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# Big dig

Two major storms bury region under more than foot of snow in past week

#### **By Lori Sorenson**

Rock County residents and a good share of the upper Midwest are still digging out from a winter storm that crippled the region last week.

The one-two punch of heavy snow Wednesday followed by more snow and driving winds Saturday combined to shut down major travel corridors and cancel churches, school, meetings, commerce and related activities.

Snowfall totals vary widely throughout southwest Minnesota, but 10 inches on Wednesday, Feb. 20, is a generally reported figure in Rock County, followed by several more inches over the weekend.

 $All\,this\,accumulated\,snow\,ended$ up blowing and drifting when winds cranked up to 35 mph later on Sat-

Hundreds of motorists were stranded across the state when visibility shrank to zero and truck-sized drifts began forming on roadways.

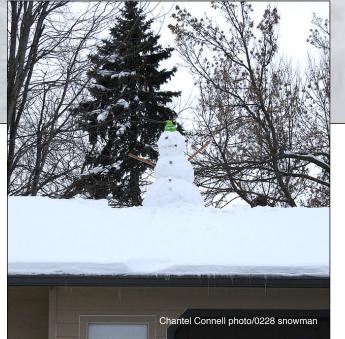
Most county and township roads were impassable by Sunday, and major thoroughfares like Highway 75 were reduced to one lane in many areas where monster snowdrifts had accumulated.

According to Minnesota's 511 road condition information, dozens of roads — including portions of I-90 were closed statewide Saturday

**Snow**/continued on page 5







Walls of snow like this one (above, left) on County Road 5 west of Luverne are a common occurrence along roadways across the region after crews broke through 4- to 6-foot drifts. Many highways were closed over the weekend due to blowing and drifting after more than a foot of snow fell Wednesday through Sunday. In the photo at right, Travis Chapa and his daughter, Addy Chapa, built this snowman on the roof on Cedar Street.

# Premium Iowa Pork to celebrate Luverne deal

# **Ribbon-cutting set** for Friday; PIP on agenda for LIFT gala

#### By Lori Sorenson

Premium Iowa Pork will host a ribbon-cutting and open house Friday, March 1, to celebrate the start of its hog processing operation in the former Gold'n Plump plant on the west edge of Luverne.

The Luverne Area Chamber, along with other business representatives and community members, will present the ribbon and oversized scissors for the event that starts at 4 p.m.

According to the company website, Premium Iowa Pork has been providing private-label, antibioticfree pork to grocery stores across the country since 2005.

All antibiotic-free pork comes from Midwest farms, and all products are currently prepared, processed, and packaged under strict standards at the Hospers, Iowa, facility.

Startingearlyin2020, the Luverne facility will join the production ranks, at first with 1,200 hogs per day, and working up to the plant's permitted 2,200 hogs per day once wastewater treatment processes are in place.

Construction began late in 2018 to retrofit the local 78,000-squarefoot plant, which first operated in Luverne as Iowa Beef Processing, to modern hog slaughter operations. PIP is investing roughly \$30 million in that building upgrade.

The company will also expand the east side of the building by roughly 12,500 square feet for a total area of 90,500 square feet.

Changes to the property will conform to the existing uses permit ted by the zoning.

PIP president Dan Paquin, Hospers, Iowa, said the company has aspirations to one day expand the Luverne facility with new construction to process 4,500 hogs per day if market demand continues.

He said energies will focus initially on plant startup and hiring — first with about two-dozen management personnel, and then production workers.

Employees in Iowa currently start at \$13 per hour, but Paquin said the company will consider market forces and economic data before setting Luverne's salary range.

'We want to be attractive for employees," he said. "I feel pretty good about where we're at for hiring."

**Premium Iowa Pork**/see page 2

# 'Haaky' turns 100; moves to Oaks

## **By Mavis Fodness**

Helmer Haakenson had one thought on his mind in 2007 when surgeons told the then 88-year-old his aortic value replacement would last 15 years.

"It will get me to one hundred," he said last week.

His 100th birthday came Wednesday, Feb. 20, and he celebrated with friends and family at his new home at The Oaks senior apartments in

The gathering included his favorite dessert, chocolate cake topped with chocolate frosting.

More celebrating continued Saturday with more servings of chocolate cake (with the addition of lefse) at St. Catherine Church in Luverne for the man affectionately known as "Haaky."

The family get-togethers were the only gifts the new centenarian

'Haaky' turns 100/see page 2



Mavis Fodness photo/0228 Helmer Haakenson 100th

Helmer Haakenson receives assistance holding a cake in honor of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 20 by his two youngest children Mike (left) and Mary during a celebration in The Oaks where he just moved.

# Funding to improve Hardwick streets may be a 'long shot'

# **By Mavis Fodness**

Street improvements is a frequent topic at Hardwick City Council meetings, but little or no progress has been made toward a solution.

Like many small communities, Hardwick struggles to fund large street improvements, opting instead to patch small sections of 25-year-old pavement each year.

Last week the Rock County commissioners approved a resolution for a \$400,000 Local Road Improvement Program grant to help Hardwick replace their one mile of streets.

County highway engineer Mark Sehr brought the resolution to commissioners at their Feb. 19 meeting.

"I am just trying to help them out," he said. "It's a long shot, but you

never know." The state allocates money to the improvement fund, which is then divided regionally throughout the state.

"Sometimes you get lucky and there are not many applicants," Sehr

Hardwick officials contacted Sehr several years ago about their own street repairs coinciding with the county 2020 road improvement plans in Hardwick. Funding prevented Hardwick from engaging in any formal agreements. However, if state funds are

granted to Hardwick, the street reclamation work would coincide with the county's 2020 mill-off and overlay work in the city's business district.

As part of the March 1 deadline, Hardwick officials will need to pass a similar resolution to complete the

Hardwick streets/see page 5



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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Meetings

Luverne Senior Citizens will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Senior Citizens building.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 4, in the Sewing Basket, Luverne. Call Dianne, 507-530-3307, with questions.

 $\textbf{Beaver Creek Township Board} \ will meet at 7:30 \ p.m.$ Monday, March 11, in the Beaver Crek Township Hall.

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

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

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

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 Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956.

#### **Balance classes begin March 5**

The Matter of Balance classes will be offered from 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday in March beginning Tuesday, March 5, at the Rock County Library. Participants will build practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels. Contact Norma Brands with A.C.E. at 507-283-5064 for more information.

#### U of M harvest planning in Slayton

Grain farmers and agri-business professionals are encouraged to attend the University of Minnesota Extention meeting "How to Write a Pre-Harvest Marketing Plan" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the Murray County Fairgrounds 4-H Building in Slayton. Contact U of M Extension educator Melissa Runck at 507-836-1143 or mkrunck@umn.edu for more information.

#### World Day of Prayer events March 1

•Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne invites the community to a World Day of Prayer service at 2 p.m. Friday, March 1. Focus will be on the country of Slovenia.

•Area women are invited to the Women's World Day of Prayer at 2 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the Steen Reformed Church. Speaker will be Jim Byrne of Hills.

#### **Hospice Charity Dinner** and Auction tickets now on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the 2019 Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 13, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Tickets may be purchased at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Office at 304 North McKenzie Street in Luverne. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 507-283-1805. Open seating tickets are \$55, and sponsor tables for eight are \$600.

## Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting 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.

## New to Medicare? Classes available

Anyone soon becoming Medicare-eligible is encouraged to attend two classes offered by Senior LinkAge Line in Slayton the second and third Mondays of the month at the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, 1939 Engebretson Ave., Slayton. Participants learn the basics of Medicare and coverage options during the first class. The second class focuses on research options. Call the Senior LinkAge Line, 1-800-333-2433, to register.

#### Sportsman's Club to serve Wild Game Feed March 9

The Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club will serve their 29th annual wild game feed from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Up the Dam Creek Bar in Beaver Creek.

# 'Haaky' turns 100 years old/continued from page 1 \_\_\_\_\_

"He has everything," son Mike of Luverne explained. "We tried to give him gifts several years ago and they sat in his closet."

Haakenson's closets were recently emptied.

Up until four days before his birthday, Haakenson lived on his own at the Elmwood Drive house he helped build in 1961.

Haakenson and his late wife, Joan, who died in 2004, raised five children. Cheryl now lives in Concord, California; Marsha in Gary, South Dakota; Sandra in Delano, Minnesota; Mike and Mary both in Luverne.

The family has grown to include nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren with an additional great-grandchild on the way.

Haakenson was born in Section 5 of Magnolia Township and attended country school through the eighth grade.

"I didn't go to high school, but I went to college," he said.

A five-year stint (1940 to 1945) in the military preceded his college degree as an electrician from the Dunwoody Institute in the Twin Cities.

His first job brought him and Joan back to Luverne in 1950. Haakenson worked for Stan Hinkly until 1955, when he accepted a position with an electricians' union in Sioux

Haakenson stayed with the union until six months short of his 62nd birthday. He broke his arm in an accident on the job, and he spent a month in the hospital recuperating before he announced his retirement.



Mavis Fodness photo/0228 Helmer Haakenson 100th

The digital sign at Buffalo Ridge Insurance recognizes Helmer Haakenson's birthday Feb. 20.



Mavis Fodness photo/0228 Helmer Haakenson 100th Achocolate cake with chocolate frosting is Helmer Haakenson's favorite dessert. It was served for his 100th birthday party.

Once healed, Haakenson embraced retired life. Until age 98, he was an

avid golfer, swam and exercised regularly, and became "Mr. Fix-It" around the house.

"He could figure out anything," daughter Mary said. "He could have been an engineer."

Haakenson attributed his longevity to genetics and living "one day at a time." His mother lived to age 105.

"She knew me up until the very last minute," he said.

Two of his remaining three sisters follow Haakenson in age. Helen is 98 and Lorraine will soon be 95.

His "one day at a time" philosophy also applies to the one prescription he takes for his valve replacement. He keeps his joints healthy by consuming a little cod liver oil.

"Itisn't age if you feel good," Haakenson said and then pointed to his head. "And have the gray stuff left."

# Premium Iowa Pork celebrates Luverne deal/continued from page 1

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

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

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

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

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

#### Small company is good fit with small community

"We're a family-owned company, and we're very excited about coming to Luverne," said Jason Golly,

**Viking Electric LLC** 

**Tim Gangestad** 

(507) 290-2595



Lori Sorenson photo/0228 premium Iowa pork dan paquin

Dan Paquin, pictured in the former Pilgrim's Pride facility, is general manager of Premium Iowa Pork, which will occupy the former poultry processing plant west of Luverne.

CEO of Lynch Livestock, the parent company of Premium Iowa Pork.

"It's a great community and we're looking forward to a long future together. ... Working with city officials and the mayor has been great; everyone's been very cooperative. ... It's a community that wants to grow, and we're a growing

company, so it's a nice fit."

His wife, Erin, is the daughter of Lynch Livestock Owner Gary Lynch, who provides information about the company's history on the PIP website.

"My family has been active in pork production for over 100 years. We didn't use additives and antibiotics then, and we don't use them now," Lynch writes on the company website.

"Everything we do here - from our focus on each animal's health to the strict standards we meet and exceed helps remind people how pork is supposed to taste and where it comes from. We take great pride in that."



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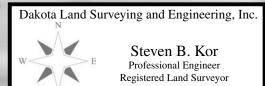
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# Car stolen in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

A California man is in custody after he was arrested in Sioux Falls for stealing a car in Luverne Monday night.

According to the Rock County Sheriff's Office, the report of a stolen vehicle came in at 11:25 p.m. on Feb. 25. The owner of the 2008 Mitsubishi ECL is Alexander Holman, Sioux Falls.

The suspect, 42-year-old Christopher Shim, Modesto, California, reportedly walked out of the Casey's store on Highway 75 in Luverne and got into the Mitsubishi and drove off in the vehicle without permission.

A Rock County deputy followed Shim on Interstate 90, but he reportedly refused to pull over, prompting a pursuit.

At the border, a South Dakotatrooperwasin position for the traffic stop and the Rock County deputy abandoned the

The Rock County Sheriff's Office was later advised that Shim was arrested in the city of Sioux Falls where he reportedly crashed the car.

