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## Cardinals earn honors at state Mock Trial event Feb. 28-March 1

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne wrapped up the 2019 Mock Trial season with its fifth-consecutive trip to the state tournament.

Team results have not been released, but two individuals were recognized for their performance at the Duluth tournament on Feb. 28-March 1.

Senior Jessica Anderson was named All-State Attorney and junior

Jordan Winter received the All-State Witness award.

For Jessica Anderson and seniors Jady Anderson and Grace Sweeney, participating at the state tournament became routine for them.

"To go to state all five of my years in Mock Trial was surreal," Jady Anderson said. "My first year was the first year our team had made it to state in a very long time. Now that our team has

been there five times, the excitement has not been dulled at all."

The team competes in three rounds at the state meet. The teams with the best records vie in a fourth round for the championship.

Luverne did not make the championship round.

The defense team started off the tournament against Buffalo High School.

Defense team members included attorneys Alexa Chesley, Sophie Lanoue and Lauren Ver Steeg. Witnesses were Jady Anderson, Jordan Winter and Grace Sweeney.

"They were probably the best team I've seen in my two years at the state meet," said coach Jason Berghorst. "It was a tough draw and, unfortunately, that was the only trial our defense competed in at the event."

The plaintiff team went against teams from Rochester Century and Eastview high schools.

"Mock Trial is a one-class tournament, and it just so happened that all three schools we faced were much larger in enrollment than Luverne," Berghorst said. "I am proud of how competitive we were against much

Mock Trial to state/see back page

## Annual gala 'LIFTs Luverne'

### Second-annual fundraiser draws 175 people for updates on local developments

By Lori Sorenson

The Friday night LIFT Gala drew 175 people to Grand Prairie Events in Luverne where business leaders and organizations updated the community on the latest developments in town.

The night's agenda featured 13 local projects and undertakings that were highlighted during the two-hour program.

"All these positive things that are happening are because of the people involved in our community," said Luverne Mayor Baustian, recognizing the board members of LIFT — Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow.

### Architect drawing for new Senior Center revealed

Some of Friday night's program updates included big announcements and revelations, like the Senior Citizens plans for a new dining center and meeting space.

George Bonnema, president of Luverne Senior Citizens, unveiled architect drawings of the new \$2 million facility and announced the launch of a community fundraising drive.

That campaign will kick off with an April 1 dessert and theater event when the organization's new name will be announced. "I don't feel like a senior citizen," Bonnema said about wanting a new identity for the group.

The new building will replace the front "Lincoln House" structure and incorporate the existing kitchen and dining room spaces that will be remodeled and updated with walk-in coolers and modern activity spaces

Annual LIFT Gala/see page 3



Mavis Fodness photo/0307 snow on 75

A Minnesota Department of Transportation snow plow clears the northbound shoulder on Highway 75 south of Hardwick Tuesday morning.

## Calendar says March, but winter wears on



Lori Sorenson photo/0307 snow at courthouse

County crews remove snow from courthouse parking lot Monday morning to haul it to the city wellfields on East Dodge Street.

By Lori Sorenson

Friday, March 1, was the first day of meteorological spring, but the mercury in the thermometer and the ever-growing snow piles on the ground tell another story.

While the long winter has created hardships on many fronts, some obvious complications are surfacing on city streets.

Piled high boulevards — upwards of 6 to 10 feet high in some places — and narrow pathways on sidewalks give residential neighborhoods a Dr. Seuss-like appearance with a less-than storybook effect on dwellers.

Luverne public works employee Cory Schmuck said he realizes the extra snow has been hard on people

cleaning their own driveways. "When our plows get full, it has nowhere to go until it hits a driveway," he said.

Under normal circumstances the plow pushes the snow onto boulevards, but with snow banks piled high, that's no longer an option.

By ordinance, residents are required to clear their walks 24 hours after a snow event. In addition to keeping track of their sidewalks, residents have had to keep their vehicles off the street in snow emergencies, which have been frequent this year.

The Sheriff's Department issued 20 parking tickets so far this winter.

He said the 10-12 guys in the city's Public Works Department have been

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## Winter weather forces longer school year for area districts

By Mavis Fodness

The beginning of January was the last time area schools were able to conduct a full week of classes.

Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth last had a full week of classes from Jan. 7-11.

Each week since then, school days began late, dismissed early or were canceled.

This week began the same way, early outs and late starts.

To compensate for lost classroom time, area districts are adding days to their school calendars.

Luverne lengthened its school year in action taken by school board officials Thursday night, Feb. 28.

As of Monday, Luverne students needed to recoup 2.7 days in order to meet state instruction requirements.

Students in grades K-11 will now have class on May 13 and 14 and until 1:30 p.m. May 15.

Staff will finish the year on May 16 and 17.

LHS graduation is still scheduled for May 12.

Luverne officials had built 2.56 days into the year as snow days, which the district has already utilized.

Prior to the beginning of the school year, Luverne received state approval for a plan that increased the instructional day by 30 minutes.

Classes were originally sched-

uled to end on May 10 to accommodate the upcoming construction schedule.

The district will work with construction contractors to accommodate the later-than-expected school year.

"We owe it to our students that they have time to learn," said Luverne superintendent Craig Oftedahl. "We

School snow days/see page 5

## The time to start is last fall; farmers consider options for cover crops



Lori Sorenson photo/0307 cover crop meeting

Local farmers gather in Luverne Pizza Ranch Feb. 28 to share ideas about cover crops.

### Cover crops require planning; attend March 14 event

By Lori Sorenson

Cover crops improve soil health and boost farm profits; so why isn't everyone doing it?

Grant Breitreutz taps the side of his head when he answers. "It's a change in mindset," he said.

"We've been farming a certain way for four, five generations and we've been taught to do things a certain way."

Grant and his wife, Dawn, have used cover crops on their Redwood Falls farm for 20 years, and they shared their experiences last week in Luverne.

They told a group of farmers and ag leaders Feb. 28 in Pizza Ranch that their process was slow, but in time they adapted to cover crops on 100 percent of their ground, that includes both pasture and row crops.

The meeting included ag producers who have been dabbling in cover crops and were there for an information exchange.

*"We realize that our farming model needs to change for the world's survival into the future. Once things change in the soil, it's impossible to not be excited about growing that change around the world."*

— Dawn Breitreutz, cover crop farmer

"I'm just here to learn," said Bill Tilstra, who has been using cover crops on his Steen farm at the Iowa border where the practice benefits his 200 cow-calf herd and sheep.

"It's worth it," Tilstra said. "I'm sold on it;

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**Beaver Creek Township Board** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, in the Beaver Creek Township Hall.

**American Legion Auxiliary** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the Dell Hogan Post Hall. Call Dianna at 283-1934 with questions.

**Blue Mound Cemetery Association** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the Dick and Dolly Remme home.

**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. the second and fourth Thursdays in Sanford Luverne Blue Mound Room. 507-449-1246.

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

### 'Scent Tracking' at state park March 9

Discover how animals use scent to track their prey and find their way home during a "Scent Tracking" naturalist program from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Blue Mounds State Park picnic area. Call 507-283-6061.

### Sportsman's Club Wild Game Feed

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

### U of M pre-harvest planning in Slayton

Grain farmers and agri-business professionals are encouraged to attend the University of Minnesota Extension 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 mkrunk@umn.edu for more information.

### Blood drives set for March 11 and 15

The Community Blood Bank will host drives in Adrian from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 11, at the Adrian Ambulance Garage and in Luverne from 7 to 10:30 a.m. and from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, March 15, at Sanford Luverne. Call the Adrian Clinic, 507-483-2668, or Sanford Luverne, 507-449-1209, with questions. Or visit [www.cbblifeblood.org](http://www.cbblifeblood.org).

### World Day of Prayer March 14

The Women's World Day of Prayer at the Steen Reformed Church in Steen has been rescheduled for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14. The speaker will be Jim Bryne of Hills.

### Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction

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.

### Hospice Auction items due March 15

All donations including advertising, gift baskets, certificates, merchandise and packages for the Live Auction are due at the Sanford Luverne Hospice office by March 15. Call Helen at 283-1805 or email [helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org](mailto:helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org) with questions.

### High School band, choir concert

Luverne High School band and choirs will present their March concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the high school gym, following their work with expert clinicians.

The band will be under the direction of John Aboud, Algona, Iowa and the choirs will be directed by Dr. Michael Culloton from Concordia College, Moorhead. There is no admission fee for this concert.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade March 18

Luverne Area Chamber will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Parade at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, starting at the Living Rock Church parking lot on East Main Street. No preregistration is required; show up in green and be ready to have fun. Cash prizes awarded. Call the Chamber, 507-283-4061.



Luverne Senior Citizens President George Bonnema revealed architect drawings of the new building's exterior at Friday night's LIFT Gala and announced an April 1 event to kick off a fundraising campaign to pay for the \$2 million facility.

## Senior citizens creating new image with new gathering space; plans unveiled at LIFT Gala

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne Senior Citizens President George Bonnema is on a mission to rebrand the image of the retired residents group.

The goal is to make the group more appealing and modern so that others — younger seniors in their early retirement years — will want to join.

A first step is to update and improve the group's gathering space, the Senior Center on Lincoln Street near the Post Office.

"The term 'senior citizens' is outdated and doesn't appeal to anyone under (age) 90," Bonnema told Rock County commissioners at their Feb. 5 meeting.

"A new building will give us a new image. A new name will give us a new image in the community. We are trying to get that out there."

He revealed architect drawings of the new building's exterior at Friday night's LIFT Gala and announced an April 1 event to kick off a fundraising campaign to pay for the \$2 million facility. (See the related story.)

His meeting with County Board members on Feb. 5 was to request public funding.

In an hourlong discussion, Bonnema and his vice president, Renee Reu, outlined the history and future plans for an organization rebranding and remodeling

a facility to meet the current needs of retired residents and the Rock County community.

Bonnema asked commissioners to commit \$150,000 to the estimated \$2 million project.

"We see potential in what we can do here," Bonnema said. "A lot of things I can't do without a new building."

Almost 20 percent of the county's 9,490 people are 65 and older, according to 2017 census figures. Currently 60 are members of the Luverne Senior Citizens.

Bonnema's leadership group and building committee are exploring various funding options for a multi-function facility.

The facility will replace the former Lincoln Hotel currently used for office and meeting space and remodel the current attached senior dining hall with updated kitchen and cold storage.

The commissioners referred the request to the finance committee to bring a funding recommendation back to the board.

A complete unveiling of the building plans is set for a dessert theater Monday, April 1, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

At least 60 percent of the funding is expected to be in place by late summer with design plans finalized this fall. Construction is planned for 2020.



Mavis Fodness photo/0307 Read Across America 2019

## Students celebrating March 1 with 'Read Across America' event

Luverne Public Schools Superintendent Craig Oftedahl reads "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss to fifth-graders Friday afternoon at the elementary school. Oftedahl spent the day reading a Dr. Seuss book to each grade level in recognition of Dr. Seuss March 2. On Friday night the Luverne Parents Partners in Education sponsored a Family Reading Night in the elementary commons. The event drew 120 students and wrapped up the school's "I Love to Read Month" activities during February.

Luverne Elementary fifth-graders settle down to listen to a Dr. Seuss story read by Superintendent Craig Oftedahl on Friday afternoon. Oftedahl read Dr. Seuss stories to each of the classes as part of the nationwide "Read Across America" event.



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## Cover crops meeting/ continued from front page

there are no drawbacks, and we're looking to increase the number of acres we put cover crops on."

Also in the audience Thursday were agribusiness people like Justin Decker, Hardwick, a salesman for Rob-See-Co.

"It's about keeping nutrients in the soil where they can be used by the crop, as opposed to letting it run off or run through the tiles to the river," said Decker, who is also a member of the local Cover Crop Advisory Board.

He said the practice is garnering attention because the farmers who use cover crops report that they're spending a lot less money on fertilizer and herbicide and their yields are improving.

Plus, livestock get the added benefit of grazing the nutritious cover crops while allowing pastures more time to regenerate.

Also at the table Thursday were conservation professionals like Lance Wheeler, engineering technician for the Rock County Land Management Office.

His work is typically involved in soil conservation measures like terraces, buffers, basins and others, but he said cover crops offer the best protection against soil erosion.

When asked if cover crops will someday be the norm, Wheeler said, "I hope so."

He points to weather extremes as the biggest selling point. "It's going to be harder to farm if the crop ground continues to erode the way it has," Wheeler said.

"Every producer that's using cover crops wishes they would have done it sooner."

### What are cover crops and how can they help my operation?

Cover crops — often small grains like oats, wheat or rye — are planted to manage soil erosion, soil fertility, soil quality, moisture, weeds, pests, diseases, and wildlife.

Cover crops are typically an off-season crop planted after harvesting a cash crop like corn and soybeans and it often grows over the winter.

The benefits are proven — fewer inputs and higher yields — but the conversion to cover crops is a bit complicated, because cover crops can't be planted in soil that was treated the previous season with herbicides. And soil has to be weaned gradually from commercial fertilizer.

### 'Mother Nature doesn't like to be naked'

It takes three to five years to get the true benefits of cover crops, and the transition years are awkward, because there's no one-size-fits-all approach to incorporating cover crops.

That's why the Cover Crop Advisory Board has been organizing small group meetings to share information.

In addition to Decker, that Rock County group includes Tom Fick, Brent Fluit, Brad Petersen, Terry Aukes and Doug Bos.

The more the information gets out about cover crops, the easier it is to see the benefits, Grant Breikreutz said.

In addition to improved soil health and increased yields, he said less machinery is necessary, fewer chemicals are used, there's less dependence on expensive seed technology and wildlife population increases.

Plus, he said with a sly grin, it keeps the neighbors guessing. "Our farm sticks out like a sore thumb on aerial photos," Grant said.

"Actually, it sticks out like a green thumb," Dawn said, referring to green sprouts coming through stubble in the early spring when everything else is still brown.

And cover crops remain in the rows when corn and soybeans emerge, making the field look weedy. In fact,

the cover crops suppress weeds, reducing reliance on herbicides.

"They keep the ground covered," Grant said. "Mother Nature doesn't like to be naked, so if the cover crop isn't there, the weeds will come."

Understanding all this helps with the mindset shift from the decades-old tradition of green rows in black dirt.

