

# Study shows arts have \$2M local impact

\$213.19:

Rock County is nearly smallest in the study, yet its arts and culture generate more dollars than most counties with larger populations

### **By Lori Sorenson**

Rock County has more than its share of arts and culture, but research shows there's more value in these offerings than mere audience enrichment.

In fact the economic impact of the arts in Rock County is \$2 million, according to a study by Creative Minnesota 2017.

If that sounds impressive, it is, according to study author Sheila Smith. "You are unique," she said.

"Fifteen counties from across the state were included in the study. Rock County ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in size, but it was third in terms of economic impact per capita."

Smith, St, Paul, is director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, which "There are economic benefits to what we do. ... Hopefully others will want to contribute, knowing that an investment in the arts is beneficial to the community."

### — Louella Voigt, Luverne, Blue Mound Area Theater

partnered with Creative Minnesota on the study.

She presented the study findings Tuesday night at Lord Grizzly Contemporary Arts Gallery in Luverne. ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS IN ROCK COUNTY: Includes creative workers employed full or part time by others, as well as the self employed. Does not include student, retired,

or hobbyist artists. TOP **3 CREATIVE JOBS** PHOTOGRAPHY | MUSIC | WRITER

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE FROM ARTIST SPENDING IN ROCK COUNTY: \$42,310

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS	21	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PART-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS	64	TOTAL ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS	85
CREATIVE WORKERS		CREATIVE WORKERS		IN ROCK COUNTY	

VERAGE HOURLY WAGE FOR REATIVE WORKERS

IN ROCK COUNTY

es in Rock County of <u>\$16.60</u>

NUMBER OF CREATIVE JOBS PER 1.000 JOBS

ECONOMIC IMPACT PER CAPITA FROM ORGANIZATION,

AUDIENCE AND ARTIST SPENDING IN ROCK CO

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts partnered with Creative Minnesota on the study that measured economic impact of arts and culture on 15 different communities across the state. Rock County's impact per capita was greatest.

"Nonprofit arts and culture organizations contribute to the vibrancy of Minnesota's economy and quality of life," Smith said.

"Now we can quantify that in Rock

County."

Louella Voigt, Luverne, is on the Blue Mound Area Theater Board, which manages the Palace Theatre. She helped organize Tuesday's event and said she's eager for the study results to be shared widely. "We have very generous support-

COUNTY POPULATION

9,601

\$17.22

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# City plats 'Towne Square Addition'

Development may qualify for state grant that supports market-rate housing for influx of workers

### By Lori Sorenson

 $\label{eq:loss} Luverne\ City\ Council\ members\\ tackled\ a weighty\ agend\ a\ on\ their\ first$ 



# Couple survives CO poisoning; warns others

### By Lori Sorenson

Dave and Teresa Hup survived carbon monoxide poisoning over the holidays, and they're sharing their story to alert others to the potential risk.

"We both feel so much better now," Teresa said last week. "I just would feel bad if it happened to someone else."

Around Christmas the couple started suffering from CO poisoning but didn't realize it was the cause of their symptoms.

"We were just tired all the time," she said. "But we blamed other things."

meeting of 2018 on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Among the issues was a resolution to subdivide the former Sharkee's area to become the Towne Square Addition.

City leaders have been working to redevelop the south portion of the block along South Highway 75 that also included Mert's Repair.

The condemned Sharkee's building was demolished, as was the repair shop after Mert Kracht sold his lot to the city and relocated his business to a new building in the industrial park.

The council unanimously approved the resolution, completing another step toward a broader goal, according to City Administrator John Call.

"The overall plan is to redevelop the entire 6-acre area, over the next five years, into a vibrant commercial and housing area that adds to the tax base of the community while at the same time adding to the quality of life in Luverne," Call said.

City engineers and attorneys have worked with the Planning and Zoning Commission on the new plat called the Towne Square Addition.

Property will be sold off as it is developed into housing and commercial property in the mixed-use development.

Call said there are designated areas for the future water and sewer lines, recreational trails and other details for urban design.

### Grant would support TowneSquarehousingconstruction

Related to Towne Square development, the city council adopted a local resolution on Jan. 9 to support a \$680,000 grant application through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

Funds are available for qualified expenditures of project-specific costs resulting in the direct development of market rate residential rental housing.

#### Towne Square Addition/see 5A

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Mavis Fodness photo/0118 One Act 2018

The cast of the LHS one-act play, "The Most Likely Days," consists of (front, from left) Jordan Winter, Xavier Carbonneau, director Julie Fettes, Seno Chanthalangsy, Austin Winter, (middle) Zoe De-Bates, Emma Verbrugge, Alexa Chesley, Josie Golla, Megan Rogers, Ashlee Boltjes, (back) Jonah Louwagie, Nicole Aanenson, Nicole Hoogland, Julia Ferguson and Jacinda Hustoft. Not pictured is Brianna Jonas. They'll perform the 35-minute comedy 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in honor of the school's spring/fall play director Sharon Boltjes, who is currently undergoing treatments for cancer.

# 'The Most Likely Pages'

### Students perform one-act play Friday in honor of director

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Luverne High School one-act play cast members will perform "The Most Likely Pages," by Bradley Hayward at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the high school auditorium.

No admission will be charged, but freewill donations will be accepted for play director Sharon Boltjes, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

She is currently on leave from her school duties in Luverne's middle-high school media center and is undergoing cancer treatment.

Julie Fettes directs the oneact play, but she said Boltjes provided student actors with their skills.

"Sharon has been so active in our theater community that the students in the one-act play and I felt it was only the right thing to do," she said about raising money.

"Sharon is a fighter, but we know the next few months will not be easy for her."

Ashley Boltjes, Sharon's niece, is student director for the one-act production. She said during the seven years her aunt directed fall and/or spring plays, she has

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Mavis Fodness photo/0118 One Act 2018 Emma Verbrugge (left) and Jordan Winter rehearse for Luverne High School's one-act play production of "The Most Likely Days" in the school auditorium.

stressed three rules during rehearsals.

"She really pushes learning lines by a certain date," Ashlee said. "And she teaches teamwork. If one person is missing, it really changes the practices." Accountability is the last performance element.

Turning props back in, being on time and putting cell phones away are among elements Sharon stressed, Ashlee said.

In her honor, many of her rules were followed during the weeks of practice for the upcoming one-act play competitive season. Luverne's 35-minute

comedy makes light of the

One-act play/see see 3A

Dave was recovering from back surgery, so when he felt sluggish, he blamed anesthesia and medication.

Teresa had a lingering cold, so she blamed a suspected sinus infection — in addition to hectic holiday schedules.

The weather had been mild prior to Christmas, so the furnace wasn't running enough to prompt symptoms that would require attention.

It wasn't until their son, Michael, came home for a visit that carbon monoxide became suspect.

"He said, 'You guys are tired all the time," Teresa said. "He was leaving at the time, but he told us we should check our carbon monoxide levels in the house."

That was New Year's Day, and by that time an arctic cold snap had settled in and the furnace was running nonstop.

"I had a headache and I laid down because my head was spinning," Teresa said.

She decided to see a doctor on Jan. 2. "You hate to call in sick the first work day of the new year," she said.

Diagnosed with a sinus infection, she stopped on her way home to pick up a prescription for antibiotics — and a carbon monoxide detector.

"I got home and Dave turned it on," Teresa said.

The meter quickly spiked to 500 parts per million, and the audible alarm told them to get out of the house.

"I looked at him and said, 'What's the number supposed to be?" Teresa said. "It was still climbing when we called McClure's."

Jerry Buss of McClure Plumbing and Heating sent a service technician right away.

"When he got here, his detector went past 360, and he shut it off, because he knew there was a problem," Teresa said. "We didn't know ... You can't smell it ..."

Buss said carbon monoxide de-

CO poisoning scare/see page 8A



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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### Meetings

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

**Parkinson's Support Group** will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Call 507-530-3307 with questions.

**MS Support Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Southwest Health and Human Services building in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964 with questions.

**Battle Plain Township** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the home of Aaron Sandbulte.

**Meditation and Mindfulness Practice** will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, in Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com

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

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

**Meditation and Mindfulness Practice** meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in Hilger Commons at 215 N. Cedar Street in Luverne. For more information call Kim at 507-353-0041 or email kimberlyelizabeth@live.com.

**Narcotics Anonymous** will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 507-329-2642.

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

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

### Free food Jan. 18

New Life Celebration Church will offer free food fresh produce, bread and meat — **from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Luverne Senior Center for those having trouble putting food on the table. Bring your own bags or boxes. Call 283-4366 with questions. (*Note the new time.*)

### Boys' and girls' free throw contest The St. Catherine Knights of Columbus is sponsoring

The St. Catherine Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a free throw championship from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Luverne Cardinial Gym. The event is free for boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of Jan. 1, 2018). Register at the door 15 minutes prior to event. Make-up date is Jan. 28.

Call Mike Smith at 605-864-1148 with questions.

### Blood drive at Grace Lutheran Jan. 22.

The Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood and platelet donors. A blood drive has been scheduled for 1-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Grace Lutheran Church, 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne.

Donors can schedule an appointment by using Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-733-2767.

### Pork Producers banquet Jan. 22



### Dinner theater draws 120 to discussions about ending poverty

"Poverty: What's YOUR Baggage," a free dinner theater performance, was presented Monday night at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne to 120 audience members. Between dinner courses, audience members discussed ways to end poverty in Rock County as they watched the various character portrayals. The event was organized by the #Luv1LuvAll citizens group, Green Earth Players and the Blandin Foundation. (Submitted photo)

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### Sign up by Jan. 30 for Tai Ji Quan

Seniors are encouraged to improve their strength, flexibility and balance through a 12-week program of Tai Ji Quan through ACE Southwest Minnesota in the Luverne Senior Center. The class is adaptable to all levels of agility — including those with walkers or those who must sit. Sign up through Luverne Community Education, 283-4724. Cost is \$75 for the twice weekly classes Feb. 6 through April 26.

### Bank Night movie 'Beauty and the Beast'

The free Bank Nite Disney movie, "Beauty and the Beast," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

### Library offers Story Hour/Laptime

The Rock County Library will offer **Story Hour** for children ages 4-5 Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. from Thursday, Feb. 1, through Thursday, April 5. Story hours include stories, songs, crafts and more.

**Laptime** for children from birth through age 3 will meet every Friday morning from 10:30 to 11 a.m. beginning Feb. 2 through April 6. Laptime fun includes stories, songs, crafts and more.

### Driver Education class begins Feb. 5

### **Luverne Community Education**

announces classes and activities

Community Ed contact info: C.Arends@isd2184.net or 507-283-4724.

**Sister Act at the Chanhassen** is Feb. 10. Fee is \$110. (register by Jan. 10.)

Register now for **summer baseball and softball** – for students in K-12. Deadline is March 19.

17 weeks of **ECFE classes** begin the week of Jan. 18 for parents with children ages birth to 5 years. Babies class meets Monday mornings. Classes for 1-2 year-olds meets Thursday mornings. Class for ages 2-5 years meets Tuesday mornings. There are 2 classes for ages 0-5 year-olds — Thursday morning or Tuesday evening. Call 283-4724 for more details.

Men's Basketball begins on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Enjoy playing 5 on 5 or 3 on 3 games. Fee is \$30 paid ahead of January 22.

Just basic sewing skills and an old sweater will be required to make your own unique **Mittens and Boot Toppers** on Jan. 22 (evening) or Feb. 3 (morning). Fee is \$13.

Six evening sessions of **Yoga** begin on Jan. 22 with instructor Stephanie Hoven. Fee is \$48.

Build a Bison class Jan. 25 is for students K-3. Fee is \$4.

**Hockey 101** Jan. 25 will help you better understand the game of hockey. Fee is \$10.

Windbreak design and maintenance for an acreage or farm will be highlighted at the Trees & Windbreaks Class on Monday, Jan. 29. All participants are welcome that want to learn more about picking the right tree and caring for trees. Rock County Soil and Water Conservation will take orders at class. Preschool Classes for ages 3-5 is now opening registration for Fall of 2018. Halfday **Preschool** classes are offered during the school year for children who are 3 years old up to kindergarten age. Enrollments are accepted throughout the school year. Age is determined as of Sept. 1 of school year. Free or reduced rates are available if income guidelines are met. Call 283-4724 for more information. New addition is 5 days of preschool for children age 4 and older. Census Information is needed for preschool children in families new to the community. In order for the district to connect with families about school events and the state-mandated preschool screening for all 3-year-old children. Families with 4-year-old children who have not been screened should call 283-4724 to be screened prior to kindergarten. Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom is open to families, daycares and visitors to play and learn. The classroom, located on the southwest side of the Luverne school, is designed for preschoolers to learn by discovery and exploration.

The Rock County Pork Producers will host their annual banquet Monday, Jan. 22, at the Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and entertainment to follow. This year's entertainer is Tim Harmston, a stand-up comedian. Tickets are \$15 at the door. The public is welcome.

### Free community meal Jan. 24

The Luverne United Methodist Church will serve a free community meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the church.

### Fifth-sixth grade basketball tourney Luverne Community Education is hosting a basket-

Luverne Community Education is hosting a basketball tournament at the Luverne Elementary Cardinal Gym on Saturday, Jan. 27, for fifth- and sixth-grade boys' and girls' basketball teams. All teams are guaranteed to play at least two games. To register, visit the school website www. isd2184 under "Community Education" or call 507-283-4724. Entry fee is \$125 per team payable with registration. Students in the Luverne School District in grade 8 or above may sign up for a student driver education class to begin on Feb. 5.

The fee of \$325 is due at the time of registration. Contact Community Education at 507-283-4724.

### **Rock Nobles Cattlemen's banquet Feb. 5**

The Rock Nobles Cattlemen's annual banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by guest speaker John Phipps, former host of US Farm Report. He has written award-winning humor and commentary for Farm Journal and Top Producer magazines since 1994.

### Growing soybeans workshop Feb. 22

The University of Minnesota Extension Service will host "Strategic Planning: Growing Soybeans that Out-Compete Weeds" workshop at 10 locations in January and February. The nearest workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Murray County Fairgrounds in Slayton. Lunch is included. To register or for a list of other locations go to https://z.umn.edu/strategicfarming. Contact Liz Stahl, Extension educator, at 507-372-3900 or stah0012@umn.edu.

Additional pavers will be added each spring. Call 283-4724. Times can be reserved for field trips to the classroom also.



# Smartphones may be putting children in danger of exploitation

Harmful effects of social media revealed at one-day training set for Jan. 25 at Grand Prairie Events

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Smart phones are putting children in danger, according to Alison Feigh with the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center.

The organization is providing a training session, "Forensic Aspects of Online and Social Media Usage," Thursday, Jan. 25, at Grand Prairie Events in Luverne.

"Technology is not a bad thing," Feigh said. "But what are the healthier choices youth can make?"

The Southwest Crisis Center, Southwest Mental Health Center and the Luverne Area Community Foundation are partnering to offer the event.

Training is directed toward professionals working with youth, but it is open to parents and other interested community members.

Jen Lindsey is the Rock County advocate with SWCC in Luverne. She selected Feigh's presentation for the local audience.

"Everybody is so into his

or her phone," she said. "Do we know what they are doing, what they are reading or what they are seeing?"

Feigh will help adults understand why youth are susceptible to online dangers, and she'll offer ways to reduce their risk of being taken advantage of.

Topics include screen time, cyber bullying and sexting.

Thursday's adult training is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration can be completed online at www.mnswcc.org.

Continuing education credits are available.