Holman later posted on social media about the incident. "I would never let my car run while I go inside anywhere in Sioux Falls, but I do in small towns," the post stated. "No matter what, never leave your car run, especially if you have children. Thank [goodness] I didn't have my kids with me."

# Library offers classes and events

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

Learn How to Swing Dance is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Bring a partner to learn the basic steps and work up to basic spins and dips. Registration required.

Winter Story Time is each Friday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. through April 12.

**Evening Story Time** is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through March 26.

Teen Book Club meets Thursdays through March 14, with games, snacks and book discussions about Angie Thomas' award-winning book, "The Hate U Give." Registration is required.

Take 16 Trivia Night is at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Take 16 Brewery in Luverne.

DIY book page banner is at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21. Use old books to choose a word or phrase to make a banner with the supplies provided.Registration required.

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

Library hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### **Community Education announces** classes and activities

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

Register for summer K-12 T-ball, Baseball, Softball by March 29. After that the fee will be \$50 higher and registrations are accepted only if there are openings.

The 8 hour Defensive **Driving Class** for adults 55 years and older is on March 4 and 11 (4 hours each evening). This class helps drivers save money on car insurance. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

Get organized for tax preparation with **Oh, No!**  DreadedTaxTime!OnMarch **5.** Fee is \$16.

Lisa Mikle, special education director for Luverne Schools, will explain what adverse childhood experiences (ACE) are and their resulting long term health and social consequences at ACEs and Our Children.

The class is free but registration is requested. Choose March 5 at 10:45 or 6:15 or

choose March 7 at 11. Upcoming chartered bus

trips include: \*Mamma Mia at the Chanhassen on April 13.



Bruce Dysthe sings for Mary Jane Brown residents, visitors and staff. Afterward everyone was served ice cream cake. The Oaks residents were treated to donuts a la mode.

# **Good Samaritan Society** celebrates merger with Sanford

**By Mavis Fodness** 

Residents and staff at the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home, The Oaks and Poplar Creek Estates celebrated the merger with Sanford Health Thursday afternoon, Feb. 21.

Root beer floats, music and special activities highlighted the two-hour celebra-

The Oaks celebrated with donut a la mode.

Poplar Creek made tie blankets in honor of the merger theme of "Stronger Together."

The finished blankets were donated to the Sanford Children's Hospital. As residents listened to music by Matthew Stensland-Bos of Luverne, they enjoyed root beer floats.

At the Mary Jane Brown Home, residents, staff and family members listened to the singing of Bruce Dysthe before enjoying ice cream

Randy Bury is the new president of the Good Samaritan Society, a name Sanford continues to use. He made an official address via YouTube about the merger.

"This historical moment both organizations is



Poplar Creek Estates employee Audrey Claussen (far left) works with residents (from left) Dorothy Rosenberg, Arlene Rollag and Pat Ackerman to make tie blankets. The blankets were donated to the Sanford Children's Hospital.

At right, Betty LeBrun enjoys a rootbeer float.

really worth celebrating," he said.

"Our residents, family members and donors are part of a new health care model that is communitybased — patient-residentclient center — to ensure everyone receives the best care available."

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DENVER TOWNSHIP theran Good Samaritan Society voted last year to merge with Sanford Health.

The merger became official Jan. 1, according to a Sanford press release.

Together the organizations serve and care for individuals through the entire span of life.





# Lodge members present annual donation to Music Boosters

At the Feb. 19 Luverne Music Boosters meeting, members of the Ben Franklin Lodge No. 114 presented the organization a check for \$662.55. The check matched funds raised during a concession stand fundraiser during the Winterfest event at the elementary school. This matching fundraiser has raised the total to \$9,447.54 for the music boosters over the past six years. Pictured (front row from left) are music students and lodge youth members Jordan Winter, Elliot Stoltenberg, Music Booster Jim Jelken, band instructor Richard Owen, choir instructor Seana Graber, Lodge Master Bryce Stoltenberg, (back) student Austin Winter and Lodge members Lee Sells, Tony Gacke, Adam Kinsinger and Tim Gust. Submitted photo

# REQUEST FOR BIDS

Class 5 crushed gravel, pit run and crushed rock to be spread on

Martin Township roads.

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## **Mowing of Ditch Shoulders**

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## **Blue Mound Area Theatre Annual Meeting Notice** Tuesday, March 12 6 p.m. at Sterlings Public welcome

# **ROCK COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT LUVERNE, MINNESOTA**

**SCADA Improvements Contract** ADVERTISEMENT FOR STATEMENT OF **QUALIFICATIONS** 

Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) are requested from vendors interested in providing SCADA integration services for the SCADA Improvements Contract for Rock County Rural Water District (RCRWD). SOQs will be received by RCRWD until 12:00PM local time on March 6, 2019. The SOQs will be reviewed and scored after that time. The contract consists of providing local control upgrades and SCADA integration services for one water treatment plant and five other stations in the RCRWD service area. The Issuing Office for the Request of Qualifications (RFQ) is: DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union Street, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, IA 51246; 712-472-2531. Prospective vendors may examine the RFQ at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, and may obtain copies of the RFQ from the Issuing Office as described below. The RFQ also may be examined at the RCRWD office, 541 150th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

The RFQ document may be obtained from the Issuing Office at no charge. The delivery method will be by e-mail or USPS. The date that the RFQ documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the vendor's date of receipt of the RFQ document. Partial sets of the RFQ document will not be available from the Issuing Office. The Issuing Office will maintain a list of all venders (along with their contact information) who have received the RFQ document. Any modifications to the RFQ document will be provided by the Issuing Office via addendum to all recipients of the RFQ document.

> Owner: Rock County Rural Water District Paul Heronimus By:

**Board President** Title: February 24, 2019

# **PINION**

*Top sheet or no top sheet?* 

#### **Great debate comes** down to sleep philosophy

An out-of-reach shelf in the back of my closet holds a stack of flat bed sheets with-



fitted counterparts They started out as sets — flat sheet, fitted sheet and two

matching pillow cases — folded neatly in plastic packaging. But over time, the lonely flat sheets gravitated to the shelf, because half my family uses only half the sets. Which I've never under-

Crisp, cool sheets are quite

Crisp, cool sheets are quite possibly the greatest joy in my nightly routine. The thought of any part of me exposed to any thread of a blanket would keep me up at night

Smooth sheets equal sound sleep. Not debatable.

My kids, on the other hand, have a different sleep philosophy. Flat sheets just get bunched at the foot of the bed.

Simple sleep is sound sleep. Not debatable.

Apparently top sheets are indeed debatable, given heated online discussion from both sides of the argument.

And it appears millennials are to blame for the death of the top sheet.

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"People say millennials 'killed' chain restaurants, mariage and naphisn .. But when will they acknowledge our greatest takedown yet?" one millennial tweeted.

"Top sheets. I don't know a single millennial who uses one. Top sheets are archaic. This is just the truth."

The tweet went viral, prompting an online poll, "Do you use a flat sheet?"

Of course, it's not that we've ever discussed the matter out loud in our house. It's more of a discovery I've made over the years of laundering bedding for

#### ON SECOND THOUGHT

my family.

When my boys were little, I washed their sheets and made their beds, dutifully spreading the flat sheet evenly across the fitted one and tucking it in at the

When they started making their own beds, I noticed only the fitted sheets made their way to the laundry. The flat sheets got tossed in a heap — not on the

tossed in a heap — not on the bed.

It bothered me that my loved ones were sleeping half-sheeted, so I'd occasionally retrieve the abandoned flat sheets and properly assemble their beds.

Until one time, the older kid caught me in the act. "Mom, I don't use the top beds caught me in the act." Mom, I don't use the top beds caught me in the act. "Mom, I don't use the top beds with the my low that arguing about, especially since my kids sleep hot (I know where those genes came from) and their comforters are light enough for laundering.

Top sheet-less beds in my house fall into similar unsettling categories, like hot sauce on cheesy eggs (why would you werek a perfect food?) and gym shorts with snowmobile jackets. In case you're wondering, the online top sheet poll attracted more than 16,000 votes that clicked either "Of course; I'm not an animal" or "Never would I ever add more laundry to my load."

The result is comforting (for the me.) Turns out, the "not ani-

to my load."

The result is comforting (to me): Turns out, the "not animals" have a 79 percent majority among the clickers.

I, for one, find this comforting, and at least one of us will sleep better knowing there remains some order in the universe.

#### Trooper: Drivers, stay alert! Don't cause secondary crashes

Question: In the past few weeks, I noticed a major increase in the number of crashes due to slippery roads. Can you explain the importance of driving with due care

and what troopers are seeing?

Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol has been extremely busy this winter responding to crashes and calls about vehicles off the road. about vehicles off the road. Responding to an increased number of incidents increases the chances that we may be hit from a secondary crash.

In the month of February alone In the month of February alone, more than 12 State Patrol squad cars have been hit by motorists and many of these crashes involved injuries. (At right are two Minnesota State Patrol vehicles that were struck this month.) We use our squad cars to secure crash scenes so those involved are protected from passing yethicles. This becomes extremely dangerous for troopers securing the crash scene

troopers securing the crash scene — especially if the crash is blocking a lane of traffic on a slippery roadway. Our office is the highway and

we need your help to keep ourselves and motorists safe. Please remember to move over when you see flashing

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol



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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).



#### Newspaper carrier era comes to an end

I don't know about you, but I am about to throw in the white towel of surrender as far as winter goes. Febru-ary — albeit a short month — seems like it will never end. Snow, cold, ice. wind ... repeat, repeat, repeat. Hope-fully Old Man Winter and Mother Nature can get together somehow to deliver us a better March.

deliver us a better March.

Isaw a guy buying a snow shovel the other day at Bomgaars, and I thought to myself that it was a little latein the season to be buying a snow showel. Later that day I was using my shovel for the second or maybe third time that day when I realized my showel had seen its better days. Not that I am in the market for a new snow shovel, but I hope there are silva few available.

I would like to give the city crew as well as the private snow removal

as well as the private snow removal businesses a tip of the hat. This has been a winter of nonstop plowings, scrapping, sanding, hauling and blowing snow and in many case do



#### FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

it all over again the next day.

Another tip of the hat goes to school bus drivers that head out on snow-covered roads that make travel difficult at best.

Postal carriers on foot and on

rural routes have done a stellar job delivering the mail. The Luverne Announcer carriers

have gone above and beyond the call of duty this winter delivering the Announcer each week.

Last weekend was the last week thatyouwill see an Announcer carrier delivering in your neighborhood. The long-standing tradition of our own carriers has come to an end. Starting this weekend all Announcers will be delivered though the mail.

I was a newspaper carrier when I was a kid. Our kids all had routes, and many of you may have been a carrier or your kids might have been carriers Having a paper route is one of those things that will pop into conversation from time to time for the rest of you life

To all carriers past and present, thank you for a job well done.

Moerke: 'Kudos to everyone and to the Rock County Star Herald'

To the Editor,
There is much to be upset about when we look at the news lately, but the Feb. 21 edition of the Rock County Star Herald brought a smile to my face when I saw several headlines with promising news. The Blue Mounds State

The Blue Mounds State
Park will finally have potable
water. The city of Luverne and
PIP have moved one step closer
to making it a reality that the
former GNP property will be
utilized, generating economic
activity throughout the region.
Obviously, the arts community is alive and well in Nock
County because activities at the

Historic Palace Theatre have made it necessary to hire an executive director.

I was also drawn to the headline, "Dynamite blows

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through bedrock." I mean, come

on, who doesn't like stories about blowing stuff up? Community members, state and local government, non-profits and business are all do-ing their part to make Luverne and Rock County a great place

to live.

Kudos to everyone and to the Rock County Star Herald for keeping us informed.

Dale Moerke

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# ON THE RECORD

#### Dispatch report

Feb. 15

•Complainant requested deputy's assistance on East Luverne Street.

•Fire alarm activation reported on South Kniss

#### Feb. 16

•Complainantreported an accident on South Kniss Avenue.

•Deputy assisted a motorist on Hwy. 75.

•Complainantreported an elevator emergency on East Luverne Street.

•Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle on County Road 4.

•Complainantreported identity theft on East Brown Street

•Complainantreported property damage on North Davidson Street.

•Complainantreported an erratic driver on West Main Street.