"We're thinking about making signs for our fields that say, 'It's supposed to look this way; it's a cover crop,'" said Jerry Stephens of Luverne's Express Ag.

His business is involved with selling chemicals to farmers, and he shared at Thursday's meeting that ag businesses like his need to adapt just as farmers are.

"Some of our farming practices are not sustainable," Stephens said.

He joked about cover crops putting him out of the ag chemical business, because healthy microbial activity from cover crops reduces the need for commercial fertilizer and chemical herbicides.

"If you do things ethically, legally, responsibly ... the question is 'How do we do things the right way so we can continue to operate?'" Stephens said.

"That's what drew me here to today."

### Path to soil health

Soil regeneration has become such a way of life for the Breikreutzes that traditional farming methods seem archaic. "It hurts me to see it now," Dawn said about bare soil in tilled fields.

The couple recently were featured in a documentary, "Farmer's Footprint: A path to soil health and food independence," that can be streamed at farmersfootprint.us.

The film follows several farmers in a grassroots movement to regenerate 5 million acres of farmland by 2025. It draws a connection between soil health and human health as modern food production relies less on chemicals and more on natural methods like cover crops.

"The greatest part of this regenerative movement is that those involved are so passionate about how important this is, there are no big secrets or competitions," Dawn said.

"We realize that our farming model needs to change for the world's survival into the future. Once things change in the soil, it's impossible to not be excited about growing that change around the world."

### Planning meeting for cover crops set for March 14

The transition to cover crop rotation isn't simple and the returns aren't immediate, and even the most successful cover crop producers don't have a blueprint for implementing the practice.

That's why local farmers are leaning on each other and on veteran cover crop farmers for advice, information and an exchange of information.

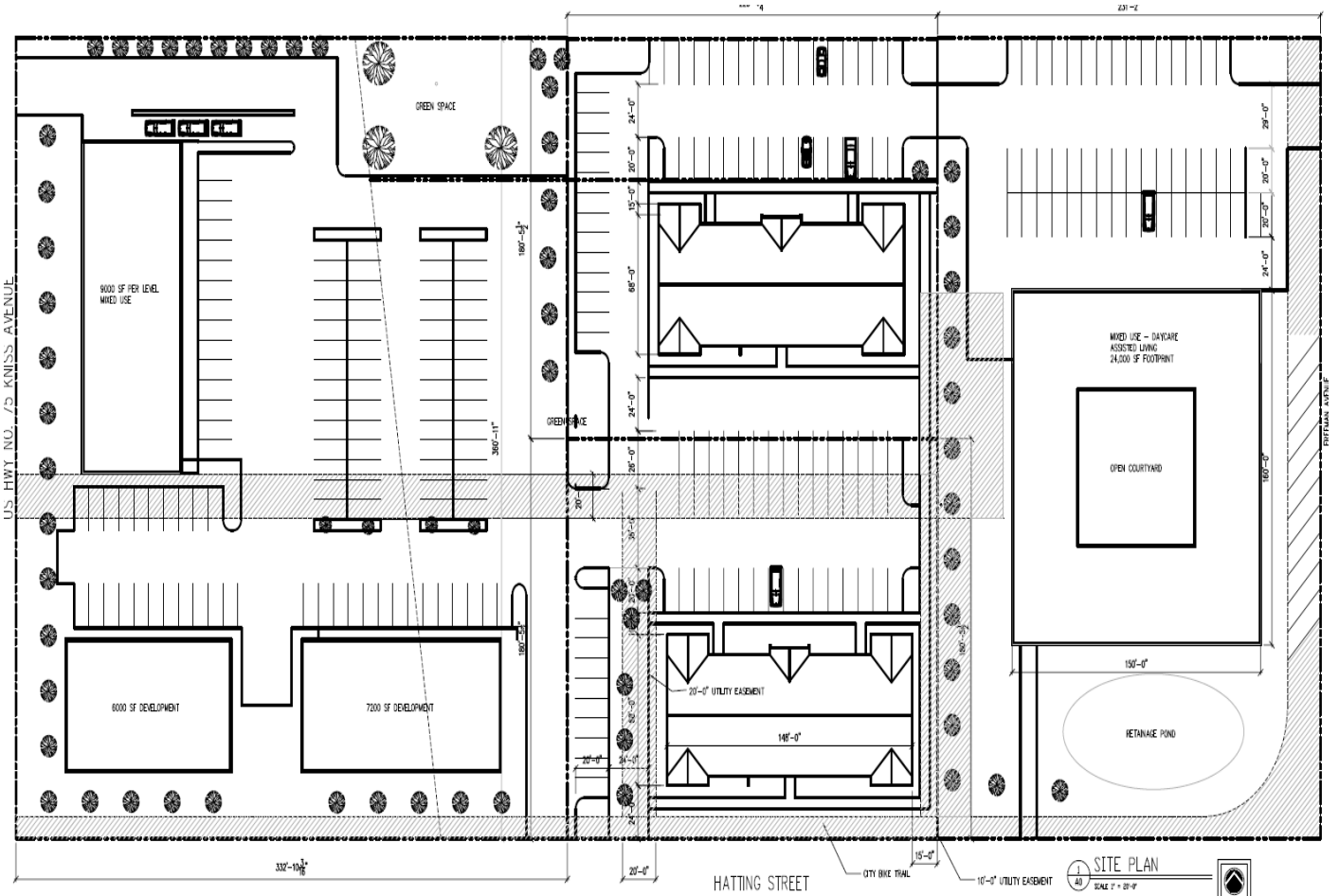
Thursday's meeting was about sharing ideas. The next meeting on March 14 will be about putting the information into practice.

The planning meeting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch will be a work session to put together a plan. The meeting will be an opportunity to:

- Determine needs and set goals for using cover crops.
- Consider cover crop options and seeding options.
- Plan herbicide and tillage options.
- Generate maps and develop a plan of action.

Local cover crop farmers will again exchange information about what's worked for them.

Call the Land Management Office, 507-283-8862, to RSVP in order to determine lunch numbers.



The Towne Square apartment buildings are part of mixed-use development that may include spaces for child care and assisted living, in addition to office space and an opportunity for a restaurant, according to plans reviewed at the LIFT Gala.

## LIFT Gala at Grand Prairie Events/continued from page 1

that the community can also reserve. (See the related story.)

### Architect drawing for new performing arts revealed

Another revelation that drew crowd response was the architect's drawing of the fine arts center that will be completed with the school district's building project.

The auditorium will seat 500 on the main level and 250 in the balcony will support spaces for back stage, technical and other needs.

It will be located in the center of the campus, just off the new commons and cafeteria area that will occupy the current "link" area between the elementary and high school buildings.

The current auditorium will become the music suite with increased space for band and choir, better storage for instruments and private practice rooms for students.

The current band and choir rooms will be the new weight rooms with better main-floor space and convenient location next to the high school gym.

District Superintendent Craig Oftedahl addressed the LIFT crowd Friday, thanking the community for its support of the building project.

(An expanded story will follow online and in print next week.)

### Towne Square apartments and commercial space

Other building plans not before seen by the public were apartment sketches for the Towne Square project coming to the former Sharkee's lot along Highway 75.

Don Jahnke said the exterior architecture reflected a rural setting, with a barn-like appeal, and he said the apartments themselves would be functional and attractive, to suit the needs of small-town residents.

All the units will have a balcony or porch, in-unit laundry, granite countertops and wood panel doors, radiant heat and other amenities all with Minnesota-made products whenever possible.

Jahnke talked about the Opportunity Zone that was established in the Highway 75 and Hatting Street area and said the Town Square project will be attractive to investors, especially since Luverne had so many other positive things going on.

He announced that the mixed-use development on the main level includes spaces for child care and assisted living, in addition to office space and an opportunity for a restaurant.

Those plans haven't yet been made public and will be detailed in the future.



The architect's drawing of the new school performing arts center was revealed at Friday night's LIFT Gala. Pictured below, the 518 theater seats were removed last week and other preparations completed to transform the former Luverne Middle-High School auditorium, more commonly known as the Little Theater, into the new band and choir suites. Work begins in earnest Tuesday on the planned \$30 million building project that includes an \$8 million performing arts center. The project is scheduled to be completed in late 2020.



Mavis Fodness photo/0307 Little Theater Demo

### Wayfinding, pheasants, plaza and more developments ...

Also on the agenda were presentations and updated information on:

- LuverneEvents.com
- Wayfinding signs coming this spring.
- C&B Operations expansion project in Luverne.
- Blue Mounds State Park water connection, the bison tours and Mound Creek restoration.
- 2019 Pheasant Phiesta.
- Minnesota West - Luverne Campus.
- Luverne Sister Cities International.
- SWMN CEO program.
- Main Street Plaza.
- Premium Iowa Pork.

\*The Star Herald has reported on

many of these developments as they unfolded, and in coming weeks will share the additional information presented at the LIFT Gala Friday night.

### LIFT support growing

LIFT was established in 2010 as a collaboration of public and private sectors brainstorming about how to improve the Luverne community.

The annual meetings, which were at first free events at the Palace Theatre, celebrate accomplishments and review goals yet to be reached.

Last year was the first time it was presented with a catered Bluestem meal for \$40 per person as a fundraiser for LIFT.

Due to the strong support in 2018 for that format, organizers agreed to continue the fundraising tradition for future annual meetings.

Joyce Wessels  
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## 'It's mean to cook unicorns' and other observations from a three-year-old

We're nearing the end of a weeklong visit to Indiana to see our granddaughter Peppercorn and her kid sister Soggy Bottoms.



### THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

Peppercorn is a thinker and has been a student of life for 3 1/2 years now. Little escapes her. She speaks truth. For example, "It's mean to cook unicorns." Well, yes, Sweetheart, it is. That's why we cook cows and pigs and we decorate our bedrooms with unicorns.

"It's hard to cut rice." Agreed, now clean up your plate.

"If people don't share, you can just grab it." That's right, you can. But just go ahead and see if you get re-elected.

"Ballerinas don't wear socks." No, they don't. But girls going outside to play do wear socks, so let's keep looking.

"A drink of water helps when you bump your head." This is perhaps not medically proven, but it was sweet of you to bring Baby Sister a drink of water when she bumped her head — even though the circumstances of her head-bumping remain suspicious.

"It's hard to eat by an octopus." Absolutely. I'm glad there

are so few octopuses among us and that they are banned from restaurants.

"When you can reach, you can get your own tomatoes." That's right, Kiddo, don't stop dreaming. Meanwhile, we'd be happy to reach the tomatoes for you.

Included in Peppercorn's observations about life and other stuff is a fair amount of bad theology.

"God helped the man walk on water, but I have floaties." Yes, you do have floaties, but sooner or later your floaties will let you sink. Always trust God more than you trust your floaties.

"It makes God sad to wiggle when they brush your hair." Lots of things make God sad, Peppercorn, but wiggling when they brush your hair isn't one of them. You just go ahead and wiggle.

And keep on saying all these ridiculously funny things. It gives Grandma something to write home about.

## The Farm Bill: A bipartisan win that works for Minnesota

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Sen. Amy Klobuchar

When I first came to Congress, my No. 1 ask was to be on the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee. The reason was simple: I wanted to work on behalf of the communities and people of rural Minnesota.

It's no secret that Minnesota farmers have had a rough couple of years and are facing a lot of uncertainty. There are increasing questions about access to some of our biggest export markets in the countries. Farm commodity prices are down for the fourth straight year and have been cut in half since 2013.

Policymakers in Washington must continue to focus on the issues that need to be addressed in rural America.

These include rural housing, health care, reliable mobile phone service, access to broadband internet and consistent agricultural policies that allow farmers to make a good living, take care of their land and pass on their farm to their family and kids.

In Minnesota we're proud of our agriculture industry, which ranks fifth in the nation. Our state's prosperity depends on supporting and strengthening our farms and rural communities.

That's why I've always fought so hard for a strong bipartisan Farm Bill. And late last year, right before the holidays, the 2018 Farm Bill was signed into law.

This bipartisan achievement will help farmers carry on family traditions by providing them the certainty and support they need to succeed.

The bill included a number of improvements to the farm safety

net, like protecting and expanding crop insurance.

And it provided better support for dairy producers, who have been hit especially hard.

It also included several of my provisions to help Minnesota farmers and rural communities. I also successfully worked to:

- create an animal disease vaccine bank and disaster response program.
- continue support for renewable energy programs.
- promote precision agriculture and broadband deployment.
- allow each dairy operation that participated in the Margin Protection Program from 2014 to 2017 to receive a repayment of a portion of premiums paid over that time period as either a 50-percent direct refund or a 75-percent credit toward future premiums.

This isn't just a win for farmers; it's a win for conservationists too. I worked on several bipartisan provisions with South Dakota Republican Senator John Thune that will help protect our environment while supporting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.

These include provisions that:

- increased the acreage cap in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to 27 million acres.
- reduced incentives to convert

native sod to crop production by closing a loophole in the Sodsaver program.

• laid the groundwork for farmers to take advantage of existing USDA conservation data in order to streamline their operations, reduce their risk and enhance their yields.

This law also included my amendment to protect critical funding for the energy title, notably the REAP program that will enable rural farmers to make their farms more energy efficient, saving them money and investing in a cleaner environment that will benefit our children and grandchildren.

Minnesota's strength comes from our economic traditions of hard work and opportunity.

These opportunities come in many forms, from family farms, to agribusinesses, to processors, to cooperatives, to the delicious home-grown food that graces our tables.

Minnesota depends on and is invested in the success of our farms and rural communities and this new Farm Bill is a great step forward.

I hope it's just the beginning of Congress putting politics aside and getting things done that Minnesota farmers can be proud of and that helps America tear down the rural/urban divide.

## Only vehicles pulling trailers subject to following distances

**Question:** What is the correct following distance? Everyone seems to be way too close behind each other.

**Answer:** The only law regarding following distance pertains to vehicles pulling trailers. This includes trucks as well as semitractors with trailers. They must maintain a minimum distance of 500 feet.

While state law does not require a specific distance for vehicles not pulling trailers, it does say that you shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the conditions of the highway.

