's not necessarily those

Captains, continued on page 7

Speech team kicks season off with win

The Luverne High School speech team opened its 2019 season with a first-place team finish in Worthington Saturday, Feb. 2.

Thirty team members competed with nearly 300 other students from 18 schools in three rounds of competition.

Twenty-two cardinal speakers received individual honors at the event.

- Creative expression: Solveig Tofteland, first, Cameron Wessels, red ribbon;
- Discussion: Alexa Chesley, first;

- Duo interpretation: Cassie Flanagan and Destiny Matthiesen, sixth, Gretchen Jacobsma and Isabelle Hoiland, blue ribbon;
- Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, first, Destiny Matthiesen, blue ribbon, Courtney Wendland, red ribbon;

- Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first, Shane Berning, third, Parker Carboneau, blue ribbon;
- Great speeches: Jordan Winter, blue ribbon;

- Humorous interpretation: Seno Chanthalangsy, third, Luke Thorson, blue ribbon;
- Original oratory: Sophia Lanoue, blue ribbon;

- Poetry: Naomi Ring, fifth, Adriana Gonzalez, red ribbon;
- Prose: Josie Golla, sixth;
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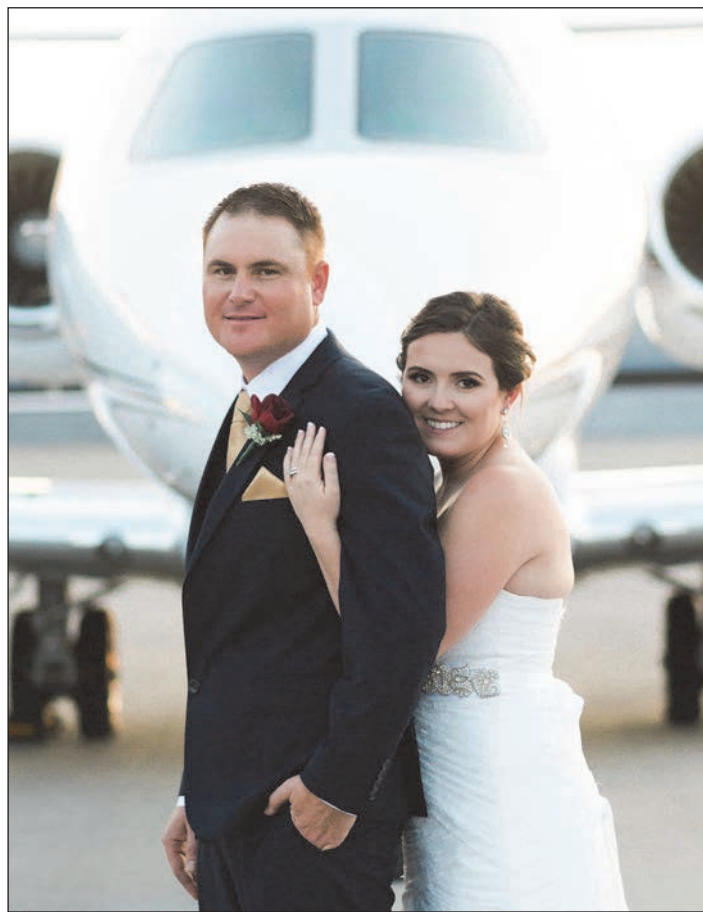
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Ashley and Jarrett Friend

Sundem, Friend wed in Arizona

Ashley Elise Sundem, Gilbert, Arizona, and Jarrett Lee Friend, Gilbert, were married Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, at Scottsdale Airport in Scottsdale, Arizona with the bride's brother Chad Sundem, Gilbert, officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Orv and Bonnie Sundem, Hills, and the groom is the son of Bill and Chris Friend, Phoenix, Arizona. Grandparents are Lino and Toni Mion, Surprise, Arizona.

Reader for the ceremony was sister of the bride Charise Kneip, Scottsdale, Arizona, and the prayer was given by Aric Sundem, Brooklyn Park, brother of the bride.

Pianist was friend of the bride, Glenda McGaffee, Hills.

The bride's maid of honor was her friend Katie McGaffee, Hills, and matron of honor was the bride's friend,

Erikka Moe, Brandon, South Dakota. Her bridesmaids were her friends Angie Stensaas, Scottsdale and Shannen Finnerty, Phoenix. Junior bridesmaid was niece of the bride Addie Sundem, Brooklyn Park.

The groom's friend Jared Young, Scottsdale, was best man. Groomsmen were the groom's friends Jason Erkert, Tony Ryan and Erik Auger from Scottsdale.

Ushers were the bride's nephews, Cole Sundem and Carson Sundem, Gilbert, and Aiden Sundem, Brooklyn Park.

A reception at the Scottsdale Airport followed the ceremony. For family and friends who couldn't attend another reception was held Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Beaver Creek Golf Course.

Both bride and groom are employed at Scottsdale Airport in Scottsdale.

1954: Stores chose Fridays to stay open late

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

Stores To Stay Open On Friday Nights In Future

Friday night will be shopping night in Luverne beginning this week.

And with this change, a long-time tradition of Saturday night as community shopping night will have ended here, at least for the stores which are normally open on Saturday night only.

Some can remember back to the time that stores were open every night, like they are still in some of the smaller towns in the area. As a matter



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

of fact, there are those who remember when stores were open not only every evening, but Sunday morning, too, to accommodate those who came to town to go to church and did their shopping before or afterwards.

During the intervening years, modes of travel have changed the picture. About

a quarter of a century ago or thereabouts, business places remained open on both Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Then, it was decided to discontinue staying open on Wednesday nights.

But Saturdays continued to be long days. Store clerks generally worked 13 or 14

hours, as it was not unusual to have customers come in as late as 11 p.m. to do their weekly shopping.

Two or three years ago, the nine o'clock closing hour on Saturdays was adopted. Then came the trend away from Saturday night all together, and Luverne, like many other cities, is following the trend.

How the change will be accepted remains to be seen.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2009)

- A major thrust of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is aimed at creating jobs through federally funded infrastructure projects. ...

Congressman Tim Walz of Minnesota's first congressional district was in Luverne Friday to say he plans to make sure rural Minnesota's interests are considered. ...

Friday's meeting in the Blue Mound Banquet and Meeting Center was geared toward government leaders from area cities, townships, counties and schools.

Walz held up several pages of infrastructure projects in his district and said he's looking for more to add to the list.

25 years ago (1994)

- Lewis and Clark Rural Water System supporters held a pep rally in Luverne Tuesday. Board members and leaders worked to develop their game plan in the morning and invited the community to get involved in the afternoon.

About 30 interested people came to the meeting, including legislators, county commissioners, mayors, council members and officials with various government agencies.

If approved, the Lewis and Clark system would supplement existing water supplies by bringing Missouri River water to 22 communities and rural water systems in eastern South Dakota, northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota. The system as it's proposed would serve 178,690 people.

Its supporters are preparing for the 1994 Minnesota legislative session, due to start Feb. 22. They need to convince the Legislative Water Commission to approve the project.

The Minnesota Legislature is the last hurdle before the Lewis and Clark Water System project can thread its way through a tangled web of federal requirements to get needed federal funding for construction.

50 years ago (1969)

- Rock county funeral homes will discontinue their ambulance services beginning May 1 of this year, they informed the county board of commissioners Monday.

Federal regulations and legal requirements which are expected to be passed by the present Minnesota Legislature were given as reasons by Charles P. Holm of Holm Funeral Home and Norm Engebretson and Phil Anderson of the Engebretson

Funeral Home.

Pointing out to the board that the trend has been for funeral homes to get out of the ambulance business, they stated that out of some 450 funeral establishments now in the state, there are only 39 now offering ambulance service. And of the 39, they added, the majority of them are in the southwestern part of the state. ...