•Deputies perform drug court check on East Luverne Street. •Reserved for aiding

•Reserved for aiding an offender arrest on East Luverne Street.

#### Feb. 17

•Complainantreported pedestrian on the roadway on South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant requested deputy assistance on North Cedar Street.

•Complainantreported an accident on East Warren Street.

 $\bullet Complain an treported \\ an accident in Beaver Creek. \\$ 

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy in Magnolia.

•Complainantreported identity theft on Bluewater Circle.

•Complainantreported a noise disturbance in Ellsworth.

#### Feb. 18

•Complainantreported a fire alarm on South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant requested a welfare check.
•Complainantreported

they hit an electric box on South Estey Street.
•Complainantreported

crosswalk lights on on North Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant request-

•Complainant requested a notification on North Estey Avenue.

Commissioners also ap-

proved a resolution for road

improvements in Martin

County near Hills, pending a

resolution also being adopted

by the Martin Township board.

paving about one mile of 41st

Street from County Road 6 to

the New Vision Co-op, located

The resolution involves

grant application.

north of Hills.

Hardwick street funding

application/continued from page 1

#### Feb. 19

•Complainantreported their driveway is blocked on South Kniss Avenue

•Deputies towed a vehicle on Warren Street.

•Complainant requested extra patrol on North Blue Mound Avenue.

•Complainantreported stalled vehicle on South Kniss Avenue.

•Complainant requested assistance with an investigation in Magnolia.

•Complainant requested a fingerprint appointment

•Complainantreported a theft at Shopko.

•Complainantreported a gas spill on South Kniss Avenue.

#### Feb. 20

•Fire alarm reported on North Blue Mound.

•Deputy assisted a motorist on North Kniss Avenue

•Complainantreported an intoxicated subject on North Spring Street.

#### Feb. 21

•Complainantreported an accident on West Dodge Street

•Complainantreported a hit and run accident on North McKenzie Street.

•Complainantreported a hit and run on North Spring Street.

•Complainantreported harassment.

•Complainantreported a theft in Steen.

•Complainantreported a panhandler on West Main Street. •Complainantreported

unauthorized use of a credit card on East Luverne Street. •Complainantreported

•Complainantreported a reckless driver on West Harrison Street.

•Deputy reported an abandoned vehicle in Beaver Creek.

In addition, officers responded to 1 deer accident, 10 vehicles in the ditch, 1 transport, 8 escorts, 19 ambulance runs, 1 animal complaint, 14 burn permits, 5 drug court tests, 5 permit to purchase/carry applications, 7 abandon 911 calls, 9 traffic stops, 1 test, 7 paper service attempts and 2 stalled vehicles.

upgrade the 10-ton gravel

road at \$500,000, a proposal

he has submitted before but

the project was not chosen

project received money

through the Local Road Im-

provement Fund several years

paved to the cemetery on 131st

One Rock County road

A section of roadway was

for funding.

ago.

Mavis Fodness photo/0228 Snow Feb. 25 Hardwick

A road grader with a V plow attachment makes its way down County Road 7 through Hardwick Monday morning.

# Storm drops more than foot of snow/continued from page 1

and Sunday and no travel was advised in the southern half of the state through Monday morning.

As of Monday afternoon, state crews were still working to clear the southbound lanes of Highway 75 between Luverne and Hardwick.

That scenario was repeated on roadways all over the state and upper Midwest as traffic patterns slowly returned to normal.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, and Monday, Feb. 25, were the fifth and sixth snow days so far this winter in the Luverne School District.

Hills-Beaver Creek and Ellsworth district have had seven snow days and Adrian has had 10.

School boards in the affected districts will have to decide how these days will be made up in the student-teacher contact calendar.

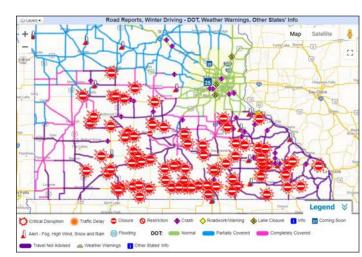
Temperatures in the teens and single digits over the next 10 days will mean the walls of snow along sidewalks and roads will remain intact for at least a week.



Mavis Fodness photo/0228 Snow Feb. 20 Nick Domagala

With temperatures reaching the mid-teens Wednesday morning, Feb. 20, Nick Domagala scoops about 10 inches of new snow from the sidewalk in his short sleeves. By Friday, however, temperatures were in the single digits to below zero. Another 4 inches of snow was added Friday before a ground blizzard struck the area Saturday afternoon into Sunday. **Below left,** snow gently falls on mailboxes already topped with snow along Oak Drive Wednesday morning, Feb. 20. Mounds of cleared snow are beginning to obscure views of mailboxes, intersections, homes and driveways. **Below right** is the 511 map showing dozens of road closures.











# Community Star Herald COMMUNITY

# Hustoft becomes first local youth to attend Rotary leadership camp

#### **By Mavis Fodness**

Jacinda Hustoft, a senior at Luverne High School, learned leadership styles could apply to characters from the children's story, "Winnie the Pooh."

The daughter of Brad Hustoft, Luverne, and Shawn Hustoft, Brandon, South Dakota, saw herself in the tail-bouncing Tigger.

"I am kind of bouncy and full of energy," she said.

Hustoft was one of eight incoming high school seniors from the region selected to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Award in Halsey, Nebraska, this sum-

The camp focuses on bettering future leaders from northeast Nebraska, South Dakota, northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota, who make up District 5610.

Hustoft was the only Minnesota camper at the July 18-22, 2018, event and the first youth sponsored by the Luverne Rotary Club.

Hustoft shared her experience at the Luverne Rotary Club meeting in January.

Karen Willers is Rotary president.

"I think everybody left the meeting that day feeling renewed and energized, and feeling that our youth, like Jacinda, will take good care of our community," she said.

Attending the camp appealed to Hustoft's desire for Below: Jacinda Hustoft, a Luverne High School senior, shares her Rotary Youth Leadership Award experiences with Luverne Rotary Club members at a January meeting. The group sponsored her trip.



Above: Walking across a tightrope was one of several new experiences Jacinda Hustoft, Luverne, was able to complete at last summer's Rotary Youth Leadership camp in Nebraska.

fun and continued learning during the summer. Previously she attended business and Bible camps.

"I liked the leadership component," Hustoft said as to why she applied.

The camp guest speaker likened leadership styles to different characters from the "Winnie the Pooh" story by author A. A. Milne.

"We learned how to use these skills as leaders ... and how to make a team work,"

Their new knowledge allowed campers to match tasks to personality styles during a challenge olympics.

Visualizing her teammates as Tiggers, Poohs, Eeyores or Piglets made the challenge less of a challenge. "It did make sense," she

Due to her positive experience, Hustoft is planning to

Camp applications will be taken later this spring. For more information watch the Luverne MN Rotary Club on Facebook or contact Rotary president Karen Willers at 507-227-3097.

apply to return to the camp as a youth counselor this summer.

Besides a better understanding of leadership and personality traits, Hustoft made new friends and tried zip lining and walking a tightrope.

"You make a lot of good connections and have a lot of different experiences," she said. "I hope other kids apply for camp."

## **CELEBRATIONS**

#### Card showers

Joyce Wessels will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday, March 10. Greetings may be sent to her at 106 S. Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156.

# MENU

Monday, March 4: Beef hotdish, green beans, cinnamon apples, bread, pudding. Program: 9 a.m. Quilting; Bone Builders.

Tuesday, March 5: Barbecue pork chop, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, pears. Half-Price Day sponsored by Dingmann Funeral Home.

Wednesday, March 7: Egg and cheese bake, ovenbaked potatoes, tropical fruit,

coffeecake, dessert. Thursday, March 8: Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, poke cake. Half-Price Day.

Friday, March 9: Creamy tomato soup, cheese sandwich, three-bean salad, crackers, dessert.

Senior Dining offers wellbalanced 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

# 1954: New junior-senior high school vote next month

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on February 25, 1954.

Board Sets Mar. 26 To **Vote On School Bonds** 

#### To Costabout \$22.30 For Each \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Voters of Consolidated SchoolDistrictNo.80onMarch 26 will be asked to approve a bondissue of \$1,520,000 to pay for the construction of a new junior-senior high school.

Included in the bond figure is the cost of remodeling the present Luverne high schoolinto an elementary unit.

The Luverne school board last week approved the final preliminary school plans and also approved the bond issue and set the date for the bond election.

The cost of the school construction will be about \$22.30 per \$1,0000 of assessed valuation each year.

The bond retirement is based on a 20-year payment

Al Wegleitner and Hubert Swanson, architects, presented the cost estimates for the proposed new building and the remodeling costs for the present high school building at a meeting of the school



# BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president **Rock County Historical Society** 

committee last week. **Mill Rate Estimates** 

Estimates for maintenance, transportation, capital outlay and county one mill levy based on next year's enrollment estimates, call for a 25 mill rate on agricultural lands and a 46 mill rate on non-agricultural lands.

board and the rural advisory

Thus, the people of Luverne would bear the greatest share of the operational costs of the schools.

These figures may vary two or three mills either way, according to school officials.

School board officials expect to retire the bond debt over a 30-year period with a levy of 22.33 mills subject to the interest rates secured at the time of the sale of the bonds.

The total cost of the new school and the remodeling of the present high school into an elementary unit was estimated at \$1,720,000 by the architects. The Luverne school board cut this figure to \$1,520,000 because of \$200,000 which was in the Luverne school board treasury and which had been accumulated over a period of

The debt levy is spread evenly over agricultural and non-agricultural lands on assessed valuation.

The average Rock county  $farm\,with\,buildings\,is\,assessed$ at about \$3,500, according to County Auditor Ray Koehn. The bond debt will be retired at an estimated levy of 22.3 mills.

The total valuation of the consolidated district amounts to \$3,406,489. This includes 11 rural school districts and the city of Luverne. The breakdown shows that the total valuation of the 11 districts amounts

to \$1,496,292 while the total valuation of Luverne is \$1,910,197.

The new junior-senior high school will be located on the northwest edge of Luverne on a site which the voters of Luverne agreed to purchase in a special election in August 1952.

Theland, which amounts to 37 acres, was purchased by E. W. Brown for \$22,000 with an eye to offering it to the school board for further school use.

The special election was necessarybecausetheschool board is not authorized to acquire land for building purposes without submitting the proposal to a vote.

The new building will be a modern up-to-date plant which embodies all the latest design for the best possible school for the money.

"Growing pains" have forced the school board into the realization that a new school building and remodeled elementary unit was the only answer to the need for additional space for school children which is sure to increase steadily for the next 20 years.

Next week: Two stories high



Quinn Graber (left) and Jordan Winter (right) are pictured with Luverne High School choir director Seana Graber. Winter and Quinn Graber were selected for the Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Choir.

# Students perform at All-State

By Mavis Fodness

Two Luverne High School students recently participated in the All-State Choir concert through the Minnesota Music Educators Association.

The students performed Feb. 16 at Orchestra Hall, in downtown Minneapolis.

Jordon Winter and Quinn Graber were among the mixed choir members after  $their selection from \, recorded$ auditions last spring.

They attended a weeklong All-State Choir camp in

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August before reuniting Saturday for practice and a concert.

"Anytime my students have the opportunity to sing with the best of the best and under the leadership of renowned conductors, I am so pleased and happy for them," LHS choir director Seana Graber

"They learn self-discipline because it is their responsibility to learn the music at home. Their dedication to singing and choir is evident, and who knows where it will take them in the future."

# Van Batavia, Helgeson wed in Steen

McKenzie Van Batavia and Travis Helgeson were married on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, at the Reformed Church of Steen in Steen.

Parents of the bride are Bruce and Wendy Van Batavia, Alexandria. Parents of the groom are Gary and Maureen Helgeson, Beaver Creek.

Jason Martens officiated the ceremony.

The bride's maid of honorwas her sister Madison Van Batavia. Bridesmaids were the bride's friends Micaela Noga, Cari Larson and Brittani Rundell, the bride's and groom's friend Nicole Hoff, and the groom's sister Brittany Fallon. The bride's personal attendants were Macy Ellingson and Bethany Tilstra.