The fee is \$50 and includes a catered lunch by The Bluestem.

Registration closes Monday, Jan. 22.

Questions can be directed to Jen Lindsey at Jennifer@ mnswcc.org or 507-283-9917.

On Friday, Jan. 26, Feigh will take her presentation to third-and11th-gradestudents. She will talk about personal safety on the Internet.

Lori Sorenson photos/0118 park hike

### Candlelight hike attracts 300 park visitors

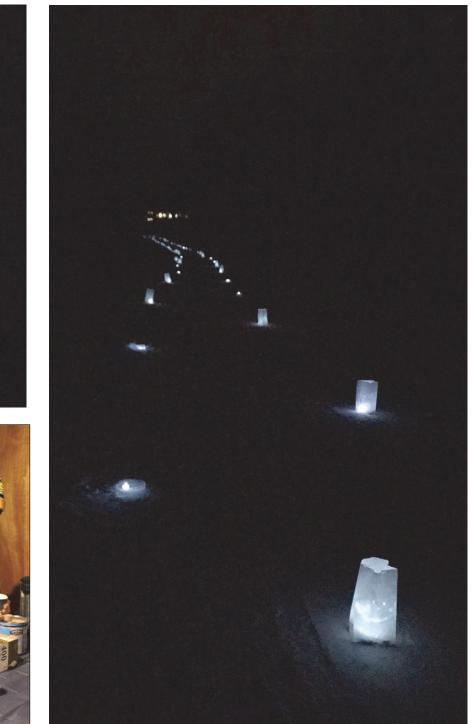
Temperatures hovered around zero degrees Saturday night at the Blue Mounds State Park, but an estimated 300 park visitors bundled up and set out under a starry sky to hike along candlelit trails. Families and people of all ages participated in the hike, which started and ended at the warming house with cookies and hot cocoa. They trekked over to the campground where they rested near a roaring campfire and returned back to their vehicles parked at the warming house and further east. Park Naturalist Amber Brooks credited volunteers with Friends of the Blue Mounds State Park for helping with the event and assembling and cleaning up roughly 200 luminaries.

Warming up at the campground fire in the photograph above are candlelight hikers (from left) Jayda Dekkers, Leah Vande Hoef, Aleksa Vande Hoef, Micah Vande Hoef and Alivia Vande Hoef.

In the photograph on the bottom left, Kristin (left), Stella and Jon Schomacker fuel up on cookies and hot cocoa in the warming house at the state park before heading out on their candlelit hike to the campground.

Park volunteers made roughly 200 luminaries, many of them from preformed water to hold mechanical candles and others from weighted paper bags.





### Thompson takes over as Rock County Board of Commissioners leader

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Sherri Thompson became chairwoman of the board Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Rock County Commissioners' first meeting of 2018.

Thompson served as the board's vice chairwoman in 2017 before assuming the top position from outgoing chairman Stan Williamson.

Greg Burger was elected vice chairman.

His election went against the board's previous protocol. While the board rotates the chairman position among

"I say we break with protocol," Reisch said. "Both have experience in running a meeting."

Burger will become board chairman in 2019.

In other first meeting business, the commissioners:

•increased their meeting payments (those attended outside the regular board meetings) from \$75 to \$100 per day.

 increased from \$50 to \$75 per day meeting payments to Soil and Water Conservation Board members and other ap-

the five commissioners, a commissioner must serve a minimum of three years before becoming chairman.

Thompson is beginning her fourth year on the board. Burger and Gary Overgaard are each beginning their second year. Jody Reischwas chairman in 2016.

pointed county boards.

•approved mileage reimbursement to 54.5 cents per mile, according to IRS reimbursement rate. The increase marks a one-cent increase from 2017.

•appointed Matt Jessen of rural Jasper to the county Extension committee.

### One-act play set for Jan. 26/ continued from page 1A

time in high school with the message that those events do not define a person in adulthood.

"Time in high school is so short compared to the rest of your life," said sophomore Jordan Winter.

"You shouldn't worry too much about what people think."

Winter plays the role of Doug, a high school graduate who looks back on his adolescent years with former classmate Kristi (played by senior Emma Verbrugge).

The two relive their high school years by paging through a high school yearbook, wondering how their classmates turned out.

During their conversation, they realize the time they lost worrying about what happened in high school prevented them from living fully as adults.

Other cast members and their characters include Xavier Carbonneau (Harold), Seno Chanthalangsy (Young

Doug), Austin Winter (Walt), Zoe DeBates (Tiffany), Alexa Chesley (Young Kristi), Megan Rogers (Bree), Nicole Aanenson (Cameron), Nicole Hoogland (Tammy), Julia Ferguson (Dixi), Jonah Louwagie (Adam) and Brianna Jonas (Erin.)

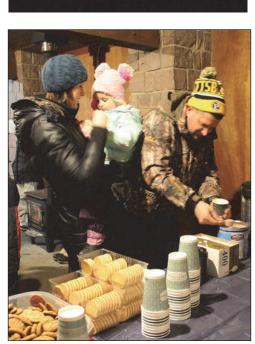
Josie Golla is in charge of lights, and Jacinda Hustoft is also a student director.

The sub-section one-act play competition begins at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, at Pipestone Area High School in Pipestone.

Competing schools include Luverne, Pipestone Area, Adrian, Canby, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton and Southwest Minnesota Christian in Edgerton.

The top two teams move on to Section 3A competition Feb. 3 in Redwood Falls.

The section champion moves on to the state tournament Feb. 8-9 at St. Catherine University in St. Paul.



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### Rock County 4-H "Fruit & More" Sale

Rock County 4-H'ers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears, grapefuit; along with cheeses, beef sticks, pickled herring, Puffins, PuffCrust Pizza and a variety of frozen foods. Here's your chance to eat healthy and support local youth. Contact a 4-H'er in your neighborhood or call the Rock County Extension Office (283-1302) from January 15 to February 4 to order. Delivery is March 16.





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# **Star Herald UPINION**

# What it means to be a Vikings fan

I was 14 years old when the Vikings lost the Super Bowl 32-14 to the Oakland Raiders. I

was 12 years old when the Vikings lost the Super Bowl 16-6 to the Pittsburgh Steelers. I was 11 years old when the Vikings lost the Super Bowl 24-7 to the Miami Dolphins.

I had a relatively good childhood except for the part about the Vikings and the Super Bowl.

So last Sunday afternoon when the Vikings blew a 17-point lead over the New Orleans Saints, it felt oh-sofamiliar. Earlier in the game I told my husband that all the talk of a "curse" was nonsense. Members of THIS Vikings team weren't even born when the team lost its last Super Bowl. "These guys aren't going to fold like the team usually does," I boldly proclaimed during the first quarter.

And then they did. They folded. After leading for most of the game, with 26 seconds left on the clock, the Saints appeared to take the gamewinning lead.

Suddenly, it was 1977 all over again. I was 14 years old. In '77, with Kleenex bunched in my hands and bell-bottom jeans swishing, I quietly slipped out of the TV room and walked down the hall to the bathroom so I could cry alone.

I didn't cry for myself of course. I cried for Tarkenton, Foreman, Rashad, White and all the others who played so well - right up until the Super Bowl.

The Vikings were the first team to make it to four Super Bowls. They were also the first team to lose four Super Bowls. At the half time of each of those



By Brenda Winter, Columnist

### Could we? Might we? Is there even a chance ...?

Super Bowls, the Vikings were down 16-0, 17-0, 2-0 and 16-0.

The record shows Minnesota quarterbacks threw a total of nine interceptions in those four games. The record also shows the teams rushed for 11 first downs in all four games combined. Eleven. First. Downs. The Vikings weren't de-

feated. They were destroyed.

Some say the entire state has a bit of a Vikings complex. "We're Number Two!" begins to have a nice ring to it, if you say it often enough.

I began writing this column during the game's fourth quarter. I had the phrase "another devastating postseason defeat" written on the page, along with the word "heartbreaking."

And then ... well, you know what happened. Keenum threw that 61-yard touchdown pass to Stefon Diggs and the Vikings won

The headline in the Pioneer Press said, "Vikings stun Saints 29-24 with game-ending miracle touchdown."

And I felt a little tiny flicker of that flame of hope. I felt it before the Super Bowl in 1977. "Could we? Might we? Is there even a chance ...?"

During a postgame interview Stefon Diggs said, "I play 'til the clock says zero."

Looks to me like there's still a little time left on the clock.

# It pays to support the arts — not just in terms of audience enrichment

It's satisfying to find you're doing something right. It's even more rewarding (literally) to learn that doing the right thing actually pays in real dollars.

This week we learned that our local arts community has a \$2 million impact on Rock County's economy.

Talk about a return on investment.

In short, a study of 19 Rock County arts and cultural organizations found that their audiences alone are bringing over \$1 million annually to local businesses. These are dollars that wouldn't be here if it weren't for the local cultural events.

This annual arts- and culturalrelated spending results in over \$200,000 in state and local government revenue.

With a population of only 9,601, the nonprofit arts and culture organizations of Rock County are serving an annual audience of over 55,000 people (many traveling from Sioux Falls and around the region)

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including over 6,000 youth served by arts and cultural activities.

In addition, the county generated well over \$300,000 in positive economic impact just from the spending of its 85 artists and creative workers - and those creatives earn an average hourly wage that is higher than the county average hourly wage.

The study results are fascinating. Please read the full story on Page 1A.

In Rock County we have long supported the arts as charitable organizations. Communities with access to arts and culture are healthier communities in terms of their residents enjoying quality of life.

State and federal governments also recognize the importance of quality of life spending, such as

funding parks and nature preserves. Similarly, the city of Luverne subsidizes the fitness center, bike path and other amenities.

It's wise to invest in opportunities that improve local lifestyles. The rewards are healthy, happy residents, and indirectly these investments may contribute to growth.

That's reason alone to support local art and culture.

Now we have another really good reason to continue investing in these areas: It pays. In dollars. That come back to benefit everyone.

Congratulations to all the organizations who were part of the study, and thank you to Creative Minnesota and its collaborators for recognizing the importance of the information.

For more information visit creativemn.org.



### Disappointment leads to missing final Vikings play

In the spirit of full disclosure, I did not see the final play of the Vikings game this past Sunday. At 58 seconds to go in the game, I couldn't take the pending disappointment anymore. I turned the TV off and went outside to scoop snow.

I told myself it's only a football game and chalked this up as another Minnesota season-ending loss. I threw my fit in the garage, took a couple of deep breaths, grabbed the shovel and headed outside.

The wind was howling and had gathered some of the light snow into a couple of small finger drifts across the driveway. This was good therapy for me. It didn't take long to clear the driveway, and I soon returned to the warmth of the garage.

I muted the TV before turning it back on because I didn't want to hear any of the postgame comments. I was content, expecting the loss and looking for a movie or something to fill the rest of the evening.

About that time Mary came out



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager **Tollefson Publishing** 

of the house and said they scored a touchdown and won the game.

I looked at her somewhat puzzled and said, "Who scored a touchdown?"

She replied, "The Vikings! They won!" I turned the channel back to FOX and turned up the sound and sure enough the Vikings had won.

While I didn't actually see the game-winning play as it happened, I didn't feel cheated. Like many Vikings fans I thought, "Finally - one for the good guys."

I listened to the postgame show

on the radio, and everyone that called in was so excited. Some were even crying! Me, I was happy for Case Keenum. If you're a Vikings fan, you know his story and you can't help but feel good for him.

My family and friends will tell you I have a couple of catch phrases I say a lot. When its time to go home, I say, "Let's load the bus." When it's time to stop doing whatever I am doing, I say, "It's time to pull the pin." My go-to phrase more times than not is, "Good things happen to good people." And Case Keenum is a good person.

### **VOICE OF OUR READERS**

### Preuss reflects on Luverne's transformation

### To the Editor:

Mr. Peterson in his last column so eloquently wrote what I have been thinking for years. Luverne is progressive in its thinking and actions.

Stepping back to look at this city and also county, we can clearly see its progress. Projects include an ice arena built with approximately \$1.5 million donated dollars, a historical museum erected with \$900,000 donations, and a hospital built with over \$1 million of again donated money.

Let's not forget a very large Dollars for Scholars fund. A \$31 million

bond issue for our school system, nor the bond issue a few years back for the new elementary school.

I realize the city and county governments have given money to some of the projects, but remember that is our money.

The transformation of our downtown and environs is the reason other towns might and are envious of the people who "Love the Life." Include my family in that phrase.

> **Bill Preuss** Luverne

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editor, Rock County Star Herald, P.O. Box 837, 117 W. Main St., Luverne, Minn. 56156.

### Luverne City Council approves plat for Towne Square Addition on former Sharkee's lot/from page 1A

Recipients can receive and award funds in the form of grants or deferred loans.

The city is working with the Des Moines developer William J. Ludwig, who proposes to construct a three-story, 27-unit apartment complex.

The unit mix will include 15 one-bedroom and 12 twobedroom market rate rental apartments.

The city is applying for the \$680,000 grant to contribute toward the \$4.3 million dollar workforce housing project.

The match requirement of \$403,500 will include the donation of the land valued at \$161,500, and on-site utility improvements valued at \$242,000.

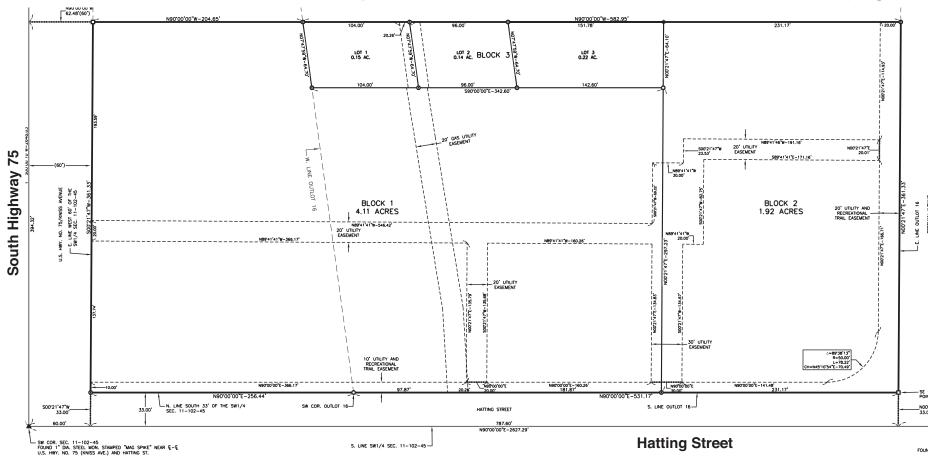
In addition, there will be \$227,000 of off-site improvements within the TIF district that are necessary to provide utility service to the site designated for the construction of housing.

### 'Stars align' for possible \$500,000 savings

The on-site and off-site infrastructure and utility costs are also eligible expenses for Tax Increment Financing. This means the city can pay for the \$500,000 utility improvements with increment from the TIF District instead of paying with utility dollars, according to City Finance Officer Barb Berghorst.

"The stars aligned perfectly," she said about the timing of the development and the grant opportunity. "Its just a perfect match."

Because Towne Square was developed as a TIF district,



City engineers and attorneys have worked with the Planning and Zoning Commission on the new plat called the Towne Square Addition on South Highway 75.

the taxes payable on the improved value of the property will be used to incrementally repay the costs of improving the lot.

The utility improvements paid with tax increment dollars serve as the match. If development occurs as planned, the property will generate more increment so the TIF debt could be paid off more quickly.