We recommend the 3-second-plus following distance rule. Watch the vehicle in front of you. When that vehicle gets past an object such as a sign, pole, bridge, etc., then count off three seconds. You should not arrive at that spot sooner than your count to three. If you do, then you are following too close! Also, you must add one second for every hazard that exists. Hazards include but are not limited to heavy traffic, rain, snow, fog, driving into the sun, etc. In some cases you might have to allow six, seven seconds (or even more) to be safe because of existing hazards. When following a snowplow it is recommended that you maintain a distance of a minimum of 10 car lengths. It is important to keep your distance to avoid whiteout conditions that may be caused by the snowplow. Crash facts show a much larger



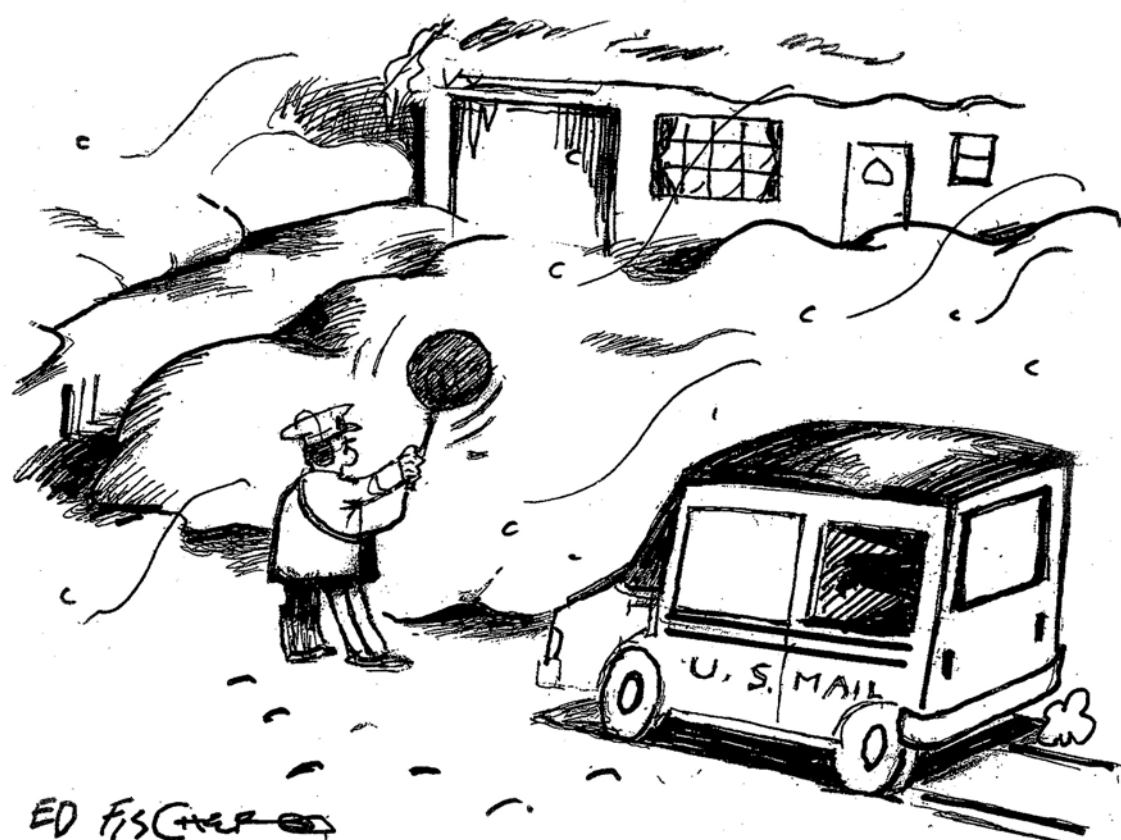
### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

number of cars and pickup trucks being involved in fatal rear end crashes than semi-truck tractors pulling trailers.

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

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



## Anglers need to meet fish house removal deadlines

Record snowfall has created tough conditions on many area lakes

The first deadline for anglers to remove their fish houses from inland waters is the end of the day Monday, March 4, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The March 4 deadline applies to lakes south of an east-west line formed by U.S. Highway 10, east along Highway 34 to Minnesota Highway

200, east along Highway 200 to U.S. Highway 2, and east along Highway 2 to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. The deadline north of that line is the end of the day Monday, March 18.

Some fish house owners may have difficulty accomplishing the task themselves. Birdsall urges them to contact a local snowplow company or connect with friends and family and ask for help.

If shelters aren't removed by the deadline, owners may be prosecuted and structures may be confiscated

and removed, or destroyed by a conservation officer. After the deadline, shelters may be on the ice between midnight and one hour before sunrise only when occupied. They may not be left or stored at public accesses. Exceptions to the removal deadlines are Minnesota-South Dakota and North Dakota border waters (March 5), and Minnesota-Iowa border waters (Feb. 20).

For more information on the deadlines go to [mndnr.gov/fishing/shelter.html](http://mndnr.gov/fishing/shelter.html).

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

**Feb. 22**  
 •Complainant in Beaver Creek reported doing bird surveys.  
 •Deputy conducted follow-up on S. West Park Street.  
 •Complainant on East Luverne Street reported elevator alarm.  
 •Complainant on North Cedar Street reported issues with power of attorney.  
 •Complainant reported rollover accident on I-90, mile marker 7, near Beaver Creek.  
 •Complainant reported accident at County Road 1 and 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue.  
 •Complainant reported snowmobilers in the park near Redbird Field.  
 •Complainant reported a semitrailer with no lights on I-90 eastbound.  
**Feb. 23**  
 •Complainant reported vehicles blocking for snow removal on East Main Street.  
 •Complainant reported parking complaint on Lot E of City Hall.  
 •Complainant reported parking violation in Lot E of Catholic Church.  
 •Complainant reported a scam.  
 •Complainant reported accident property damage on I-90, mile marker 7.  
 •Complainant reported accident on I-90 westbound, mile marker 1-2.  
 •Complainant reported an accident on I-90 westbound, mile marker 16.  
 •Deputy is out with two vehicles on North Kniss.  
**Feb. 24**  
 •Complainant reported four vehicles stopped at 31<sup>st</sup> Street west of Hills.  
 •Deputy conducted roadside assist on Highway 75 at 51<sup>st</sup> Street.  
 •Complainant reported vehicle stuck on the roadway on Highway 23 at County Road 5.  
 •Complainant reported vehicle stuck in drift at intersection of County Road 6 and 151<sup>st</sup> Street.  
**Feb. 25**  
 •Complainant requested deputy.  
 •Complainant on East Crawford Street requested to speak to a deputy.  
 •Deputy assisted with vehicle unlock on North Freeman.  
 •Complainant reported livestock on roadway on County Road 17 west of Beaver Creek.  
 •Deputy requested for court hearing.

•Complainant reported train blocking intersection at 241<sup>st</sup> Street in Jasper.  
 •Complainant requested victim notification.  
 •Complainant reported cattle out on County Road 13 and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue near Hills.  
 •Complainant in Magnolia reported runaways.  
 •Deputy conducted follow-up on South Prospect in Hardwick.  
 •Complainant at South Kniss business reported stolen vehicle.  
**Feb. 26**  
 •Complainant in Beaver Creek reported doing bird surveys.  
 •Deputy conducted follow-up on West Warren Street.  
 •Complainant conducted warrant service attempt on West Luverne Street.  
 •Deputy assisted with vehicle unlock on East Warren Street.  
 •Complainant reported a pickup idling with nobody around on South Kniss Avenue.  
**Feb. 27**  
 •Complainant in Bloomington reported warrant service.  
 •Complainant reported suspicious activity.  
 •Complainant reported a mail scam.  
 •Complainant on West Main Street reported stolen items.  
 •Complainant on 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue reported scam phone call.  
**Feb. 28**  
 •Complainant on South Estey reported a strong natural gas smell.  
 •Complainant on West Main Street reported counterfeit currency.  
 •Complainant on 181<sup>st</sup> Street reported trespasser.  
 •Deputy assisted with vehicle unlock on 101<sup>st</sup> Street.  
 •Complainant reported an assault.  
 •Complainant on 121<sup>st</sup> Street requested welfare check for subject.  
 •Complainant on West Warren Street requested deputy pick up evidence.  
 •Complainant on West Warren Street reported suspicious activity.  
 In addition, officers responded to 12 vehicles in the ditch, 4 transports, 9 escorts, 21 ambulance calls, 1 animal complaint, 3 fingerprint requests, 6 burn permits, 5 drug court tests, 6 permit to purchase/carry applications, 5 abandon 911 calls, 6 stalled vehicles, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 2 traffic stops, 3 tests and 6 paper service attempts.



Lori Sorenson photos/0307 snow removal streets

By ordinance, residents are required to clear their walks 24 hours after a snow event. In addition to keeping track of their sidewalks, residents have had to keep their vehicles off the street in snow emergencies, which have been frequent this year. These pictures along Lincoln Street illustrate the uphill battle of moving snow when there's nowhere to put it.

### Snow removal is never ending job/continued from page 1

working full time on snow removal since the last big snow event on Feb. 20 that dropped more than 10 inches.  
 "That day we plowed one round, turned around and plowed again," Schmuck said. "Everybody did their routes twice that day."  
 And then more snow fell that weekend, and another several inches fell last week.  
 "We haven't stopped," Schmuck said. "We've been hauling snow, widening streets, cleaning streets, cutting corners..."  
 Schmuck said the city's fleet of snow removal equipment has been getting a workout. It includes four trucks, two payloaders, a motor grader, a skid loader and two lawn mowers equipped with a broom and blower.  
 Each time it snows, all this equipment is deployed. A large snowblower is later employed for cleanup rounds.  
 Schmuck said Public Works employees also spend time maintaining and repairing the equipment — changing cutting edges, replacing sheered pins, etc. — to keep it all moving.  
 On Tuesday, because there hadn't been new snow for a few days, the crews began cutting down intersections so motorists could safely proceed around corners that had been compromised by high snow banks.  
 Even that wasn't a minor task.  
 "It's taking about four truckloads per intersection," Schmuck said Tuesday around noon. "And we're doing every intersection on the major streets, like Dodge, Cedar, North East Park and some others that get heavy traffic."  
 Where is all the snow going?  
 "Well..." Schmuck said. "That's a good question."



This photograph on Lincoln Street illustrates the snow depth in residential neighborhoods in Luverne and the never-ending job of snow removal.

The go-to spot for piling snow is on the west bank of the Rock River behind Redbird Field.  
 This year, that's the spot to haul snow from downtown.  
 Schmuck estimates about 200 truckloads were hauled from downtown alone after the last snow event.  
 Other snow piles from hauled loads are accumulating on the east end of Phyleon Drive, on the soccer fields west of the school, and on several city-owned lots around town that aren't yet developed.  
 Schmuck, who has worked with the city for 23 years, said he doesn't remember a winter like this one since 1997.  
 "That year they pulled me off the

garbage route to move snow for the winter," he said.  
 With the snowiest month still ahead, it's too early to assess winter totals and damages, but as the calendar stretches into March, the severity of the last two months is coming into focus.  
 For perspective, the DNR issued its fish house removal deadlines this week and anglers are having trouble getting them off the snow-covered lakes.  
 Typically the danger this time of year is melting ice and structures falling through.  
 Another point of reference for spring: JJ's Tasty Freeze in Luverne announced it will open for the season on Thursday, March 7.

### School districts consider options for making up snow days/continued from page 1

owe it to our staff to meet their contracts the best we can."  
 H-BC's school board will decide March 11 on how to make up at least an additional two days of lost instructional time.  
 H-BC graduation is still

planned for May 24.  
 The district made revisions to its school calendar on Feb. 11, adding four instructional days.  
 School will be in session April 17, May 30 and an early dismissal day May 31.

Adrian schools have 10 days to make up before ending the current school year.  
 At their Feb. 25 meeting, board officials approved conducting classes on March 15 and April 22 as well as lengthening the school day by

30 minutes.  
 The extra 30-minute schedule began Monday and will continue through April 26.  
 Ellsworth officials will meet March 18 to discuss plans for make-up days.  
 "I have not presented

solutions to the school board at this time only because I do not think winter is done with us yet," said Superintendent John Willey.  
 Officials decided in February to conduct classes April 22, May 28, 29, 30 and 31.

EHS graduation is May 31.  
 State legislators are currently discussing forgiving minutes or even days missed due to weather.  
 "We are as of this time preparing as if no relief will be given," Willey said.



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## Rock County landmark featured in Sunday PBS television program debut

Story and photos by Mavis Fodness

Luverne was one of two cities that hosted a preview event for "Landmarks of Minnesota: Keeping History Alive," a potential new program for Pioneer Public Television.

PBS officials, the program's host, and the producer attended the Feb. 27 preview event at the Palace Theatre.

Madison, Minnesota, hosted a similar event last week.

The 16-minute preview featured six out of the 17 churches, schoolhouses and barns featured in the hourlong documentary that is scheduled to air at 7 p.m. Saturday on Pioneer channel.

Minnesota photographer and author Doug Ohman is the featured narrator and interviewer of everyday people and their connection to a Minnesota landmark.

Ohman of New Hope told an audience of about 90 individuals in Luverne about the year he spent roaming southern Minnesota with videographer and Pioneer Channel's production director Tim Bakken from Appleton.

"Of all the buildings on our land, our churches tell our stories more than any other structure," he said.

Ohman contacted local historical societies, inquir-

ing about landmarks in their area.

Rock County Historical Society president Betty Mann directed Ohman to the Blue Mound Lutheran Church.

The church closed in 1972 and currently conducts a once-a-year service the third Sunday in September, according to Dick Remme, who shared his memories with Ohman in the preview.

Randy Remme and Victoria Smook also shared memories about attending the church located in Vienna Township.

Ohman also stopped at the History Center in Luverne, focusing on the center's display on churches in Rock County. He included his interview with Mann in the documentary.

The preview also featured rural schools and churches in Cottonwood County and a barn in Pipestone County.

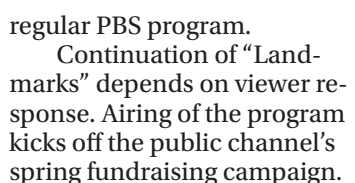
Ohman is an author of 14 books that feature photographs he has taken the past 20 years roaming the state.

His most popular book is "Barns of Minnesota."

Video is a new venue for sharing Ohman's work.