The groom's friend Cory Tilstra was best man. Groomsmen were the groom's cousin Dustin

Verhey and the groom's friends Karic Wiertzema, Caleb Ellingson, Joseph Streeter and Kyle Rozeboom. Flower girl was Peyton Hodgson, cousin of the bride, and ring bearer was Noah Hodgson, cousin of the bride. The groom's friends

Brandon Boeve, Justin Brandt, Dylan Gehrke and Zach Wagenaar were ushers. A reception at Hol-

iday Inn Express and Suites Event Center in Brandon, South Dakota, followed the ceremony.

McKenzie is a 2013 graduate of Morris Area High School in Morris and a 2018 graduate of Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. She is employed as a special education teacher at Prairie Elementary School in Worthington.

Travis graduated in 2011 from Hills-Beaver



Travis and **McKenzie Helgeson** 

Creek High School and is a 2013 graduate of Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the public works supervisor for the city of Beaver Creek.

The couple is living in Beaver

# Students named to USF dean's list

The University of Sioux Falls has released its dean's list for Fall 2018 semester. Students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale to qualify.

Named to the dean's list from Hills were Kendra Paulsen, a senior majoring in music education and elementary education, and Kourtney Rozeboom, a freshman majoring in arteducation.

Named from Luverne were Naomi Dooyema, a senior majoring in psychology; Audrey Emery, a senior majoring in English and secondary education; Katelyn Hart, accelerated nursing; Haley Pap, a freshman, undeclared major.

From Adrian are Jasmine Fletcher, a senior majoring in English - writing and rhetoric; and Abby Mormann, a junior majoring in criminal justice.

Hardwick is die Petersen, a sophomore majoring in English education and secondary education.

From Lismore is Katie Wieneke, a senior majoring in nursing.

Two graduate from School of Mines Two area students graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid MSU Mankato releases dean's list

City, South Dakota, at the Fall 2018 commencement

elor of Science degree in civil and environmental

laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical

engineering/six sigma greenbelt certification.

Spencer Oeltjenbruns, Luverne, received a Bach-

Bailey Grussing, Adrian, graduated magna cum

ceremonies in December.

Several area students have been named to the Fall 2018 dean's list at Minnesota State University Mankato. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded credits. Those with a 4.0 GPA are indicated with an

asterisk after their name. Luverne: Griffin Ahrendt, a junior majoring in nursing; Jake Aukes\*, a senior majoring in special education - academic and behavioral strategies; Brianna Jonason\*, a senior majoring in social work and alcohol and drug studies; Janae Kopp\*, a sophomore majoring in nursing; Sierra Wieneke, a junior majoring in psychology.

Adrian: Colin Varley, a junior majoring in history and social studies education.

Pipestone: Madeleine Kennedy, a senior major-

ing in biology.



Submitted photo

The Luverne High School speech team picked up the third team trophy of the 2019 season Saturday in Adrian. Participants earning plaques, medals and/or ribbons at the event include (front, from left) Jacinda Hustoft, Parker Carbonneau, Josie Golla, Sage VerSteeg, Rylee Anderson, Lindsey Roemeling, Alexa Chesley, (second row) Seno Chanthalangsy, Melanie Rittenhouse, Destiny Matthiesen, Meagan Hansen, Nicole Hoogland, Julia Ferguson, Adriana Gonzalez, Chance Tunnissen, (back) Isabelle Hoiland, Jonah Louwagie, Xavier Carbonneau, Cameron Wessels, Shane Berning and Gretchen Jacobsma.

# Team earns another first-place finish

The Cardinal speech team competed at the Adrian Invitational on Saturday, taking home the first-place team trophy.

Thirty-five members of the team competed in three rounds of competition in 12 of the total 13 categories.

In the first three competitions for the 2019 season, the students have garnered two first- and one second-place team trophies.

The following students received individual honors on Saturday:

•Creative expression: Cameron Wessels, third; Meagan Hansen, blue rib-

•Discussion: Alexa Chesley, second; Melanie Rittenhouse, sixth.

interpretation: Duo Gretchen Jacobsma and Isabelle Hoiland, blue ribbon.

•Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, fifth;

Destiny Matthiesen, sixth. •Extemporaneous speaking: Chance Tunnissen, first;

Shane Berning, third; Parker Carbonneau, fourth. •Great speeches: Rylee

Anderson, fourth. •Humorous interpretation: Seno Chanthalangsy,

•Original oratory: Lindsey Roemeling, fifth.

•Poetry: Adriana Gonzalez, second; Sage VerSteeg third; Jacinda Hustoft, blue

ribbon.

•Prose: Sage VerSteeg, first; Josie Golla, third.

•Storytelling: Jonah Louwagie, first; Xavier Carbonneau, third; Julia Ferguson,

Blue and red ribbons signify one (seventh place) and two places (eighth place) out of the medals respectively.

There are 13 different categories of competition, and Luverne has at least one student in each of the categories, according to coach Caroline Thorson.

"That is really a bonus for our team, to have competitors in each category," she said. "It makes us not only a well-rounded team, but also a very competitive team."

Thorson and coach Gavin Folkestad work to determine which category best fits with the students' interests based on their strengths and personalities.

"It's not unlike a baseball coach who moves a player who always wanted to play shortstop to first base because the coach sees some of the player's strengths differently," she said.

"Ultimately, however, the student needs to enjoy the category he or she is in. If it's not a good fit, we help them make the change."

Luverne hosts its home tournament on Saturday at the high school. The event is open to the public. First rounds begin at 10 a.m.

# **DEATH NOTICE**

## Jane Baker Bosch—

Jane Baker Bosch, 82, Steen, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Reformed Church of Steen. A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 1, at the church. Burial will follow in the Eastside Cemetery near Steen.

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

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The Rock County Star Herald strives to publish obituaries that pay tribute to the lives of the deceased.Contact our office for details, 507-283-2333, or email editor@star-herald.com.

# **O**BITUARIES

#### Tanya Stroh -

Tanya Nicole Stroh, 37, Luverne, passed away on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota following a brain aneurysm.

Visitation was Sunday, Feb. 24, from 3-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in

Luverne. Funeral service was Monday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Tanya Nicole Stroh was born to Deborah Carlene (Deragisch) Emery and Larry Lynn Reverts on Sunday, Aug. 23, 1981, in Luverne. It was here that she spent her child $hood \, and \, where \, she \, attended \,$ grade school. As a young girl, Tanya enjoyed doing arts and crafts, working on her 4-H projects, and cheering on her siblings. She later transferred to Adrian High School where she participated in volleyball, golf, and did wrestling stats. When she wasn't busy with school or sports, she could be found organizing and rearranging the house, baking treats to share with others, writing random notes and to do lists, and spending time with her family.

In the summer of 1999, Tanya unknowingly met her future husband, Michael David Stroh. The two soon began dating and with her infectious smile and famous dimples, he was hooked. The couple continued to date as Tanya finished her high school education and the two were engaged in 2002. In 2003, the couple made their home in a small, quaint house in Luverne and on September 4, 2004 the couple was united in marriage at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, Minnesota.

Through her marriage to Mike, she was blessed to be the mother of two boys, Jacob Anders and Joshua Michael. Everything in Tanya's life was centered around her children. She loved being a part of her boys' lives and doing everything with them. One of her favorite things to do with her children when they were little was bring donuts to their grandpa Dave each Saturday at the farm where they would later call their home in 2013. Tanya made it a priority to spend all her time with her family. She loved traveling to the Black Hills and the Alexandria, Minnesota, area with them. She was a firm believer in having family suppers every night. Some of her most cherished memories include being the "wrestling mom" sitting mat-side at wrestling meets, cheering from the sidelines at football

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games, and spending summers at baseball games where she would of-

ten be heard chanting Woot-Woot" from the stands.

Following her graduation in 2000, Tanya began working in the call center at Citibank in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She successfully led

multiple projects for the Quality Assurance team and worked with colleagues in the United States and globally. Through her hard work and determined spirit, she worked her way up in the company and became the Vice President of her division. She was recognized in 2018 with the Leaders in Excellence Award for her ability to make numerous significant contributions to the team.

The hard work, selflessness, and faith Tanya demonstrated could be seen in every area of her life. Her love of baseball led her to serve as the secretary of the Luverne Baseball Association. If she wasn't spending time with her family, one could often find Tanya volunteering her time and energy with various organizations including: Kids Against Hunger, the Big Buddies program, the Backpack program, ringing bells at Christmas time for the Salvation Army, and for offering a helping hand wherever she

Tanya was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. She was an active member at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne, Minnesota where she taught Sunday School for many years. When things got tough, she would be the first one to drop what she was doing to offer a helping hand and remind you just how much Jesus loved you.

Tanya is survived by her husband, Mike; two sons, Jacob and Joshua; one daughter, Taylor Heck and friend, Zac Peters of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; granddaughter, Madison Fodness; parents, Debbie and Mark Emery and Larry Reverts, all of Luverne; four siblings, Traci Gyberg and friend, Tim Hieronimus of Adrian, Minnesota, Terri Baker of Luverne, Ben and wife, Misty Reverts of Elkhorn, Nebraska, and Cody and wife, Karissa Reverts of Adrian; four step-siblings, Sandi Emery, Joe Emery, Jaydee Emery, and Tammi Jo Van Heerde; mother-in-law, Judy Stroh of Luverne; and her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Vernon and Ida Reverts, Doris and HenryBlom (and Dean Deragisch); and father-in-law, Dave Stroh.

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

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# REMEMBER WHEN

## 10 years ago (2009)

•Luverne's runway expansion project may benefit from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed into law last week.

Stimulus money awarded to the Federal Aviation Administration means there's more money for infrastructure projects like the Luverne runway expansion.

City Council members approved a change order Tuesday that will allow 1,500 feet of runway pavement to be removed and replaced.

It's the portion of the existing runway that will remain for a taxiway in the airport project to expand the new runway to 4,200 feet. (The old one was 2,400 feet.)

The original plan called for potholes and cracks to be filled and the surface to be seal coated, but the change order authorizes contractors to redo the entire surface.

## 25 years ago (1994)

•Gwen Fillis, Luverne, has spent the past nine months shaping her raw materials of yarn and plastic mesh into a sturdy and attractive two-story doll house for her two granddaughters. It's almost finished and will soon be paced off to its new site in Norfolk, Neb.

"They ask about it every time we go down there, especially the older one. Next time we go, it will go down with us," Fillis said.

At first glance, the house is deceptively simple. It has a two-story, four-room house with an attic on the outside. It is pale blue with white trim on its bay window and other casement-style windows.

The whole house currently stands on a low coffee table and measures about 4 feet by 4 feet. It is about 18 inches deep and weighs about 25 or 30 pounds.

## 50 years ago (1969)

·Luverne's Dennis Stoterau and Hills-Beaver Creek's Mike Reese earned berths in the state wrestling tournament last weekend by placing second in Region II competition

•Approximately \$800 worth of theatre tickets were sold recently in the "Save the Palace Theatre" campaign. The downtown theatre will remain open until at least Apriil 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deutsch appeared before the city council January 28 and told the

members that it would be impossible to keep the Palace Theatre open with the present amount of business. The following week a county-wide ticket campaign was conducted.

"Time will tell if we'll run the Palace Theatre

## 75 years ago (1944)

•Due to the present critical truck tire shortage, and in order to conserve the supply of truck tires now in dealers' stocks, the District Office of Price Administration has set up a Central Truck Tire Inspection Station at the Service Auto Company in Luverne for Rock county.

They have also appointed the Spease Tire Shop, Luverne Oil Company, and Van's Super Service as truck tire inspection stations. These three inspection stations must make periodic inspections and handle all replacement applications for truck tires in Rock county. The Service Auto Company will make a second inspection of the tire to be replaced, and if the tire is beyond further use, retain same for final disposal by OPA. The local board will not issue a certificate for any truck or pickup tire replacement until the tire to be replaced has been certified and turned in at the Service Auto Co. at Luverne. The Tire Inspection Record must accompany all applications.

## 100 years ago (1919)

•The theory that it is necessary to have a year for preparatory work before street paving can be undertaken in Luverne was refuted in a convincing manner by W.M. Holloran, of Minneapolis, at the meeting of the Luverne Commercial club Friday evening.