In recent years, particularly since the advent of Medicare, the number of ambulance calls have increased so that they are now averaging one each day between the two funeral homes.

75 years ago (1944)

- "Absolutely no tickets will be sold; only those who buy bonds at our theatre during the Fourth War Loan drive will be admitted to see 'Yankee Doodle Dandy' here next Thursday night, February 10," Herman Jochims, owner of the Palace theatre announced this week.

Mr. Jochims has made arrangements to have a number of extra tables in the lobby so that persons many buy their bonds and sign pledges more conveniently.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," starring James Cagney, is one of the hit pictures of the past year, Mr. Jochims pointed out, and is "well worth the price of admission."

100 years ago (1919)

- Advanced steps towards the establishment of Rock county's first consolidated school will be taken on Feb. 20th, when the school officers of the newly formed Consolidated District No. 5 will award a contract for the erection of a modern, fire-proof school building in Magnolia.

The consolidated district is composed of school district No. 5, which is Magnolia village, district No. 8, south of that place, and district No. 30, north of the village in Vienna township. The three schools have a total attendance of about 120 pupils.

The question of consolidation was voted upon last spring by the people of the three districts involved, and carried by a vote of about two to one. Later the people of the district voted in favor of a bond issue of \$45,000 with which to erect and equip a substantial school building.

The plans and specifications for the building provide for a two-story brick structure, 77x93 feet in ground dimensions, which is to contain a high school, four grade rooms, laboratory and office, domestic science, manual training, library and auditorium rooms.

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Captains work together as a team / from page 6

who 'medal' the most, but rather those who put the team first and are great mentors and role models to the team." "This is a very individualized activity," said Roemeling. "But this year we have a lot of plans to get that team energy pumped up." They also plan to work with younger students, a needed helping hand like they received

when they joined the speech team. Schedule for the high school season includes: • Saturday, Minneota; • Feb. 16, Redwood Falls; • Feb. 23, Adrian; • March 2, Luverne; • March 9, Montevideo; • March 14, Big South Conference, Mar-

shall; • March 23, Pipestone; • March 26, sub-section 10 in Adrian; • April 6, sections in Marshall; • April 12, state meet, Wayzata. Three junior high meetings are scheduled for: • Tuesday, Tracy; • Feb. 21, Luverne; • March 4, Adrian.

Speech competes at first meet / from page 6

fifth, Xavier Carbonneau, blue ribbon. Blue and red ribbons signify seventh- and eighth-place or one and two places out of the medals respectively. Coaches are Gavin Folkestad and Caroline Thorson. The 2019 cardinal team has many returning participants, most started as middle school students. "They are starting

to realize their potential and are becoming quite competitive," Thorson said. "This is attributed to the their 'stick-to-it-ness' and hard work." This year's team is lead by a strong group of seniors and juniors who have been great role models and mentors to the younger members, Thorson added. Captains are seniors Shane Berning, Lindsey Roemeling, Adriana Gon-

zalez and Julia Ferguson. The cardinals compete Saturday at the Minnesota Invitational. According to Thorson, this is the team's first time at Minnesota. "They will be competing with students from schools that we don't often see at our more local invitationals," she said. "This will be a great opportunity for students to see some different competition."



The Luverne High School speech team opens the 2019 season with a win Saturday in Worthington. Members earning medals and ribbons include (front row, from left) Adriana Gonzalez, Julia Ferguson, Shane Berning, (second row) Courtney Wendland, Parker Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Luke Thorson, Solveig Tofteland, Sophia Lanoue, (third row) Cassie Flanagan, Destiny Matthiesen, Gretchen Jacobsma, Isabelle Hoiland, Josie Golla, Chance Tunnissen, Alex Chesley, (back) Nicole Hoogland, Jordan Winter, Naomi Ring, Jonah Louwagie, Xavier Carbonneau and Cameron Wessels.

OBITUARIES

Taylor Stratton

Taylor L. Stratton, 23, Adrian, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, at her home. A memorial service was Wednesday, Feb. 6, at First Baptist Church in Luverne. Taylor LaRae Stratton was born March 9, 1995, to James and Jennifer (Rust) Stratton in Luverne.

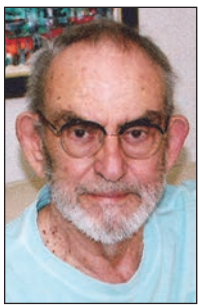


She was raised with her family in Luverne. Taylor attended Luverne Public Schools, where she participated in volleyball, track and golf and sang in the school choir. During her junior year of high school, she fell in love with a boy from the neighboring town, Nick Kellen. She graduated with her class of 2013. Following school, she worked various jobs including waitressing at the Luverne Country Club and was working as a youth counselor for the Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia. On April 22, 2014, Taylor and Nick welcomed a boy, Dominic, into the world. The young family made their home in Adrian. She loved to make people laugh and made friends easily. She had a talent for

art, especially painting, and enjoyed doing art projects with her son, Dominic. She enjoyed scary movies, singing karaoke, going four wheeling, playing golf and going on walks with her mom on country roads. Taylor is survived by Nick Kellen, their son, Dominic, Adrian; parents, James and Jennifer Stratton, Luverne; siblings, Britton (Anna) Stratton, Plymouth, Minnesota; Bailey (Cody) Penning, Magnolia; and Logan Stratton, Luverne; maternal grandparents, Jim and Gail Rust, Magnolia; paternal grandmother, Janice Stratton, Luverne; maternal great-grandfather, LeRoy Rust; her dog, Roxy, and many other family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Jerry Stratton; great-grandparents, Don and Janice Knips, great-grandmothers, Edwina Rust and Darlene McCreary; and great aunt Patti McAvoy. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0207 F)

Roger Van Roekel

Roger Van Roekel, 81, Rock Rapids, Iowa, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019, at the Rock Rapids Health Center. A memorial service was Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids. Burial was at Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids.



Roger Gene Van Roekel was born to Harold and Edna (Michelson) Van Roekel on June 4, 1937, in Luverne. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1955 and joined the United States Navy and served from 1955 to 1959. Roger married Ruth Schnell in 1960. He attended Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, graduating in 1964. He was a teacher in Omaha, Nebraska, from 1964 to 1966 before moving to Rock Rapids. He taught and was a substitute teacher for the Rock Rapids school for 50 years. In 1976, Roger's first wife passed away unexpectedly. On Sept. 30, 1976, he married Barbara Lemke. Roger was involved with the Jaycees, served as president, state vice president and was honored with a lifetime Jaycee Senator status. He helped start and manage the

racetrack in Rock Rapids with the Jaycee Club. Over the years, Roger also served as president of the Central Lyon Education Association. He was active in his church as president and treasurer. He was vice president of the mural society in Rock Rapids. His artwork can be found in many private collections throughout the United States. He is survived by his wife, Barb; family, Lisa (Kris) Davidson and children Errika, Steven, Kody and Tyler Harlee, Rock Rapids; Errika's children Braxton and Andrew, Rock Rapids; Dave Van Roekel and children Austin and Aidan, Omaha; Dan (Niki) Van Roekel and children Kira and Emily, Brandon, South Dakota; Patti (Mark) Olinyk and family, Plover, Wisconsin; Bob Deeb and family, Minneapolis; Mary (John) Giddings and family, Sioux Falls; Ted Schnell, Parkston, South Dakota; and other extended family. He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ruth; daughter, Paula; son, Eric; infant son, Brad; and sister, Jan Deeb. Arrangements were provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of Rock Rapids, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0207 F)

Rita Lonneman

Rita J. Lonneman, 85, Adrian, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. A funeral service was Monday, Feb. 4, at St. Adrian Catholic Church, Adrian. Burial was at St. Adrian Cemetery.