"We wanted to do something to bring his books to life," Bakken said.

The result is the "Landmarks of Minnesota" that Bakken hopes becomes a



**Above:** Victoria Smook (left, standing) tells of her interview experience Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27, with Doug Ohman (right) at a public preview of the documentary "Landmarks of Minnesota: Keeping History Alive" shown at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. **Left:** Dick Remme (left) also shares stories about the Blue Mound Lutheran Church with Doug Ohman. **Below:** Betty Mann (right) talks with author Doug Ohman (left) and production director Tim Bakken.

regular PBS program. Continuation of "Landmarks" depends on viewer response. Airing of the program kicks off the public channel's spring fundraising campaign.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card showers

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

Lawrence and Lorraine Klooster will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 12. Greetings may be sent to them at Parkview Manor, 308 Sherman Avenue, Ellsworth, MN 56129.

## MENU

**Monday, March 11:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, pineapple. Program: 9 a.m. Quilting; Bone Builders. Pinochle.

**Tuesday, March 12:** Honey mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake. Program: Half-Price Day sponsored by Connell Car Care.

**Wednesday, March 13:** Lasagna, California blend vegetables, pears, garlic bread, cookie.

**Thursday, March 14:** Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

**Friday, March 15:** Lemon pepper fish, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, slice pie. Program: Birthday Party; Kitchen Band. Half-Price Day.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at [www.lssmn.org/nutrition](http://www.lssmn.org/nutrition).

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

## 1954: Vote on bonds for new junior-senior high school scheduled for end of month

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

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

To Cost about \$22.30 For Each \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

Continued from last week.

### New School, Two Stories High

The new building will be two stories high with the shops housed in one story units. Besides the regular classrooms, there will be special departments such as science, laboratories, economics rooms, FFA, etc.

The present high school building will be remodeled



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president, Rock County Historical Society

into an elementary building and will include two kindergarten units each consisting of two rooms, changing of several walls to increase the size of the rooms to adapt them to elementary needs, hot lunch facilities and remodeling of heating and ventilating.

The kindergarten rooms will have their own lavatories. The elementary grades

will include kindergarten, and grades one through six while the new building will include grades seven through 12. The new building will be approximately 554 feet long and 340 feet wide at its widest portion. It will be constructed of glass blocks with three foot aluminum windows at the base.

Calling for the bond election capped many months

of research and fact finding on the parts of many persons, both in the rural districts and the city of Luverne.

The architects feel that this is the best possible school that the Luverne board can have built. State department officials were most enthusiastic in their approval of the preliminary plans for the new school and the remodeled elementary school.

It was on the suggestion of the state department of education that the Luverne school board consider converting the present high school to an elementary unit and constructing a new junior-senior high school.

### Interested Groups Work

Throughout the fact finding and laying of preliminary plans, many interested persons voiced their opinions on the school set-up. Many questions and suggestions have been presented at countless school board, consolidation and other meetings.

Even after the bond issue is approved by the voters, the state department of education will have to okay and study each of the final plans with specifications.

During the time of construction a building inspector will be at the site on a full-time basis.

Next step following the okay of the bond issue would be for the architects to complete the final school plans

with specifications and secure the approval from the state department of education.

The Luverne school board would then have to approve the final plans and then call for bids on the actual construction.

If construction were to start in September 1954, the new school would be ready for occupation sometime in the fall of 1955, school officials said.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to [manned@iu.net](mailto:manned@iu.net).

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Luverne author publishes 'Here come Leprechauns'

Local children's author Kathie Hendricks has announced that her second book, "Here Come the Leprechauns," has been released just ahead of St. Patrick's Day.

She said the story is based on a game she and her husband, Bruce, played with their own children when they were little.

"Leprechauns sneak into the Irish homes and make a mess and leave their treats," said Hendricks who is half Irish.

She publishes under the pen name, "Kate Henry," through Christian Faith Publishing in Meadville, Pennsylvania. "Here Come the Leprechauns" and her first book, "Walleyes and Watermelon: the Story of Summer at the Lake," are available at Barnes and Noble in bookstores and online.



## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2009)

Two Luverne suspects are in jail on charges of theft, swindling and possession of counterfeit U.S. currency.

Multiple law enforcement agencies were in Luverne Tuesday to execute search warrants on two Luverne residences.

Arrested were 29-year-old Dennis Prater at 300 1/2 West Bishop Street and 33-year-old Terrence Schaffer at 903 E. Dodge Street. ...

LaDonna Van Aartsen, cashier/operations officer with First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Luverne, sent out an e-mail last week describing the fake \$100 bills.

A Chamber Alert was also issued with the counterfeit information.

"They are bleaching \$5 bills and stamping them as \$100," Van Aartsen said. "The counterfeit pens are not working because they actually are money."

### 25 years ago (1994)

Changes in the post office box numbering system may help the post office run more efficiently in the long run but will undoubtedly cause a few headaches.

Because box holders at the post office have the same box number as those on the rural routes, box numbers inside the post office are being changed to allow more automated sorting by the sorting system in Mankato.

When the new system is completed, Luverne rural routes will be numbered 1 through 350 and the post office box numbers will begin at 500.

### 50 years ago (1969)

Schools in the Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek and Hardwick systems were forced to close for 1 1/2 days again last week as another seven inches of snow fell in Rock County.

Both the Luverne street department and the

county highway department had to start over again after just cleaning up six inches which arrived Feb. 21 "Several county roads were blocked but this last snowfall wasn't bad because it wasn't wet and the wind didn't blow," Don Barth, Rock County Engineer said.

Barth also reports that all county roads are again open but are now posted with weight limits of five or seven tons.

### 75 years ago (1944)

For a second consecutive year, the Luverne Cooperative Creamery Association manufactured over a million pounds of butter, it was reported Tuesday at the annual meeting of the company. This year's volume, 1,030,710 pounds, is the biggest in the history of the organization and is greater by 22,300 pounds than last year's total, according to Louis Gilbertson, manager.

Net earnings of the organization for 1943 were \$11,552.76 when all the expenses were deducted from the gross income. Profits were pro-rated back to the patrons at the rate of 1.14 cents per pound of butterfat sold to the creamery in 1943.

### 100 years ago (1919)

Arrangements are now being perfected for a big gathering of the patriotic people of Rock county to be held in Luverne on Friday evening, March 14, for the purpose of discussing plans for the erection of a structure that will serve the double purpose of an armory for H Co., 5<sup>th</sup> M.I.N.G., and also as a county community building.

The erection of an armory for the county's national guard organization is virtually a settled fact, but there is much sentiment in favor of making the building a more spacious and imposing structure that armory needs alone would require, and having it serve the dual purpose of a community and memorial building in which the county as a whole may have and share.



Submitted photo

Six Luverne High School choir students participated recently in one of three ninth- and 10<sup>th</sup>-grade honor choirs through the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota. The Feb. 14 event concluded with an evening concert at the Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis.

### Students participate in honor choir

By Mavis Fodness

Six Luverne High School students recently participated in the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota 9-10 honor choirs.

Ashton Sandbulte and Josie Golla sang in the mixed choir.

Rylee Gee participated in the soprano-alto choir.

Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy and Ethan Rahm were in the tenor-baritone-bass choir.

Each choir is comprised of more than 100 students.

In November 2018, the students submitted recorded auditions for inclusion in one of the three choirs.

On Feb. 14 the students rehearsed with their respective choirs and then performed an evening concert at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis.

"Hundreds of students auditioned to be in the choirs," said LHS choral director Sena Graber. "I was so pleased that six of my students were chosen to sing in the honor choirs."



## OBITUARIES

### Marie Walraven

Marie Walraven, 96, Hills, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills.

A funeral service was Friday, Feb. 22, at Beaver Creek First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Creek. Burial followed at Flower Field Cemetery in rural Hills.

Marie Barents was born Dec. 12, 1922, to John and Jennie (Levering) Barents in Ireton, Iowa. She received her education and graduated from Ireton High School in 1941. After graduation she worked as a telephone operator.

Marie married Henry Walraven on Oct. 5, 1943. Together they farmed north of Ireton. In 1954 the family moved to Hills.

Marie loved raising flowers and gardening. She enjoyed volunteering at Hope Haven and Tuff Memorial Home. She worked at Tuff Memorial Home, helped at Wally's Nursery and served on the Rock County Rural Water Board. She was involved in Hills Community Club and an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Beaver Creek.



She is survived by three children, Robert (Shirley) Walraven of Hills, Sandra (Gene) Smiraldo of Findlay, Ohio, and Delwyn Walraven of Hills; six grandchildren, Steven Smiraldo of Washington, D.C., Keith Walraven of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Phillip (Elaine) Smiraldo of Findlay, Ohio, Sara (Mark) Dodge of Hartley, Iowa, Nicolas (Jess) Walraven of Lakeside, Arizona, and Lee (Quinn) Walraven of Onalaska, Wisconsin; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Henry Walraven; her son, Terry Walraven; four brothers, John, Gerrit, Julius and Edward Barents; and one sister, Jacoba Nelson.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the family for Marie's favorite mission projects.

Arrangements were provided by Jurens Funeral Home of Hills, jurensfuneralhome.com.

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### Suzanne Michels

Suzanne M. Michels, 64, Eldon, Missouri, died Friday, March 1, 2019, at Lake Regional Health Systems in Osage Beach, Missouri.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

Suzanne Sabag was born June 13, 1954, to Phillip and Norma Jean (Jack) Sabag in Sioux City, Iowa.

She married Steve Michels on Dec. 17, 1983. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Eldon. She was employed as property manager at Willow Creek in



Eldon for many years.

Suzanne is survived by her husband, Steve Michels; sons, Erik Michels of Clarksville, Tennessee, Justin Michels (Ashlee) of Russellville, Missouri; grandchildren, Riley and Bryson Michels; and a brother, Kurt Sabag of San Diego, California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Phillip and Norma Sabag.

Memorials in her name are suggested in care of the family.

Arrangements are provided by Phillips Funeral Home of Eldon.

(0307 F)

### Robert Dunham

Robert Earl "Butch" Dunham, 75, Akeley, died peacefully at home on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, after a very brief battle with cancer.

A celebration of Butch's life will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 11, at First Lutheran Church in Akeley. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Robert "Butch" Dunham was born on Dec. 1, 1943, to Murel and Evelyn (Funk) Dunham in Walker. He attended school in Akeley until 11<sup>th</sup> grade. He joined the Navy and served for four years, from 1961 to 1964.

He married Carole Bowman in November of 1969. They lived in Luverne, where he worked as a park ranger at three different parks for about six years: Blue Mounds State Park, Carley State Park, and Minnesota Valley State Park. During this time they had two children.

They moved to Akeley in 1976 and had two more children. Butch worked on the electrical high lines until he was injured. He divorced in 1987 but continued to live in Akeley. He worked several jobs, from owning and operating a bar to spraying chemicals for weed control to



cooking at the local restaurant until he was forced to retire due to health issues.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cooking, baking, gardening, drinking coffee, visiting with family and friends and just relaxing outside watching cars go by.

He is survived by four children, Jason Dunham (Brandi) of Akeley, Jacalyn Dunham (Charlie) of Maple Plain, Jana Dunham (Matt) of Akeley, and Jessica Dunham of Akeley; seven grandchildren, Zane, Derek, Kaia, Zuri, Nevaya, Deyla, and Keanu a.k.a. "Kokomo"; girlfriend Nancy Grejtak; two sisters, Sue (Todd) Tobias and Dawn Dunham; in-laws Eugenia Dunham and Duane and Cina Pidde; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Devin; his parents, Murel and Evelyn Dunham; brothers Jim, John and Laurel Dunham; sisters Jeanne Schuur, Audrey Pidde and Helen Taylor; brother-in-law Lloyd Schuur; niece Terri Hanson; and nephew Shane Dunham.

Arrangements are provided by Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, www.northernpeace.com.

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### Gene Olson

Gene Stanley Olson, 85, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, in San Diego, California.

A private service was held.

Gene Olson was born on Sept. 4, 1933, to Harry and Serena (Moi) Olson in Luverne. The second to the youngest of six children, he was also the last surviving sibling.

Gene was known for his congenial personality and beautiful tenor voice. He sang for many weddings and funerals in Luverne. He worked in both life insurance and as a stockbroker.

He is survived by his wife, Dee; four children, Stephanie (Ken) Wilbanks, David Olson, Thomas (Kimberley) Olson and Jennifer (Eric) Taulbee; and 10 grandchildren, Alex Wilbanks, Lauren Wilbanks, Katie Joy Olson, Kris Olson, John Olson, AJ Olson, Max Olson, Tanner Olson, Avery Taulbee and Sydney Taulbee.

He was preceded in death by his sisters Harriet Olson Hall and Leona Olson Snell, brothers Odin Olson, Eldon Olson and Kenneth Olson, and his son Steven Olson.

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### Jane Baker Bosch

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

A funeral service was at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 1, at the Reformed Church of Steen. Burial followed in the Eastside Cemetery near Steen.

Jane Jansma was born on Dec. 2, 1936, to Dick and Tena (Jouwstra) Jansma in Rock Rapids, Iowa. She grew up on a farm near Steen, Minnesota. Jane attended school through the eighth grade in Lester, Iowa.

On January 15, 1957, she married Albert Baker at the Steen Reformed Church. The couple settled onto the Baker homestead east of Steen where they farmed and raised their six children. Her husband, Albert, died unexpectedly on his farmland in August of 1991. In 1994 Jane moved into a home that she built in Steen.

On Nov. 20, 1999, she married John Bosch. The couple lived at her home in Steen until Nov. 10, 2018, when she fell and suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury. Following her fall, Jane moved to the Tuff Home in Hills.

Jane was a member of the Steen Reformed Church where she served as the music director for the primary Sunday School department for 25 years. She was an active member of the Women's RCW and volunteered at church wherever she was needed. Jane also spent many hours volunteering at the Hills-Beaver Creek School. In 2002 she received the "Friend of Education" award. She was a member of Extension and active in community events, serving on various committees throughout the years.

Jane's favorite way to spend her time was doing things with her family, whether that be Sunday dinners, fishing, playing cards and board games, enjoying time at the lake, cheering on water fights,

or attending grandchildren's ball games and activities.