Mr. Holloran is a paving expert in the employ of the Barrett Paving Material Co., of Minneapolis, and he cited numerous instances, including the Pipestone and Rock Rapids projects, where the preparatory work and the paving has been done the same season. And he ridiculed the idea that a municipality must have this principal streets in a semi-torn up condition for a period of practically two years in order to obtain a satisfactory pacing.

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# Star Herald PORTS

# Edwards, Anaya advance to state for Adrian

**Edwards** 

Anaya

#### By John Rittenhouse

Apair of Adrian High School

athletes punched their tickets to state during the Section 3A Individual Wrestling Tournament in Windom Friday and Saturday.

AHS junior Scot Edwards repeated as the Section 3A heavyweight champion, and freshman Brayan Anaya placed second at 106 pounds to earn his first berth into state competition.

Both Edwards and Anaya are slated to compete at the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Championships at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul Friday.

Edwards upped his season record to 25-1 by pinning both of the opponents he faced in

Edwards covered Wabasso-Red Rock Central's Cory Anderson in 48 seconds before sticking Tracy-Milroy-Balaton's Sam Bauer in 41 seconds during the championship match.

Anaya (33-5 overall) went 3-1 and had to win a true second-place match to move on to St. Paul.

Anaya posted wins over Windom-Mountain Lake Area's Caden Swoboda (10-3) and Minneota's Zach Fier (119) to reach the championship match, where he dropped an 8-7 decision to Jackson County Central's Logan But-

> Anaya bounced backto secure an 11-3 win over St. James' Troy Parulski in the true second-place match.

Five other Dragons placed in their weight classes without qualifying for state.

Logan Taylor, a state-qualifier last winter, placed third at 120 pounds with a 2-2 record. He lost an 11-3 battle in a true second-place match against Minneota's Kade Lozinski to end his 33-9 season.

Logan Sherer (11-3) went 2-2 to place fifth at 145 pounds.

**Breyer Hieronimus** (14-20) placed sixth at 113 with a 1-3 record, Brody Loosbrock (9-24) went 1-3 to place sixth at 138) and Preston Nelson (18-16) went 2-3 to

place sixth at 160. Isaac Bullerman (21-20) went 2-2 without placing at 132), while Rilee Heidebrink (9-15), Quentin Wolf (13-17) and Cameron Wieneke (11-18) went 1-2 without placing at

126, 152 and 170 respectively. Jaren Winselman (10-18) went 0-2 without placing at



Hills-Beaver Creek sophomore Taryn Rauk puts up a shot between Westbrook-Walnut Grove defenders Bethany Byers and Kate Jorgenson during Saturday's South Section 3A Basketball Tournament game in Hills.

# H-BC passes postseason test

#### By John Rittenhouse

The top-seed Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team strolled into the semifinal round of the South Section 3A Tournament Saturday in Hills.

H-BC met No. 8 Westbrook-Walnut Grove in a quarterfinal-round contest on the

Patriots' home floor.

H-BC took advantage of the situation by posting a convincing 73-13 victory.

The win sent the 24-0 Patriots to Tuesday's semifinals in Worthington, where they met No. 4 Murray County Central. H-BC made short work of

the Chargers during Saturday's tournament debut.

The Patriots opened the game with a 17-0 run ending with a field goal from Whitney Elbers at the 8:52 mark of the first half.

After W-WG sank a pair of free throws with 8:06 remaining in the stanza to make it a 17-2 game, the Patriots went on a 23-5 run capped by a layup from Kenadie Fick with 29 seconds left that gave the Patriots a 34-point (40-6) lead before settling with a 40-7

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## District champs

The Luverne Pee Wee A hockey team captured the District 4 Tournament championship by defeating New Ulm 8-4 during the title tilt Saturday in Worthington. The Luverne squad advances to region competition in New Ulm Friday through Sunday. Team members include (sitting, from left) Blake Bork, Owen Sudenga, Connor Connell, (middle, from left) James Bullerman, Henry Hartquist, Sage Viessman, Landyn Lais, Elliott Domagala, Maddox Domagala, (back) Brady Bork, coach Matt Lais and Will Serie. Missing is coach Kendall Meyer.

# Rebels oust Adrian Dragon girls

## By John Rittenhouse

The 2018-19 basketball season came to an end for the Adrian Dragon girls Saturday

Adrian, the fifth seed for the South Section 3A Tournament, met No. 4 Murray County Central for a clash in the event's

quarterfinal round.

The Dragons were unable to stage an upset as they were outscored in both halves of a 69-49 loss to the Rebels.

Adrian ends the season with a 7-16 record.

The Dragons did play with the Rebels in a competitive first half that ended with MCC sporting a 38-31 lead.

The second half favored MCC, which outscored Adrian 31-18 to complete a 20-point conquest.

Bailey Lonneman led the

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# JCC overcomes nine-point deficit to sideline Cards

## **By John Rittenhouse**

The third time wasn't a charm for the Luverne Car dinal girls' basketball team Saturday.

As the third seed for the south Section 3AA Tournament, the Cardinal earned the right to face No. 6 Jackson County Central in Luverne. JCC defeated LHS twice in

the regular season, but the Cardinals entertained hopes of knocking off the Huskies and advancing to the tournament's semifinals on Thursday. Ultimately, it didn't play out

that way.

LHS led by as many as six points in the first half and sported a nine-point advantage five minutes into the second stanza, but the Huskies rallied to outscore the Cards 24-13 the rest of the way to secure a 51-49 win.

Luverne's season ends with a 14-11 record.

LHS scored the first four points of the game and led by five (7-2) when Mallory Thorson buried a three-point shot at the 14:11 mark of the first half.

JCC battled back to knot the score at seven before going on a 15-8 run to gain a 22-15 advantage with 5:13 remaining in the opening stanza.

The Cardinals answered the challenge by putting together a 13-0 run ending with a field goal from Brooklynn Ver Steeg with 57 seconds left that gave the hosts a 28-22 cushion.

JCC scored the next five points to trim the difference

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Luverne junior Mallory Thorson leaves the court to put up a shot during Saturday's season-ending home loss to JCC.

# Four Cardinal wrestlers place at Section 3AA Individual tourney

## By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal matmen wrapped up the 2018-19 season at the Section 3AA Individual Wrestling Tournament in New

Ulm Friday and Saturday. Nine Cardinals competed at the tournament and four of them placed in their weight classes, but no LHS entry qualified for the state tournament by placing first or second at the event.

Seniors Jed Dooyema and Tom Brown and freshman Braydon Ripka placed fifth at 170, 182 and 132 respectively.

Dooyema, who went 2-2 to cap his 13-15 season, pinned United's Quintin Garcia in 59 seconds of the fifth-place match.

Brown wrapped up his 14-13 season by going 2-2, which includes him pinning Morris Area's Tristian Raths in 3:08 of the fifth-place

match. Ripka went 3-2 to complete his 17-21 campaign.

He nipped New Ulm's Jacob Bertrang in the fifth-place

Luverne freshman Noah Mehlhaff went 1-3 at 106 pounds to place sixth, end-

ing his 11-17 season. Dalton DeSollar (7-21) went 2-2 at 152, Zach Bradley(3-5) went 1-2 at 138 and Riley Cowell (19-13) went 1-2 at 113 without placing.

Justyce Ripka (3-19) and Camden Janiszeski (5-20) lost both of their matches in New Ulm.

# Arrows, Mavericks upend Luverne

#### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne boys' basketball team dropped consecutive games last week.

The Cardinals lost a sevenpoint decision in overtime to Martin County West Feb. 19 in Sherburn before falling by 23 points at home against Pipestone Thursday.

The 11-11 Cards wrapped up the regular season by hosting Minneota Tuesday (Feb. 26).

#### Pipestone 74, LHS 51

The Cardinals completed Big South Conference play with a 3-8 record after droppinga23-pointhome decision to the Arrows Thursday.

Pipestone assumed control of the game by opening a 43-28 halftime lead over LHS.

When the Arrows outscored the Cards 31-23 in the second half, their 23-point victory was complete.

Bailey Cowell (13 points), Isaiah Bartels (12 points), Gannon Ahrendt (11 points) and Derek Lundgren (10 points) emerged as Luverne's offensive leaders during the game.

Bartels pulled down five rebounds.

Box score Cowell 3 1 4-5 13, Jacobsma 1 0 0-0 2, Lundgren 1 2 2-4 10, DeBates 0 0 0-0 0, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 3 0 6-9 12, 0, McLaughlin 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 1 0-0 3, Cole-Kraty 0 0 0-0 0, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

#### Team statistics

Luverne: 15 of 36 field goals (42 percent), 16 of 24 free throws (67 percent. Pipestone: 29 field goals made, seven of 12 free throws (58 percent).

#### MCW 63, Luverne 56

The Cardinals squandered a halftime advantage and lost by seven points in overtime to the Mavericks Feb. 19 in Sherburn.

Luverne got off to a good start by opening a 33-24 lead in the first half.

The Mavericks, however, outscored LHS 30-19 in the second half before Matt Sehr converted a layup with 50 seconds remaining to knot the score at 54 and send the game to overtime.

MCW outscored the Cards 9-2 in the extra session to complete a seven-point win.

Lundgren (17 points and 12 rebounds) and Bartels (14 points and seven rebounds) led the Cardinals statistically.

Cowell 0 2 2-2 8, Jacobsma 3 0 2-2 8, Lundgren 5 2 1-2 17, Sehr 2 0 0-0 4, Bartels 5 0 4-5 14, Ahrendt 1 0 0-0 2, DeSollar 0 0 0-0 0, Stemper 0 1 0-0 3, Rops 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics Luverne: 20 field goals made, five of nine free throws (56 percent), 26

MCW: 22 field goals made, 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent).

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cushion at the break.

The Patriots limited W-WG to six points in the second half and scored 33 of their own to complete a 60-point rout.

Sidney Fick (26 points and four steals), Whitney Elbers (15 points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots) and Abby Knobloch (10 points, seven rebounds and three steals) paced H-BC offensively.

Kenadie Fick (five rebounds and three steals), Grace Bundesen (10 rebounds and five assists), Sam Moser (nine

rebounds) and Madison Spath (three assists) played solid games as well.

K.Fick 2 1 0-0 7, Rauk 0 0 1-2 1, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 1 0 0-0 2, Knobloch 4 0 2-2 10, S.Fick 6 4 2-2 26, Bundesen 2 0 2-4 6, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Moser 3 0 0-3 6, LaRock 0 0 0-0

## Team statistics

H-BC: 30 of 71 field goals (42 percent), eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 49 rebounds, nine turnovers. W-WG: two of 32 field goals (six percent), eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 15 rebounds, 25 turnovers.



## Patriot girls capture Red Rock Conference crown

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team completed a 23-0 regular season by winning their 16th consecutive league game against the Southwest Christian E-gals in Edgerton.

The Patriots needed a win to captured the RRC title outright and got it by outscoring Southwest Christian by six points in both halves (31-25 and 46-40) of a 77-65 victory.

Sidney Fick (28 points, five rebounds and five steals), Grace Bundesen (14 points and 11 rebounds), Taryn Rauk (13 points), Whitney Elbers (10 points, 17 rebounds and five blocked shots), Kenadie Fick (10 points and five assists) and Abby Knobloch (four assists) made key contributions to the win.

## Adrian boys record season's eighth win

The Adrian boys' basketball team posted win No. 8 of the season when the Dragons bested Heron Lake-Okabena 73-35 in Adrian.

The Dragons coasted to a 40-16 halftime lead and outscored the Wildcats 33-19 in the second half to complete their 38-point conquest.

Ian Stamer (20 points, four steals and three assists) Noah Reyne (17 points and seven rebounds), Christian Weidert (11 rebounds, three steals and three assists), Cole Domeyer (five rebounds) and Lance Luettel (five rebounds) led the Dragons to victory.

## Wilhelmi explodes for 45 points in H-BC loss

Hills-Beaver Creek senior Preston Wilhelmi scored a career-high 45 points during a 99-78 home loss to Southwest Christian.

Wilhelmi also recorded three assists for an H-BC team that fell behind 55-30 in the first half before sporting a 48-44 scoring edge in the second stanza.