Ultimately Towne Square could start generating the

taxes sooner on the newly assessed value of the lots.

The council unanimously agreed to adopt a local government resolution for the Workforce Housing Development Program, in order to apply for the grant.

The grant is due Jan. 25, and awards are announced in late March.

The Workforce Housing grant helps communities meet demand for housing prompted by rapid economic growth. The program is not about low-income housing; rather it helps meet demand for market-rate housing by working professionals.

### Bid approved for \$579,000 electric transformer

In other development matters, the council adopted a resolution awarding a bid to SPX Transformer Solutions, Inc., Waukesha, Wisconsin, to furnish an electric transformer for Luverne's new substation in the industrial park.

The City of Luverne Electrical Department has been planning and working on a third substation for the last few years;

It will be located on Walnut Avenue in the Luverne Industrial Park.

The city's electrical engineers with DGR, Rock Rapids, conducted a bid letting on Dec. 28 for the electric power transformer that will be one of the main components in the new substation.

DGR recommended that the City Council accept the base bid of \$579,000 from SPX Transformer Solutions. It takes into consideration the possibility that at some date in the future the city might switch to a different voltage to comply with future upgrade requirements.

The delivery timeline for the new transformer to be shipped to Luverne is 38 to 42 weeks.

### Winter Crops and Soils day set for Feb. 8 in Luverne

The Southwest Research & Outreach Center (SWROC) along with the West Central Research & Outreach Center (WCROC) and University of Minnesota Extension will offer Winter Crops & Soils Day programs Feb. 7-9 in Lamberton, Luverne, and Morris, respectively.

Winter Crops & Soils Day is a public event highlighting current U of M research that is specific to southwest and westcentral Minnesota.

This year, 2018, marks the first year that the Southwest and West Central Research and Outreach Centers are collaborating to share regionally focused research results and recommendations with area crop and livestock producers. supplemental irrigation in southwest Minnesota in record-yielding years," by JeffStrock, Professor, SoilScience, SWROC, and Tamas Varga, PhD student.

•"Overview of research conducted at ROCs and how it impacts your farm," by Curt Reese, Scientist, Agronomy & Soil Science, WCROC.

Winter Crops and Soils Day is open to the public. Registration for all programs begins at 9:30 a.m. with presentations from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The program on Wednesday, Feb. 7, is at the Southwest Research and Outreach Center near Lamberton; Thursday, Feb. 8, is at Prairie Events Center in Luverne; and Friday, Feb. 9, is at the West Central Research and Outreach Center in Morris.

### **O**N THE RECORD

### **Dispatch report**

Jan. 6 •Complainant reported that subject ran away.

•Received a call with automated message reporting possible emergency on Dodge Street.

•Complainant reported subject making suicidal threats.

•Weapons observed at residence and confiscated per DANCO order. •Complainant reported •Complainant reported receiving a pone call from someone walking on I-90. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Complainant requested a deputy now. Lots of screaming and cursing, kept saying get out now.

•Complainant turned in some keys she found in the street. Contacted Papik's since it had their oil change tag on it. They do not know who they belong to.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a female who has been binge drinking.

he repossessed a vehicle on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Hardwick.

•Complainant in Kenneth reported subject is leaving the bar and very drunk. Going to Edgerton. No vehicle description. Also gave to Pipestone sheriff.

•Complainant reported commercial burglary alarm. Jan. 10

•Received a hit request on subject for warrant.

•Complainant reported electrical box open on Don-

Program presentations and speakers include:

• "Integrating cover crops and livestock to improve farm profitability," by Bradley Heins, Associate Professor, Dairy, WCROC.

•"The good, the bad and the reality of Minnesota farm profitability," by Joleen Hadrich, Associate Professor and Extension Economist, Applied Economics.

•"Do reduced pest management inputs mean increased economic risk?" by Bruce Potter, Integrated Pest Management Specialist, SWROC.

•"Interseeding cover crops into standing corn and soybean," by Axel Garcia, Assistant Professor, Agronomy, SWROC.

• "Opportunities and challenges for

Continuing education units for certified crop advisers have been applied for.

Pre-registration is encouraged.

Registration for the programs costs \$35 and includes refreshments, handouts and lunch. All programs are cash or check only.

Winter Crops & Soils Day is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Southwest Research & Outreach Center, West Central Research & Outreach Center, College of Food, Agricultural & Natural Resource Sciences, and Extension.

For more information or to register, visit http://swroc.cfans.umn.edu or call 507-752-7372.

woman and child fighting on Warren Street.

•Complainant reported possible drunk driver at restaurant.

•Complainant reported threatening note left on cus-

tomer's door. Jan. 7

•Complainant came into Law Enforcement Center and requested to speak with deputy regarding subject.

•Complainant reported assault in progress on South Church Avenue during attempted child exchange. •Complainant reported

loud music disturbance. •Complainant reported

harassing communications. Jan. 8 •Deputy warned driver on County Road 6 north of County Road 4 for speed and cited for no seatbelt.

### Jan. 9

•Complainant reported power outage.

•Complainant on Cedar Street reported carbon monoxide detector is going off.

•Subject was arrested on warrant.

•Reserved for State Patrol warrant entry for probation violation.

•Complainant on East Lincoln Street reported someone side-swiped her car.

•Complainant reported

•Complainant reported

vehicle on fire on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

•Deputy arrested subject on warrant.

In addition, officers also responded to 5 transports, 1 escort, 19 ambulance runs, 1 animal complaint, 28 burn permits, 3 child maltreatment reports, 4 paper services, 1 family and child issue, 7 log sheets, 5 permits to purchase/carry, 4 traffic stops, 4 abandon 911 calls, 2 DWIs, 2 property accidents, 3 civil issues, 7 system tests, 1 mental case, 1 vulnerable adult, 1 NSF check, 1 probation check and 1 probation violation.



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# **Star Herald** OMMUNITY

### **CELEBRATIONS**

### Births

A girl, Olivia Mae, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 201/2 inches long, was born Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Fairview South in Eagan to Jesse and Anna Kuhlman of Eagan. Grandparents are Jerry and Pam Kuhlman, Hardwick, and Glenn and Wendy Gatzke, Eagan. Greatgrandparents are Gloria Monger, Jasper, and Carol Kuhlman, Luverne.

A boy, Luka Steven, weighing 8 pounds, and 21 inches long, was born Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Kale and Hailee Wiertzema, Hills. He joins a brother Kai. Grandparents are Steve and Connie Wiertzema, Hills, Doug and Terri Petersen, Sioux Falls, and Ray and Janine Heitkamp, Adrian.

### **Open Houses**

An open house bridal shower for Courtney Isakson, bride-to-be of Joel Van Batavia, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Steen Reformed Church Fellowship Hall.

A baby shower for Jessica Martens will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 20, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hills. Guests are asked to give a children's book instead of a card.

### **SENIOR MENU**

Monday, Jan. 22: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, pineapple.

Program: Pinochle.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Barbecued chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Lasagna, California blend vegetables, peaches, garlic bread, cookie.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Friday, Jan. 26: Lemon pepper fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, slice pie. Program: Free meal giveaway.

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

Gift certificates are available at the meal site or online at www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

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

# Guardsman earns Soldier of the Year honors



### Niessink could add to his two Army National Guard titles at April event

### Story and photo

by Mavis Fodness Minnesota Army National Guard Specialist Matt Niessink recently cleared two of four hurdles toward his goal of becoming the Best Warrior in the Army National Guard.

The 2011 Luverne High School graduate was named Soldier of the Year by the Luverne-Pipestone unit and the 125th Field Artillery.

In April he'll see if he has what it takes to represent the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry, the Red Bulls, in the statewide competition.

"No one from our unit has won at the battalion level," Niessink said. "I am pretty proud to represent my unit, my community and my battalion as a whole."

Niessink's Soldier of the Year honors began almost a year ago when he was chosen as the top soldier from the 115 members of the Luverne and Pipestone unit in March 2017.

Based on his physical fitness and military knowledge, Niessink was selected out of the 600 soldiers in the battalion to

compete for the Soldier of the Year at the battalion level in October 2017.

The battalion competition was at Camp Ripley near Little Falls. Niessink was one of six soldiers sub-

jected to a day of questioning by a panel of three ranking officers.

He scored the best on the questions to claim the battalion's Soldier of the Year title.

"I only missed six or seven questions," he said.

As the representative of the 34th Infantry battalion, Niessink is preparing in earnest for the April contest against four other soldiers chosen from the state's 5,500 member brigade.

The event will test physical fitness, basic rifle marksmanship and uniform dress.

If Niessink is tops at the brigade level competition, he will compete in the Best Warrior competition.

The winner will represent the 11,000-member Minnesota Army National Guard at the all- Army competi-

tion in Virginia later this year. Niessink works full time at the Luverne Readiness Center as the unit's human resource representative.

During lunch breaks, after work, and on weekends he often reads one of the many Army study guides, preparing for the barrage of questions from the 22 possible military categories. Categories range from vehicle maintenance to weapons to military dress.

He is also preparing physically for the tests to challenge his tactical and technical abilities over a three-day period. The tests include day and night land navigation tasks and a long-distance march.

Niessink views preparations as validation for his career choice seven years ago when he was a high school senior.

"Military was something I always wanted to do," he said. "It's been a great experience, and as I look back, it was a great move (after high school)." Niessink is the son of Dave and

Cindy Niessink of Luverne.

## 1952: Egg production in Rock County becomes million dollar industry

More and more stress is in hens and loss in chicks. company, which manufactures brooders, ships their product to all parts of the United States. During the past year, they enlarged their manufacturing facilities by constructing a new all-modern factory building which is now in use, in addition to the facilities they already had.

the Rock County Star Herald on Feb. 21, 1952. This is the first of a two-part series.

### **Poultry Farming Is Million Dollar Business in County.**

### Census Shows Eggs Are **Big Income Source**

The poultry industry means an income of around \$1,000,000 annually on Rock County farms, to say nothing of the income it affords those who are indirectly interested in poultry raising.

This was revealed in a census report received by County Agent Howard J. Newell. For the last year that income figures were available - in 1949 — Rock county farmers sold 2,785,571 dozen eggs for a total of \$981,581. They sold in addition \$181,777 worth of poultry, to make the total income well over the million dollar mark.

"But the income doesn't



stop there," the county agent points out. "When we think of the industries we have here which depend upon poultry enterprises for their revenue. The hatcheries, the factories, the processors, the feed dealers, the produce buyers also must credit their earnings to the fact that someone somewhere is raising chickens to provide eggs and meat for a hungry nation."

### **Average Flock 150 Hens**

Last year, according to census figures released by the United States Department of Commerce, 205,317 laying hens were reported on Rock county farms. This means an average flock from 150 to 160 birds per farm. It represents however, a slight drop from the 1950 total, where some over 259,000 hens were on these same farms.

Looking toward the future, the county agents predicted that the poultry industry will undoubtedly continue to be of high importance as it produces a steady income for farm families the year round.

Indications are, he said, that the more efficient producer, who has a fairly good size flockandisequippedtohandle it probably will show the most profit on his enterprise.

being placed on proper handling of eggs, so as to insure better quality when they are marketed. This means additional care must be taken in tending the flock, and caring for the eggs after they are laid, but it also means more money per dozen because the better the egg, the netter price they will command on the market.

### **Production, Not Price, Is Key To Poultry Profits**

Egg production, not egg prices, will spell the difference between making money on eggs or going in the red, Cora Cooke, extension poultry specialist at the University of Minnesota, said today.

A state-wide study of 26 flocks conducted by Miss Cooke revealed that among the flocks studied, the highreturn flock did better than average in all important respects — total eggs per hen, summer eggs per hen, loss

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What this means, Miss Cooke says, is that the flock should be producing all year 'round. High production during the winter months is not enough.

Each hen in the high-return flock brought a return for labor of \$2.73. Each hen in the averageflock brought a return of \$.90. What made the difference was production — each hen in the high return flock produced 248 eggs, whereas each hen in the average flock produced only 191 eggs.

"To be profitable layers, young hens should be averaging at least 200 eggs a year," Miss Cooke said.

### Luverne Firms Help To Make R. C.ALeader In Poultry Industry

It's baby chick time again. And with each baby chick season come busy days for many Rock county business firms.

Three Luverne companies are kept busy the year round manufacturing poultry needs. The A. R. Wood Manufacturing

Also manufactured in the A. R. Wood plant are Grange Ventilating Company, headed by W.A. Edington, of Luverne. These systems also have nation wide distribution, and are used in poultry houses the country over, particularly where large flocks of layers or broilers are kept.

Story continues next week with part two.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.



Submitted photo

### Sanford Luverne first 2018 baby arrives Jan. 5

Waylon Lee Van Veldhuizen (center) arrived Friday, Jan. 5, as the first baby of the year at Sanford Luverne Medical Center in Luverne. The son of Travis and Brittney Van Veldhuizen of Rock Rapids, Iowa, was 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 22 inches. He was welcomed by siblings Kinzie, 6, Taryn, 4, and Weston, 2. Grandparents are Daryl and Mary Kramer, Adrian, and Arnold and Donna Van Veldhuizen, Inwood, Iowa.

### Ellenbecker makes dean's list at Morningside

Jori Ellenbecker, Beaver Creek, has been named to the Morningside College dean's list. The dean's list recognizes students who achieve a 3.67 grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a C-.

### SDSU releases Fall 2017 dean's list

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2017 semester at South Dakota State University. To be named, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with an asterisk received a perfect 4.0 GPA. (Key for acronyms at end.)

Adrian: Madisyn Dingmann\*, SEHS; Jacquelyn Hokeness, SEHS; Katilynn Jorgensen, SAGBS; Elizabeth Thier\*, SEHS.

Ellsworth: Jesse Kramer\*, SENGR; Cole Meester\*, SENGR; Paige Meester, SEHS, DED; Megan Popkes, SAGBS.

Lismore: Brittney Loonan, SEHS; Megan Tweet\*, SAGBS. Kenneth: Melissa Tweet\*, SA&S.

Luverne: Mariah Aukes, SNURS; Tanner Baustian\*, SAGBS; Brenna Brown\*, SEHS; Ellen Kennedy Dahl\*, SA&S, NUC; Jeremiah Dooyema, SENGR; Tessa Klarenbeek, SA&S; Nicole Kneip, SENGR; Shelbie Nath\*, SA&S; Teresa Oftedahl, SEHS; Jazmine Aakriti Olson, SEHS; Nicholas Overgaard\*, SAGBS;

Brenton Thompson, SENGR; Erik Tofteland\*, SAGBS; Sydnie Weiss-Anderson\*, SEHS.

Magnolia: Lexi Rust, SEHS.

Rushmore: Brook Grussing, SEHS; Mackenzie Wagner, SAGBS. Steen: Alexander Bonnema\*, SEHS

Acronyms:

SAGBS: College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences

SA&S: College of Arts & Sciences

SEHS: College of Education & Human Sciences

SENGR: Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

SNURS: College of Nursing

SPAHP: College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions SUC: University College.

### DSU names Fall 2017 honor students

Several area students have been named to the dean's list at Dakota State University at Madison for the Fall 2017 term. To be named, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0.

Full-time students named to the dean's list are Adam Martin, Adrian; Riley Lentz, Hills; Marissa Fick, Hailey Nath, Logan Stratton, Joel Thacker, and Danielle Watts-Boll, all of Luverne; and Alexis Hanson, Steen.

Part-time student Anthony Foote, Hills, was also made the dean's list.