Rita Lutner was born to Louis and Mary (Voss) Lutner on Nov. 28, 1933, in Lismore. She graduated from St. Anthony Catholic High School in 1952. She worked at Brentwood Egg Plant in Adrian. Rita married Anthony Lonneman at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore on Sept. 12, 1956. After their marriage, the couple farmed south of Adrian. In 1990 they moved to Adrian. She was a member of St. Adrian Catholic Church and its WCCW. Rita enjoyed traveling, fishing, bowling, cooking, baking and the love of their family. She is survived by her husband, Tony Lonneman, Adrian; four children, Tom (Corinne)

Lonneman, rural Adrian; Karen Lonneman, Olivia, Minnesota; Carol (Kim) Sundlee, Montevideo, Minnesota; and Marty (Ginger) Lonneman, rural Ellsworth; seven grandchildren, Jennifer (Eric) Meyer, Brad (Jennifer) Lonneman, Ryan (Lindsay) Lonneman, Kristi (Evan) Metzger, Matthew (Ashley) Sundlee, Darik (Maria) Lonneman and Dustin (Kelsey) Lonneman; eleven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bernice Arens, Mahanomen, Minnesota, and Audrey Reisdorfer, Worthington. She is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Delbert Lutner; and one sister, Mildred Gleis. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Veterans Home, 1300 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne, MN 56156. Arrangements were provided by Dingmann and Sons Funeral Home of Adrian, www.dingmannandsons.com. (0207 F)

Norman Christensen

Norman L. "Pete" Christensen, 66, of Hopewell, Illinois, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019, at Heritage Manor in Chillicothe, Illinois. As per his wishes, his remains will go back to his family home in Luverne. Pete was born Sept. 22, 1952, to Hans P. and Gladys (Swenson) Christensen in Luverne. He married Pam Petre on May 21, 1977, in Rome, Illinois. Pete worked for Hunsickers in Peoria for 39 years and for the last few years he worked for Ingersoll Rand. Pete and Pam enjoyed their motorcycle rides with the Lacon Motorcycle Club and he was the mayor of Hopewell for 30 years. Pete loved spending time with his family and loved



being a grandpa. He is survived by his wife, Pam; son, Hans Lee Christensen, Peoria; stepson, Larry Burke, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Trinity Lee Christensen, Kristen, Tyler, Christopher and Ashley Burke, and Cassandra Schalk; two great-grandchildren, Jackie and Dillon; and five sisters, Beverly Klootra, Joann Cortez, Karen Christensen, Becky Roberts and Launa Mongold. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Marilyn and Judy; three nephews, Cory, David and Todd; and two nieces, Alicia and Danette. Arrangements were provided by Weber-Hurd Funeral Home of Chillicothe, www.weberherdfuneralhome.com. (0207 F)

DEATH NOTICE

Willie Oltmans

Willie H. Oltmans, 92, of Luverne, formerly of Lake Benton, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne. Arrangements are pending with Hartquist Funeral Home Lake Benton Chapel, www.hartquistfuneral.com. (0207 DN)

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SCHOOL NEWS

Sawtelle receives UW-Stout award

Kammon Sawtelle, Luverne, was a recipient of the chancellor's award for the Fall 2018 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The chancellor's award is given to students who earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Sawtelle is a sophomore working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in human development and family studies.

St. Mary's University announces dean's list

Kynzie Smedsrud of Luverne, Minn., was named to the first semester, 2018-19 Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. The list includes 328 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale. She is the daughter of Steve and Pat Smedsrud.

Southeast Tech releases 2018 Fall list

A number of area students earned recognition from Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by earning a spot on the Fall 2018 President's list. From Hills-Beaver Creek was Jacob Albert Conger, Diesel Technology. From Luverne were Blair Nicole Altman, Diagnostic Medical Sonography/Abdominal/OB/GYN, Matthew Thomas Keller, Welding, and Timothy Jerald Lingen, Automotive Technology. To be names, students must attain a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Gustavus Adolphus announces dean's list

Toby Sengvongxay and Kristen Ziegler, both of Luverne were named to the 2018 fall semester dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. The list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 grade point average (based on a scale in which 4.0 = A) or higher for the semester ending in December 2018.

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Luverne senior guard Brayden Jacobsma drives to the basket during Thursday's 76-67 home win over the Adrian Dragons. Jacobsma scored a game-high 24 points to lead LHS to a nine-point conquest.

LHS tops Adrian with late run

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian and Luverne boys played a competitive basketball game in Luverne Thursday.

Both squads sported leads in the game's first half and both teams enjoyed multi-possession advantages in the second stanza.

Luverne, however, staged a 10-2 run in the final three minutes of play to secure a 76-67 victory.

The teams exchanged leads in the early stages of a first half that was eventually tied at seven.

Luverne scored the next eight points to take a 15-7 lead when Brayden Jacobsma converted a field goal at the 13:50 mark, but the Dragons scored the next six points and

faced a 15-13 deficit when Noah Reyne registered a field goal at 10:31.

The Cardinals countered with a 12-2 surge capped by a layup from Carter Stemper to open a 32-18 advantage with five minutes remaining in the stanza.

Adrian fought back to trim the difference to four points (34-30) when Brandon Schnoor scored in the paint with 2:46 left in a first half that ended with the Cards leading 36-30.

The Dragons scored the first four points of the second half before knotting the score at 40 with a field goal from Lance Luettel at the 14:04 mark of the stanza.

The score was tied at 42 when Adrian went on a 17-8

run to open a 59-50 lead when Ian Stamer buried a field goal with 7:42 left to play.

LHS countered with 14-0 run capped by a field goal from Jacobsma with 4:18 remaining to move in front 64-59.

Adrian trimmed the difference to one point (64-63) when Christian Weidert hit a two with 3:16 remaining, and the score was 66-65 with less than three minutes left to play.

LHS scored the next 10 points to gain a 76-65 advantage when Derek Lundgren sank one free throw with 25 seconds left before winning by nine points at game's end.

Jacobsma (24 points and seven rebounds), Bailey Cowell (20 points and three steals), Lundgren (15 points and six rebounds) and Matt

Sehr (10 points) led the Cards statistically.

Weidert (22 points and 11 rebounds), Reyne (17 points, nine assists and five steals) and Stamer (14 points, six rebounds and four steals) played solid games for AHS.

Box score

Adrian
Reyne 6 1 2-2 17, Weidert 1 0 2-2 22, Stamer 4 2 0-0 14, John 0 0 1-2 1, Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 2 0 0-0 4, Luettel 2 0 2-2 6.

Luverne
Cowell 5 2 4-6 20, Jacobsma 9 1 3-4 24, Lundgren 2 2 5-9 15, Sehr 5 0 0-0 10, Bartels 1 0 0-0 2, Feit 0 0 0-2 0, Stemper 1 1 0-0 5.

Team statistics
Adrian: 28 of 68 field goals (41 percent), seven of nine free throws (78 percent), 32 rebounds, 25 turnovers.
Luverne: 29 of 61 field goals (48 percent), 12 of 21 free throws (57 percent), 25 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Hockey boys split BSC challenges as visiting team

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team went 1-1 when it played a pair of Big South Conference games on the road.

The Cardinals lost a three-goal decision in New Ulm Thursday before posting a four-goal victory in Windom Monday.

Luverne, 9-11 overall, skates in Marshall Friday.

LHS 6, Windom 2

The Cardinals notched their seventh conference win of the winter when they collected a four-goal win in Windom Monday.

Junior Colby Crabtree registered a hat trick and Mark Sterrett charted two assists to highlight the win for LHS. Crabtree opened the scoring 6:17 into the game and Gaige Nath added a power-play goal with 1:08 left in the first period to give the Cards a 2-0 cushion.

Windom's Eli Becker scored 1:03 into the second period, but Crabtree's second goal of the game with 44 seconds left in the period gave LHS a 3-1 advantage heading into the final stanza.