Easton Harnack registered three assists as well for H-BC.

## Wolverines roll to big win over Panther boys

The Ellsworth boys couldn't stage an upset when they challenged Mountain Lake Area in a basketball game in

The Wolverines opened a 20-point halftime lead (44-24) before outscoring EHS 40-19 in the second half to complete an 84-43 victory.

Brandon Kramer scored 11 points and pulled down six rebounds for the Panthers.

## EHS girls cap regular season in Mountain Lake

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team finished regular season play with a 6-13 record after taking a 55-30 setback from Mountain Lake Area in Mountain Lake.

The Wolverines outscored the Panthers 26-10 in the first half before sporting a 29-20 scoring advantage in the second stanza to complete a 55-30 victory.

Kallie Chapa led the Panthers with 13 points and 10 rebounds in the game.



Luverne sophomore goalie Shaid Shearer made 43 saves in net during Thursday's season-ending loss to Hutchinson.

# Hutchinson erases two-goal deficit to eliminate Cardinal boys Thursday

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team made an early exit from the Section 3A Tournament Thursday at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne, the tournament's fourth seed, took on No. 5 Hutchinson during a quarterfinal-round clash on the Cardinals' home ice.

The hosts got off to a good start by scoring two firstperiod goals to gain an early lead, but the Tigers scored the last five goals of the game to

secure a 6-3 victory.

Luverne ends the season with a 10-14 record.

The Cards played well in the first period and netted two goals in a span of 18 seconds to take a 2-0 lead. Tyler Roberts opened the

scoring with an unassisted tally at the 6:34 mark and Kade Wenninger made it 2-0 at 6:16 after being set up by Gaige Nath and Ben Serie.

HutchinsonslicedLuverne's leadinhalf(2-1)when Tristian Hoppe scored at the 9:21 mark

of the second period, but Colby Crabtree countered for Luverne with 5:40 remaining in the stanza to give the Cards a 3-1 cushion.

Mark Sterrett and Roberts received assists for Crabtree's

Unfortunately for LHS, the rest of the game belonged to Hutchinson.

Hayden Jensen registered a power-play tally at 4:19 of the second period and the Tigers scored four goals in a span of 4:44 of the third period to put the game away.

Lane Glaser knotted the score at three at the 13:36 of the final stanza before Cam Longie gave the Tigers their first lead (4-3) with 11:07 left to play.

Glaser scored his second goal at the 9:51 mark before Blake Schmidt capped the scoring with 8:52 left to play.

Hutchinson outshot the Cards 49-29 in the game.

Shaid Shearer stopped 43 shots in goal for LHS.

# H-BC Patriots end regular season with wins

#### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team finished a 13-10 regular season by stringing together consecutive victories last week.

The Patriots posted a 12-point home win over Edgerton Thursday before besting Heron Lake-Okabena by nine points Friday in Okabena.

H-BC drew the fifth seed for the South Section 3A Tournament and plays No. 4 Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in Worthington Saturday.

#### H-BC 51, HL-O 42

A strong first half propelled the Patriots to a nine-point win in Okabena Friday.

H-BC gained some separation by outscoring the Wildcats 26-16 in the opening stanza.

HL-O sported a 26-25 scor $ing\,edge\,in\,the\,second\,half,but$ the Patriots walked away with the victory. Jax Wysong (17 points, nine

rebounds and three assists) andWyattWestrum(11points) led the Patriots offens

Kyle Kueter pulled down

seven rebounds and blocked four shots.

# Box score

Harnack 1 0 1-1 3, Baker 2 0 2-4 6, Westrum 5 0 1-2 11, Wilhelmi 0 2 3-5 9, Bork 1 0 0-0 2, LaRock 0 1 0-0 3, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, Wysong 7 0 3-6 17, Kueter 0 0 0-0 0.

# Team statistics H-BC: 19 of 37 field goals (51 percent),

10 of 18 free throws (56 percent), 35 HL-O: 17 of 50 field goals (34 percent). two of seven free throws (29 percent), 21 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

H-BC 59, Edgerton 47

The Patriots turned a strong

start into a 12-point victory when they entertained the Flying Dutchmen for a conference game Thursday in Hills.

H-BC stormed out of the gate to open a 32-18 lead in the game's first half. Edgerton sported a 29-27

scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Patriots from notching their ninth league win of the winter.

Wysong (19 points, seven

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Dragons with 13 points and 11 rebounds during the contest.

Avery Balster (seven rebounds and five assists), for Adrian.

J.Zebe 2 0 3-4 7, B.Zebe 1 0 0-0 2, Bullerman 1 1 0-0 5, Balster 2 1 0-0 7, Nelson 1 0 0-0 2, Preuss 0 0 0-0 0,

Adrian: 19 of 62 field goals (31 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 42 rebounds, 30 turnovers. MCC: 30 of 68 field goals (44 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 25 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

## **Beaver Creek Township**

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Township Hall. 4-5 pm Business Meeting

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# Team statistics

McKinley Nelson (five rebounds), Moriah Bullerman (three assists) and Shawna Rogers (three assists) also turned in productive games

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Luverne senior Mackenzie Petersen scored 11 points during a 69-37 home win over R-T-R Feb. 19.

# Cardinals clobber Knights in Luverne

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team finished a 14-10 regular season by hammering Russell-Tyler-Ruthton on Senior Night in Luverne Feb. 19.

The home-standing Cardinals gained some separation late in the first half to sport an 11-point lead at the break before blowing out the Knights in the second half to secure a 69-37 victory.

LHS scored the first three points of the game and led 7-2 when Grace Sweeney converted a field goal 1:55 into the contest.

R-T-R trimmed the difference to one point at two different occasions as the first halfprogressed, but a 13-2 run ending with another field goal by Sweeney gave the Cards a 26-14 cushion with 6:17 remaining in the stanza.

LHS led 39-28 at the intermission.

R-T-R was unable to challenge the Cardinals in the

second half.

LHS outscored the Knights 30-9 in the stanza and led by 33 points (69-36) when Averill Sehr canned a pair of charity shots with 3:28 left to play before settling with a 32-point win at game's end.

Brooklynn Ver Steeg (17 points and five rebounds), Mallory Thorson (12 points, five steals and four assists), Mackenzie Petersen (11 points and five rebounds) and Sweeney (10 points) led the Cardinals offensively.

Iadvn Anderson led LHS with six rebounds, while Sehr charted three steals.

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Team statistics Luverne: 26 of 49 field goals (53 percent), 15 of 25 free throws (60 percent), 25 rebounds, 13 turnovers.

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to one point, but Ver Steeg hit a driving shot before time expired to up the lead to 30-27 at the intermission.

Luverne's Gabrielle Ferrell converted a field goal at the 13-minute mark of the second half to cap a 6-0 run that gave the Cards a 36-27 lead.

JCC countered with a 12-0 run to move in front 39-36 with 8:35 left to play and never trailed the rest of the game.

LHS did knot the score twice (at 39-39 and 41-41) with less than seven minutes left, and the Cards trailed by one (45-44) when Thorson popped a three-point shot with less than five minutes remaining.

JCC, however, scored the next four points to open a 49-44 lead and led 51-46 before

Ver Steeg capped the scoring with a three-point shot that came with two seconds left.

Ver Steeg (14 points and six rebounds), Mackenzie Petersen(13 points), Thorson(10 points, six rebounds and four steals) and Ferrell (10 points) led the Cards offensively.

Jadyn Anderson turned in a seven-rebounds, four-steals effort for LHS.

Ver Steeg 4 1 3-4 14, Anderson 0 0 2-5 2, Thorson 2 2 0-1 10, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 2 1 6-7 13, Ferrell 3 0 4-6 10.

## Team statistics

Luverne: 15 field goals made, 15 of 23 free throws (65 percent), 24 rebounds,

JCC: 20 field goals made, six of 12 free throws (50 percent).





# Dragons close out home slate Friday

#### By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team put on a good show when the Dragons wrapped up their home schedule against the Fulda Raiders Friday.

Adrian sported large leads in both halves of what ended as a 67-57 conquest for the Dragons.

The Dragons scored the first 14 points of the game as a part of a 20-2 run that came to an end when Christian Weidert turned a steal into a layup at the 11:22 mark of the first half.

Fulda chipped away at Adrian's lead and trailed by 10 points (29-19) with 3:14 remaining in the stanza.

Adrian, however, outscored the Raiders 6-2 the rest of the half to sport a 35-21 advantage at the intermission.

Fulda buried a pair of threepoint shots in the first 1:16 of the second half during a 14-6 run that made it a six-point (41-35) with 12:58 left to play. Adrian settled the issue over

the next five minutes. The Dragons went on an 18-5 run capped by a layup from Weidert to make it a 59-40 game with 7:50 remaining.

Fulda sported a 17-8 scoring advantage the rest of the night, but 10 points was as close as the Raiders would come in their quest to catch the Dragons.

Weidert (21 points, 10 rebounds and six steals) and Noah Reyne (18 points, five rebounds, four assists and four steals) paced the Dragons statistically.

Lance Luettel and Brandon Schnoor added six and five rebounds respectively to the winning cause.

Adrian, which ended the regular season with a game in Westbrook Tuesday (Feb. 26), opens the Section 3A Tournament by hosting Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

Box score Reyne 7 0 4-6 18, Weidert 10 0 1-3



Adrian junior guard Noah Reyne tossed in 18 points during Friday's 67-57 victory over the Fulda Raiders in Adrian. The Dragons open postseason play at home Thursday.

21, Wilson 0 0 0-0 0, Stamer 3 0 0-0 Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 1 1 0-1 5, Domeyer 2 0 0-0 4, Rahe 1 0 0-0 2 Frodermann 0 0 0-1 0, Schnoor 2 0 0-0 **Team statistics** 

Adrian: 30 of 64 field goals (47 percent), six of 13 free throws (46 percent), 33 rebounds, 15 turnovers

Fulda: 23 of 53 field goals (43 percent), two of three free throws (67 percent), 19 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

# Rebels, Flying Dutchmen best Panther boys

## By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team lost a pair of road games on consecutive nights last week.

The Panthers fell by 19 points in Tracy Thursday before taking a 23-point setback in Slayton Friday.

Ellsworth, which capped the regular season by playing at Edgerton Public School Tuesday (Feb. 26), hosts Fulda to open the South Section 3A Tournament Thursday.

MCC 57, Ellsworth 34

The Panthers were unable to

stay with the Rebels when the teams met in Slayton Friday.

Ellsworth remained within striking distance of MCC when the Panthers faced a 27-21 halftime deficit.

The Rebels controlled the action in the second half by outscoring EHS 30-13 to secure a 23-point victory.

Anthony Lenz tossed in 10 points and pulled down five rebounds for EHS.

Brandon Kramer (18 rebounds and three blocked shots) and Peyton Lewis (six rebounds) also turned in productive nights.

Lenz 3 1 1-3 10, B.Kramer 2 0 3-4 7, Jansma 2 1 0-0 7, Kruse 0 1 0-2 3, S.Kramer 1 0 0-0 2, S.Boltjes 1 0 0-0 2, Lewis 1 0 0-1 2, Boyenga 0 0 1-2 1.

#### **Team statistics** Ellsworth: 13 of 37 field goals (35

percent), five of 12 free throws (42 percent), 40 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

## T-M-B 69, Ellsworth 50

A rough first half led to a loss when Ellsworth squared off against T-M-B Thursday in Tracv.

The Panthers struggled early and faced a 39-14 deficit after 18 minutes of play.

EHS did bounce back to

outscore T-M-B 36-30 in the second half, but the homestanding Panthers prevailed by 19 points when the game was complete.

Kramer led Ellsworth with 20 points and eight rebounds, while Kruse pitched in 17 points and six rebounds.

Lewis charted five assists.

B.Kramer 4 1 9-12 20, Kruse 5 1 4-7 17, S.Kramer 0 0 6-6 6, Lewis 0 1 0-1 3, Lenz 1 0 0-0 2, S.Boltjes 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics Ellsworth: 13 of 63 field goals (21 per-

cent), 21 of 28 free throws (75 percent), 27 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

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rebounds and four steals), Preston Wilhelmi (15 points) and Cole Baker (11 points and six rebounds) sparked the Patriots offensively.