The 2018 Blue Mound Figure Skaters include (from left) Liz Spiegelhoff, Maranda Thier, Anna Boyd, Madison Ruesch, Faith Hoiland, Sophia Eisma, Lauren Ver Steeg, Addison Wieneke, Alyssa Nattress, McKenzie Engwicht, Breanna Richters, Reese Henning, Hannah Hofer, Augusta Papik, Lily Hamner, Marisa Thier, Hannah Henning, Lexy Hamner, Elisabeth Kelm, Brylee Zebe, Ashley Hohn, Katharine Kelm, Riley Severtson, Mara Thier, Bailey Weg, Jayden Zebe, Alysha Wieneke, Zayda Holmgren, Audrina Tiesler and Kendall Buss. Skaters not pictured include Afton Nuffer, Giana Sowles, Grace Goeden, Madilyn Wenzel and Sylvia Eisma. Photo courtesy of Rickers Studio, Worthington.

# Ice Crystal Classic team, individual competition in Luverne this weekend

Ninety-six figure skaters from six different clubs will compete in the 2018 Ice Crystal Classic Friday through Sunday, Jan. 19-21, at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in Luverne. The local ice skating club, the Blue Mound Figure Skaters, is hosting the event.

Skaters compete for medals and trophies in team, small group and individual events.

Team competitions kick off the 130 judged events beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday and Sunday

competitions begin at 8 a.m. Admission is free for all

three days of the event. **Competition Saturday** ends at 5:30 p.m. for a benefit

burger feed at the Eagles Club in Luverne.

Funds will be given to the Hohn and Holmgren families to assist with ice skating expenses. Both families are affected by recent cancer

### diagnoses.

**REMEMBER WHEN** 

Local coaches include Courtney DeBoer, Katie Kopp, Sarah Nuffer, Cathy Shearer and Sabrina Sowles.

Assisting with the competition is BMFS graduate

#### Emma Baker.

Joining BMFS in the competition are figure skating clubs from Hutchinson, Brookings, South Dakota, Blaine, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Minneapolis.

### **O**BITUARIES

### Karen Ward -

Karen Lucille Ward, 72,

Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at theSanfordLuverne Medical Center.

A funeral service was Saturday, Jan. 13, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Karen Ward was born on May 25, 1945, to R. Duane and Merle (Slagel) Ward in Luverne. She was raised on the family farm west of Luverne and graduated from Beaver Creek High School. After her parents retired, Karen resided with them in Luverne. She moved to the Centennial Apartments and later to Poplar Creek assisted living facility. Most recently she was a resident of the Good Samaritan Society-Mary Jane

Brown Home in Luverne.

### Karen enjoyed word search puzzles, embroidery, reading magazines, and watchingold sit-coms on television. She had an affinity for all animals. Karen had a soft heart for cats and enjoyed a few special

ones during her life. She is survived

by her sisters, Lorna Wharton of Glenwood and Marlis (Verlon) Olson of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a sisterin-law, Mary Ward, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and many nieces and nephews.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Ronald Ward.

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

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### 10 years ago (2008)

•After this paper went to press Wednesday, the Luverne School Board was scheduled to approve a master agreement with the Luverne Education Association.

The LEA Monday accepted the school district's most recent offer, which amounts to a 9.91 percent increase (an average of \$5,917 per teacher) over the two years of the contract. Those numbers refer to insurance, salary, step increases, Teacher Retirement Association contributions and FICA.

Superintendent Gary Fisher said Tuesday, "I feel good about it."

### 25 years ago (1993)

•Charlotte M. Hirsch, Mitchell, S.D., pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to one count of check forgery in connection with the theft of more than \$114,000 from a Magnolia man.

Hirsch was charged with 25 counts of forgery on Sept. 21. As part of the plea agreement, 24 of the counts were dropped, but Hirsch is required to pay restitution of all counts.

According to a complaint filed by the County Attorney's office, Hirsch forged checks for over a four-year period from an account owned by Hub Voss, Magnolia, Hirsch worked as Voss's housekeeper.

Voss notified the police on July 29 that checks had been forged from his account. He told police that Hirsch has taken blank checks from him, filled them out and forged his name before cashing them. The following day, Hirsch admitted to police she had written checks on Voss's account. Each check was made out for \$70, and Hirsch told police all of the money went into gambling machines in South Dakota.

in 1965. Prior to 1965 he did not serve Rock County.

For Rock County Reker handled 45 cases. Seventeen youths were on probation at the beginning of the year. Twenty-eight new cases were assigned to him by the court and 33 cases either received satisfactory discharges or were committed to the Reception and Diagnostic Center at Lino Lakes, leaving a total of 12 cases under supervision at the end of the year.

### 75 years ago (1943)

•Sheriff Neil Roberts won a race with the Federal Bureau of Investigation this week, and as a result Henry Stykel, 28, of Luverne is in the county jail here, held on charges of abandonment of wife and family.

Stykel has been missing from Luverne since May 4, 1942, when he left here without notifying his wife, his employer or his draft board where he was going. The case was turned over to the FBI in July and in December, County Sheriff Roberts joined the search.

When his wife, then an expectant mother with a family of three children filed charges of abandonment against him, the local draft board was notified and they reclassified him from 3-A to 1-A. The board sent him a notice of his reclassification, and when it was returned to them because he could not be found, they turned the matter over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During the time he was gone, he had contributed nothing to the support of his wife and family.

This week Sheriff Roberts received notice from Sioux City police department that they had Stykel in their charge, and the sheriff drove there for him Tuesday, returning him to the local jail the same day.

### 100 years ago (1918)

•Rock county is this year entitled to \$22,200.00 as state aid for road and bridge work, according to notice received this week from the State Highway department by County Auditor Skyberg. This is \$7,875.00 more than was apportioned to the county last year.



Thomas Lindsay Mitchell, 69, George, Iowa, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at the Sanford Sheldon Medical Center in Sheldon, Iowa.

**Thomas Mitchell** 

A private family burial will be at Evergreen Lawn Cemetery in George.

Thomas Mitchell was born April 5, 1948, to Delmer and Phyllis (Horne) Mitchell in Luverne. He was raised in Luverne and attended Luverne High School. He continued his education in 1972 at Willmar Technical Institute studying

technical illustrated. Tom lived in many parts of the area including Luverne and Sheldon prior to moving to George in 2014. He worked as a manager, a QC technician, and a printing press operator for most of his life, where he displayed a knack for solving problems and improving efficiency.

Tom was a man of many hobbies. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, flying and building aircraft. He

mostly enjoyed the time spent with his grandchil-

dren. He made sure to keep them supplied with a new batch of cookies every couple of weeks. He also enjoyed his two golden retrievers, Piper and Lucy. Tom is survived

by two sons, Matt (Sherry) Mitchell,

George, and Seth Mitchell, Eden Prairie; four grandchildren, Kirra, Mason, Sydney and Kade Mitchell; brothers Bill Mitchell of Kenneth, Jack (Cheryl) Mitchell of Brandon, South Dakota, and Michael Mitchell of St. Cloud; sister Jean (Lester) Norberg of Soldier, Kansas; and many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kriston; his parents; a brother, Delmer Mitchell; and a sister, Cynthia Stroud.

Arrangements are provided by Jurrens Funeral Home of George, www.jurrensfuneralhome.com. (0118 F)

### 50 years ago (1968)

•The highest case load in the history of the Nobles-Rock County Probation District was reported this week by Alvin J. Reker, chief probation officer, of Worthington.

Rekerfound he served a total of 251 youths for the two-county Juvenile Courts, Youth Division of the Department of Correction, and the Municipal Courts of Worthington and Luverne.

By comparison he served 172 youth in 1966 and 202 youth

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

### Area students named to NSU dean's list

Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, has released its Fall 2017 dean's list. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA or greater.

Tayla Peterson, Luverne, was named to the 3.5-3.99 list, and Zyandra Schroeder, Adrian, earned a 4.0.

### Adams receives diploma

Paige Adams graduated from Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Fergus Falls following fall semester with a degree in practical nursing.

Paige is the daughter of Scott and Peggy Adams, Luverne.

### Vortherms graduates from DSU

David Vortherms, Luverne, graduated with honor from Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, Dec. 9.

Vortherms received an Associate of Science in Network and System Administration degree.



In order to obtain the above stated amount, however, the county must expend 40 per cent of the total cost of road and bridge work, the state paying 60 per cent and the county the remainder. Of the total amount expended, 80 per cent must be for construction work, and 20 per cent for maintenance.

### **PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

### **Overgaard joins Minnwest Bank**

Matt Overgaard has recently joined Minnwest Bank Downtown Luverne office in the agriculture lending department.

Overgaard, son of Mark and Amy Overgaard, Luverne, is a 2013 graduate of Luverne High School and has an agri-business major with a marketing minor from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall.

Overgaard started his duties with Minnwest Bank in December.

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### **DEATH NOTICE**

### C. Devere Johnson -

C. Devere Johnson, 83, Luverne, formerly of Worthington, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the First Presbyterian Church in Round Lake. Burial will be at a later date in the Round Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Benson Funeral Home in Worthington.

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### **Doggone cold**

Lori Sorenson photo/0118 sun dogs

Blustery winds sweep snow over frozen fields in western Rock County Monday morning, prompting sundogs, an atmospheric phenomenon of bright spots on either side on the sun. They occur in very cold weather when drifting ice crystals in the air act as prisms to refract the light. Sub-zero temperatures combined with bitter winds made it feel like minus 35 degrees most of the day Monday. A warm-up is in the forecast for later this week.

### Carbon monoxide poisoning/ continued from page 1A \_\_\_\_\_

tectors are a good idea, but he cautioned against the "cheap ones" that are notorious for chirping batteries and nuisance alarms.

He recommended a unit that plugs into the wall (that doesn't rely on batteries) and offers a digital readout.

"They cost a little more, but you get what you pay for," Buss said. "And don't plug it in by the furnace; put it near your bedroom or living areas."

The Hups' faulty furnace was immediately removed and temporary heat was connected,

That night they both started feeling better.

"I didn't take the antibiotics," Teresa said. "I didn't need them."

The new furnace was installed Thursday and the Hups are healthy again, but the story didn't end there.

"I went out and bought carbon monoxide detectors for all our kids," Teresa said. "And people I've talked to about it — at least 10 — have said they're going to buy detectors."

She said she was surprised to learn how many others also didn't have carbon monoxide detectors. "I guess

"When he got here, his detector went past 360, and he shut it off, because he knew there was a problem. ... We didn't know ... You can't smell it ..."

— Teresa Hup

we weren't the only ones," Teresa said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the most common symptoms of CO poisoning are described as "flu-like" — headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion.

Most people don't notice symptoms from CO levels lower than 70 ppm, but as concentration increases and remains above 70 ppm, symptoms become more noticeable.

At sustained concentrations over 200 ppm, CO can cause disorientation, unconsciousness and death.

### Creative Minnesota study shows arts have \$2 million impact in Rock County/from page 1A

ers, and I want them to know they're donating to a worthwhile cause," Voigt said.

"There are economic benefits to what we do. ... Hopefully others will want to contribute, knowing that an investment in the arts is beneficial to the community."

### By the numbers

Doing the math for Rock County's 9,600 people, Smith said the \$2 million impact breaks down to \$213 per person.

"That's way, way, way higher than you would expect for that population," Smith said.

She attributes the profitable arts scene to a number of factors gleaned from the study.

For one thing, she said Rock County has a "healthy ecosystem of arts," meaning there are a variety of paid

**PARTICIPATING NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS:** 

#### BY BUDGET SIZE **BY DISCIPLINE** Performing Arts History and historical preservation Visual arts and architecture Media and communications Under \$25K 3 \$100K-\$250K ATTENDANCE 🛉 Literary arts TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE ATTENDEES 55,576 ATTENDEES IN THIS REGION SPEND PER PERSON ABOVE THE COST OF THEIR TICKET \$19.77 6.402 **TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

NOTE: An impressive Historical Society capital campaign in the study year raised an additional \$1 million (not included in the numbers above) for future arts and cultural spending, which hints of even better things to come.

### PARTICIPATING ROCK COUNTY NONPROFIT ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS:

• Blue Mound Area Theatre

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- Brandenburg Prairie Foundation
- (Brandenburg Gallery and Herreid War Museum)
- Luverne Convention & Visitor's Bureau
- Green Earth Players
- Rock County Historical Society
- American Reformed Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Hills Community Theatre

- Hardwick Community Club

- Rock County Opportunities
- Rock County Community Library Rock County Fine Arts Association

 Luverne Area Community Foundation Luverne Community Education

**Rock County Ag Society** 

Luverne Sr Citizen's Center

Luverne Street Music

Rock County 4-H

Rock County

nearly \$1.1 million in the community.

This means the average attendee spends \$20 (not including their event tickets) in restaurants, gas stations, and other local businesses on their way to and on the way home from an event.

It's money that would not have been spent in the community had the event not occurred.

Nonlocals spend even more - bringing dollars to the community that would otherwise not be there.

Nearly 30 percent of audience members come from outside Rock County and outside the region, which is also notable, Smith said.

"You have a very large audience coming from neighboring communities and states, which is

bors don't have as much to offer, you have a potential to draw more people from outside your community who will come and spend money on gas, stores and restaurants."

### What does it mean?

All this matters to government and community leaders considering where to allocate resources.

"It's food for thought not just for non-profits but to think about growing that sector of the economy as a whole," Smith said.

Specifically, she said county and city governments should recognize the arts as good investments of tax dollars, and the study results are tools for chambers of commerce and tourism groups to target their marketing.

And it's validating for

creative workers in a range of fields, including musicians, photographers, writers, painters and others.

Using federal employment data, the study looked at 19 Rock County groups and 85 paid artists, either self-employed or working for 41 local creative occupations. It found that they average \$17 per hour (the average local worker wage is \$16.60) and spend more than \$350,000 per year on their creative work (for supplies, studio rental, etc.).

Further, their direct spending generates \$42,310 in state and local government revenues and supports 43 full-time equivalent jobs. As a side note, the History Center's \$1 million capital campaign isn't included in study results, nor is the Lord Grizzly Gallery, which opened after the

study was conducted. These new endeavors hint of even better things to come, Smith said.

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Follow the money Smith said Rock County's artists serve an "astonishing" annual audience of over 55,000 people (including 6,000 youth) who spend

something not very many communities can say in terms of their arts economies," she said.

She said it's generally true that people in greater Minnesota are willing to drive up to two hours for entertainment in rural areas.

But Rock County's location against two borders offers unique opportunities.

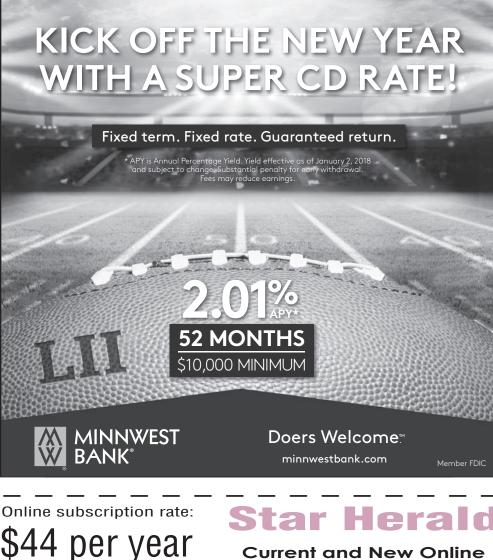
"... Because of your proximity to Sioux Falls, and because your neighartists, according to Voigt, who shared a quote from Socrates in Plato's "Apology" that says, "An unexamined life is not worth living."