Ben Serie netted an unassisted goal 24 seconds into the third period and Jacob Von Tersch recorded a short-handed tally with 9:22 remaining to give the Cards a 5-1 lead.

Windom's Kyle Espenson scored eight seconds later to trim the difference to three goals, but LHS prevailed by four when Crabtree completed his hat trick with a power-play goal that came with 5:39 left to play.

Crabtree, Serie, Von Tersch and Nath notched one assist each for an LHS squad that sported a 40-34 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Shaïd Shearer made 32 saves in net for the Cards.

New Ulm 5, LHS 2

The Eagles completed a sweep of their annual season series with the Cardinals when the teams squared off in New Ulm Thursday.

New Ulm topped the Cards 3-1 in Luverne Jan. 3 and outshot the Cardinals 50-20 during a three-goal victory in the rematch.

The Eagles scored two unanswered goals in the first period and never trailed during the contest.

Braxten Hoffman opened the scoring 6:53 into the contest and Teddy Giefer added a tally with 18 seconds left in the first period to make it 2-0.

Serie trimmed the difference to one goal (2-1) for LHS 8:55 into the second period, but Josh Seidl scored for the Eagles with 2:06 remaining in the stanza to up the lead to 3-1. Sterrett scored 2:08 into the third period to make it a one-goal (3-2) difference.

New Ulm's Glavine Schugel found the net at the 11:45 mark of the stanza before Hoffman iced the win by netting his second goal of the game with 14 seconds remaining.

Shearer made 45 saves in goal for the Cards, while Serie and Sterrett recorded one assist each.



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Luverne freshman guard Brooklynn Ver Steeg delivers a pass during Monday's 60-49 home loss to Pipestone.

Cardinal girls take lumps from league foes

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team slipped to 3-7 in Big South Conference play after dropping a pair of league games.

The Cardinals fell by seven points in Redwood Falls Friday before taking an 11-point home loss from Pipestone Monday.

Luverne, 10-9 overall, hosts Flandreau Indian School Thursday.

Pipestone 60, LHS 49

A strong second half by

the Arrows proved to be the difference during Monday's game in Luverne.

The teams battled to a draw at 34 in the first half, but Pipestone outscored the Cards 26-15 in the second half to prevail by 11 points.

Both squads sported three-point leads in the early stages of the first half before the Arrows opened a five-point (17-12) cushion at the 11:37 mark.

Luverne bounced back to

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Fick breaks H-BC's scoring record Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team raised its record to 20-0 with a pair of Red Rock Conference victories.

The Patriots coasted to a 42-point win over Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook Saturday before notching a 41-point home win over Mountain Lake Area Monday.

H-BC hosts Edgerton Public School Thursday.

H-BC 70, MLA 29

H-BC senior Sidney Fick became the school's all-time leading scorer during Monday's 41-point thrashing of the Wolverines in Hills.

History was made at Hills-Beaver Creek High School during the course of Monday's girls' basketball game between Mountain Lake area and the H-BC Patriots.

H-BC senior Sidney Fick became the school's all-time leading scorer early in the first half of a 70-29 victory over the Wolverines.

Fick, who surpassed Erin (Boeve) Metzger as the school's all-time leading female point producer back in December, now stands alone in the category of career points.

Fick needed eight points to match Halden Van Wyhe's career total of 1,758 counters entering Monday's clash with MLA.

It didn't take her long to move into first place on the school's scoring list.

Fick netted seven points early in the game before passing Van Wyhe with a field goal 4:46 into the opening half.

With Fick leading the charge with a 27-point, three-assist effort, the Patriots rolled to a convincing win.

H-BC led 40-10 at the intermission and outscored the Wolverines 30-19 in the second half to prevail by 51 points.



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H-BC senior Sidney Fick tossed in a game-high 22 points during Saturday's 65-23 win in Westbrook. Fick became H-BC's all-time leading scorer during Monday's home win over MLA.

Abby Knobloch turned in an 18-point, 10-rebound effort for the 20-0 Patriots.

Whitney Elbers (10 rebounds, four blocked shots and three assists) and Grace Bundesen (seven rebounds, seven assists and four steals)

played strong games as well for the undefeated Patriots.

Box score
K.Fick 1 1 0-0 5, Rauk 1 0 5-8 7, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 0 0 2-2 2, Knobloch 8 0 2-3 18, S.Fick 6 5 0-0 27, Bundesen 1 0 2-2 4, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 3 0 1-2 7.

Team statistics
H-BC: 26 of 60 field goals (43 percent), 12 of 17 free throws (71 percent), 46 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
MLA: nine of 44 field goals (20 percent), seven of 15 free throws (47 percent), 17 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

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Submitted photo

Top shooters

Twenty athletes placed first or second in their respective divisions during the annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championships staged at the Luverne Elementary School Jan. 27. Girls and boys between the ages of nine and 14 took their shots at the event. The athletes pictured above turned in the top efforts. They are (front row, from left) Camdyn Broesder (first, nine boys), Max Sammons (second, nine boys), Taya Johnson (first, nine girls), Kylie Kindt (first, 10 girls), Hannah Sneller (first, 11 girls), Connor Bose (first, 10 boys), Ella Sammons (second, 11 girls) and Zach Brown (first, 11 boys). In back are Caleb Raak (first, 14 boys), Gannon Ahrendt (second, 14 boys), Gavin Reisch (second, 13 boys), Gavin DeBeer (first, 13 boys), Kayla Bloemendaal (first, 13 girls), Kiesli Smith (second, 12 girls), Maria Rops (first, 12 girls) and Landon Ahrendt (first, 12 boys). Not pictured are Josie Voorthees (second, 13 girls), William Johnson (second, 11 boys), Holden Overgaard (second, 12 boys) and Josh Hansen (second, 10 boys). The division winners advance to the District competition set for Feb. 17 in Luverne.

New Ulm crushes Luverne's title hopes

By John Rittenhouse

An opportunity to earn at least a share of the Big South Conference girls' hockey championship evaporated for the Luverne Cardinals at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

LHS needed to knock off New Ulm on the Cardinals' home ice to move into a tie for first place with the Eagles in the league standings.

New Ulm had other ideas. The visiting Eagles received a hat trick from Elle Cooper and rolled to a convincing 6-2 victory over LHS.

New Ulm scored two goals in all three periods of the game and dominated the contest by outshooting the Cards 40-12 in the contest.

Ashtyn Wiltschek opened the scoring 6:26 into the game before Cooper scored with 3:17 remaining in the first period to give the Eagles a 2-0 lead.

Luverne's Claire Baustian sliced New Ulm's lead in half (2-1) when she scored 4:03 into the second period, but the Eagles regained the momentum when Cooper netted her second goal of the game 50 seconds later.

New Ulm upped the lead to



John Rittenhouse photo/0207 lgh 2

Luverne's Claire Baustian leads a charge out of the defensive zone as New Ulm's Jadya Helget pursues the Cardinal during Friday's hockey game in Luverne.

4-1 when Molly Scheid scored with 6:32 left in the second period.

Luverne, however, closed the margin to two goals (4-2) when Kamryn Van Batavia found the net with 1:55 remaining in the

second stanza.

New Ulm put the game away in the third period as Jackie Cowing registered a goal 3:17 into the stanza before Cooper completed her hat trick with 7:26 left to play.

Cheyenne Schutz made 34 saves in net for LHS, which received one assist each from Baustian and Van Batavia.

Luverne, 14-6-3 overall, opens the Section 3A Tournament Thursday.

Ver Steeg is making her mark on court

Fans of the Luverne girls' basketball program have reason to be excited about the near future.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

A freshman sensation has made her presence known in the immediate area this winter, and it will be fun to see how things progress from here for Brooklynn Ver Steeg.