Kueter (12 rebounds and eight blocked shots), Hunter Bork (five rebounds) and Westrum(three assists) turned in productive nights as well.

Baker 1 3 0-0 11, Bork 2 0 0-2 4, Harnack

1 0 0-0 2, Kueter 2 0 0-1 4, LaRock 0 0 0-00. Susie 100-12. Westrum 100-02. Wilhelmi 2 2 5-5 15, Wysong 8 0 3-6 19.

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**Team statistics** 

H-BC: 23 of 66 field goals (35 percent), eight of 15 free throws (53 percent), 40 rebounds, 13 turnovers. Edgerton: 16 of 49 field goals (33 per-

cent), 12 of 20 free throws (60 percent),

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35 rebounds, 16 turnovers,







# Star Herald HURCH

#### St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne

St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net

Thursday, Feb. 28: 9 a.m. Head Start. Friday, March 1: 10 a.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Saturday, March 2: 5 p.m. St. Catherine Mass. Sunday, March 3: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Leo. 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Walking with Purpose. Tuesday, March 5: 9:30 a.m. Walking with Purpose. 1-4 p.m. Mission Sewing. 7 p.m. LCCW. Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday. 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Leo. 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. Thursday, March 7: 9 a.m. Head Start.

#### **Luverne Christian Reformed Church** 605 N. Estey St., Luverne Office Ph. 283-8482; Prayer Line Ph. 449-5982 www.luverncrc.com - office@luvernecrc.com Roger Sparks, Pastor

Sunday, March 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Church Education Classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, March 4: 9 a.m. Perk-up at Mary Jane Brown Home. Tuesday, March 5: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, March 6: 7 p.m. GEMS and Cadets.

#### **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. 28: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 8 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, March 3: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening service. Monday, March 4: 7 p.m. Constitution Review Team meeting. Tuesday, March 5: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, March 6: 6:30 p.m. Awana/Store. Thursday, March 7: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Mission Budget Planning Meeting. 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. 28: 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle; Rachel Circle at Centennial. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Grace. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Camelot. 7 p.m. Priscilla/Elizabeth Circle at Helen Laabs. Friday, March 1: Registration deadline for Senior High Youth Gathering. 1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, March 2: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, March 3: Noisy Sunday. 8:15 a.m. Radio Broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship coffee. 10:15 a.m. Adult study and Sunday School. 2 p.m. Shetek Conference Annual Meeting in Jackson. Monday, March 4: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Tuesday, March 5: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, March 6: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 10 a.m. Worship at Tuff Home. 3:30-5 p.m. Faithweavers. 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service. 7:45 pm. Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, March 7: 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, March 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, March 6: 9:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle. 3:45 p.m. Catechism classes. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service with Communion.

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

Friday, March 1: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Saturday, March 2: 9 a.m. Multipurpose room reserved. Sunday, March 3: 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 6 p.m. Guys Night. Monday, March 4: 9 a.m. Playtime at ARC. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. 7 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, March 5: Noon Staff Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, March 6: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Jr. and Sr. Youth Clubs. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle; Praise Team.

#### First Assembly of God Church

1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

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

#### **United Methodist Church** 109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Feb. 28: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, March 2: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, March 3: 9 a.m. Coffee Hour and Adult Sunday School. 10 a.m. Worship Service. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 3 p.m. New Members Class. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/ Revelation Bible Study. No ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, March 4: 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Tip Night. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, March 5: 8 a.m. Priscilla Cricle. Wednesday, March 6: 6 p.m. FUEL and Confirmation. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at UMC. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, March 7: 1-3 p.m. Rock County

#### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net - www.fpcluverne.com Thursday, Feb. 28: 10 a.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, March 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30 a.m. coffee and fellowship. Tuesday, March 5: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, March 6: 3:30 p.m. Youth Club. 5:30 p.m. Bells. 6 p.m. Middle School Fellowship and Confirmation. 6:15 p.m. Choir; CE, Property, Evangelism committees. Thursday, March 7: 10 a.m. Worship on Channel 3.

#### St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316; email: stjohn@iw.net www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org Gary Klatt, Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 28: 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at LHS. Saturday, March 2: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, March 3: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 Junior Choir. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, March 4: 9 a.m. Winkel at Hardwick. 7 p.m. Elders Meeting. Tuesday, March 5: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, March 6: 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service with Communion. 6:40 p.m. Supper by Men's Club. 7 p.m. KFC/ Catechism/HS Youth Group; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders.

#### **Living Rock Church** 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

#### **New Life Celebration Church** 110 N. Oakley, Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Thursday, Feb. 28: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, March 1: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, March 3: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, March 4: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, March 5: 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, March 6: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. Thursday, March 7: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

#### **Ben Clare United Methodist Church** 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. igtwlb@WOW.net **Bill Bates, Pastor**

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for

#### First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. (605) 757-6662 Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, March 3: 9 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, March 6: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service at First Lutheran.

#### **Palisade Lutheran Church** 211 121st St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 - firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Laura Phillips, Pastor

Sunday, March 3: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion. Potluck following worship service at Palisade.

#### First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025

Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.

#### **Magnolia United Methodist Church** 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 507-483-2492; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc

Sundays: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

#### Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336 Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek

#### **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills

#### Ph. 962-3270 e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Friday, March 1: 1:30 p.m. World Day of Prayer at Bethlehem Lutheran. Sunday, March 3: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, March 5: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, March 6: 9 a.m. Quilting. 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service.

> **Hills United Reformed Church** 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

# **Changes for good**

On Wednesday evenings I have the privilege to spend 90 minutes with fifth- and sixth-grade girls in Pioneer Club at our church. Part of our time together is used to explore the Word of God, and for another segment of time we are involved in a project or activity. We do things like sewing, candle making, woodworking, playing games and learning about etiquette.

This month our focus is on First Aid. Two wonderful nurses have joined our class and shared the importance of knowing what to do in a medical emergency and how to respond in different situations. The girls have learned that while our natural tendencies are to freak out or be afraid, the response that is needed is to remain calm.

Remaining calm is a great life skill. It's not only necessary in medical emergencies, but is extremely helpful in other situations as well. It is important to remain calm when we don't get our way, when everything is falling apart, when relationships are tense, and when we are under pressure. Staying calm is a great response in almost any setting.

There's another wonderful way to respond to situations in life that's recorded for us throughout scripture. Let's start in Genesis. We read in chapter 24 about Abraham sending his assistant on a mission to find a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant asks God to give him success in this task and when it becomes clear to him that the Lord has provided, his response is to bow down and worship Him.

In Exodus 12 in the midst of a series of plagues God brought upon the Egyptians, Moses meets with the Israelites and explains to them what's going to happen with the 10th plague. He gives them direction regarding the Passover lamb, strange bread that they are supposed to prepare, and how to paint their doorposts with blood. They didn't complain about all the rules and requirements; they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord in

# BUILT ON A ROCK

By Erin Jacobsma, Office Administrator, **American Reformed** Church, Luverne

response.

In the second book of Samuel, we read a scandalous story of King David taking another man's wife for himself, the woman becoming pregnant, David arranging for the woman's husband to be killed, and a prophecy that the child to be born would die. David repents of his sins and pleads for the child's life through prayer and fasting, but the child dies anyway. At the news of the infant's death, David responds by getting up, taking a shower, changing his clothes, and going to the house of the

Lord to worship. In 2 Chronicles 20 we read of a great army coming against God's people and King Jehoshaphat. They didn't know what to do, but they fell down before the Lord and worshiped Him.

There are many times in our lives when we don't know what to do, and worship is probably the last thing on our minds. We don't know what to do when our career is stripped away. We don't know what to do when a medical diagnosis is not what we hoped for. We don't know what to do when a prayer seems to go unanswered, when nothing ever goes as planned, when disaster strikes, when a loved one's life seems to end too soon. Remaining calm is a good start. But worship is always the best response.

No matter if you find yourself in the midst of joy or turmoil. God is still God and worthy of our praise. Next time you are tempted to shake your fists at Him or turn your back and walk away, try worshiping Him instead. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. For the Lord is good and his steadfast love endures forever.

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# Public Notices

# **Rock County Commissioners** meet Jan. 8

**Herreid Board Room** 9:00 **Rock County Courthouse** January 8,

The meeting was called order by Administrator Oldre with Commissioners Gary Overgaard (District 1), Stan Williamson (District 2), Greg Burger (District 3), Sherri Thompson (District 4) and Jody Reisch (District 5) present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Also in attendance were County Attorney Jeff Haubrich and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

The Administrator requested nominations for the County Board Chair; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch to nominate Commissioner Burger. The Administrator called three times for nominations for County Board Chair; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Burger, declared carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was turned over to Chair Burger.

The Chair requested nominations for Vice Chair of the County Board; motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson to nominate Commissioner Overgaard. The Chair called three times for nominations for Vice Chair; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Burger, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the January 08, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 27, 2018 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Appointment of Assistant County Attorney Don Klosterbuer Ashely Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented a listings of claims paid on December 31, 2018 and claims for January 08, 2019; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available

upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office. **DECEMBER 31, 2018 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000** \$7,267.43

6,523.00

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GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	2,029.58
HENNING CONSTRUCTION, INC	2,095.96
KENNING/MARY	3,000.00
LUVERNE/CITY OF	7,001.68
MARCO	2,546.53
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	

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SANDERS INC 4,116.97 SANITATION PRODUCTS 32,580.00 **TOWMASTER** 2,545.33 110 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 51,024.23 TOTAL \$166,515.37

JANUARY 8, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000 \$2,271,77 A & B BUSINESS INC A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA 4,419.75 **GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON** 6,200.00 **HEAT TACTICAL TEAM** 2,195.00 LUVERNE BODY SHOP 4,965.27 MN COUNTIES COMPUTER COOP 2,787.00 7,560.55 7,400.00 **REVIZE LLC TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING** 2,665.65 44 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 16,604.13 \$57,069.12 The Auditor/Treasurer presented a Fund Balance report; motion

by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board reviewed a 2018 Year End budget report; no action was taken.

Mark Sehr, Engineer led a discussion regarding Bridge L2165 over the BNSF Railroad on county road 52. Project cost is \$1,160,542.50 that will be paid by 80% grant and 20% local match, estimated at \$295,622.50. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Williamson, to pay the county's match from the Road & Bridge reserves up to \$250,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard, to adoption Resolution No. 01-19, the 2019 Housekeeping Resolution, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding the recent announcement that TruShrimp is no longer building Harbor No. 1 in Luverne; the County Board discussed options regarding the Kane and Walnut road project. After considerable discussion, the County Board opted to continue with the Kane and Walnut road projects, stating that the City will also continue to develop the industrial site for other development opportunities.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from Board of Water and Soil Resources regarding One Watershed One Plan program updates; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of correspondence from Sibley County stating their intent to withdraw from the Rural Minnesota Energy Board; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of commissioner appointments to various boards and committees; presented as information only. Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the meeting

regarding TruShrimp and the Meals on Wheels delivery event. Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the meeting

regarding TruShrimp and the Meals on Wheels delivery event. Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the meeting

regarding TruShrimp and the Meals on Wheels delivery event.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the Meals on Wheels delivery event.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the Meals on

Wheels delivery event.

With no further business to come before the County Board, meeting was declared adjourned.

**Rock County Commissioners** 

# meet Jan. 22 **Herreid Board Room**

9:00 A.M. **Rock County Courthouse** January 22,

The meeting was called order by Chair Burger with all commissioners present; also in attendance were Assistant County Attorney Don Klosterbuer, Administrator Kyle Oldre and Deputy Administrator

Susan Skattum Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the January 22, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the January 08, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

2. Maintenance Contract with David Drowns for annual review of job

1. 2019 Pay Equity Report

markets and job descriptions; \$3,500 annual 3. Zuercher annual maintenance contract renewal – software. eCharging,

CAD & Mobile; \$19,963.95 and is a E911 eligible expenditure.

Calla Jarvie, Rock County Community Library Director, presented an update regarding the Blandin grant and PC's for People distribution event. PC's for People event distributed 53 PC's to eligible individuals and currently has additional units for distribution, therefore, they are still taking applications; Jarvie stated overall it was a great event and thanked the community for their collaborative efforts.