She said the Creative Minnesota study sheds light on the value of art and culture in a community.

"We have to give some thought to what we do ... to find some meaning in our lives," Voigt said.

"This is a way of reflecting on what we do as the arts — and the impact we have."





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# **Star Herald ARIETY**

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Mavis Fodness photos/0118 Nick Scott

Motivational speaker Nick Scott crosses the stage Friday morning at Luverne High School in a wheelchair rigged with LED lights and wheel spinners. He explained to students that living is a mindset and it's up to them to decide what that mindset will be.

# Wheelchair bodybuilder shows students what 'never give up' means

### **By Mavis Fodness**

Dressed in his favorite color, black, and a tie bedazzled with Swarovski crystals, motivational speaker

Nick Scott took stage in the Luverne Middle-High School auditorium amid the students' loud cheers and applause. "Never give up on yourself," his voice echoed over the student body. "Don't focus on the things you can't do, focus on the things you're good at."

Since the age of 16, Scott has been using a wheelchair after a 1998 car



tive attitude made him more passionate, and it helped him excel in wheelchair weightlifting. As a bonus, Scott walked across the stage to

> receive his college diploma in 2005, despite being told by doctors he would never walk again.

"Anyone can say 'never give up," he said. "I can show you want that means." Scott later became a champion professional bodybuilder, the story of which led to his book,

"Journey." In 2011 a movie, "Perspective: the Nick Scott Story," was made for the Arnold Sports Festival. There he met former bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger who presented Scott with an "Arny" for his portrayal of himself in the movie.



accident left him paralyzed from the waist down.

By standing up on the school stage Friday morning, Scott demonstrated what it means to never give up on oneself.

"We all actually have disabilities, except mine's visible," Scott said in the video at www. nickscott.net. "It's about pushing yourself to overcome that obstacle and task that faces us ... we can learn not to give up."

Scott, a Kansas

native, told students of his depression and self-doubt — thoughts of why anyone would associate with someone who is disabled.

He also shared how he shifted his focus from "I can't" to "I can."

Before his accident, Scott said he liked lifting weights. He returned to weightlifting when his posi-

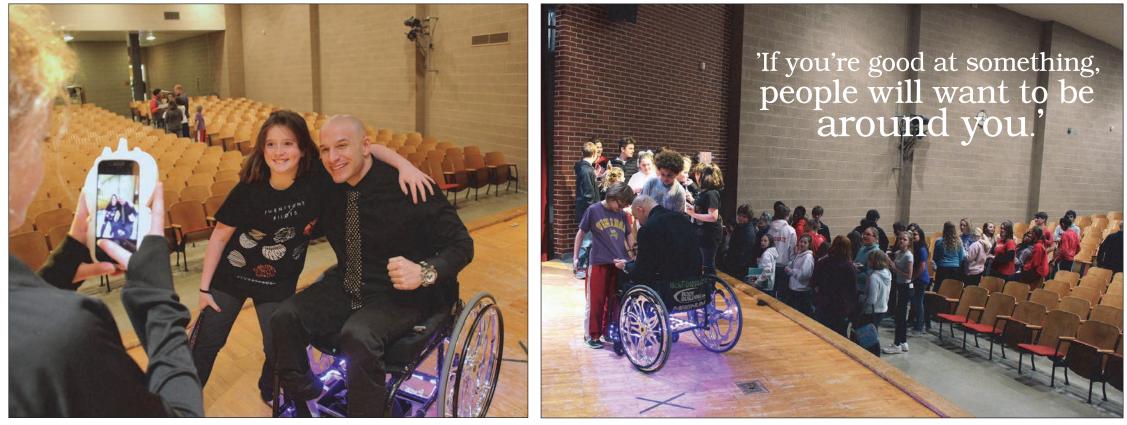
Nick Scott tells students he talked about his upcoming trip to Luverne with his cousin Vin Diesel, the lead actor in the "Fast and Furious" movies. Moments later he tells them he was just joking. He later became a promoter with the Arnold Sports Festival, and for more than 12 years he's been a motivational speaker.

"If you're good at something, people will want to be around you," Scott said. "I followed my heart and it led to different opportunities. That's what life is about." Luverne School

District sponsored Scott's visit, and Principal Ryan Johnson said the message of resilience had a big impact on students.

"Our students here have faced or will face many obstacles in their lives," he said. "We as staff want to send the message to keep pushing through and find the joy in life."

Despite being told at age 16 that he would never walk again, Nick Scott shows students that 20 years after his car accident he can stand and walk a few steps.



"Live your dreams," encouraged speaker Nick Scott Friday as he posed with middle and high school students, including seventh-grader Kianna Lange (left) as her sister Kierra snaps a quick picture and (right) Johnathon Wickherst, who has his T-shirt autographed by Scott, while other middle schoolers wait their turn to talk with Scott.

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# **Star Herald SPORTS**



Luverne forward Gaige Nath advances the puck to the net before taking a shot during Saturday's 10-0 home win over Willmar.

# Cards crush Fairmont, Willmar

### By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team posted a pair of lopsided victories last week. The Cardinals skated to an

eight-goal win in Fairmont Jan. 9 before besting Willmar by 10 goals Saturday in Luverne. Luverne, 11-4 overall, hosts

Redwood Valley Thursday.

### LHS 10, Willmar 0

The Cardinals turned in a commanding performance during Saturday's game against Willmar at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Eight different Cardinal players scored at least one goal and a pair of goalies combined efforts to produce a 15-save shutout.

Luverne, which outshot Willmar 42-15, received two goals each from Kasyn Kruse and Colby Crabtree.

Daniel Tofteland made 10 saves in goal during the first and second periods before faced in the third period. The Cards got off to a good start by scoring four first-

period goals. Nick Harder opened the scoring at the 11:11 mark before Kruse made it 2-0 with

5:53 remaining. Jim Erickson and Coy Gonnerman recorded power-play goals in the final 5:21 of the stanza to up the lead to 4-0.

Crabtree netted the lone goal of the second period and opened the scoring in what turned into a five-goal third period by recording his second goal 34 seconds into the stanza.

Kruse and Declan Beers addedonegoaleachinthefirst seven minutes of the final period, and Mark Sterrett made it 9-0 with 3:42 remaining.

Gaige Nath capped the scoring with a power play goal that came with 1:52 left to play.

Kruse and Ben Serie recorded three assists each, while Beers and Erickson added two each. Harder, Gonnerman, Jacob

Von Tersch and Tyler Roberts added one assist each to the winning cause.

### LHS 9, Fairmont 1

The Cardinals ran their Big South Conference record to 9-0 with an eight-goal victory in Fairmont Jan. 9.

Luverne scored the first eight goals of the game and sported a 51-12 advantage in shots on goal during the lopsided contest.

Kruse led the offensive outburst by scoring four goals, while Gonnerman chipped in a hat trick

Kruserecorded the lone goal of the first period when he scored during a short-handed situation 3:08 into the first period.

The Cards upped the lead to 4-0 with a three-goal second stanza.

Gonnerman scored at the 11:11 mark of the stanza and

Gonnerman produced his second goal with 21 seconds left in the period.

LHS scored four times in the first 5:35 of the third period to ice the contest. Kruse, Sterrett, Crabtree

and Gonnerman netted one goal each in a span of 5:14 to make it 8-0.

Fairmont's Riley Chaffee snapped Luverne's eight-goal run with 10:05 left in the game, but Kruse scored with 6:18 remaining to give the Cards an eight-goal conquest.

Tyler Reisdorfer led LHS with three assists, while Tyler Roberts and Beers charted two assists each.

Serie, Kruse, Erickson and Austin Watts-Boll added one assist each to the winning cause.

Tofteland stopped all 10 shots he faced in goal during two-plus periods of play, while Oscar Holmberg made one save and vielded one goal in the final 15:33.

# Patriots run streak to eight straight wins

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls ran a winning streak to eight consecutive games by posting a pair of victories over the weekend.

H-BC cruised to a 34-point win over Heron Lake-Okabena Friday in Okabena before nailing down a 13-point conquest over Red Rock Central Saturday in Lamberton.

The 9-3 Patriots take on Freeman Academy-Marion Saturday in Madison, South Dakota.

### H-BC 46, RRC 33

The Patriots upped their Red Rock Conference record to 6-2 with a 13-point win over the Falcons in Lamberton Saturday.

The first half was a tightly contested battle that ended with H-BC sporting a 24-19 advantage.

The Patriots went on to outscore the Falcons 22-14 in the second half to ice a 23-point win.

Sidney Fick (20 points and four assists) and Kourtney Rozeboom (10 points and 12 rebounds) paced H-BC's offense.

Grace Bundesen (10 rebounds and three assists), Whitney Elbers (eight rebounds) and Madison Spath (six rebounds) were other key contributors for H-BC.

# Two Luverne wrestlers place at BSC tourney

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team made an appearance at the Big South Conference Tournament in Waseca Saturday.

An abbreviated LHS squad included six entries into the individual event.

When the event was complete, two Cardinals returned home as place-winners Riley Cowell turned in Luverne's top effort by placing

fourth at 106 pounds with a 1-2 record.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns went 4-1 and placed fifth at 132 pounds.

Dalton DeSollar and Jayden Renken both went 1-2 without placing at 145 and 160 respectively.

Brayden Ripka went 0-2 without placing at 113, as did Tom Brown at 170. Luvernewrestles in Hutchinson Saturday.

### H-BC 64, HL-O 30 The Patriots began their weekend road swing by post-

ing a 34-point victory in Okabena Friday. The Patriots rolled to a 39-16

Box score Tilstra 0 0 0-1 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Knob-

loch 100-12, Fick 8 11-220, Bundesen 1 0 1-2 3, Rauk 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 1 0 0-0 2, Elbers 4 0 1-2 9, Rozeboom 5 0 0-4 10.

H-BC: 21 of 60 field goals (35 percent), three of 13 free throws (23 percent), 47

rebounds, 15 turnovers. RRC: 11 of 63 field goals (17 percent),

11 of 16 free throws (69 percent), 29

rebounds, nine turnovers.

Team statistics

lead in the game's first half.

H-BC used a 25-14 scoring cushion in the second half to complete a 34-point conquest.

Fick (16 points), Rozeboom (12 points and 10 rebounds) and Elbers (10 points and six rebounds) played key roles in the victory.

Bundesen added six rebounds and four assists to H-BC's cause, while Megan Gehrke added three assists.

#### Box score

K.Fick 0 0 2-2 2, Bos 0 1 0-0 3, Tilstra 1 0 1-2 3, Spath 3 0 2-2 8, Hagen 0 0 0-1 0, Knobloch 0 0 0-0 0, S.Fick 5 2 0-0 16, Bundesen 2 0 0-1 4, Swan 1 0 0-0 2, Ka.Rozeboom 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 2 0 0-0 4, Gehrke 0 0 0-2 0, Elbers 5 0 0-0 10, Ko.Rozeboom 6 0 0-2 12.

#### Team statistics

H-BC: 28 of 69 field goals (41 percent), five of 12 free throws (42 percent), 48 rebounds, 11 turnovers. HL-O: 14 of 59 field goals (24 percent),

one of four free throws (25 percent), 28 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

giving way to Max Skattum, who stopped all five shots he

Kruse recorded a power-play tally nine seconds later.



#### John Rittenhouse photo/0118 lgh 3

Luverne forward Shelby Kracht keeps the puck away from a Prairie Centre player during Saturday's game in Luverne.

### Luverne girls go 2-1 in three-event hockey week

#### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne girls' hockey team compiled a 2-1 record during a span of playing three games in seven days.

LHS posted a seven-goal win in Fairmont Jan. 9 before falling by one goal to Prairie Centre Saturday in Luverne.

The Cardinals bounced back to secure a one-goal victory in Le Sueur Monday.

The 13-6-2 Cards play in Albert Lea Tuesday.

#### LHS 2, Minnesota River 1

The Cardinals came out on the winning end of a one-goal decision over Minnesota River Monday in Le Sueur.

All three of the goals in the game came in the first period, and LHS netted three of them.

Kamryn Van Batavia opened the scoring 2:19 into the game, but MR's Nicole McCabe tied the score 29 seconds later.

Luverne produced what proved to the decisive goal when Reghan Bork registered a power-play tally with 3:28 remaining in the opening period.

LHS, which sported a 51-12 advantage in shots on goal, received an 11-save effort from Emilie Bartels.

Brynn Thier and Rozilyn Oye recorded one assist each for the winners.

#### PC 3, Luverne 2

A run of playing seven games without taking a loss came to an end for the Cardinals when they entertainedthe Blue Devils for a game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne sported 1-0 and 2-1 leads during the contest,

but PC scored the final two goals of the game to secure a one-goal win and saddled the Cards with their first setback since Dec. 16.

The game turned into a showdown between Luverne's Van Batavia and PC's Kylee Hopp, who netted all five goals in the contest.

#### Girls/continued on page 4B

# **Cardinals win game in Target Center**

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne girls' basketball team is riding a season-long four-game winning streak after posting a pair of wins late last week.

Luverne cruised to a 55-pointhome win over Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday before posting a 34-point victory over Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City in Minneapolis Saturday.

The 8-5 Cardinals play in Worthington Thursday.

### Luverne 66, A-C-GC 32

The Cardinals made themselves at home when they took on A-C-GC in the Target Center in Minneapolis Saturday.

Playing in an unfamiliar arena didn't seem to bother Luverne as the Cardinals made52 percent of their field goals and outscored the Falcons in both halves of a 34-point victory.

LHS set the tone for the game by outscoring A-C-GC 45-15 in the first half.

The Cardinals used a 21-17 scoring edge in the second half to win by 34 points.

Joci Oye pumped in 19 points to lead LHS in scoring. Jadyn Anderson added six steals and four assists to the winning effort.

#### Box score

Schmuck 1 0 0-0 2, Ver Steeg 2 0 1-3 5, Oye 5 3 0-2 19, Anderson 2 0 3-4 7, Thorson 3 0 0-0 6, Oftedahl 3 0 0-0 6, Sweeney 0 0 2-2 2, Staeffler 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 3 0 2-2 8, Ferrell 3 1 0-0 9, Hadler 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics Luverne: 27 of 52 field goals (52 percent), eight of 13 free throws (62 percent), 12 rebounds, seven turnovers.

#### Luverne 86, HL-O 31

The Cardinals notched their third consecutive victory by overwhelming the Wildcats Thursday in Luverne.

Canning 61 percent of the



John Rittenhouse photo/0118 lgb 1

Luverne junior Mackenzie Petersen closes in on Heron Lake-Okabena's Kiana Leighty to challenge a shot during the first half of Thursday's game in Luverne.

their field goals in the game, LHS compiled a season-high 86 points during a 55-point rout of HL-O.

 $The Wild cats\, scored\, the\, first$ four points of the night and led 8-5 early in the game, but the rest of the contest belonged to LHS.

Luverne went on a 28-5 run ending with a layup from Mackenzie Petersen to open a 20-point lead (33-13) with 6:02 remaining in the first half. A six-point surge by the

Wildcats trimmed the difference to 14 points (33-19) with 5:15 remaining, but the Cards countered with a 15-2

run capped by a field goal from Mallory Thorson with 53 seconds left to give the hosts a 48-21 lead they would take into the second half.

HL-O closed the gap to 26 points (49-23) in the first half, but that proved to be as close as the Wildcats would come to catching the Cardinals.

Luverne continually padded its lead that reached 58 points (86-28) when Tia Halder drained a field goal with 1:11 left before settling with a 55-point victory at game's end.