Ver Steeg is the point-guard for a Cardinal squad that sported a 10-7 record heading into a clash in Redwood Falls Friday.

I must say she has handled herself well on the court as a first-time starter this season, playing at a level well beyond her age.

"She doesn't play like she is a freshman. I can tell you that," said LHS coach T.J. Newgard.

I agree with the coach. Ver Steeg is averaging 15 points per game, which makes her one of the team's top offensive producers to date.

Not only that, she is one of the team's leading rebounders as a 5-5 player in the backcourt.

Ver Steeg also is one of Luverne's assist leaders, but the numbers she has produced on the court this season seems to have stunned her coach.

"I'm not really surprised she has played well for us," Newgard said.

"We knew how fast she is, and I was thinking she was capable of scoring 15 points per game on layups alone. She's not very tall, but she's averaging between five or six rebounds per game right now."

As an outsider looking in, it's clear to me that Ver Steeg is benefitting from the varsity experience she gained in a reserve role as an eighth-grader during the 2017-18 season.

There were times when I was wondering why a girl in her early teens was playing varsity ball at all, but that was all a part of the scheme devised by the coaching staff.

"We were missing some girls around Christmas time last season and we

needed some depth at the guard position," Newgard said.

"We also knew that Joci (Oye, Luverne's leading scorer and starting point-guard last winter) was a senior who would be gone this year, so we decided to bring Brooke up to the varsity team and start preparing her to be our point-guard this year. We knew there would be times we had to deal with mistakes young players make, but we wanted to get her ready for this season."

That proved to be a wise move, because Ver Steeg has played like a veteran varsity player since the season's first game in late November.

With more seasoning to take place over the coming years, Ver Steeg should become a better all-around offensive player who can hurt opposing teams with her driving ability and by knocking down shots from the perimeter.

"It's coming," Newgard said, when asked about Ver Steeg's ability to drain more shots from the outside.

"We've adjusted a few things with her shot and it has helped with her free-throw shooting and her outside shot. You have to remember she's 15 years old, and her shooting skills will improve when she gets older and stronger."

That's what makes Ver Steeg's future even more intriguing, because she does have a chance to become one of Luverne's all-time greats.

"If she continues to develop at the rate she is now, she will be a pretty special player," Newgard said.

"If she stays healthy, she could become one of our all-time leading scorers."

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Dragon girls post sixth league victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team broke even when it played a pair of Red Rock Conference home games.

The Dragons rolled to a 34-point victory over Westbrook-Walnut Grove Thursday before falling by 38 points to Southwest Christian Monday.

SWC 69, Adrian 31

Adrian's conference record dipped to 6-6 following Monday's 38-point home loss to the E-Gals.

Adrian put up a decent fight against SWC in the first half, but the second half belonged to the E-Gals.

SWC led 32-20 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the hosts 37-11 in the second half to win handily.

Moriah Bullerman led the Dragons with seven points and four assists in the game.

Avery Balster and Marisa Lehnhoff registered five rebounds each for AHS.

Box score

J.Zebe 1 1 0-0 5, B.Zebe 0 0 0-0 0, Bullerman 2 1 0-0 7, Balster 0 1 2-4 5, Nelson 0 2-2 2, Preuss 0 0 0-0 0, Lonneman 1 0 4-4 6, Cauwels 0 0 0-0 0, Lehnhoff 1 0 0-0 2, Grussing 1 0 0-0 2, Rogers 1 0 0-1 2, Fuerstenberg 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

Adrian: 10 of 49 field goals (20 percent), eight of 11 free throws (73 percent), 27 rebounds, 28 turnovers.

SWC: 27 of 69 field goals (39 percent), 13 of 19 free throws (68 percent), 48 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

Adrian 65, W-WG 31

The Dragons notched their sixth league win of the season when they topped the Chargers by 34 points Thursday in Adrian.

Adrian outscored W-WG by solid margins in both halves of the game.

AHS led by 11 points (26-15) after 18 minutes of play before turning a 39-16 scoring advantage in the second half into a 34-point win.

Balster (12 points and five assists), Jayden Zebe (11 points) and Kristina Cauwels (10 points and five rebounds) paced the Dragons offensively.

McKinley Nelson (six rebounds and four steals), Shawna Rogers (eight rebounds) and Brisa Zebe (three assists) turned in productive nights as well.

Box score

J.Zebe 3 1 2-2 11, B.Zebe 1 0 1-2 3, Bullerman 1 0 7-9 9, Balster 2 2 2-4 12, Nelson 1 0 2-2 4, Preuss 2 0 0-1 4, Cauwels 5 0 0-2 10, Lehnhoff 0 0 0-0 0, Grussing 2 0 0-0 4, Rogers 1 1 3-4 8, Fuerstenberg 0 0 0-1 0.

Team statistics

Adrian: 22 of 57 field goals (39 percent), 17 of 27 free throws (63 percent), 41 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

W-WG: 10 of 45 field goals (22 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 30 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

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H-BC 65, W-WG 23

The Patriots dominated the scene during Saturday's win over the Chargers in Westbrook.

After surrendering the first two points of the game, H-BC outscored W-WG 65-21 the rest of the way to secure a 42-point conquest.

H-BC assumed control of the game by putting together a 19-0 run capped by Kenadie Fick sinking a pair of free throws that gave the Patriots a 19-2 lead at the 8:33 mark of the first half.

The Patriots outscored W-WG 21-10 over the final eight minutes of the half and took a 40-12 advantage into the second stanza after Sidney Fick drained a field goal with 13 seconds left.

H-BC opened the second half by scoring 14 consecutive points capped by a short field goal by Sidney Fick to up the

advantage 42 points (54-12).

The Patriots led by as many as 46 points (60-14) before settling with a 42-point win at game's end.

Sidney Fick netted 22 points and collected eight rebounds, while Kenadie Fick registered six rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Bundesen (12 rebounds and seven assists), Knobloch (eight rebounds) and Elbers (four blocked shots) also played key roles in the victory.

Box score

K.Fick 2 0 4-6 8, Rauk 2 0 2-2 6, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 2 0 0-0 4, Knobloch 2 1 1-2 5, S.Fick 8 2 0-2 2, Bundesen 2 0 3-7 7, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 2 0 0-0 4, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 4 0 1-2 9.

Team statistics

H-BC: 26 of 63 field goals (41 percent), 11 of 19 free throws (58 percent), 54 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

W-WG: four of 43 field goals (nine percent), 14 of 22 free throws (64 percent), 26 rebounds, 18 turnovers.



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Luverne senior guard Mackenzie Petersen competes for a rebound along with Pipestone's Zoe Velde during Monday's basketball game in Luverne. Petersen led the Cardinals with 18 points during a loss to the Arrows.

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take a 25-20 lead of its own after going on a 13-3 run ending with a field goal from Mackenzie Petersen with 8:17 remaining in the stanza.

The Arrows countered with a 14-6 surge to move in front 34-31 with 1:23 remaining before Petersen capped the scoring in the stanza with a three-point shot at the 1:12 mark.

Pipestone scored the first five points of the second half as part of a 10-3 run that left the Arrows sporting a 44-37 lead 5:40 into the stanza.

Luverne trimmed the difference to three points (44-41) when Gabrielle Ferrell buried a field goal with 11:20

left to play, but the rest of the game belonged to Pipestone.

A 15-3 run gave the Arrows a 59-44 lead with 1:22 left to play, setting the stage for their 11-point win.

Petersen pumped in 18 points to lead the Cards in scoring.

Grace Sweeney grabbed eight rebounds for the Cards, while Averill Sehr and Ferrell collected five caroms each.