Jarvie also presented a Blandin Technology grant activity update, stating that Alliance Communications is taking the lead on a online technology tutorials and a WiFi wagon; other efforts include Ag Tech Day trainings, developing hot spots at the public library and WiFi on school buses.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director, informed the County Board of a request from Duininck, Inc. to open and operate a new mineral extraction site with the purpose to mine and process gravel and other granular materials, as well as produce hot-mix asphalt from the site located in the SE 1/4 of Section 29 in Battle Plain Township. Hartman stated that an Environment Assessment Worksheet (EAW) was conducted which determines the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); Hartman stated that based on the results of the EAW and Findings of Fact, the proposed project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects and does not meet any of the mandatory EIS thresholds and recommends approval of Resolution No. 02-19, a Negative Declaration for an Environmental Impact Statement for proposed Duininck, Inc. Gravel Pit located in Battle Plain Township. There was considerable discussion regarding the permitting process; after discussion, motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 02-19, declared carried on a voice vote.

Hartman informed the County Board that the Land Management Office received an Outstanding Service Award from the Pork Producers at their annual banquet.

The County Board was in receipt of claims and per diems of \$1,000; motion by Reisch, seconded by Williamson, to approve payment, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office. JANUARY 22, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

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CHS	8,100.64
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC	2,651.04
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KETTERLING SERVICES INC	7,532.70
LUVERNE/CITY OF	32,688.17

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SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**TOTAL** 

SW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

2,190.00 SW MN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD 2,530.00 ZIEGLER INC 19,570.48 80 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000 28,304.96

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote. The County Board was in receipt of a License Center Fees

recap from 2018, which remained the same from 2017. The total 5-year period reflected \$710,435.00 in transactions; presented as information only.

The Administrator and County Board discussed attendance at the 2019 Legislative Conference scheduled for February 13-14 at St. Paul; no action was taken.

The County Board was informed that Southwest Health & Human Services is subject to a state audit rather than an independent audit due to the organization's structure of a joint powers agreement.

The Administrator and Assistant County Attorney led a discussion regarding the opportunity for the county to establish a Rock County Economic Development Authority (EDA) citing that the overall goal would be to develop an industrial park for the purpose of attracting more businesses and industries. An EDA would have the ability to levy 0.01813 percent of the county's estimated market value, which currently would be \$529,000. EDA's also have the authority to exercise the right of eminent domain, enter into partnerships, contracts, acquire easements for the economic development district and act as an agent for another governmental unit to carry out EDA purposes. Portions of Rock County are also designated as Opportunity Zones by the federal government, which encourages long-term investment in low-income rural and urban communities. Initial process of establishing an EDA is to establish a committee to study and determine whether or not the county should form its own EDA, and from that first meeting the committee will have 90-days to study the issue and make recommendations back to the County Board. After discussion, motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to begin the process of establishing a Study Committee, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of Board & Committee appointments for 2019; no action was taken.

The County Board was in receipt of an invitation to the 2019 Rock Nobles Cattlemen's banquet scheduled for February 4th at the Grand Prairie Event Center.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southwest MN Opportunity Council, Community Corrections and Library. Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following

meetings and events: Southwest Regional Development Commission, SWHHS and Pork Producers banquet.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southwest Mental Health, Rural Water; also thanked Kyle for reaching out to Senator Klochubar's office regarding the Farm Service Agency closure which resulted in a temporary solution for producers.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Land Use, Magnolia City Council, PC's for People distribution event and Pork Producers annual banquet.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: SWHHS, Southwest Mental Health, Community Corrections and Pork Producers annual banquet.

The Administrator informed the County Board of a meeting regarding Opportunity Zones scheduled for Janu 31st at Jackpot Junction in Morton, MN.

With no further business to come before the County Board, meeting was declared adjourned.

(2-28)

Highway Dept. to accept pavement marking bids

by March 11 **NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS** 

C.P. 067-401-020 Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AF-FECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions** as contained in the Proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, Minnesota immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded on Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 at the regular Rock County Board of Commissioners Meeting held in the Law Library at the Rock County Courthouse.

The Quantities of Work are: 3,491 gals of 4" Reflectorized Edgeline Pavement Marking Paint - White & 1,858 gals of 4" Reflectorized Centerline Pavement Marking Paint - Yellow.

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

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$50.00

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed bids shall be clearly marked "PROJECT NO. SAP 067-

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

Rock County is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Mark R. Sehr. P.E. Rock County Highway Engineer (2-14, 2-21, 2-28)

# Highway Dept. seeks bids by March 11

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS** S.A.P. 067-615-007

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The Major Quantities of Work are: 88,227 Sq. Yds. Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation; 260,979 Gallons Bituminous Material for Mixture; 82,405 Sq. Yds. Mill Bituminous Pavement; 22,543 Tons Type SP 12.5 Bituminous Wear Course Mix; 6,713 Tons Aggregate Shouldering Class

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway . Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, MN 56156-0808 / (507) 283 - 5010.

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(2.14-2.28)

# Spronk 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 Arwin Spring has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to construct a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 7 in Battle Plain Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

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

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.

# **United Community Action** Partnership input needed

United Community Action Partnership is applying for funds to begin planning for a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council to improve transportation coordination in Southwest Minnesota. This project entails gathering input from area stakeholders to determine the best structure for a regional transportation coordination body. Comments or questions can be directed to shelly.pflaum@unitedcapmn.org.

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# New multi-use vehicle joins Luverne Fire Department

**By Mavis Fodness** 

Council members received their first look at a new rescue/pumper truck that took more than a year to design and manufacture for the Luverne Fire Department.

The brand new multipurpose vehicle arrived in Luverne earlier this month and, as of Monday, became fully operational by the volunteer fire department.

Representatives from the truck's manufacturer, Heiman Fire Equipment of Sioux Falls, traveled to Luverne Monday to train firefighters on the various elements included in the Rosenbauer Commander.

The vehicle is one of a kind. "They incorporated one

fire apparatus with another they needed to replace, and made it multi-purpose," said salesman Dick Adkins.

The Commander replaces the department's 25-year-old rescue vehicle, a unit Luverne purchased new in 1994, and a 1997 pumper truck.

"This (2019) truck will do about the same work both of them did," said Luverne Fire Chief Dave Van Batavia.

Van Batavia led council members around the truck Tuesday night, Feb. 19, opening the rollup doors and pointing out the truck's various features.

The new truck carries rescue gear as well as firefighting equipment and water.

"It's like a Swiss army knife," said city administrator John Call.

The four-door truck seats eight firefighters, six in full turnout gear, with room in the raised cab for a firefighter to stand upright during equipment changes such as putting on an immersion suit.

Each side of the truck is devoted to a specific purpose.

Equipment stored on the right-hand side is for fire fighting and includes a fill station



One roll-up door features various tools including new Jaws of Life that can cut through materials in today's vehicles and a winch that can be attached to four different points on the new truck.



Mavis Fodness photos/0228 New Luverne Rescue Truck

Luverne Fire Chief Dave Van Batavia (above and below) explains the various tools and equipment stored in the newest truck added to the department Tuesday, Feb. 19, in an information meeting with city attorney Ben Vander Kooi, city administrator John Call, and council members Dan Nath, Kevin Aaker, Caroline Thorson and Lori Hallstrom.

for self-contained breathing apparatus tanks, various sized axes, an extension ladder, ventilation equipment, and a refrigerator filled with bottled water.

Not visible is a 750-gallon water tank with hose storage and pump capabilities that includes a deck gun and foam

The truck's left side is devoted to rescue equipment and stores a new Jaws of Life, a 6,200-watt generator and a winch that can be secured to one of four receivers built into the truck.

Before we relied on a log chain in front of the truck," Van Batavia said.

Various storage boxes are contained on the top of the black-and-red truck. Hoses, grain bin extraction equipment and a remote-operated light tower are contained on

"Tools we normally don't have room for in the previous truck can be placed in this one," Van Batavia said.

Added to the side of the truck is a 10-foot awning to provide protection from the weather elements, if prolonged stays at a fire or accident scene are warranted.

Representatives from Heiman worked with the volunteer firefighters in understanding the capabilities of the new truck.

"They can show up at any scene and be prepared," said salesman Adkins, who led the training with designer Jim Rackl.



Design and manufacture of the truck took 14 months at a cost of \$700,000. During the process, local volunteer firefighters made regular visits to the Sioux Falls plant.

no space goes unusea, Van Batavia said.

Within days of receiving the new truck, the transmission went out on the old rescue truck and had to be fixed.

The old rescue truck was sold to the George, Iowa, Fire Department for \$50,000.

The 1997 pumper truck is also sold. The Wabasso Fire Department paid \$99,000 for the truck.



The new multi-purpose vehicle features the latest in light technology, including the lighted "Luverne" in the truck's grill, meant to attract a driver's attention as the truck approaches.

# FSA assists beginning farmers, ranchers with loans

USDAofferstargetedfarm loan funding for underserved groups and beginning farmers

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers of its targeted farm ownership and farm operating loans to assist underserved applicants as well as beginning farmers and ranchers.

USDA defines underserved applicants as a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to their individual qualities. For farm loan program purposes, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics and Asians and Pacific Is-

Underserved or beginning farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for either FSA direct loans or guaranteed loans. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program provides for two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans. In addition to customary farm operating and ownership loans, FSA now offers Microloans through the direct loan program. The focus of Microloans is on the financing needs of small, beginning farmer, niche and non-traditional farm operations. Microloans are available for both ownership and operating finance needs. To learn more about microloans, visit www.fsa.usd.gov/microloans.

To qualify as a beginning producer, the individual or entity must meet the eligibility requirements outlined for direct or guaranteed loans. Additionally, individuals and all entity members must have operated a farm for less than 10 years. Applicants must materially or substantially participate in the operation.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs and targeted underserved and beginning farmer guidelines, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or call 507-836-8567.

# Got ice dams? Learn what to do and how to prevent them to save energy

Ice dams, both awe-inspiring and terrifying, are showing up on many Minnesota homes this winter thanks to heavy snowfall and extreme cold.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce offers tips for how to deal with ice dams now and how to prevent

them in the future, which can also save you money on your heating bills.

One way to prevent ice dams is by removing snow from your roof. While you can try to do it yourself with a snow rake, it may be best to hire a professional snow remover, especially if it takes getting on

the roof or using a ladder. Put safety first.

If you have an ice dam that is already causing water damage to your interior ceilings and walls, hire a professional ice dam removal service that uses steamers.

A few things you should



Lori Sorenson photo/0228 ice dam on north estey These oversized icicles at 418 North Estey are similar to many that can be seen on homes in and around Luverne since heavy snow has covered rooftops and created ice dams.

## not do:

•Do not install heating cables. They will shorten the life of your roof and add to your energy costs.

•Do not remove ice with chippers, chemicals or heat. These can damage shingles, gutters and other building components.

•Do not add roof vents, including powered vents. They will not eliminate ice dams and often make the problem

worse.

## Preventing future ice dams

Ice dams are not caused by roofing, ventilation or gutterproblems, as often believed. The real problem is a home that is leaking warm air.

Due to inadequate air sealing, heat from the home's interior gets into the attic and melts the underside of the snow on the roof. The melted snow water flows down the

roof surface until reaching a cold spot, such as the eaves or soffit, where it forms a frozen

Overtime, especially with a snow-covered roof in subfreezing temperatures, more ice can build up. Eventually, water starts seeping into the home.

Because the primary cause of ice dams is warm air leaking from the attic, the best prevention is to seal leaks with caulking or expanding spray foam, with attic insulation installed to a minimum of R-50 as space allows.

#### **Energy assessment: Save** energy and preventice dams

Anadvancedhomeenergy assessment, or audit, is your first step to preventing ice dams and making your home more energy efficient.

The assessment will use equipment such as an infrared camera to find attic air leaks and how to seal them.

A home energy audit can be arranged through your local utility, a nonprofit energy group or an HVAC professional.

Once problem areas are detected, get bids from at least two licensed contractors to have the work done.

For more information on preventing ice dams, sealing air leaks and adding insulation, check out the Commerce Department's Home Energy Guide (mn.gov/commerce/ home-energy).