Thorson (18 points, three assists and three steals), Brooklynn Ver Steeg (17 points), Anderson (16 points and six rebounds), Petersen (12 points) and Oye (10 points) and five steals) paced Luverne statistically.

Rachel Oftedahl added seven rebounds and three steals to the winning cause.

#### Box score

Baustian 1 0 1-2 3, Schmuck 1 0 1-2 3, Ver Steeg 7 1 0-2 17, Oye 3 1 1-2 10, Anderson 6 0 4-4 16, Thorson 5 0 8-9 18, Oftedahl 2 0 1-2 5, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Staeffler 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 6 0 0-0 12. Hadler 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics Luverne: 34 of 56 field goals (61 per-cent), 16 of 23 free throws (70 percent), 25 rebounds, five turnovers. HL-O: 13 of 27 field goals (48 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent).

## Henning drains three to give AHS boys victory

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian boys' basketball team split a pair of road games last week.

The Dragons took a 10-point loss in Mountain Lake Thursday before winning in double overtime against Garretson Saturday in Garretson, South Dakota.

Adrian, 6-8 overall, plays in Ellsworth Tuesday.

#### Adrian 72, Garretson 71

A clutch shot by senior Brady Henning late in the second overtime session gave the Dragons a one-point win Saturday in Garretson.

AHS, which faced a 27-24 deficit at halftime, tied the score at 58 before the second half was complete.

The score was deadlocked at 64 when the first overtime was over, but AHS faced a 71-69 deficit late in the second session before Henning canned a three-point shot before time expired.

Christian Weidert (18 points, five rebounds and five assists), Ryan Wieneke (18 points and four assists) and Skylar Polzine (eightrebounds) also made key contributions to the win.

#### Box score

Weidert 5 1 5-8 18, John 0 1 0-0 3, Wieneke 3 4 0-1 18, Henning 1 1 3-3 8,

Veld 2 1 0-0 7, Reyne 0 1 1-1 4, Polzine 4 0 1-2 9, Luettel 1 0 3-4 5.

### Team statistics

Adrian: 25 of 67 field goals (37 percent), 13 of 19 free throws (68 percent), 30 rebounds, five turnovers. Garretson: 24 of 53 field goals (45 per-cent), 16 of 24 free throws (67 percent), 31 rebounds, eight turnovers.

#### MLA 68. Adrian 58

The Dragons lost their third consecutive game when the Dragons took on Mountain Lake Area Thursday in Mountain Lake.

The night started in a promising way as the Dragons led 31-30 at the intermission.

The Wolverines, however, outscored AHS 38-27 in the second half to secure a 68-58 victory.

Wieneke (21 points and seven rebounds) and Polzine (15 points and 10 rebounds) playedstronggamesforAdrian.

Dakota John registered three assists for the 5-8 Dragons, who play in Ellsworth Tuesday.

#### Box score

Weidert 200-04, John 000-00, Wieneke 2 4 5-6 21, Henning 1 2 0-0 8, Veld 1 1 0-0 5, Reyne 0 1 0-0 3, Polzine 7 0 1-1 15, Luettel 1 0 0 0-0 2.

#### Team statistics

Adrian: 22 of 46 field goals (48 percent), six of seven free throws (86 percent), 27 rebounds, 10 turnovers MLA: 27 of 53 field goals (47 percent), eight of 17 free throws (47 percent), 20 rebounds, six turnovers,

### RRC, SWC deny H-BC

#### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team slipped to 2-8 for the season after dropping a pair of road games last week.

Southwest Christian bested H-BC by 25 points in Edgerton Thursday. Red Rock Central handed the Patriots a 39-point setback in Lamberton Saturday

The Patriots host Murray County Central Friday.

#### RRC 67, H-BC 28

The Patriots took their fourth conference loss of the season when they bowed to the Falcons in Lamberton Saturday.

The home-standing Falcons drained 57 percent of their field goals and outscored H-BC in both halves of a 67-28 victory.

RRC raced to a 47-13 lead in the first half before outscoring the Patriots 20-15 in the final 18 minutes to clinch a 39-point H-BC: 11 of 36 field goals (31 percent), five of eight free throws (63 percent), 22 rebounds, 17 turnovers. RRC: 28 of 49 field goals (57 percent). four of four free throws (100 percent), 20 rebounds, seven turnovers

#### SWC 87, H-BC 62

The high-flying Eagles put together a strong second half to best the Patriots by 25 points when the teams squared off in Edgerton Thursday.

The Patriots played with the Eagles during a first half that ended with SWC sporting a 39-32 lead.

SWC dominated play in the second half by outscoring the Patriots 48-30 to complete an 87-62 win.

Wysong(22 points and nine rebounds) and Wilhelmi (16 points, seven rebounds and five assists) led H-BC statistically.

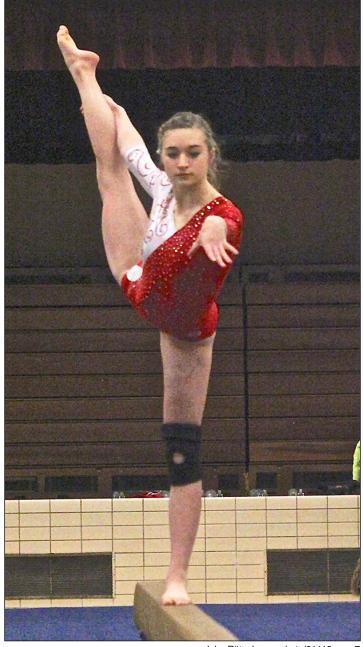
Josh Kueter and Dawson Leenderts pulled down five rebounds each for the Patriots



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Luverne senior Samantha Pierce turned in a fourth-place showing on the uneven bars with a score of 7.1 during Friday's home win over the Pipestone Arrows. The meet against Pipestone was Luverne's Big South Conference debut.

# LHS gymnasts win conference opener



**By John Rittenhouse** 

The Luverne gymnastics team competed at a pair of events on consecutive days late last week.

The Cardinals won their **Big South Conference opener** against Pipestone Friday in Luverne before placing third at the Martin County Area Invitational in Welcome Saturday.

Luverne, 5-6 overall, hosts Jackson County Central Thursday.

#### MCA invite

The Cardinals finished third in a four-team field at the MCA Invitational in Welcome Saturday.

Luverne compiled 127.125 points to best Blue Earth Area (117) in team competition.

Jackson County Central (140.2) and MCA (131.5) placed first and second respectively.

LHS senior Samantha Pierce turned in a pair of placeearning efforts by finishing third on the beam and fourth on the vault with respective 8.55 and 8.85 tallies.

Meghan Witte, who finished third all-around with 33.125 points, placed third on the vault with an 8.925.

lissa Teal, 8.55; Anna Huisman, 8.425; Meghan Mollberg, 8.2. Bars: Huisman, 7.9; Witte, 7.875; Teal,

6.875; Pierce, 6.175; Madigan Flom, 5.325. Beam: Pierce, 8.55; Witte, 7.65; Flom, 7.6; Mollberg, 6.795; Huisman, 6.75. Floor:Witte, 8.675; Huisman, 8.4; Pierce,

8.05; Mollberg, 7.7; Teal, 7.525. Luverne 125.25,

### Pipestone 115.4

The Cardinals got off to a good start in Big South Conference competition by besting the Arrows in Luverne Friday. With Meghan Witte and Samantha Pierce leading the charge, LHS won all four individual event titles to set the stage for a nine-plus point victory over the Arrows.

Witte, who won the allaround title with a 33.0, took top honors on the vault (8.7), bars (7.7) and floor (8.475) along with placing second on the beam (8.125).

Pierce, who finished second all-around with 31.775 points, claimed the beam championship (8.3), placed second on the vault (8.5), third on the floor (7.875) and fourth on the bars (7.1).

Anna Huisman placed second on the bars (7.625) and

#### win.

Preston Wilhelmi and Jax Wysong netted eight points each for the Patriots.

### Box score

G.Wysong 0 0 0-0 0, Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Z.Wysong 0 1 0-0 3, Leenderts 0 0 0-0 0, Westrum 0 0 1-2 1, Wilhelmi 3 0 2-2 8, Bork 100-22, J.Kueter 100-02, Hellerud 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 2-2 2, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, J.Wysong 4 0 0-0 8, K.Kueter 1 0 0-0 2.

#### Team statistics

Box score

Harnack 0 1 0-0 3, Leenderts 1 0 1-3 3, Westrum 1 0 1-2 3. Wilhelmi 2 2 6-7 16. Bork 1 0 0-0 2, J.Kueter 3 1 0-0 9, Hellerud 0 0 0-0 0, Taubert 0 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 0 1-2 1. Susie 0 0 0-0 0, Wysong 8 1 3-5 22, K.Kueter 1 0 1-2 3.

#### Team statistics

H-BC: 22 of 51 field goals (43 percent), 13 of 21 free throws (62 percent), 34 rebounds, 18 turnovers. SWC: 35 of 67 field goals (52 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent), 34 rebounds, six turnovers.

vincing 42-point victory.

The Raiders raced to a

37-20 lead in the first half

and outscored the Panthers

42-17 in the second half to

Brandon Kramer and

Noah Kruse pulled down

eight and six rebounds re-

Kruse 2 0 0-0 4, S.Boltjes 2 0 0-2 4,

K.Boltjes 2 0 0-0 4, Jansma 0 1 2-2 5, S.Kramer 1 0 1-2 3, B.Kramer 4 0 0-0 8, Z.Buntjer 3 1 0-0 9.

Ellsworth: 16 of 39 field goals (41

percent), three of six free throws (50 percent), 27 rebounds, 25 turnovers.

win handily.

scoring.

spectively.

Team statistics

Box score

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Sophomore Meghan Witte won three event titles and the allaround championship during Friday's home win over Pipestone.

### Raiders, Wildcats saddle EHS boys with setbacks

### **By John Rittenhouse**

Aslumping Ellsworth boys' basketball team lost a pair of games to extend what stands as a five-game losing skid.

The Panthers fell by five points to Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday in Okabena before taking a 42-point home setback from Fulda Saturday.

Ellsworth, 1-10 overall, plays in Mountain Lake Friday.

#### Fulda 79, Ellsworth 37

ThePantherslosttheirfifth consecutive contest when they took on the Raiders in Ellsworth Saturday.

Fulda dominated both halves of the game in a con-

### HL-O 61 Ellsworth 56

The Panthers put themselves in a position to post their second win of the season when they took on the Wildcats in Okabena

Unfortunately for EHS,

eight points in the second half before falling by five when the contest was complete.

HL-O, which hit five of

the intermission.

Brandon Kramer (14 points and 12 rebounds) and Grant Jansma (12 points) led EHS offensively.

Kruse (five rebounds and three assists), Buntjer (six rebounds)andSamuelKramer (five steals) also played well for the Panthers.

### Box score

Kruse 2 0 2-4 6, S.Boltjes 0 0 1-3 1, K.Boltjes 0 0 1-2 1, Jansma 5 0 2-2 12, S.Kramer 4 0 0-0 8, Boyenga 1 1 1-2 6, B.Kramer 5 0 4-4 14, Buntjer 400-08.

#### Team statistics

Ellsworth: 22 of 56 field goals (39 percent), 11 of 17 free throws (64 percent), 33 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

JCC's Brooklyn Schuett won the vault (9.15), beam (9.15) and all-around (35.55) titles.

JCC's Abby Schneekloth claimed the bars crown with an 8.8, while teammate Sydney Sadusky captured the floor title with a 9.0.

#### Individual results Vault: Witte, 8.925; Pierce, 8.85; Me-

floor (8.125), Madigan Flom finished third on the beam (7.45) and Melissa Teal placed third on the vault (8.4) for the winners.

#### Individual results

Vault: Witte, 8.7, Pierce, 8.5; Teal, 8.4; Meghan Mollberg, 7.9; Huisman, 7.825. Bars: Witte, 7.7; Huisman, 7.625; Pierce, 7.1; Teal, 6.4; Flom, 5.3. Beam: Pierce, 8.3; Witte, 8.125; Flom, 7.45; Mollberg, 7.0; Huisman, 6.925. Floor: Witte, 8.475; Huisman, 8.125; Pierce, 7.875; Flom, 7.65; Mollberg, 7.05.



### Nick Harder

Sport: Hockey **Position:** Forward Parents: Mark & Sherri Harder Favorite Subject: Shop Extra Curricular Activities: Football, hockey Future Plans: Play hockey.



### Alexis Henrichs

Sport: Hockey Position: Forward Parents: Mark & Manda Steensma, Cody & Nicole Henrichs Favorite Subject: Math Extra Curricular Activities: Peer helping, church youth group Future Plans: Attend SDSU for business & accounting, then move back to Luverne and start a family.

### Tucker Oeltjenbruns

Sport: Wrestling Parents: Glen & Cris Oeltjenbruns Favorite Subject: Math Extra Curricular Activities: Wrestling Future Plans: Go to Lake Area Tech in Watertown to be a diesel mechanic.





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Zach Buntjer netted nine Thursday. points to lead the hosts in

> they couldn't complete the job. EHS led by as many as

eightthree-pointshots in the game's second half, battled back from an eight-point deficit in the final 18 minutes to win the game by as many points as it led by (27-22) at

# Arrows, Falcons upend Luverne boys

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Luverne boys' basketball team was unable to snap what stands as a five-game losing streak after dropping a pair of contests last week.

Pipestone defeated the Cardinals by 22 points in Luverne Jan.9. Atwater-Cosmos-Grove Citynipped LHS by four points Saturday in Minneapolis.

Luverne, 2-10 overall, hosts Jackson County Central Friday.

### A-C-GC 72, Luverne 68

The Cardinals surrendered a halftime advantage when they squared off against the Falcons at the Target Center in Minneapolis Saturday.

LHS played well early and sported a 35-30 advantage at halftime.

A-C-GC, however, rallied in the second half and led 71-68 late in the contest.

LHS put up a potential tying three-point shot in the final seconds, but the shot was off the mark.

The Cards were whistled for a foul trying to get the rebound, which allowed the Falcons to record the final point of the game.

Cole Claussen (22 points and eight rebounds), Derek Lundgren (20 points and five rebounds) and Mark Robinson (10 points) turned in strong efforts for LHS.

Mikel Terry and Brayden Jacobsma charted three assists each.

### Box score

Robinson 2 2 0-0 10, Lundgren 4 3 3-8 20, Bartels 0 2 0-0 6, Claussen 8 0 6-8 22, Terry 0 0 0-0 0, Jacobsma 3 0 2-4 8, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 1 0 0-3 2.

### Team statistics

Luverne: 25 of 46 field goals (54 per-cent), 11 of 23 free throws (48 percent), 27 rebounds, two turnovers.



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Pipestone's Tristen Pals contests a shot by Luverne's Brayden Jacobmsa during a Jan. 9 game in Luverne. Jacobsma tossed in 10 points during an 82-60 loss to the Arrows.

#### Pipestone 82, LHS 60

The Cardinals dropped their sixth consecutive Big South Conference contest when they  $squared\, off against the Arrows$ Jan. 9 in Luverne.

Luverne scored the first two points of the contest, but that proved to be the highlight of the game for the hosts as Pipestone outscored the Cards in both halves of a 22-point victory.

The score was tied at three when Pipestone went on an 11-4 run to open a 14-7 advantage at the 12:22 mark of the first half.

LHS trimmed the differ-

ence to four points twice and trailed by six (32-26) when Eli Haugom scored on the paint at the 4:12 mark of the first half. The Arrows, however, coun-

tered with a 15-5 run to sport a 47-31 cushion at the intermission.