Box score

Ver Steeg 3 0 2-4 8, Anderson 1 0 0-0 2, Thorson 1 0 2-2 4, Sehr 0 0 2-2 2, Sweeney 3 0 1-2 7, Petersen 3 3 3-4 18, Ferrell 3 0 2-3 8.

Team statistics

Luverne: 17 field goals made, 12 of 17

free throws (71 percent), 27 rebounds, 21 turnovers.

Pipestone: 20 field goals made, 15 of 27 free throws (71 percent).

RWV 55, Luverne 48

The Cardinals were unable to knock off Redwood Valley for the second time this season when the teams met in Redwood Falls Friday.

LHS posted a 12-point win over RWV when the team squared off in Luverne Dec. 14, but RWV avenged that loss by outscoring the Cards in both halves of a seven-point victory during the rematch.

RWV led 28-27 after 18 minutes of play before outscoring the Cards 27-21 in

the second half to ice the win.

Ferrell (13 points) and Mallory Thorson (11 points and six rebounds) paced LHS offensively.

Brooklynn VerSteeg grabbed eight rebounds, passed for five assists and registered four steals for the Cardinals.

Box score

Ver Steeg 4 0 0-8, Anderson 1 0 5-6 7, Thorson 3 1 2-2 11, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Nath 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 2 0 1-2 5, Petersen 1 0 2-2 4, Ferrell 1 2 4-6 13.

Team statistics

Luverne 15 of 36 field goals (42 percent), 15 of 18 free throws (83 percent), 20 rebounds, six turnovers.

RWV: 15 field goals made, 16 of 20 free throws (80 percent).

Gymnasts secure split in conference competition

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal gymnastics team split a pair of Big South Conference matches.

The Cardinals recorded a narrow win in Marshall Thursday before losing by 11-plus points to Jackson County Central in Jackson Monday.

Luverne, 8-10 overall and 2-3 in the BSC, caps the regular season by hosting Windom Friday.

JCC 140.025, Luverne 129.05

A season-high point total for the Cardinals wasn't enough to knock off the Huskies when the teams met in Jackson Monday.

LHS athletes produced a

pair of fourth-place finishes in individual competition, but JCC girls won all-four individual titles during their 11-plus point victory.

Meghan Witte, who placed second all-around with 33.325 points for Luverne, finished fourth on the bars with a 7.925.

Madigan Flom placed fourth on the team with an 8.225 for the Cards.

JCC's Carson Schneekloth captured the vault (9.075), beam (9.1) and all-around (35.15) championships.

Hachelle Carson took top honors on the bars with an 8.225, while Payten Benda won the floor with a 9.25.

Individual scores

Vault: Witte, 8.975; Meghan Mollberg, 8.925; Melissa Teal, 8.8; Anna Huisman,

8.675; Tiana Lais, 8.5. Bars: Witte, 7.925; Teal, 7.5; Huisman, 7.5; Flom, 6.275; Bonita Tiesler, 5.075. Beam: Flom, 8.225; Mollberg, 8.0; Huisman, 7.925; Witte, 7.55; Sydney Wicks, 6.3. Floor: Witte, 8.875; Mollberg, 8.225; Flom, 7.875; Huisman, 7.8; Wicks, 7.725.

Luverne 126.875, Marshall 125.05

The Cardinals picked up their second conference win of the season when they topped the Tigers by less than two points Thursday in Marshall.

Luverne athletes won two of the four individual titles and fielded the all-around champion when the meet was complete.

Witte, who placed second on the bars (8.025), beam (7.175) and floor (8.625) for the Cardinals, won the vault

and all-around titles with respective 9.1 and 34.2 tallies.

Flom captured the team crown for LHS with her score of 8.7.

Meghan Mollberg turned in a second-place showing on the vault for LHS with a 9-0, while Anna Huisman finished fourth on the bars with a 7.175.

Marshall's Saphi McFarquhar won the bar and floor championships with 8.6 and 8.95 tallies.

Individual scores

Beam: Flom, 8.7; Witte, 8.45; Sydney Wicks, 7.475; Huisman, 7.25; Mollberg, 7.125.

Floor: Witte, 8.625; Wicks, 7.8; Huisman, 7.8; Flom, 7.5; Mollberg, 7.3.

Bars: Witte, 8.025; Huisman, 7.175; Melissa Teal, 6.8; Flom, 5.975; Bonita Tiesler, 5.05.

Vault: Witte, 9.1; Mollberg, 9.0; Teal, 8.7; Huisman, 8.55; Tiana Lais, 7.55.

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Patriot boys fall twice over weekend

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team slipped to 6-5 in Red Rock Conference play after dropping a pair of league games on the road over the weekend.

The Patriots lost by 33 points to Mountain Lake Area Friday in Mountain Lake before falling by 11 points to Westbrook-Walnut Grove Saturday in Westbrook.

H-BC, 9-9 overall, plays in Fulda Friday.

W-WG 82, H-BC 71

The Patriots dropped their third consecutive game when they came up on the short end of an 11-point decision against the Chargers Saturday in Westbrook.

H-BC led by as many as five points in the first half, but W-WG outscored the Patriots 58-42 over the final 24:40 of the game to claim an 82-71 victory.

The Patriots played well early as they scored the first six points of the game and led by five (13-8) when Wyatt Westrum buried a three-point shot at the 13:43 mark of the first half.

W-WG answered the challenge by going on a 16-6 run to move in front 24-19 with 9:18 remaining, but the Patriots didn't flinch.

H-BC regained a five-point cushion (29-24) when Westrum sank a pair of charity shots to cap a 10-0 surge with 6:40 left in the stanza.

The Chargers rose to the challenge by mounting an 18-6 run that left them sporting a seven-point (42-35) advantage with 1:28 remaining before settling with a 42-36 lead at halftime.

H-BC's Preston Wilhelm hit a three-point shot 1:44 into the second half to trim W-WG's lead to four points (43-39), but that proved to be as close as the Patriots would come to catching the Chargers.

W-WG put together a 26-11 run over the next 10 minutes to open a 69-50 advantage with 6:11 left to play.

H-BC did battle back to



John Rittenhouse photo/0207 hbb 5

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Wyatt Westrum puts up a shot in traffic during Saturday's game in Westbrook. Westrum netted 20 points during an 82-71 loss to Westbrook-Walnut Grove.

make it an eight-point (77-69) difference when Wilhelm competed a three-point play at the 1:07 mark, but the Chargers outscored the visitors 5-2 in the final minute to win by 11.

Wilhelmi (23 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and three steals), Westrum (22 points) and Jax Wysong (11 points) led H-BC statistically.

Box score
Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Baker 2 0 0-0 4, Westrum 5 3 3-4 22, Wilhelmi 3 4 5-6 23, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Susie 1 0 3-4 5, Wysong 3 1 1-1 11, Kueter 3 0 0-0 6.

Team statistics
H-BC: 25 of 63 field goals (40 percent), 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent), 21 rebounds, seven turnovers.
W-WG: 31 of 60 field goals (52 percent),

13 of 20 free throws (65 percent), 22 rebounds, five turnovers.

MLA 83, H-BC 50

A rough second half for the Patriots led to a 27-point loss when they challenged the Wolverines in Mountain Lake Friday.

H-BC played well early and was in a position to pull out a victory when it faced a 40-35 deficit at the intermission.

The situation changed for the Patriots, when they were limited to 21 percent (six of 28 shooting from the floor).

MLA took advantage of the situation to outscore the Patriots 43-15 in the stanza to

complete an 83-50 win.

Wilhelmi (24 points, five rebounds and four assists) and Westrum (10 points) provided some offensive spark for the Patriots.

Wysong and Kyle Kueter pulled down six rebounds each.

Box score
Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Baker 3 0 1-4 7, Deelstra 0 1 0-0 3, Gehrke 0 0 0-1 0, Westrum 4 0 2-4 10, Wilhelmi 5 4 2-2 24, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, J.Wysong 3 0 0-0 6, Kueter 0 0 0-2 0.