Jane is survived by her husband, John Bosch, of Hills; children Glenda (Terry) Sandstede of Steen, Eunice (David) Roozenboom of Steen, Lois (Arlen) Leenderts of Hills, Alan (Vonnice) Baker



of Steen, Laura (Brad) Dykstra of Soda Springs, Idaho, and Tim (Michele) Baker of Harrisburg, South Dakota; 20 grandchildren, Laressa (Justin) Birger, Deanna (Phil) Smith, LaDonna (Nick) Freiborg, Melinda (Chad) Kissell, Alisha Roozenboom, Valerie (Cory) Meinerts, Clint (Stephanie) Roozenboom, Kari (Brett) Quall, Greg (Laura) Leenderts, Tonya (Ryan) Devers, Jessie (Jeremy) Eben, Kilee (Eric) Uittenbogaard, Danielle (Shea) Klooster, Hallie Baker, Alex (Jordan) Dykstra, Tony Dykstra, Cassie Dykstra, Peyton Baker, Karlee Baker and Abby Baker; 26 great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Rane (Kevin) Hagen of Hills, Brad (Linda) Bosch of Steen, Larry (Nicie) Bosch of Steen, Julie (Steve) Peters of Mountain Lake, Troy (Missy) Bosch of Luverne and Kathy (Randy) Fick of Beaver Creek; stepgrandchildren, Cassidy (Jeremiah) Rice, Matthew (Angeli) Hagen, Ana Hagen, Ela Hagen, Joshua (Kyle Snyder) Bosch, Ashley (Jordan) Huisken, Dylan (Krista) Bosch, Brandon Bosch, Jordan Bosch, Janessa Peters, Lexia Peters, Kendra Bosch, Logan Bosch, Taylor Reese, Madison Fick, Sidney Fick and Kenadie Fick; 10 step great-grandchildren; siblings, Joyce Hommes of Rock Rapids and Mary (Ron) Niessink of Luverne; and other family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Baker; infant daughter, Darla Kay; six brothers-in-law and five sisters-in-law.

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

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Twenty-four Luverne High School students earned individual honors Saturday at their own individual speech tournament. As a tradition, the host team does not vie for team honors. Individuals earning honors included (front row, from left) Chance Tunnessen, Shane Berning, (second row, kneeling) Meagan Hansen, Seno Chanthalangsy, Julia Ferguson, Alexa Chesley, Solveig Tofteland, Gretchen Jacobsma, Josie Golla, Melanie Rittenhouse, (third row) Adriana Gonzalez, Courtney Wendland, Xavier Carbonneau, Sage Ver Steeg, Lindsey Roemling, Luke Thorson, Parker Carbonneau, (back) Nicole Hoogland, Jordan Winter, Jonah Louwagie, Naomi Ring, Briana Jonas, Isabel Hoiland and Gunnar Oldre.

### Luverne opts not to vie for team trophy as tournament hosts

#### By Mavis Fodness

As gracious hosts, Luverne students refrained from competing for the team championship trophy at their invitational tournament Saturday, opting instead to only accept individual honors.

Luverne was among the 16 schools and 266 competitors at the daylong event.

"Our students play double duty on this day as well," said coach Caroline Thorson. "Not only do they compete, but they, as hosts, welcome their fellow competitors and help them find rooms and answer any questions others have. They represented our school and community very well."

Twenty-four Luverne

High School students earned medals and ribbons.

- Creative expression: Solveig Tofteland, third; Meagan Hansen, fourth.

- Discussion: Melanie Rittenhouse, first; Alexa Chesley, second.

- Drama: Briana Jonas, red ribbon.

- Duo interpretation: Gretchen Jacobsma and Isabel Hoiland, blue ribbon.

- Extemp reading: Courtney Wendland, first; Nicole Hoogland, second.

- Extemp speaking: Chance Tunnessen, second; Parker Carbonneau, third; Shane Berning, fourth.

- Humorous: Seno Chanthalangsy, first; Gunnar Oldre,

second; Luke Thorson, fifth.

- Great speeches: Jordan Winter; third.

- Original oratory: Lindsey Roemling, first.

- Poetry: Adriana Gonzalez, second; Naomi Ring, fourth.

- Prose: Josie Golla, third; Sage Ver Steeg, blue ribbon.

- Storytelling: Xavier Carbonneau, fourth; Julia Ferguson, blue ribbon; Jonah Louwagie, red ribbon.

Blue and red ribbons are awarded to individuals and teams placing one (seventh) or two (eighth) places out of the final round.

Minnesota was awarded the first-place team trophy, Adrian, second, and Tracy-

Milroy-Balaton, third.

"As per tradition, the host team does not take a team trophy," Thorson said.

Saturday's event was the largest Luverne has hosted in the past five years.

"To date in my tenure, this is the largest tournament in numbers of competitors and schools attending," she said. "We want them to have a positive and competitive experience that will make them want to return year after year. And we feel we are doing that."

Speech students will compete Saturday in Montevideo.

Monday's junior high meet in Adrian was postponed.

Please join the family for a short memorial service and coffee to remember the life of

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## Adrian's Edwards takes second at state

By John Rittenhouse

An Adrian High School junior fell one win short of capturing a state championship at the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Championships at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul Friday and Saturday.

Scott Edwards, who was making his second consecutive appearance at the state classic, pinned his way into the championship match at heavyweight.

Edwards, however, lost by fall in the title tilt to wrap up a 28-2 season.

Edwards qualified for the state tournament by winning the Section 3A title for the second consecutive year.

Hewent 1-2 without placing at state last season, losing one match to Bertha-Hewitt Parkers Prairie entry Craig Orlando.

Orlando won the state heavyweight title last season and became a repeat champion as junior by pinning Edwards in 3:24 of Saturday's championship match.

Edwards and Orlando battled through a scoreless first period before the issue was

settled in the second period. The Adrian standout registered three consecutive pins to earn a berth in the championship match.

Edwards disposed of Royalton-Upsala's Mason Novitzki (38 seconds), Grand Meadow-Le Roy-Ostrander's Clayton Luthe (2:26) and Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City's Tanner Berghuis (2:42) before falling in the finals.

Adrian freshman Brayan Anaya went 2-2 without placing at 106 pounds in St. Paul.

Anaya, who was making his initial appearance at the state tournament, posted a 7-2 win over GM-L-O's Cohen Wistein in the opening match.

Eventual champion Drayden Morton nipped Anaya 5-3 in the quarterfinals.

Anaya bounced back to notch a 4-1 victory over Frazee's Jake Nagel in consolation competition before his 35-7 season came to an end after falling 5-1 to Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunberg's Coy Gunderson.

Gunderson went on to place fourth at 106.



Edwards



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Luverne sophomore guard Bailey Cowell leaves the court before attempting a shot during Saturday's Section 3AA Tournament game in Pipestone. Cowell tossed in 11 points during a 55-44 loss to the Arrows.

## Arrows oust Luverne boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team completed the 2018-19 season Saturday in Pipestone.

The sixth-seeded Cardinals squared off against No. 3 Pipestone for a quarterfinal round game of the South Section 3AA Tournament.

LHS did beat the Arrows in Pipestone early in the regular season, but Pipestone evened the series with a win in Luverne in February.

The rubber game of the season series went to Pipestone, which used a late surge to secure a 55-44 victory over the Cardinals.

Luverne ends the season with an 11-12 record. The tournament game was

a tight battle for most of the night.

Pipestone led by one point at the intermission and sported a two-point advantage with 9:05 left to play in the game.

The Arrows controlled the action in the final nine minutes by outscoring LHS 18-9 to secure an 11-point victory.

Isaiah Bartels drained a three-point shot at the 14:15 mark of the first half to give the Cards a 6-0 lead.

LHS led 9-3 before the Arrows reeled off five consecutive points to make it a 9-8 game with 10:07 remaining in the opening stanza.

A 6-3 spurt ending with a field goal from Bartels at 3:47 gave the Cards a 16-11 lead that was erased when

Pipestone closed the first half with an 8-2 run to sport a 19-18 edge at the intermission.

Bailey Cowell hit one three-point shot and Bartels canned two, including one at the 13:56 mark of the second half that gave LHS a 27-25 lead.

The Arrows countered with a 10-4 run to regain the lead at 35-31 with 9:49 left to play, but Cowell converted a field goal for LHS to make it a two-point difference (37-35) 44 seconds later.

In what proved to be a crucial four-minute span, the Arrows gained control of the game by putting together a 10-2 run that left them sporting a 47-37 advantage with 5:03 remaining.

LHS closed the gap to six

(47-41) when Cowell converted a layup with 3:59 left to play, but Pipestone closed the game with an 8-3 run and led by as many as 14 points (55-41) before prevailing by 11 at game's end.

Bartels and Cowell led the Cards offensively by netting 13 and 11 points respectively.

Derek Lundgren pulled down eight rebounds for Luverne.

**Box score**  
Cowell 4 1 0-0 11, Jacobsma 1 1 0-0 5, Lundgren 1 1 4-6 9, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 2 3 0-1 13, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Golla 0 0 0-0 0, Ahrendt 1 0 4-5 6.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 15 of 44 field goals (34 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 19 rebounds.  
Pipestone: 17 field goals made, 19 of 27 free throws (70 percent).

## E-Gals stun H-BC Friday

By John Rittenhouse

A magical 2018-19 season came to a sudden end for the Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team Friday at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

H-BC, the No. 1 seed for the South Section 3A Tournament, carried a 25-0 record into Friday's championship game at SSU.

Two of those 25 wins came at the expense of Southwest Christian, the tournament's second seed and H-BC's opponent in the title tilt for the second consecutive year.

Considering the Patriots defeated the E-Gals by 18 points in Hills Dec. 21 and by 12 points in Edgerton Feb. 19, H-BC appeared to be primed to win its first postseason title since 2004.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, it didn't pan out that way. SWC never trailed in the title tilt and outscored H-BC in both halves of a 58-46 victory.

The win sends SWC to Friday's Section 3A championship game back in Marshall, while H-BC's 25-1 season comes to a close.

According to Patriot coach Kale Wiertzema, H-BC couldn't get rolling offensively Friday.

The Patriots converted over 40 percent of their field goals in the 25 games prior to Friday's contest, but they struggled shooting the

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Adrian junior post Lance Luettel turned in a 10-point, seven-rebound performance during Saturday's tournament game against Murray County Central in Worthington.

## MCC Rebels eliminate AHS Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team wrapped up the 2018-19 season during the quarterfinal round of the South Section 3A Tournament in Worthington.

Adrian, the tournament's seventh seed, took on No. 2 Murray County Central during the third of four quarterfinal contests staged at WHS Saturday.

The game belonged to the Rebels, who outscored the Dragons by convincing margins in both halves of a 73-41 victory.

Adrian's season ends with a 10-15 record.

MCC scored the first four points of the contest and led 7-2 less than three minutes into

the contest.

Adrian trimmed the difference to three points (7-4) when Lance Luettel scored on the paint at the 13:27 mark of the first half, but that proved to be as close as the Dragons would come to catching the Rebels the rest of the game.

MCC reeled off 14 consecutive points to open a 21-4 advantage with 9:08 left in the opening stanza.

Adrian closed the gap to 14 points at two different occasions as the half progressed, but a late surge by the Rebels left them sporting a 38-17 lead at the intermission.

Adrian's Ian Stamer banked home a three-point shot 1:59 into the second half to make

it an 18-point (40-22) game.

MCC, however, closed the door on the Dragons after that.

A 31-14 run came to an end with the Rebels leading by 35 points (71-36) with 1:49 left to play before settling with a 32-point victory at game's end.

Luettel and Stamer both turned in 10-point, seven-rebound efforts to lead the Dragons statistically.

**Box score**  
Reyne 1 0 4-66, Weidert 1 1 1-26, Wilson 0 0 0-0, Stamer 2 2 0-10, Vortherms 0 0 0-0, John 0 2 0-0-6, Domeyer 0 0 0-0 0, Rahe 0 1 0-0-3, Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 4 0 2-3 10.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 14 of 66 field goals (21 percent), seven of 12 free throws (58 percent), 25 rebounds, 13 turnovers.  
MCC: 29 of 62 field goals (47 percent), five of 10 free throws (50 percent), 40 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

## Southwest Christian sidelines EHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team bowed out of the South Section 3A Tournament during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

The odds were stacked against the eighth-seeded Panthers when they locked horns with No. 1 Southwest Christian.

EHS was unable to stage an upset as the Eagles rolled to a 77-40 victory.

The Panthers end the 2018-19 season with a 5-18 record. SWC scored the first five points of the game before Ellsworth's Sean Boltjes registered a field goal in the paint at the 15:51 mark of the first half to make it a 5-2 difference.

The Eagles, however, went on a 15-4 run moments later to open a 20-6 cushion.

A field goal by Ellsworth's Noah Kruse made it a 20-10 game with 9:07 left to play in the first half, and the Panthers faced a 22-12 deficit with less than 8:30 remaining in the stanza.

SWC took control of the game at that point as the Eagles went on a 27-10 run to gain a 49-22 lead they would take into the second half with 13 seconds left in the opening stanza.

The Eagles scored the first four points of the second half before Ellsworth's Brandon Kramer converted a field goal at the 15:11 mark to make it a 26-point (53-27) difference.

SWC went on to outscore the Panthers 24-13 the rest of the game to prevail by 27 points at game's end.

Ellsworth, which was plagued by 32 turnovers in the game, received 12-point efforts from Kramer and Anthony Lenz.

Kramer pulled down eight rebounds for EHS.



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Ellsworth senior guard Sean Boltjes drives to the basket during Saturday's tournament loss to SWC in Worthington.

**Box score**  
C. Boltjes 0 0 0-2 0, Popkes 0 0 0-0 0, Kruse 30 1-27, Lenz 5 0-2-12, S. Boltjes 1 0 0-2, K. Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Onken 0 0 0-0, Jansma 1 1 0-0-5, Bossert 0 0 0-0 0, S. Kramer 0 0 0-0 0, Boyenga 1 0 0-2

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 16 field goals made, seven of 15 free throws (47 percent), 23 rebounds, 37 turnovers.



## Winter season comes to an abrupt end

The 2018-19 winter sports season came to an over the weekend for athletes from the Star Herald coverage area.



### FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

The campaign ended on a positive note for an Adrian High School junior, but five basketball teams from Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth went a combined 0-5 during a fruitless weekend.