Luverne closed the margin to 13 points (49-36) when Claussen converted a field goal 1:12 into the second half, but that proved to be as close as the Cards would come to catching the Arrows.

A 15-3 run gave the Arrows a commanding 64-39 lead that swelled to 26 points (80-85) with 3:33 remaining in the

### game.

LHS outscored the Arrows 6-2 in the final three minutes of play, but the outcome had been settled by then.

Haugom (15 points and six rebounds), Claussen (14 points), Jacobsma (10 points) and Terry (three assists) led the Cards statistically.

Box score Robinson 3 0 0-0 6, Cowell 1 0 0-0 2, Lundgren 1 1 0-3 5, Sehr 0 0 0-0 0, Bartels 1 0 2-2 4, Claussen 5 1 1-2 14. Terrv 1 1 1-2 6, Jacobsma 1 1 5-6 10, Golla 0 0 0-2 0, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Haugom 7 0 1-2 15.

### Team statistics

Luverne: 24 of 51 field goals (47 percent), 10 of 19 free throws (53 percent), 15 rebounds.

# Failing miserably on test of faith

My faith was put to the test late in Sunday's playoff game between the Vikings and the Saints.

I'm ashamed to say that I failed the test miserably. As the Saints overcame

a 17-0 halftime deficit and gained their second lead of the game (24-23) with 25 seconds left, I couldn't take it anymore.

After spending a better part of the fourth quarter recalling past playoff meltdowns by the Vikings, I was sure Sunday's game would be another one.

I doubt I was the only Minnesota fan living in misery at the moment, but I'm proud to say my wife wasn't one of us.

My better half, Astrid, made the transformation from a Vikings hater to a hard-core fan the first time she witnessed a game in the old Metrodome in 1997.

Something about experiencing an NFL game in person turned her thought process around, and now she dons purple and gold attire every game day that she doesn't have to work.

Late in Sunday's game, I found out she definitely is more of a believer than I'll ever be.

When the Saints kicked their field goal to gain a one-point lead, I had no faith in a potential comeback.

With that being the case, I thought it was time to step outside and wallow in my own misery.

"Where are you going," Astrid inquired as I was preparing to leave the



### By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

house.

"There still is 25 seconds left," she added.

My reply was less optimistic.

"Yeah there is, but I don't think we're going to kick an 80-yard field goal to win the game."

With that being said, I put on my shoes and coat. I was opening the door when a loud scream coming from the living room stopped me in my tracks.

"Diggs scored!" I heard Astrid bellow. "We won the game."

I didn't really believe her, but I reentered the living room just the same.

That's when I received a huge dose of reality. Instead of witnessing

what will be the most prophetic play in Vikings playoff history in real time, I had to see it in replay form.

Through the magic of a DVR, I spent the next 20 minutes watching the touchdown that gave the Vikings a 29-24 win - over and over again.

On one hand, I was happy to learn the Vikings earned a berth in the NFC championship game.

On the other hand, I was embarrassed that I didn't see the play that will send Minnesota to Philadelphia in real time.

Ultimately, it's a fate I deserve because my level of faith is not as strong as my wife's.

## Panthers unable to snap losing skid against Rebels

### By John Rittenhouse

difference at game's end.

Ashlyn Meester (18 points

and three steals), Lizzie Cha-

pa (10 points) and Morgan

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Van Batavia gave the Cards a 1-0 edge with an unassisted tally with 59 seconds remaining in the first period, but Hopp tied the game at the 10:11 mark of the second stanza.

Van Batavia put the Cards in front 2-1 when she registered her second unassisted goal of the contest with 2:07 left in the second period.

Hopp, however, settled the issue by completing a hat trick. The PC junior tied the game at two with a power-play tally that came with 19 seconds left in the second period before recording an unassisted goal with 3:38 left in the third period to cap the scoring. PC sported a 26-19 advantage in shots on goal in the game.



Luverne's Rylee Gee moves the puck into the offensive zone

a hat trick and Shelby Kracht scored twice for the winners, while Bartels posted a 14-save

Kracht gave the Cards a 1-0 lead 5:56 into the game before Baustian recorded a power play tally with 4:19 remaining in the first period to make it a two-goal difference.

LHS put the game away with a five-goal second period.

Baustian notched a shorthanded goal 3:24 into the stanza and Van Batavia scored during a power-play situation

shutout in goal.

Bartels made 23 saves in goal for LHS.

### LHS 7, Fairmont 0

Luverne's first game of 2018 proved to be a rousing success as the Cardinals defeated

Fairmont by seven goals Jan.9 in Fairmont. The visiting Cardinals scored seven goals in the

at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Saturday.

first two periods of play and outshot the hosts 42-14 in the contest.

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Claire Baustian recorded



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at the 7:15 mark to up the lead to 4-0.

Kracht and Bork netted goals 30 seconds apart as the period progressed before Baustian completed her hat trick and the scoring in the game with 2:56 remaining in the stanza.

Oye and Van Batavia contributed three and two assists respectively to the winning cause.

Baustian, Bork and Rylee Geechipped in one assist each.

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team was unable to snap what stands as a seven-game losing streak when it played a Red Rock Conference game in Slayton Friday.

The Panthers locked horns with the Murray County Central Rebels on their home court.

The hosts outscored EHS in both halves of a 59-30 victory.

MCC led 34-9 after 18 minutes of play before using a 25-21 scoring cushion in the second half to make it a 29-point

Dreesen (nine rebounds and three assists) played productive games for the Panthers. Ellsworth, 3-10 overall, hosts Fulda Thursday.

Box score Meester 6 0 6-9 18, L.Chapa 4 0 2-4 10, M.Dreesen 0 0 0-2 0, Popkes 1 0 0-0 2.

#### Team statistics

Ellsworth: 11 of 44 field goals (25 percent), eight of 15 free throws (53 percent), 20 rebounds, 24 turnovers.

AHS wrestlers go 0-3 Saturday

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian wrestling team dropped three consecutive matches at the Wabasso-Red Rock Central Tournament Saturday in Wabasso.

The Dragons came up on the short end of decisions against Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City (64-9), W-RRC (48-22) and Minneota (60-13).

Adrian entries Preston Nelson, Scot Edwards, Chandler Combs and Logan Taylor finished the tournament with 2-1 records.

Brent Hokeness and Jesus Anaya registered one win each for the Dragons.

Adrian, 2-7 overall, com-

petes at the Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Tournament in Tracy Saturday.

#### Match wrap-ups A-C-GC 64, Adrian 9 106 (C) Holien pins Anaya. 113 (C) Mortensen 2-0 Taylor. 120 (C) Molinaro 13-1 Bullerman. 126 (C) Straumann pins Hokeness. 132 (C) Powers pins Sherei 138 (A) Nelson 4-0 Behm. 145 (C) Fester 3-1 Combs. 152 (C) Lund pins Castenada 160 (C) Cardenas by forfeit. 170 (C) Lewis by forfeit. 182 (C) Toedter by forfeit. 195 (C) Sherwood by forfeit. 220 (C) Berghuis by forfeit. 285 (C) Edwards pins Schultz.

W-RRC 48, Adrian 22 106 (W) Irlbeck 5-3 Anaya. 113 (A) Taylor 13-1 Mathiowetz. 120 (W) Benz 6-0 Bullerman. 126 (A) Hokeness 10-0 Fenger 132 (W) Hesse pins Sherer. 138 (A) Nelson t.f. Martin. 145 (A) Combs pins Wagner. 152 (W) Schreipfer pins Castenada. 160 (W) Anderson by forfeit. 170 (W) Altermat by forfeit. 182 (W) Wagner by forfeit. 195 (W) Werner by forfeit. 220 (W) Schmiesing by forfeit. 285 (A) Edwards 5-4 Jacobson.

Minneota 60, Adrian 13 106 (A) Anaya 6-3 Carrasco. 113 (A) Taylor pins Gruenes. 120 (M) Lozinski pins Bullerman. 126 (M) Buysse pins Hokeness. 132 (M) Reiss pins Sherer. 138 (M) Kloos 5-2 Nelson. 145 (A) Combs 17-4 Walerius. 152 (M) Banks pins Castenada. 160 (M) Van Overbeke by forfeit. 170 (M) Buysse by forfeit. 182 (M) Leman by forfeit. 195 (M) Esping by forfeit. 285 (M) Esping pins Edwards.





### Patriot girls post sixth consecutive win

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team picked up its sixth straight victory when the Patriots se-cured a 65-40 winover Murray County Central in Hills. The Patriots led by 10 points (30-20) at halftime before outscoring the Rebels 35-20 in the second half to prevail by 25 points. Kourtney Rozeboom (26 points and eight rebounds), Grace Bundesen (11 points, six rebounds and four assists), Abby Knobloch (six rebounds), Sidney Fick (four assists) and Whitney Elbers (four assists) played well in the win.

### Second-half rally falls short for AHS girls

The Adrian girls' basketball team couldn't pull off a come-frombehind victory when it entertained Spirit Lake, Iowa, in Adrian. Visiting SL opened a 30-14 lead in the first half before being outscored by AHS 26-19 in the second half of a 49-40 victory.

Paige Bullerman (14 points and five rebounds), Moriah Bullerman (seven rebounds), Avery Balster (five rebounds and four steals) and Bailey Lonneman (five rebounds) led AHS statistically.

### Iowa team runs away from Adrian boys

Spirit Lake, Iowa, posted a convincing 84-46 victory over the Adrian boys' basketball team in Adrian.

SL rolled to a 40-26 lead in the first half before outscoring AHS 44-30 in the second half to clinch a 38-point win.

Ryan Wieneke turned in a 13-point, five-rebound effort for the Dragons.

### Slumping Panthers drop seventh straight game

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team is mired in a seven-game losing skid after dropping a 49-29 decision to Mountain Lake Area in Mountain Lake.

EHS was in contention when it faced a 21-19 deficit after 18 minutes of play, but the Wolverines outscored the Panthers 28-10 in the second half to win by 20.

Kallie Chapa (11 points, six rebounds and four steals), Ashlyn Meester (10 points, five rebounds, five steals and three assists) and Morgan Dreesen (six rebounds) played well for EHS.

### WINTER SPORTS STANDINGS

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New Ulm	9-0	Worthington	3-0		
Luverne	7-3-1	JCC	2-0		
Marshall	6-4	Luverne	1-0		
Minnesota River	5-5	Windom	1-1		
Waseca	4-4	RWV	0-1		
Windom	3-5-1	Marshall	0-2		
Worthington	4-7	Pipestone	0-3		
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BSC boys' hock	ev	SWC	7-0		
Luverne	9-0	W-WG	5-1		
Marshall	9-2	RRC	4-1		
Minnesota River	7-2	MLA	5-2		
New Ulm	5-3	MCC	4-2		
Waseca	5-4	Adrian	4-4		
RWV	4-6	Fulda	4-5		
Windom	3-7	H-BC	2-3		
Fairmont	1-9	Ellsworth	1-6		
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0		Edgerton	0-7		
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Marshall	5-0	SWC	9-0		
Windom	4-2	H-BC	6-2		
Worthington	4-3	Edgerton	6-2		
Pipestone	3-2	MLA	5-2		
JOC	3-3	BRC	5-2 5-3		
RWV	1-4	MCC	5-3 4-3		
Luverne	0-6	MCC	4-3		

# Adrian girls snap six-game losing streak

### **By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian girls' basketball team snapped a six-game losing skid by posting a 35-point home win over Fulda Monday.

AHS lost a six-point home game to Edgerton Friday beforetaking a five-point setback in Garretson, South Dakota, Saturday.

The 4-10 Dragons host Murray County Central Thursday.

### Adrian 59, Fulda 24

The Dragons posted their first win of 2018 by disposing of the Raiders Monday in Adrian. AHS never trailed in the game and outscored the Raid-

ers in both halves of a 35-point victory.

Adrian scored the first points of the game as a part of an 18-4 run that was capped by a field goal from Alexia Kemper at the 11:22 mark of the first half.

The Dragons continued to pad their advantage as the first half progressed, eventually leading by 22 points (33-12) when Hannah Bullerman converted a layup with 3:34 remaining in the stanza.

Fulda scored the final point of the first half and trimmed the difference to 18 points (33-15) by scoring the first three points of the second stanza.

Adrian controlled play the rest of the game.

The Dragons outscored Fulda 26-9 the remainder of the second half and won by 25 points (59-24) when Shawna Rogers converted a layup with 40 seconds left.

Paige Bullerman (17 points, six rebounds and four steals) and Lexi Slater (14 points and 11 rebounds) led AHS to victory.

Bailey Lonneman (six rebounds and three assists), Moriah Bullerman (three steals), Rogers (three steals) and Hannah Bullerman (six assists) were other key contributors.

#### Box score

Kemper 1 0 0-0 2, Zebe 1 0 0-0 2, H.Bullerman 4 0 0-1 8, M.Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Balster 1 0 0-0 2, Grimord 0 0 0-0 0, Nelson 0 0 0-2 0, Christians 2 0 0-0 4, B.Lonneman 1 0 0-0 2, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Rogers 3 0 0-1 6, Fuerstenberg 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 7 0 0-2 14, P.Bullerman 7 0 3-4 17

#### Team statistics

Adrian: 28 of 56 field goals (50 percent), three of 11 free throws (27 percent), 42 rebounds, 28 turnovers Fulda: nine of 36 field goals (25 percent), three of nine free throws (33 percent), 14 rebounds, 31 turnovers,

Garretson 43. Adrian 38 Asecond-halfrallybyAdrian fell short when they chal-



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Adrian senior guard Hannah Bullerman beats Fulda's Khloe Gehl to the basket during Monday's basketball game in Adrian. The Dragons snapped a six-game losing streak with a 59-24 win.

lenged the Blue Dragons Saturday in Garretson.

AHS, which trailed 27-14 at the intermission, rallied to outscore the hosts 24-16 in the second half.

Unfortunately for Adrian, the hosts withstood the challengeto secure a five-point win.

Paige Bullerman (12 points and eight rebounds) and Slater (11 points and eight rebounds) played strong games for Adrian.

### Box score

Kemper 0 0 0-0 0, H.Bullerman 1 0 3-3 5, M.Bullerman 0 0 0-1 0, Balster 2 0 0-0 4. Nelson 0 0 0-0 0. Christians 1 0 0-0 2. Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, 10 of 11 free throws (91 percent), 20 rebounds, 25 turnovers Garretson: 16 of 51 field goals (31 percent), nine of 15 free throws (60 percent), 25 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

### Edgerton 38, Adrian 32

The Dragons came up on the short end of a six-point decision when they engaged in a title battle with the Flying Dutchmen Friday in Adrian.

AHS was in a position to snap a four-game slide when it faced a 20-19 deficit at the intermission.

Edgerton, however, outscored the Dragons 18-13 in the second half to extend Adrian's skid to five consecupoints, five rebounds and four steals) and Lexi Slater (11 points and nine rebounds) played big games for AHS.

Paige Bullerman (10 rebounds), Kaitlyn Christians (eight rebounds) and Moriah Bullerman (seven rebounds) played well in the paint for the Dragons.

#### Box score

Kemper 0 0 1-2 1, H.Bullerman 2 1 5-6 12, M.Bullerman 1 0 0-1 2, Balster 0 0 0-0 0, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 0 0 0-2 0, Lonneman 1 0 0-0 2, Slater 3 0 5-6 11, P.Bullerman 2 0 0-1 4.