Team statistics
H-BC: 20 of 59 field goals (34 percent), five of 13 free throws (38 percent), 27 rebounds, eight turnovers.
MLA: 34 of 70 field goals (49 percent), three of eight free throws (38 percent), 22 rebounds, six turnovers.

EHS girls come up short in tight games

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped a pair of competitive games on the road.

The Panthers came up on the short end of a three-point decision at Edgerton Public School Thursday before falling by 10 points Monday in Hull, Iowa.

Ellsworth, 4-10 for the season, hosts Adrian Thursday.

TC 33, Ellsworth 23

The Panthers lost their 10th game of the season when they took on Trinity Christian Monday in Hull, Iowa.

The home team outscored EHS by five points in both halves of what was a low-scoring contest.

TC led 20-15 when the first half was complete and outscored the Panthers 13-8 in the second stanza to prevail by 10 points.

Lizzie Chapa netted eight points to lead the Panthers in scoring.

Kallie Chapa and Morgan Dreesen snared nine and seven rebounds respectively.

Box score
Meester 0 0 2-3 2, Dreesen 0 0 0-2 0,

K.Chapa 1 1 0-0 5, L.Chapa 4 0 0-1 8, Nussbaum 1 0 0-0 2, Smith 2 0 2-2 6.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: nine of 32 free throws (28 percent), four of eight free throws (50 percent), 26 rebounds, 23 turnovers.

Edgerton 45, EHS 42

The Panthers slipped to 2-9 in Red Rock Conference play after taking a three-point loss in Edgerton Thursday.

In what was a tight game most of the way, Ellsworth missed a potential game-tying shot in the final seconds.

Edgerton led 28-27 after 18 minutes of play before sporting a 17-15 scoring edge in the second half.

Lizzie Chapa (14 points), Ashlyn Meester (11 points and three assists) and Sierra Smith (10 points and six rebounds) led the Panthers offensively.

Kallie Chapa turned in a five-rebound, three-steal effort for Ellsworth.

Box score
Meester 0 2 5-6 11, Dreesen 0 0 1-2 1, K.Chapa 2 0 0-0 4, L.Chapa 6 0 2-5 14, Custer 1 0 0-0 2, Smith 2 1 3-6 10.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 14 of 37 field goals (38 percent), 11 of 19 free throws (58 percent), 25 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

Panthers dip to 2-10 Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team lost a pair of road contests.

The Panthers fell by 36 points to Red Rock Central in Lambertton Thursday. EHS came up on the short end of a nine-point decision against Trinity Christian Monday in Hull, Iowa.

Ellsworth, 2-10 overall hosts Southwest Christian Friday.

TC 43, Ellsworth 34

A strong defensive effort by the Panthers didn't produce a victory when they took on Trinity Christian Monday in Hull, Iowa.

EHS didn't surrender more than 22 points in either of the game's two halves, but the Panthers couldn't connect offensively during a nine-point setback.

TC led 22-18 at the intermission before using a 21-16 scoring cushion in the second half to put the game away.

Brandon Kramer tossed in 10 points to lead EHS in scoring.

Anthony Lenz collected eight rebounds for EHS.

Kruse 2 1 1-1 8, Lewis 1 0 0-0 2, Lenz 1 0 0-0 2, S.Boltjes 1 0 0-0 2, S.Kramer 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 13 of 40 field goals (33 percent), five of five free throws (100 percent), 21 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

RRC 65, Ellsworth 29

A turnover-plagued performance worked against the Panthers when they tried to win consecutive games for the first time this winter Thursday in Lambertton.

EHS turned the ball over 27 times during a game in which the Panthers were outscored in both halves.

RRC led 22-14 at the intermission before opening the second half with a 21-0 run that helped the Falcons to outscore the Panthers 43-15 in the second half and prevail by 36 points at game's end.

Brandon Kramer turned in a 12-point, seven-rebound effort for EHS.

Noah Kruse grabbed six rebounds for the Panthers.

Box score
B.Kramer 5 0 2-4 12, Jansma 0 3 0-0 9, Lewis 2 0 0-2 4, S.Boltjes 0 1 0-0 3, Nave 0 0 1-2 1.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 11 of 29 field goals (38 percent), three of 10 free throws (30 percent), 21 rebounds, 27 turnovers.

Southwest Christian soars over Adrian

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team couldn't stage an upset when it took on the Southwest Christian Eagles in Edgerton Friday.

SWC outscored the Dragons in both halves of a 90-54 conquest.

The Eagles raced to a 46-30 lead in the game's first half before outscoring AHS 44-24 in the second half to prevail by 36 points.

Noah Reyne tossed in 16 points to lead the Dragons in scoring.

Lance Luettel nabbed five

rebounds for 6-10 Adrian, which plays in Lambertton Friday.

Box score
Reyne 5 1 3-6 16, Weidert 3 0 2-2 8, Wolford 0 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 1 2 0-0 8, Bx.Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 1 1 1-26, Domeyer 0 1 0-0 3, Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, Frodermann 2 0 0-1 4, Schnoor 0

0 0-2 0, Thier 0 0 0-0 0, Hornstein 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 3 0 0-0 6.

Team statistics
Adrian: 21 of 52 field goals (40 percent), six of 13 free throws (46 percent), 23 rebounds, 32 turnovers.
SWC: 39 of 77 field goals (53 percent), eight of 15 free throws (53 percent), 37 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

Box score
B.Kramer 3 0 4-4 10, Jansma 1 2 0-0 8,

Redwood Valley roughs up Luverne boys Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team slipped to 2-6 in Big South Conference competition after taking a setback in Redwood Falls Friday.

The Cardinals matched blows with Redwood Valley during the first half of the contest, but the hosts put together a strong second half to secure an 80-65 victory.

LHS played well early and faced a 37-36 deficit at the intermission.

RWV settled the issue by outscoring the Cards 43-29 in the second half to nail down a 15-point victory.

Isaiah Bartels (21 points), Derek Lundgren (15 points), Brayden Jacobsma (12 points) and Bailey Cowell (11 points) paced LHS offensively.

Luverne, 10-7 overall, hosts Flandreau Indian School Thursday.

Box score
Cowell 2 1 4-4 11, Jacobsma 3 1 3-5 12, Lundgren 3 1 6-6 15, DeBates 0 0

0-0 0, Sehr 1 0 0-0 2, Bartels 9 0 3-7 21, Ahrendt 0 0 2-22, Feit 0 0 0-0 0, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Beyer 0 0 0-0 0, Golla 1 0 0-0 2, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

Luverne 22 of 44 field goals (50 percent), 18 of 24 free throws (75 percent).
RWV: 27 field goals made, 17 of 20 free throws (85 percent).

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 Sunday, Feb. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 12 p.m. Potluck Meal. 6:30 p.m. Worship. Monday, Feb. 11: 7 p.m. Council Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 12: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 5 - 7 p.m. Soup Supper.

First Baptist Church

1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne
Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org
Walt Moser, Pastor
 Thursday, Feb. 7: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 11:45 a.m. Pastor appreciation at Senior Dining. 7 p.m. Music/Worship Committee Meeting. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 10: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 11:30 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting. 12 p.m. All-Church Potluck. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Feb. 12: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Deacon's Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Feb. 14: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church

500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net
Ron Nichols, Pastor
 Thursday, Feb. 7: 8:30 a.m. Missions In Action. Friday, Feb. 8: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 9: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 10: 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee, Donuts with Dads. 10:15 a.m. Adult Study and Sunday School. Monday, Feb. 11: 4:40 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, Feb. 12: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Ministry meetings. 8 p.m. PPC meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:30 - 5 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:15 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship. 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal. 7-7:30 p.m. Confirmation 6th-8th. 7:30-8:15 Confirmation 9th. 8 p.m. Exaltation Team rehearsal. Thursday, Feb. 14: 8:30 a.m. Missions in Action.