I have to tip my hat to Adrian's Scot Edwards, who turned in a sensational showing at the state wrestling tournament.

Edwards entered the event as the state's second-ranked heavyweight in Class A and he finished second in that weight class on Saturday.

I'm sure the AHS stand-out was a little disappointed after being pinned in the second period of the championship match by two-time state champion Craig Orlando, but there's no reason for Edwards to be hanging his head.

He registered three consecutive pins to reach the state championship match and finished the year with a gaudy 28-2 record.

That's a pretty impressive showing by a guy who will be expected to contend for a state championship next year.

I knew the season would be complete for Edwards on Saturday, but I didn't think the basketball season would end for the five area teams that remained alive entering the weekend.

In fact, I was absolutely convinced the H-BC girls would win their first South Section 3A title since 2004 when they squared off against Southwest Christian Friday.

H-BC, after all, defeated SWC twice during the regular season by 18- and 12-point margins and carried a 25-0 record into the championship game.

Unfortunately for the Patriots, things didn't fall in their favor against SWC. An inconsistent night

shooting the ball by the Patriots opened the door for the E-Gals, and they took advantage of the situation by outscoring the Patriots by six points in both halves of a 58-46 victory.

With H-BC's stunning loss on Friday, I was seeking an upset when four area boys' teams took the court on Saturday.

That simply didn't happen.

Ellsworth, H-BC and Adrian lost consecutive games in Section 3A competition against higher-seeded teams in Worthington.

All three games ended with decisive losses for the area squads.

My final chance to see the winter season continue came when the LHS boys squared off against the Pipestone Arrows in Pipestone Saturday night.

Considering the teams split games in the regular season, I had no reason to believe the Cardinals couldn't post a win in Pipestone for the second time this campaign.

It looked like it might happen when the Cards sported a two-point lead 4:04 into the second half, and I remained a believer when LHS faced a two-point deficit with 9:05 left to play.

As fate would have it, hopes of covering another game this winter disappeared when Pipestone outscored LHS 18-9 the rest of the way to secure an 11-point win.

Saturday was a disappointing day for me, but there's nothing left for me to do besides gear up for the spring season.

That is if spring actually arrives here in Southwest Minnesota this year.

## Knights end H-BC's basketball season

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys were unable to extend the basketball season when they opened the South Section 3A Tournament Saturday in Worthington.

The fifth-seeded Patriots and the fourth-seeded Russell-Tyler-Ruthon Knights made their tournament debuts during the quarterfinals at WHS.

It was the Knights from R-T-R that earned the right to play again by saddling the Patriots with a 72-44 setback.

H-BC ends the 2018-19 season with a 13-11 record.

After R-T-R scored the first four points of the contest, H-BC senior Preston Wilhelmi drilled a three-point shot to make it 4-3 less than two minutes into the contest.

Unfortunately for H-BC, that would be as close as the Patriots would come to sporting a lead in the contest.

Although H-BC junior forward Jax Wysong burned the nets for 13 points in the opening stanza, the Patriots couldn't keep pace with the Knights.

R-T-R gradually expanded its lead to 25 points (37-12) with 1:52 remaining in the opening stanza before settling with a 41-18 advantage when the first half was complete.

The second half didn't get much better for the Patriots.

Wyatt Westrum did score the first two points of the second half for H-BC to make it a 41-20 game.

R-T-R, however, countered



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Hills-Beaver Creek junior Jax Wysong scored a team-high 21 points during Saturday's 72-44 loss to Russell-Tyler-Ruthon in the quarterfinals of the South Section 3A Tournament in Worthington.

with a 13-2 run to open a commanding 54-22 cushion.

Field goals from Wilhelmi and Wysong trimmed the difference to 27 points in the middle stages of the second half before R-T-R expanded the lead to 32 points.

H-BC's Cole Baker turned a steal into a layup to trim the difference to 25 points (69-44)

with 50 seconds remaining, but the Knights scored the final three points of the contest to prevail by 28 counters.

Wysong netted a team-high 21 points for H-BC, while Wilhelmi chipped in 10 points.

Kyle Kueter blocked five shots for the Patriots.

Box score  
Harnack 0 0 0-1 0, Baker 1 0 0-0 2,

Deelstra 0 0 1-2 1, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Westrum 2 0 0-2 4, Wilhelmi 2 2 0-0 10, Bork 1 0 0-0 2, Z. Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, J. Wysong 10 0 1-4 21, Kueter 1 0 2-4 4, Steensma 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics  
H-BC: 19 of 55 field goals (35 percent), four of 15 free throws (27 percent), 17 rebounds, 11 turnovers.  
R-T-R: 28 of 66 field goals (42 percent), 14 of 22 free throws (64 percent), 21 rebounds, nine turnovers.

## Three Cardinals rake in postseason honors

By John Rittenhouse

Three members of the Luverne High School girls' hockey program raked in postseason honors from Big South Conference officials last week.

Two Cardinal players made the 2018-19 All-BSC squad, while another LHS athlete drew honorable mention.

Freshman Reghan Bork and eighth-grader Kamryn Van Batavia captured two of the 13 roster spots on the all-league team.

Junior Claire Baustian is one of seven players to receive honorable mention.

Marshall and New Ulm led all teams by collecting three all-conference selections.

Seniors Sydney Mauch and Olivia Peterson and sophomore Emma Klanken made the team for the Tigers, while seniors Elle Cooper and Ashtyn Wiltscheck and junior Molly Scheid represent the Eagles.

Fairmont freshman Mackenzie Householder, Minnesota River senior Whitney Weick, Waseca junior Jayde Pederson, Windom senior



John Rittenhouse photo/0307 lhs hockey photo

Luverne's Reghan Bork (middle) and Kamryn Van Batavia (right) made the 2018-19 All-Big South Conference Girls' Hockey Team. Claire Baustian (left) received honorable mention.

Anna Volk and Worthington sophomore Ashton Folgelman round out the all-league team. Others drawing honorable

mention include Marshall sophomore Kaitlyn Timm, Minnesota River junior Keely Olness, New Ulm seniors Mad-

eline Gagand Cassie Reed and Worthington Trojan junior Kya Nickel.

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ball consistently against SWC. The E-Gals limited H-BC to 30 percent shooting from the field.

SWC took advantage of the situation by outscoring H-BC by six points in each half of the game.

The E-Gals led 26-20 after 18 minutes of play before turning a 32-26 scoring cushion in the second half into a 12-point victory.

Sidney Fick (14 points) and Grace Bundesen (11 points, eight rebounds and five assists) led the Patriots on offense.

Whitney Elbers (12 rebounds

and four blocked shots), Abby Knobloch (eight rebounds) and Kenadie Fick (five rebounds) played sold games as well.

Box score  
K. Fick 11 0-0-5, Rauk 11 1-2-6, Spath 1 0-0-2, Hagen 0 0-0-0, Knobloch 3 0-0-0 6, S. Fick 5 1-1-3 14, Bundesen 3 1-2-2 11, Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 1 0 0-2-2.

Team statistics  
H-BC: 19 of 64 field goals (30 percent), four of nine free throws (44 percent), 40 rebounds, 14 turnovers.  
SWC: 20 of 53 field goals (38 percent), 15 of 20 free throws (75 percent), 36 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

## BOWLING NEWS

### Thursday Bowling National League Feb. 28

Games won: Bam Bams 4; Kougarettes 3; Three People 3; Don't Know 1; Three Chumps 1; Three Hole Surprise 0.  
High Scratch Game Men: Zach Runia 232; Landon Runia 223.  
High Scratch Game Women: Marie Opheim 182; Kathy Matson 155.  
High Scratch Series Men: Zach Runia 638; Mike Hoover 562.

High Scratch Series Women: Marie Opheim 477; Kathy Matson 420.  
Team High Scratch Game: Don't Know 566; Three People 504.  
Team High Scratch Series: Don't Know 1496; Three People 1416.  
Team High Handicap Game: Don't Know 674; Three People 655.  
Team High Handicap Series: Kougarettes 1887; Three People 1869.

## SPORTS BRIEF

### Coach honored

A Luverne High School mentor recently received an award from his coaching peers.

Tony Sandbulte, the head coach of the LHS girls' hockey team, was named the 2018-19 Section 3A Girls' Hockey Coach of the Year.

It was the third time Sandbulte received the honors as the girls' coach.

He also was named the Section 3A Boys' Hockey Coach of the Year when he led the Cardinal boys to their first section title game during the 2011-12 season.

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# H-BC routs MCC to earn shot at title

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team moved into the South Sub-Section 3A championship game for the second consecutive season Feb. 26 in Worthington.

The top-seeded Patriots met No. 4 Murray County Central for the third time this season during the tournament's semifinal round at WHS.

For the third consecutive time, H-BC dominated the Rebels in the process to securing an 86-46 victory.

The win sent the 25-0 Patriots to Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Friday, where they met No. 2 Southwest Christian for the tournament title.

H-BC faced little resistance from the Rebels in the semifinals.

MCC did score the first two points of the game, but the rest of the night belonged to the Patriots.

A 9-0 run ending with a three-point play from Grace Bundesen erased MCC's early edge and gave the Patriots a seven-point cushion.

MCC scored five of the next seven points to make it an 11-7 game, but the Patriots countered with a 13-4 run to open a 24-11 lead when Abby Knobloch drained a field goal at the 11:31 mark of the first half.

The difference stood at 10 points (24-10) when the Patriots put the game away.

H-BC went on a 23-5 run ending with a field goal from



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Hills-Beaver Creek senior Grace Bundesen puts up a shot between a pair of Murray County Central defenders during a tournament victory at Worthington High School Feb. 26.

Knobloch with 50 seconds left that gave H-BC a 47-19 lead they would take into the second half.

Knobloch played a key role in H-BC's successful opening stanza.

After missing her first shot of the night, Knobloch (nine rebounds and five assists) burned the nets for 20 of her 24 points in the first half.

MCC was unable to offer a

challenge to the Patriots in the second half, when H-BC completed a 40-point rout by outscoring the Rebels 39-27.

Sidney Fick, who pulled down 10 rebounds in the game, tossed in 17 of her game-high 30 points in the second half.

Whitney Elbers (13 points and 13 rebounds) and Bundesen (11 points and, nine rebounds and four assists) played big games for H-BC

as well.

**Box score**  
K.Fick 1 0 0-0 2, Rauk 2 0 0-0 4, Birger 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 0 0 0-0 0, Knobloch 5 3 5-8 24, S.Fick 2 8 2-2 30, Bundesen 5 0 1-1 11, Boltjes 1 0 0-0 2, Moser 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 6 0 1-2 13.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 33 of 68 field goals (49 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 57 rebounds, 10 turnovers.  
MCC: 17 of 64 field goals (27 percent), seven of 12 free throws (58 percent), 28 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

# Panther boys reach quarterfinals with home win

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team advanced to the quarterfinal round of the South Section 3A Tournament by registering a victory over Fulda during an opening round game in Ellsworth Thursday.

The eighth-seeded Panthers played a strong second half, and that proved to be the difference during a 68-52 victory over the Raiders.

EHS faced a 34-32 deficit after 18 minutes of play, but the Panthers rallied to outscore Fulda 36-18 in the second half to earn a shot at top-seeded Southwest Christian during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

The Panthers scored the first seven points of the second stanza to sport a 39-34 advantage when Grant Jansma buried a three-point shot 2:26 into the half.

Fulda closed the margin to one point (42-41) at the 12:22 mark of the stanza before EHS put together a 13-5 run ending with a field goal from Anthony



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Ellsworth senior guard Noah Kruse lifts a shot over Fulda's Brandon Clausen during Thursday's tournament game in Ellsworth. Kruse scored 17 points during a 68-52 victory.

Lenz that gave the Panthers a nine-point (55-46) with 7:04

left to play. The Panthers never lost control of the game in the final seven minutes and prevailed by 16 when Noah Kruse

capped the scoring with a pair of charity shots that came with 1:10 left in the game.

Both teams sported slim leads in the first seven minutes of a first half that was eventually tied at 13.

Fulda led by four (19-15) at the 9:50 mark, but EHS moved in front by five (28-23) when Jansma capped a 13-4 run with a three-point shot with 5:22 remaining in the stanza.

The Raiders closed the half with an 11-4 surge to lead by two at the intermission.

Kruse (17 points and 10 rebounds), Jansma (14 points, five rebounds and three steals), Brandon Kramer (12 points and 11 rebounds), Kade Boltjes (11 points) and Lenz (10 points, six rebounds and four assists) led the Panthers to victory.

**Box score**  
C.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Lewis 0 0 0-0 0, Popkes 0 0 0-0 0, Kruse 4 1 6-6 17, Lenz 5 0 0-0 10, K.Boltjes 3 1 2-4 11, Onken 0 0 0-0 0, Jansma 1 4 0-0 14, Bossert 0 0 0-0 0, S.Kramer 1 0 0-1 2, B.Kramer 6 0 0-1 12, Boyenga 1 0 0-0 2, Nave 0 0 0-0 0.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 27 of 52 field goals (52 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 45 rebounds, six turnovers.

# Witte graces gymnastics list

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School junior made the 2018-19 All-Big South Conference Western Division Gymnastics Team.

Meghan Witte, Luverne's top performer most of the season, is one of 15 members of the all-league squad.

This is the second consecutive season Witte has earned all-conference honors.

Division champion Worthington led all teams with five all-conference selections.

Senior Taylor Eggers, juniors McKenna Prunty and Kara Thuringer, sophomore Gracia Elias and seventh-grader Hali Bullerman repre-

sent the Trojans on the roster. Redwood Valley drew three all-conference selections.

Junior Emma Stevenson, sophomore Riley Franklin and seventh-grader Avery Wilson cracked the list for the Cardinals.

Jackson County Central and Windom landed two all-conference selections.

JCC freshman Carson Schneekloth and eighth-grader Payten Benda made the team, as did Windom senior Mareah Carlson and freshman Brooklyn Paulson.

Marshall freshman Saphi McFarquhar and Pipestone eighth-grader Kindra Douty round out the roster.



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# Dragon boys prevail in tourney debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team passed its first test of the South Section 3A Tournament Thursday in Adrian.

The seventh-seeded Dragons met No. 10 Heron Lake-Okabena for an opening round game in Adrian.