#### Team statistics

Adrian: 10 of 41 field goals (24 percent), 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent), 43 rebounds, 26 turnovers

### BSC West sirls' beens

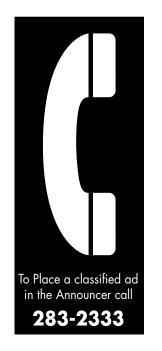
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Thursday Bowling National League Jan 11 Games won: Those Girls 3; Troublemakers 3; Rock Stars 3; Those Guys 1; The Stooges 1; Real Guys 1. High Scratch Game Men: Landon Runia 233; Ryan Fey 213. High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 166; Marie Opheim 163. High Scratch Series Men: Jeff Runia 494; Dave Nelson 490. High Scratch Series Women: Marie Opheim 413; Kathy Matson 396. Team High Scratch Game: Rock Stars 519; Real Guys 482. Team High Scratch Series: Rock Stars 1360; Those Guys 1316. Team High Handicap Game: Rock Stars 671; Stooges 613.

Team High Handicap Series: Rock Stars 1816; Those Guys 1739.





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Team statistics

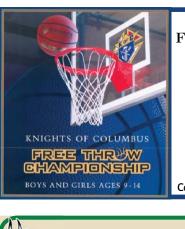
Adrian: 14 of 39 field goals (36 percent),

tive losses.

Hannah Bullerman (12

Edgerton: 12 of 61 field goals (20 pe cent), 11 of 13 free throws (85 percent), 34 rebounds, 14 turnovers,





Boys and Girls Free Throw Championship Sunday, January 21 (make up date 1-28-18) 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Luverne Cardinal Gym Register at the door 15 minutes prior Free for ages 9 to 14 (DOB as of 1-1-18) Sponsored by St. Catherine Knights of Columbus 4487 Contact Mike Smith at 605-864-1148



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# **Pork Producers**

# **Annual Banquet**



**JANUARY 22** 



**ENTERTAINMENT** Tim Harmston

6:30 PM REGISTRATION

7:00 PM MEAL

8:00 PM

### TICKETS \$15 AT THE DOOR

Stand-Up Comedian

With topics ranging from football to married life to dogs wearing sweaters, Tim Harmston's stand-up comedy show veers from the dark and demented to the delightfully absurd in a unique

blend of somewhat "out there" one-liners and creative, well-written jokes, which may pass you by if you aren't listening!

Tim's show is goofy, yet smart, with side effects of contagious laughter. He can easily skip from a joke which forces you to think out of the box – over to a light-hearted gibe on your favorite sport team's last game. His slightly edgy, yet respectful (his mom was a church secretary) material is a breath of fresh air in corporate entertainment.

**Public Welcome!** 

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#### St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502; email: stcatherine@iw.net St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, Jan. 18: 9 a.m. Head Start. Veterans Mass. 7 p.m. SC-PC. Saturday, Jan. 20: 2:15 p.m. Veterans Home Bingo. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Girls Night for grades 9-12. Sunday, Jan. 21: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Fair Trade; Sunday School and CLW. 7 p.m. RCIA. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 23: 6:30 p.m. St. Catherine Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 8 p.m. St. Mary Knights of Columbus. Thursday, Jan. 25: 9 a.m. Head Start. 9:45 a.m. RCMA at St. Catherine.

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

Sunday, Jan. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. Noon Corey and Nicole Vis Fellowship Hall. 6:30 p.m. Worship service. Monday, Jan. 22: 7 p.m. Friendship. Tuesday, Jan. 23: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study. 7 p.m. Youth Group.

#### First Baptist Church 1033 N. Jackson St., P.O. Box 975, Luverne Ph. 283-4091; email: fbcluv@iw.net — www.fbcluverne.org Walt Moser, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 18:6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 2 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Home birthday party. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 21: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. Noon Celebration of Life Fellowship Dinner. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Monday, Jan. 22: 7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Jan. 25: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

#### Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 18: 8:30 a.m. MIA. Friday, Jan. 19: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 21: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee; Sunday School; Adult Study. Monday, Jan. 22: Grace Notes deadline. 1-7 p.m. Blood Drive. 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. 6:15 p.m. Tuff Home Annual Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 23: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Circle meetings. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Grades 6-9 Confirmation; Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, Jan. 25: Circle meetings.

#### Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834 pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 21:9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

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

Thursday, Jan. 18: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Jan. 19: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Saturday, Jan. 20: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consistory Workshop. Sunday, Jan. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education Hour. 7 p.m. Junior RCYF; Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Jan. 23: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle; Stepping Up. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Jan. 25: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

### First Assembly of God Church

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

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

Dorie Hall, Pastor Thursday, Jan. 18: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 20: 8 p.m. AA

#### St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org Gary Klatt, Pastor

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Thursday, Jan. 18: 11:30 a.m. DCE devotions at Mary Jane Brown Hope. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. Friday, Jan. 19: Little Lambs workday. Saturday, Jan. 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 21:9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour; Adult Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. Thursday, Jan. 25: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at St. Catherine.

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

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

#### New Life Celebration Church 110 N. Oakley, Luverne Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship at 110 N. Oakley. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away at Senior Citizens Center. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

#### Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Thursday, Jan. 18: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 19: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at St. John. Thursday, Jan. 25: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

 $Sundays: 9\,a.m.\,Worship; 10\,a.m.\,Fellowship; 10:30\,a.m.\,Sunday\,School\,for\,all\,ages. SundaySchool, School, Sc$ 

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

Saturday, Jan. 20: 10:45 a.m. Parish serves The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, Jan. 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 11:30 a.m. Fellowship dinner and annual meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 7 p.m. Confirmation

#### Palisade Lutheran Church 211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D. Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Intern Pastor Laura Phillips y. Jan. 20: 10:45 a m. Parish serves The Banquet in Sioux Falls.

Saturday, Jan. 20: 10:45 a.m. Parish serves The Banquet in Sioux Falls. Sunday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., P.O Box 73, Beaver Creek Ph. 507-935-5025 Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com Worship Leader Michael Blank Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.com www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc Kristi Franken, Pastor Sunday, Jan.21:9 a.m.Magnolia Worship Service; Membership Sunday. Wednesday,

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

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

# God finds you a 'person of interest'

If you are a person who enjoys watching all the crime/ sci-fi shows that TV has to offer, you

may remember in 2011-2016 a show on CBS called "Person of Interest."

The show revolved around a super-intelligent computer called "the Machine." This machine was an artificially intelligent mass surveillance system created by Harold Finch. Finch had been contracted by the government to build the machine. This computer system was able to predict accurately premeditated lethal crime by monitoring and analyzing all surveillance cameras and electronic communication worldwide.

In order to distinguish the crimes, the machine divided the crimes into two sections — those crimes relevant to national security and those that weren't. Relevant criminal acts were handled by the U.S. government, while the non-relevant cases in New York City became the focus of the show.

There was something about this show that was way beyond my comprehension, and I liked the idea of thinking beyond what is always right in front of me.

In reading Psalm 139, I find that God finds me a person of interest and he finds you interesting as well. God finds all humanity as persons of interest.

This particular psalm reaches into the inner core of our human existence. "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (vs. 13).

Even an ultrasound

### BUILT ON A ROCK

### By Pastor Kristi Franken, Adrian/Magnolia United Methodist Church

hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance." (vs. 15-16a.) A machine can tell of the physical existence but God knows the spiritual.

The psalm begins to talk about the baby book that God has for each of us: "In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed." (vs. 16). Sure, baby books are fun to look through when we see an account of our life when we first walked, talked, went to the bathroom by ourselves, lost the first tooth and attended our first day of school. ("What was Mom thinking with that haircut I had?" as you stare at the picture.)

Parents dream of the future for their children, but God is the one who knows the future before you. Not even artificial intelligence can predict your future because it is only as good as it has been programmed.

Psalm 139 is way beyond the scope of what any human mind can fathom. "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it." (vs. 6) Personally, I am glad I don't have a super-intelligent computer knowing everything about me because if something like it existed, I am not sure the world would need any faith. Without faith there is

Meeting. Sunday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group. Monday, Jan. 22: Messenger deadline. 2 p.m. Pastoral Gathering at Mary Jane Brown Home. 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Care Meeting. 7 p.m. Worship and Music Meeting. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 5:30 p.m. Community meal. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Jan. 25: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

#### First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com

Thursday, Jan. 18: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. Monday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. to noon Quilting. Tuesday Jan. 23: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:10 p.m. Confirmation. 6:30 p.m. High School Fellowship. 7 p.m. Choir. 8 p.m. Deacons. Thursday, Jan. 23: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Jan. 24: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC.

#### Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270 e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Annual meeting follows worship service. Tuesday, Jan. 23: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 24: 9 a.m. Quilting.

Hills United Reformed Church 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services. cannot penetrate into the most inner parts of a baby snuggled deep in its mother's womb. Yes, an ultrasound can sometimes let a person know the sex of a child before birth, it can determine how many babies are residing in the womb, and whether there is a birth defect; but what it cannot do is know what lies deep within the soul. "My frame was not no hope, and without hope there is darkness, and in the darkness lie our deepest fears.

If your life is beginning to look like the TV show "Person of Interest," where life is categorized into relevant and non-relevant, maybe it's time for you to look at Psalm 139 and really see yourself as a person of interest who is relevant in the eyes of God.

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# **Public Notices**

### Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 22

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 09, 2012 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$107,257.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Jason Wicks and Shelley Wicks, Husband and Wife MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

Premier Home Mortgage, Inc., its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded: October 11, 2012 Rock County Recorder Document Number: 180397

LOAN MODIFICATION:

Dated: November 20, 2015

Recorded: December 14, 2015

Document Number: 187494

LOAN MODIFICATION:

Dated: November 20, 2015

Recorded: June 27, 2016

Document Number: 188640

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: And assigned to: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation

Dated: July 31, 2015

Recorded: August 10, 2015 Rock County Recorder

Document Number: 186773

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100966251208200245

Lender or Broker: Premier Home Mortgage, Inc.

Residential Mortgage Servicer: RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

Property Address: 404 N Estey St, Luverne, MN 56156-1464

Tax Parcel ID Number: 20-1731-000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W.90 feet of the S.77 feet of Lot 3 in Block 21 in Warren and Kniss' Second Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$114,407.01

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Law Enforcement Center, Lobby, 1000 N. Blue Mound Ave., Luverne, Minnesota

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on August 22, 2018, or the next business day if August 22, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-UTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUC-TION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

### City of Luverne amends Ordinance 362

ORDINANCE NO. 362, THIRD SERIES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "ZONING MAP" PROVIDED FOR

IN CITY CODE, SECTION 11.26, TO INCLUDE EXPANDING I-2 SPECIAL INDUS-TRY DISTRICT AND REZONING FIVE CONTIGUOUS UNDEVELOPED PARCELS IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK FROM I-R, INDUSTRIAL RESERVE DISTRICT TO I-2, SPECIAL INDUSTRY DISTRICT

(PARCELS 20-2131-300, 20-2131-200, 20-2315-000, 20-2316-000, AND 20-2317-000)

### THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. The official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" governed and established by City Code, Section 11.26, originally adopted by Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, and succeeding amendments, is hereby amended and this ordinance constitutes the "Sixth Amendment to City of Luverne Zoning Map" to rezone the said property from I-R, Industrial Reserve, to I-2 Special Industry District described as follows:

DESCRIPTION – Parcel 20-2131-300 70.54 acres The South Half (S1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) North of I-90 of Section Fifteen (15), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Forty-Five (45) West, of the 5th P.M., except a .57 acre tract for the Walnut Industrial Subdivision Plat.

### AND

Parcel 20-2131-200 17.26 acres The South Half (S1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township One Hundred Two (102) North, Range Forty-Five (45) West, of the 5th P.M., except a 2.74 acre tract for the Walnut Industrial

Subdivision Plat.

AND

Parcels 20-2315-000, 20-2316-000 and 20-2317-000 3.31 acres Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 of Walnut Industrial Subdivision, City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements of record, if any.

SEC. 2. The City Administrator is hereby instructed to cause the official "City of Luverne Zoning Map" as adopted in said Ordinance No. 272, Third Series, to be amended consistent with the amendment adopted herein including the notation of this ordinance number and its adoption date thereon and when so amended, said Zoning Map shall henceforth be the "City of Luverne Zoning Map" of all zoning districts delineated in City Code, Chapter 11.

SEC. 3. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

> /s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor /s/ John M. Call, City Administrator (1-18)

### Public Notice on Industrial Park substation development

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the City of Luverne for components of a 22.4 MVA Distribution Substation in Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota, including distribution, for the purpose of supporting the load of new industrial and commercial development in the City. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, EDA is conducting an environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed project.

The EDA project includes the construction of a new substation, which includes transmission tap, substation yard, control building, and associated control equipment. Also included are distribution egress feeders and associated switching. The project will be located at 800 S. Walnut Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156. The purpose of the project is to provide the City additional electrical facilities to increase the capacity of the electrical system, primarily in the industrial park near the new substation site. Project information is available for review at Luverne City Offices, 305 E. Luverne Street, Luverne, MN; 507-449-2388.

If you have any information regarding potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed project, please provide it in writing to:

Robin D. Bush, LEED, AP Coordinator, Environmental & Strategic Analysis

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### **DEPUTY AUDITOR/ TREASURER - ACCOUNTANT ROCK COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER'S OFFICE**

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Deputy Auditor/Treasurer - Accountant in the Rock County Auditor/Treasurer's Office until January 31, 2018 at 5:00 PM. This position performs difficult professional and administrative work in an office setting, with an emphasis in accounting and finance, in assisting with the daily operations of the Auditor/Treasurer's Office and License Center to include payroll, computation, collection and distribution of real estate, mortgage and deed taxes, elections, audit preparation and financial analysis and reporting. Qualifications for this position are as follows: Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance, with a minimum 2-year experience in Public Accounting (audit) and/or Financial Management or comparable accounting and financial management experience; experience interpreting Governmental Accounting Standards and Publication is desired. This is a full time benefit eligible position; starting hourly wage range is \$19.91

- \$22.40 DOQ with a maximum hourly wage of \$28.34.

A detailed job description and an application form for this position can be accessed at http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html. For additional guestions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 or by email at susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us An Equal Opportunity Employer

or any combination of education, training and experience which provides requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for the this position. Working conditions include working inside and outside, confined spaces, extreme heights, exposure to dust, dirt, gases, chemicals and other substances; must have the ability to lift 150 lbs on a regular basis.

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• a MDH Class C Water license with the ability to obtain a

Class B Water Operator license within 12 months

• 5-years of work related experience

This is a full time position with a minimum salary range of \$31.77/hr - \$35.74/hr, DOQ and maximum salary of \$45.22/ hr and excellent benefit package to include an employer paid health, life and pension plan.

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### **EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

K & M Concrete Construction, Inc. of Edgerton, MN is seeking a highly motivated Equipment Operator.

### Summary

The Equipment Operator will be operating multiple types of equipment including bobcat, laser screed, and semi.

#### Responsibilities

- **Equipment Maintenance**
- Sub-grade Preparation
- Concrete Screeding
- Loading and Unloading Trailers
- **Driving Truck**
- Safety

### Requirements

- **Concrete Experience**
- **Detail Orientated**
- Ability to work in fast paced environment
- Valid driver's license with ability to obtain a Class A CDL
- ACI Flatwork Certification or ability to obtain
- **Travel Required**
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- Ability to embrace technology
- Bilingual in Spanish and English a plus
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If interested, please submit your resume:

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