Bethany Lutheran Church

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

American Reformed Church

304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne
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Mike Altona, Pastor
 Friday, Feb. 8: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, Feb. 9: 7 p.m. Union Gospel Mission Service. Sunday, Feb. 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50-11:50 Family Education. 1:30 and 2:15 p.m. Mary Jane Brown and Poplar Creek Worship Service. 7 p.m. Girls Night/ Guys Night. Monday, Feb. 11: 9 a.m. Playtime at ARC. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Tuesday, Feb. 12: 12 p.m. Staff Meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Praise Team. 7:30 p.m. PC Award Night.

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, Feb. 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Feb. 9: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult SS. 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 4:06-3:30 p.m. Chocolate buffet/Spaghetti Dinner. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group Family Night. Monday, Feb. 11: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 6 p.m. FUEL and confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 14: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church

302 Central Lane, Luverne
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com
 Thursday, Feb. 7: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Circle. 11:30 a.m. coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, Feb. 12: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Home Communion. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. Choir. Thursday, Feb. 14: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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Gary Klatt, Pastor
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Living Rock Church

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

110 N. Oakley, Luverne
Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net
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Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick
 Thursday, Feb. 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 8: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Tea at Zion. Sunday, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 11: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 12: 6:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 14: 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.
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Laura Phillips, Pastor
 Sunday, Feb. 10: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service with Communion. Lunch following the service.

Palisade Lutheran Church

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First Presbyterian Church

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Ph. 507-935-5025
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Magnolia United Methodist Church

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer
 112 N. Main St., Hills
Ph. 962-3270
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net
 Saturday, Feb. 9: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Council Retreat. Sunday, Feb. 10: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 12: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Feb. 13: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church

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

'I want to see'

Since I have been diagnosed with glaucoma, one of the tests I have to take often is the Vision Field Test, which requires that I lean forward and look into a machine at a white field.

Once the test begins, little black dots randomly appear in my field of vision, and each time I see one I am supposed to push a button.

I can see the ones that appear on the left, but because of the glaucoma in my right eye, I can't see the dots that appear off to the right.

As I was thinking about some of the news this week, especially in regard to the abortion issues in Iowa and New York, I can only think there are many people with spiritual glaucoma. They just can't seem to see clearly what you and I see. We wonder how they cannot see that ending the life of a baby inside the mother's womb is murder — how can they not see it?

There certainly seems to be a real form of spiritual glaucoma that is causing people not to be able to see these days.

As I was reflecting on this sad reality, the Holy Spirit reminded me of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4:4, where he wrote, "The god of this age has blinded the mind of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

According to Paul, unbelievers are really blind to the truth.

Now here's where my analogy breaks down. When Paul writes that Satan "blinded the minds" of unbelievers, Paul is vividly portraying someone who deliberately removed that person's eyes and permanently blinded them. So it's not like the people who are slowly losing their sight; they actually don't even have eyes.

And then also notice, Paul didn't say that Satan blinded their eyes, it says he blinded their minds. And when referring to their minds, Paul is referring to an unbeliever's thoughts, feelings, beliefs and ability to reason. So Paul is saying Satan has "gouged out" the spiritual eyes of unbelievers to such a degree that they

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Mike Altona, American Reformed Church, Luverne

have no ability to see things correctly and therefore it has also impaired their thoughts, feelings, beliefs and ability to reason.

As a result, for someone who is spiritually blind, killing an unwanted child seems like the logical thing to do.

Many of the foolish decisions our government officials make creates a deep sense of sadness and even righteous anger in me. And in those situations, having had our eyes opened by the Holy Spirit, our responsibility is certainly to speak up for those who have no voice. While at the same time we must pray that the Holy Spirit would open their spiritual eyes so they can see Truth.

Although what we see unfolding in our country and around the world is deeply discouraging, we shouldn't be surprised.

Writing to Timothy about what it will be like in the last days, Paul writes, "Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God" (2 Timothy 3:1-4).

One final thought: It's easy to become outraged when you clearly see someone else who is apparently rebelling against God's will. And yet, may it not be so with you and me that we would overlook the ways we give ourselves grace for our own willful disobedience.

Instead may we have the humility of the blind man who, when Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" said, "I want to see."

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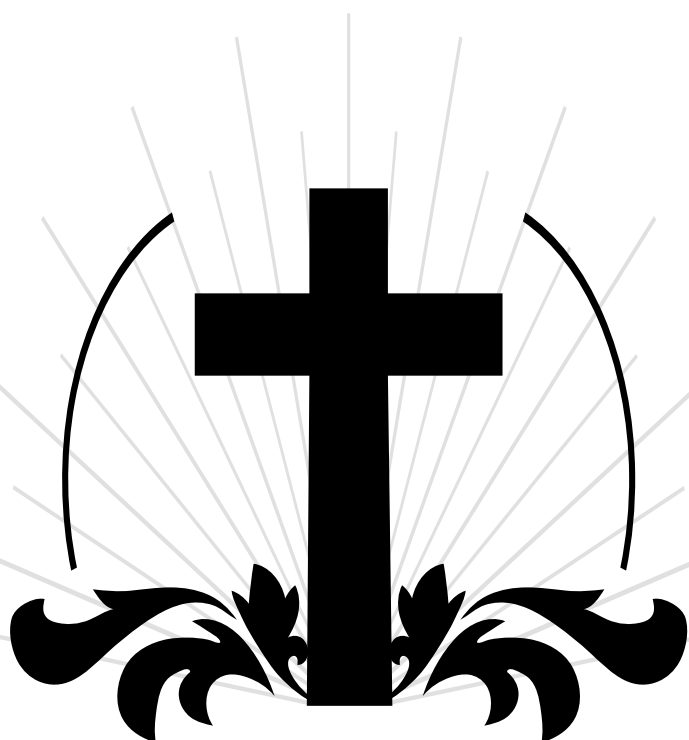
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(1-31-2-7)

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 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
Eisma & Eisma
Attorneys at Law
130 E. Main, P.O. Box 625
Luverne, MN 56156
I.D. # 389457

(1.31-2.21)

S & K Farms applies for livestock feedlot permit
NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
MINNESOTA RULE 7020.2000, SUBP. 4

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that S & K Farms, will be applying to Rock County and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a permit to expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the section 3 in Martin Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of open lots without runoff controls to house 600 head of finishing cattle. The proposed expansion will be constructing a total confinement nursery building to house 2,400 head of nursery pigs. Manure storage will be a poured concrete pit for the nursery pigs and the open lot will be pack on lot. 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.

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Freese probate

PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 67-PR-19-40

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ROCK
In Re: Estate of

Duane Howard Freese, a/k/a Duane H. Freese,
Deceased

ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR IN SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of February, 2019, at 3:30 O'clock P.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Rock County Courthouse, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of Debbie M. Andringa, whose address is 401 3rd Street, Armstrong, Iowa 50514, as administrator of the estate of the above named decedent in supervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said administrator will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the administrator shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 524.3-403 Subd. (a) notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Debbie M. Andringa, has reason to believe that the original will of the decedent has been lost or destroyed. Petitioner also states that an authentic copy of said will has been presented to the Court for formal probate.

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

Dated: February 4, 2019

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

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
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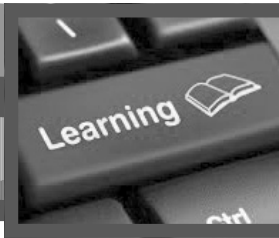
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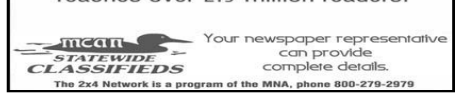
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