The game was a tight one through 18 minutes of play, but Adrian dominated the action in the second half and pulled away to secure a 72-53 win.

The victory gave the Dragons a chance to face No. 2 Murray County Central during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

The Wildcats challenged the Dragons during the first half of an opening round game that ended with AHS sporting a

31-30 edge.

Adrian went on to outscore HL-O 41-23 in the second half to nail down a 72-53 victory.

Noah Reyne (30 points and 13 rebounds) and Lance Luettel (22 points and 11 rebounds) led the Dragons to victory.

Ian Stamer and Christian Weidert added seven and five rebounds to the winning cause respectively.

**Box score**  
Reyne 8 1 11-17 30, Weidert 1 0 1-3 3, Stamer 1 0 4-4 6, Vortherms 0 0 0-0 0, John 0 0 0-0 0, Domeyer 2 1 1-1 8, Rahe 0 1 0-0 3, Frodermann 0 0 0-0 0, Schnoor 0 0 0-0 0, Luettel 10 0 2-6 22.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 25 of 59 field goals (42 percent), 19 of 31 free throws (61 percent), 40 rebounds, 19 turnovers.  
HL-O: 19 of 65 field goals (29 percent), five of 11 free throws (45 percent), 21 rebounds, 21 turnovers.



## Panthers post fourth win of regular season

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team completed a 4-17 regular season on a winning note by upending the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen 62-46 in Edgerton.

The Panthers sported a modest 29-23 lead after 18 minutes of play before outscoring Edgerton 33-23 in the second half to secure a 16-point win.

Payton Lewis (18 points), Anthony Lenz (11 points and five assists), Noah Kruse (10 points and 15 rebounds) and Brandon Kramer (five rebounds) turned in key performances for the winners.

## Chargers upend Adrian boys in Westbrook

The Adrian boys' basketball team wrapped up a 9-14 regular season by taking a 74-41 setback from Westbrook-Walnut Grove in Westbrook.

The Chargers raced to a 49-20 lead in the first half and outscored the Dragons 25-21 in the second half to prevail by 33 points.

Christian Weidert (11 points and five rebounds), Ian Stamer (10 points and five rebounds) and Noah Reyne (four steals) led the Dragons statistically in the contest.

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Friday, March 8: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. Sunday, March 10: 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:50-11:50 a.m. Family Education. 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Pancake breakfast fundraiser. 7 p.m. Girls Night/Guys Night. Monday, March 11: 9 a.m. Playtime at ARC. 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Tuesday, March 12: Noon Staff Meeting. 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory Meeting. Wednesday, March 13: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups. 7 p.m. Rachel Circle; Praise Team. Thursday, March 14: 9 a.m. Classis Meeting at First Reformed, Edgerton.

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## What is the purpose of Lent?

Lent is late this year (which means a late Easter), but the coming of March finally ushers us into this season of repentance and preparation. I often get questions about the meaning of Lent — what it's for and where it came from.

Here is some brief background.

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or a graduation, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' death and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

The practice of a 40-day preparation period began early in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number "40" carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent wandering in the wilderness and Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness when he was challenged by temptations.

The 40 days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue until Easter, not counting Sundays (which are always meant to celebrate Christ's resurrection). In practice, many congregations choose to focus Sunday worship on the themes of repentance, renewal and rekindling connection to Christ.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith on Easter Sunday; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to freshly celebrate the resurrection

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## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

of their Savior. As such, the primary focus of the season is to explore and deepen our identity as Christians.

I was recently reading some articles about good questions for individuals and/or congregations to consider during Lent. One was: What is your congregation's story or history? This one offers the collective opportunity to reflect on the faithfulness of past church members as well as key congregational events with a view toward freshly seeing the care of God.

Another question was addressed more to individuals: Are you stuck at a place of spiritual plateau and what will re-energize your faith?

The third was: What message of hope in the resurrection do you or your congregation need to hear this year? I thought that one was especially good since my congregation recently finished reading through First Corinthians 15 — Paul's great resurrection chapter. This particular chapter explores the meaning and implications of Christ's resurrection.

As a result, my first Lenten invitation to all people would be to read this very significant passage (1 Corinthians 15:1-58) several times during Lent and reconsider how the resurrection of Jesus Christ changed everything!

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# Star Herald PUBLIC NOTICES

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## Rock County Commissioners meet Feb. 5

Herleid Board Room

9:00

A.M.

Rock County Courthouse  
ary 5, 2019

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The meeting was called order by Chair Burger with all commissioners present; also in attendance were Administrator Kyle Oldre and Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the February 05, 2019 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the January 22, 2019 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

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

- 2019 Transit Agreement between UCAP and Rock County
- Contract Renewal w/Safe Assure - \$6,832.44

George Bonnema and Renee Reu, Representatives of the Luverne Senior Citizens Center, presented an activity date and a building renovation project. Bonnema stated that he has spearheaded a new leadership team and is in the process to re-brand their name to reflect the image of active adults over the age of sixty; his efforts are working as membership is increasing. Bonnema also stated that they are moving forward with a fundraising campaign for a building renovation as the current structure is inadequate to fit the needs of their new mission and non-compliant for building code issues; a project estimate is at \$2 million and they are requesting \$150,000 from Rock County. After discussion, it was the consensus of the County Board to contribute to the fundraising project and deferred the request to the Budget Committee to develop an contribution recommendation in the 2020 budget. The County Board was informed that April 1st is the Fundraising Kickoff at Grand Prairie Event Center.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$800.00; motion by Reisch, 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.

FEBRUARY 5, 2019 CLAIMS OVER \$2,000

A & B BUSINESS INC	\$4,901.78
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	2,978.54
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,436.71
MAILFINANCE	2,928.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	4,106.29
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	9,502.50
SAFEASSURE CONSULTANTS INC	6,382.44
SW MN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD	4,000.00
ZUERCHER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	19,963.95
60 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	24,496.09
TOTAL	\$84,696.30

The Auditor/Treasurer presented the Fund Balance report which reflected the bond payments for 2019; motion by Williamson, seconded by Burger, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded Williamson, to approve the 2019 Boards & Committee appointments, declared carried on a voice vote.

### Advocate Education Connect

Sherri Thompson  
Greg Burger (Alternate)

### Extension Committee

Gary Overgaard  
Stan Williamson  
Tom Sandager  
Stacie Mente  
Matt Jessen  
Nate Golla  
Kyle Hemme  
Teresa Kingsinger

### Airport

Greg Burger  
Paul Dougherty  
Melvin Fick

### Judicial Ditch Advisory Board

Stan Williamson  
Gary Overgaard  
Eugene Peterson  
Dean Wenzel  
Roger Brockberg  
Robert Williamson

### AS400 Computer Committee

Kyle Oldre  
Ashley Kurtz  
Tom Houselog  
Shawn Sweeney  
Lana Henrichs

### Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed

Anthony Boyenga

### Association of Minnesota Counties

All Commissioners  
Kyle Oldre  
Mark Sehr  
Susan Skattum

### Law Library Committee

Jody Reisch  
Tim Connell  
Damon Eisma

### AMC Policy Committees

Environmental & Natural Resources – Overgaard  
General Government – Reisch  
Health & Human Svcs – Thompson  
Public Safety – Burger  
Transportation – Williamson

### Luverne City/County Liaison Committee

Jody Reisch  
Gary Overgaard  
Kyle Oldre

### AMC District VIII Committees

Ag & Transportation – Overgaard  
Ag & Rural Development Task Force- Burger & Overgaard  
ATP – Burger (alternate)  
Land Use – Overgaard  
Health & Human Services - Thompson

### Luverne Community Economic Development Corporation

Jody Reisch  
Kyle Oldre (Alternate)

### Audit Committee

Greg Burger  
Jody Reisch  
Kyle Oldre  
Susan Skattum  
Ashley Kurtz  
Lana Henrichs

### Lyon County Regional Landfill

Gary Overgaard  
Greg Burger (Alternate)

### Budget Committee

Greg Burger  
Jody Reisch  
Kyle Oldre  
Ashley Kurtz  
Susan Skattum

### Multi County HRA

Jody Reisch

### Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad Authority

Stan Williamson  
Sherri Thompson  
Kyle Oldre, Exe Sec  
Ashley Kurtz, Treas  
Susan Skattum

### Personnel Committee

Greg Burger  
Jody Reisch  
Jeff Haubrich  
Kyle Oldre  
Daryl Fuerstenberg  
Steve Baumgard  
Arlyn Gehrke  
Ashley Kurtz

### Buildings Committee

Jody Reisch  
Stan Williamson  
Kyle Oldre

### Personnel Board of Appeals

Craig Oftedahl  
John Call  
Todd Holthaus

### Children's Justice Initiative

Stan Williamson  
SWHHS Rep

### Private Industry Council Chief Elected Officials Board

Sherri Thompson

### Compliance Committee

Eric Hartman  
Ashley Kurtz  
Tom Houselog

### Planning & Zoning Committee

Gary Overgaard  
Cliff Schilling  
Brad Petersen  
Gordon Mulder  
Gawaine Dekievers  
Mark Vander Pol  
Mary Thompson (non-voting member)  
Eric Hartman (non-voting member)  
Don Klosterbuer (non-voting member)

### 911 Committee

Greg Burger  
Evan Verbrugge  
Aaron Blank  
Dave Van Batavia  
Kyle Oldre  
Harlan Vande Kieft  
Jeff Bass  
John Call

### Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments

Cliff Schilling  
Brad Petersen  
Gordon Mulder  
Gawaine Dekievers  
Mark Vander Pol

### Economic Development Committee

Jody Reisch  
Sherri Thompson

### Plum Creek Library Committee

Jody Reisch  
Greg Burger (Alternate)

### Rock/Pipestone County Collaborative

Jody Reisch  
SWHHS Rep

Scott Johnson  
PIC Representative  
Todd Holthaus  
Neal Steffl  
Craig Oftedahl  
Jon Ramlo  
Kia Harris  
Kyle Oldre

### Rock County Community Library

Jody Reisch  
Barbie Meinerts  
(District 1 Rep)  
Molly Carbonneau  
(District 3 Rep)  
Holly Anderson  
Vonnice Nergaard

### Rock County EDA Study Committee

Jody Reisch  
Gary Overgaard  
City of Beaver Creek Rep  
City of Hardwick Rep  
City of Hills Rep  
City of Jasper Rep  
City of Kenneth Rep  
City of Luverne Rep  
City of Magnolia Rep  
City of Steen Rep  
Tammy Johnson, HRA Rep  
Lynette Elbers, Clinton Township Rep  
Brian Jonas, Vienna Township Rep  
Peter Bakken, Beaver Creek Township Rep

### Rock County Opportunities

Stan Williamson

### Rock County/HBC School Liaison

Stan Williamson  
Jody Reisch  
Kyle Oldre  
Ali Breuer  
Scott Johnson  
Don Klosterbuer  
Evan Verbrugge

### Rock County/Luverne School Liaison

Sherri Thompson  
Gary Overgaard  
Kyle Oldre  
Stacy Schepel  
Scott Johnson  
Don Klosterbuer  
Evan Verbrugge

### Rock/Nobles Community Corrections

Advisory Board  
Greg Burger  
Jody Reisch  
Don Klosterbuer  
Jon Ramlo  
Evan Verbrugge

### Rock/Nobles Community Corrections

Executive Board  
Greg Burger  
Jody Reisch  
Evan Verbrugge

### Rock County Rural Water

Stan Williamson  
Paul Hieronimus  
Shelia Steinhoff  
Vernon VandenBerg  
Eric Hoime  
Wayne Thompson  
Scott Loosbrock

The Administrator presented an update regarding the development of an Economic Development Commission (EDA) and recommended the adoption of Resolution No. 03-19, Establishing a Study Committee for the consideration of an Economic Develop Authority; motion by Williamson, seconded by Overgaard, to approve Resolution No. 03-19, declared carried on a voice vote. As per the resolution, the first meeting of the EDA Study Committee is scheduled for February 19, 2019.

The Administrator also recommended entering into a contract with the Southwest Regional Development Commission for Technical Assistance in facilitating the EDA Study Committee meetings at a cost \$90/hour with a not to exceed amount of \$1,500; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was informed and invited to participate in ALICE (active shooter) training at the Courthouse site conducted by the Rock County Sheriff's Office on February 5th at 5:00PM.

The County Board was informed that the Rock County Board of Equalization is scheduled for June 18, 2019 at 7:00PM; it was determined the regular scheduled meeting of June 18 will begin at a time to be determined (late afternoon) to coincide with the Board of Equalization meeting.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Luverne Economic Development Commission and City/County Liaison.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she had no report.

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Rock County Opportunities, Prairie Rose Grant Committee, Cattlemen's Banquet.

Commissioner Overgaard stated that he attended the following meetings and events: City/County Liaison, Aggregate, Cattlemen's Banquet.

Commissioner Burger stated that he attended the following meetings and events: Southern Prairie Community Care, and Cattlemen's Banquet.

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

(3-07)

## ISD #2184 School Board meets Jan. 24

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on January 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried. It was noted the CEO Showcase presentation has been postponed to the February 28 meeting.

Community input this evening was Scott Viesman regarding recycling within the school district. Joel Bornhoft and Ryan Murphy with ICS/JLG reviewed the building project with the School Board members.

Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Jarchow, to approve the School Board minutes of December 20, 2018, and January 7, 2019, as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl conducted the Oath of Office for Katie Baustian, Eric Hartman, and Jodi Bosch.

Chairperson Katie Baustian called for the nomination of officers of the School Board. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, for Jodi Bosch to be the Chairperson, Eric Hartman to be the Vice-Chairperson, Tim Jarchow to be the Clerk, and Reva Sehr to be the Treasurer. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Deutsch, sec-

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ond by Baustian, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,097,962.13. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Baustian, second by Jarchow, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of December 31, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

The School Board committee assignments were reviewed. It was suggested that Eric Hartman move from the Facilities Committee to the Personnel Committee as he is now the School Board Vice-Chairperson. Member Baustian will then move from the Personnel Committee to the Facilities Committee. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to set the 2019 School Board Committees as noted. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Jarchow, to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE**

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the School District dictates that the School Board must reduce expenditures, and,  
WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and

WHEREAS, this (reduction of expenditures) and (decrease in student enrollment) must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and,

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contract must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions (to effectuate economies in the School District and reduce expenditures) and, (as a result of reduction in enrollment), make recommendations to the School Board for discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Sandbulte, to approve the purchase of one Thomas 71-passenger school bus through MN State School Bus Cooperative Purchasing. Cost of bus is \$97,743.57 less \$2,130.00 (trade-in of bus #45) for a total purchase price of \$95,613.57. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Hartman, to set a bid date of March 22, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. to receive bids for hospitalization insurance. Motion unanimously carried.

The following asbestos removal bids were received on January 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

COMPANY	TOTAL BID
Envirobate Minneapolis, MN	\$787,500.00
Sheltermtech St. Paul, MN	\$259,870.00

It was noted that our MacNeil Environmental representative did review the bids and did verify the large discrepancy in the bids. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to accept the bid from Sheltermtech for asbestos abatement in the amount of \$259,870.00. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the Custodial Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Baustian, second by Hartman, to approve the Paraprofessional/Food Service/Admin. Asst. Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the Alternative School Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Jarchow, to approve the ECFE/School Readiness/Discovery Time Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Baustian, to approve the Licensed Staff Preliminary Seniority List as presented. This list will be posted

for 30 days for the staff to review. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to approve a medical long-term leave of absence request from Lacey Sik, para-professional, beginning January 1, 2019, for the remainder of the school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Judy Knutson as long-term substitute paraprofessional beginning January 21, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Deutsch, to accept the resignation of Shawn Kinsinger as paraprofessional effective January 11, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Baustian, second by Sandbulte, to approve a medical leave of absence request from Kari Lais, Health teacher, for six weeks beginning January 23, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the hiring of Jodi Nelson as long-term substitute Health teacher for six weeks beginning January 23, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Committee reports were given. It was noted the Personnel Committee met with the teachers in a Meet and Confer session.

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

Dated: January 24, 2019

Tim Jarchow, Clerk  
(03-07)

## Rock County seeks bridge replacement bids by April 1

**BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING / S.A.P. 067-598-020 ETC.**

**BIDS CLOSE @ 11:00 A.M. APRIL 1ST, 2019  
LIVERNE, MINNESOTA**

Sealed \*Bid Packets\* will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Monday April 1st, 2019.

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

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must comply with the Special Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions & Wage Rates 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, April 2nd, 2019 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridges 67K36; 67K38 & 67K45 / PCST. Box Culverts.

The Major Quantities of Work are: 96 Ft. of 12' x 5' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 108 Ft. of 12' x 6' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 108 Ft. of 14' x 5' PCST. Box Culvert + 4 End Sections; 2,257 Cu. Yds. Aggregate Backfill & Bedding; 363 Tons Rock Bedding; 317 Tons Random Riprap Class 3; 3,125 Sq. Yds. Remove Pavement; 1,730 Tons Aggregate Base Class 5 & 564 Tons Bit. Wear & Non-Wear Course Mixture.

Plans, specifications and proposals may be viewed and downloaded on Quest at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) and at the Rock County Highway Department website, [www.co.rock.mn.us/highway](http://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.

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 067-598-020, Etc."

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

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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.  
Rock County Highway Engineer  
(3-07, 3-14, 3-21)

## Rollag petition for descent

**DISTRICT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE COURT DIVISION  
Court File No. 67-PR-19-62**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ROCK**

**In Re: Estate of  
Natalie Serenity Rollag, a/k/a Maxine Jane Carlson,  
Deceased**

**ORDER FOR HEARING  
PETITION FOR DESCENT  
OF PROPERTY**

The petition of Paul Carlson, dated the 6th day of February, 2019, having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting that the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons entitled thereto.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That said Petition be heard on Monday, the 25th day of March, 2019, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, State of Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204.

Dated, February 26, 2019

/s/ Terry S. Vajrgt, District Court Judge  
/s/ Denise Brandel, Court Administrator  
(COURT SEAL)

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

(3-7, 3-14)

## Planning Commission public hearing set for March 18

**City Planning Commission  
Public Hearing Set for March 18, 2019  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Planning Commission that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located in the City Offices Building, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, Minnesota, commencing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019. The purpose of the hearing is to consider and make recommendations to the Luverne City Council on a requested amendment to a conditional use permit (CUP) submitted by Premium Iowa Pork, L.L.C. for a hog slaughter, meat processing, and packing use located at 1174 County Highway 4, in I-2 Special Industry Zoning District, City of Luverne, Minnesota.

All persons wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the amendment to the conditional use permit should be present at the hearing or present written comments prior thereto to the Building/Zoning Official. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the City Clerk's Office, 305 East Luverne Street, Luverne, MN. (507) 449-9898.

By order of the Luverne City Planning Commission, Luverne, Minnesota, this 28th day of February, 2019.

Jessica Mead  
City Clerk  
(3-07)

# Star Herald CLASSIFIEDS

### CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who came to my 100th Birthday party open house, called or sent birthday greetings. I am blessed and grateful for my family, friends and the community of Luverne. Turning 100 was fun!

**Helmer 'Haaky' Haakenson**  
(3.3-3.7)

Thank you to family, friends and Pastor Klatt for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, flowers, food and other expressions of caring while I was hospitalized and now at home. Also, to Dr. Nolz and the hospital staff for their concern and excellent care.

**God Bless you.  
Jim Kitchenmaster**  
(3.3-3.7)

Thank you to everyone who sent birthday cards and special wishes for my birthday. I am humbled by your thoughtfulness.

**Jean Staefler**  
(3.3-3.7)

### MISCELLANEOUS

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### EMPLOYMENT

Herman Motors of Luverne is seeking a full-time warranty administrator/book keeper. Apply in person or send a resume to [office@hermanmotor.com](mailto:office@hermanmotor.com). (3.3-3.21)

Help wanted: Full-time milk hauler. Must have CDL, tanker endorsement and a clean driving record. Contact Roos & Sons, Inc at 507-993-8808 and ask for Scott. (3.3-3.28)

Southwestern Youth Services (SYS), a nonprofit residential behavior treatment center for boys ages 10-18 is seeking applicants for a full- or part-time teacher for the 2019-2020 school year, mid-August to early June with weekends off. Full-time hours are 7:30 a-3:30p with paid holidays. Part-time days/hours are negotiable. Teaching license required and all certifications considered. Salary based on experience. SYS is located one mile north of Interstate I-90 in Magnolia, MN, 26 miles east of Brandon and 27 miles west of Worthington. For more information, please email Carole Naasz at [cnaasz@southwestyouth.org](mailto:cnaasz@southwestyouth.org). (3.3-3.21)

### EMPLOYMENT

Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia is seeking a full-time Group Leader to work with male youth in a residential setting. Duties include: writing monthly reports, conducting daily group meetings, teaching youth alternative coping methods, corresponding with parents/guardians, probation officers, social workers, attending court hearings, etc. M-F, paid holidays, on-call every 6 weeks, full benefits available. To apply: submit cover letter and resume to Jeremy Hough by March 15, 2019. Qualifications: 4 year degree in criminal justice or related field or 2 year degree + 2 years experience. (3.3-3.14)

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## EMPLOYMENT

## HELP WANTED

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# Congratulations 2019 Mock Trial



For the fifth consecutive year, Luverne High School represented the region at the state Mock Trial tournament. Members of the 2018-19 team include (front from left) John Miller, Kaitlyn Anderson, Sophie Lanoue, Griffen Jarchow, Solveig Tofteland, Seno Chanthalangsy, (middle) Chance Tunnissen, Julia Ferguson, Jessica Anderson, Luke Thorson, Lauren Ver Steeg, Alexa Chesley, Jady Anderson, (back) Peter Baustian, Gunnar Oldre, Grace Sweeney, Xavier Carboneau, Jordan Winter and coach Jason Berghorst. Not pictured: attorney coach Jeff Haubrich.

## Record for 2019

### State

Fifth-consecutive year earning a trip to the state Mock Trial Competition  
Competed against 15 teams at the Feb. 28-March 1 event

### Regular season

Plaintiff won vs Lakeview, 223-205  
Defense won vs Hills-Beaver Creek White, 234-192  
Plaintiff won vs Springfield, 207-184

### State qualifying match

Defense won vs Springfield 356-338



Seniors Jessica Anderson (from left) Jady Anderson and Grace Sweeney accept the Region 4 championship trophy from Honorable Judge James E. Dehn, chairman of the state Mock Trial committee.



Jordan Winter received All-State Witness honors.



County attorney Jeff Haubrich (far left) serves as the judge during a Mock Trial practice as Senior Jady Anderson (in witness chair) portrays the main plaintiff witness, Hayden Brooks. Haubrich is the team's attorney coach.



Jessica Anderson earned All-State Attorney accolades.



Students introduce themselves to the judge during Mock Trial Parents Night.

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## Community input sought for replacement of Ellsworth City Hall

By Mavis Fodness

The future of the Ellsworth City Hall will be discussed at a public meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10, in the school gymnasium.

On Jan. 15 a fire destroyed the former city hall, a 115-year-old two-story brick building.

Cause of the fire is undetermined, according to the fire marshal's preliminary report, and the case has been closed.

The Sunday afternoon meeting is intended to bring residents and city officials together in order to move forward with a unified plan, said Mayor Tasha Domeyer.

The city received about \$687,000 from insurance to replace the building and all of the contents.

"People have to realize that the money won't replace everything," she said.

A temporary city office was established within days of the fire at the Zion Lutheran Church in Ellsworth. So far, an estimated \$3,000 brought the office at the church to a functional level, said city clerk Dawn Huisman.

Another potential \$15,000 is necessary to replace the

town's civil defense siren, Christmas decorations and maintenance supplies.

"We may have to come up with a five- to 10- to 20-year plan," Huisman said.

Officials began exploring options in February.

On Feb. 14 council members spent a morning touring four area city halls, traveling to Wilmont, Brewster and Heron Lake in Minnesota and Lester, Iowa.

Questions about funding as well as building layout were asked.

Domeyer said some residents are interested in a community hall and/or fitness facility.

Funds may limit what Ellsworth brings back to the community, as they balance current needs with future wants from community members.

The format for Sunday's meeting limits comments to three minutes to allow time for everyone to voice their opinion.

"We want to know what people want," Domeyer said. "We want everyone to come together and make decisions to move forward."

## Paper beverage cups, food containers now recyclable

By Mavis Fodness

Paper beverage cups and paper take-out containers no longer need to hit the trashcan, according to the county's recycler, Millennium Recycling of Sioux Falls.

Millennium president Shannon Dwire said paper cups were once thought to be non-recyclable due to their plastic lining. The lining is added to insulate the cup and prevent leaks.

However, a growing number of mills recognize these cups as a source of high-quality fiber, and Millennium is able to collect and recycle the clean usable cups. They are remade into new products like tissue boxes and pulp to make new cups.

The paper food baskets are also recyclable.

Both containers are taken to WestRock in St. Paul. The company processes the materials into 100-percent recycled paperboard.

Millennium partnered with the Foodservice Packaging Institute to add paper cups and containers to its recycling list.

"We are committed to giving our customers in Sioux Falls, Yankton, Huron, southwest Minnesota and beyond

the opportunity to provide a new life for recycled cups — not just send them to the landfill," Dwire said.

Each year Millennium processes about 50,000 tons of recyclables including plastic bottles, metal cans, glass jars, paper and cardboard.

However, before recycling beverage cups, consumers need to remove lids, straws and stirrers and put them in the trash. Only clean and empty paper cups and food containers are appropriate to be recycled.

For a complete list of recyclable materials, visit millenniumrecycling.com.

In 2018 Rock County transported about 257 tons of residential recyclables to Millennium for processing.

The local processing of residential recyclables was discontinued in 2015.



Mavis Fodness photos/0307 Mock Trial 2019 Pep Fest  
**Above:** Luverne High School students and staff assemble for a pep fest Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 26, in honor of the school's Mock Trial team's fifth consecutive berth in the state Mock Trial Tournament. **Left:** Madi Reisdorfer (left) gives a congratulatory handshake to Jessica Anderson. Sitting left of Anderson is Alexa Chesley, with Jady Anderson on her right.

## Mock Trial/ continued from page 1

larger schools."

The plaintiff team consists of attorneys Jessica Anderson, Gunnar Oldre and Kaitlyn Anderson. Solveig Tofteland, Seno Chanthalangsy and Peter Baustian portrayed the defense witnesses.

The case involved county commissioner Hayden Brooks versus the Cahill Monitor newspaper in a defamation suit.

Other team members were Julia Ferguson, John Miller, Griffen Jarchow, Chance Tunnissen, Luke Thorson and Xavier Carbonneau. The students served as understudies, bailiffs, videographers and timekeepers.

"Mock Trial is a great way to learn about the legal system and have a bunch of fun in the process," Sweeney said.

A part of the fun was experienced Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 26, when a pep fest was conducted for the 18-member team.

"The Mock Trial team members really do appreciate that," Berghorst said.

"I think it's probably relatively rare for schools to



**Above:** Posing for a serious photo before leaving Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 27, for the state Mock Trial Tournament in Duluth are Luverne team members (from left) Griffen Jarchow, Xavier Carbonneau, John Miller, Julia Ferguson, Seno Chanthalangsy, Solveig Tofteland, Kaitlyn Anderson, Lauren Ver Steeg, Sophia Lanoue, Gunnar Oldre, Jordan Winter, Grace Sweeney, Jady Anderson, Jessica Anderson and Alexa Chesley.



Missing are Peter Baustian, Luke Thorson and Chance Tunnissen. **Above, left:** The digital sign outside Grace Lutheran Church Feb. 26 on Highway 75 sports a supportive message to the 2019 Luverne High School Mock Trial team.

recognize academic teams like Mock Trial to that degree. We are fortunate our school supports all activities the same in that way."

The team broke up the almost eight-hour bus ride to Duluth by spending Wednesday night, Feb. 27, in

St. Cloud. The team returned March 1.

The Minnesota Bar Association conducts the state's Mock Trial competition that introduces students to the American legal system and provides a challenging opportunity for personal growth

and achievement.

The state is divided into 16 regions. Luverne was the Region 4 champion.

The team's streak of state tournament qualifying began in 2015. Luverne last competed at the state tournament in 2006.

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