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Study shows arts have \$2M local impact

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 14th 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.

\$213.19: ECONOMIC IMPACT PER CAPITA FROM ORGANIZATION, AUDIENCE AND ARTIST SPENDING IN ROCK CO. COUNTY POPULATION 9,601

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

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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 IN ROCK COUNTY

85

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE FOR CREATIVE WORKERS

\$17.22

Creative worker wages are above the average for all worker wages in Rock County of \$16.60

NUMBER OF CREATIVE JOBS PER 1,000 JOBS IN ROCK COUNTY

18

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-

Arts economic impact/see page 8A

City plats 'Towne Square Addition'

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

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne City Council members tackled a weighty agenda on their first 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

Towne Square housing construction
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



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 DeBates, 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 one-act 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



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 3A

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."

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-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Narcotics Anonymous meets at a new time: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays 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 a free throw championship from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Luverne Cardinal 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

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 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.



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 ability — 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

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/strategic-farming>. Contact Liz Stahl, Extension educator, at 507-372-3900 or stah0012@umn.edu.

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.

Half day **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.

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



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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

Smartphones 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 screentime, 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 Blue-stem.

Registration closes Monday, Jan. 22.

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

On Friday, Jan. 26, Feigh will take her presentation to third- and 11th-grade students. 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

Sherry 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 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 Reisch was chairman in 2016.

"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 appointed 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 Hus-toft 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-Ruthon 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.

Rock County 4-H "Fruit & More" Sale

Rock County 4-H'ers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears, grapefruit; 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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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



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

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

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-so-familiar. 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 game-winning 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

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 defeated. 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 cultural-related 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.

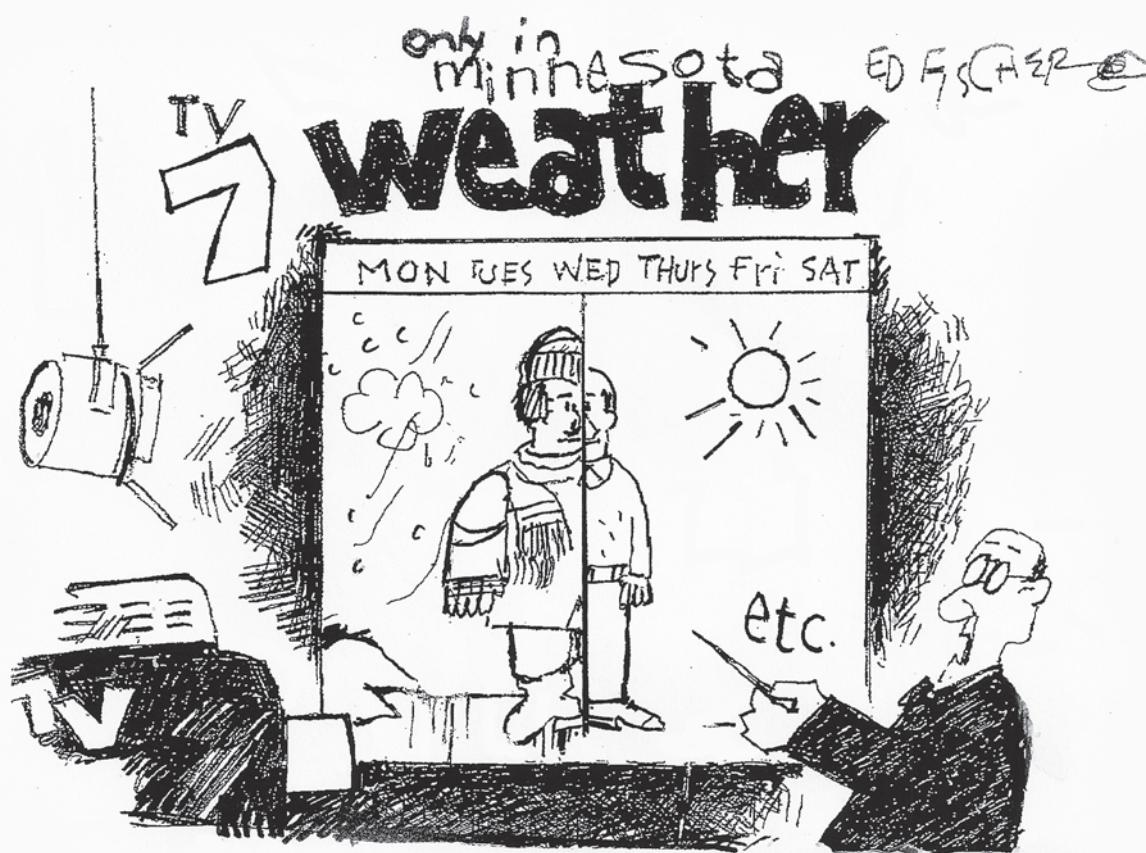
It's wise to invest in opportunities that improve local lifestyles. The rewards are healthy, happy residents, and indirectly these investments may contribute to growth.

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
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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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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.

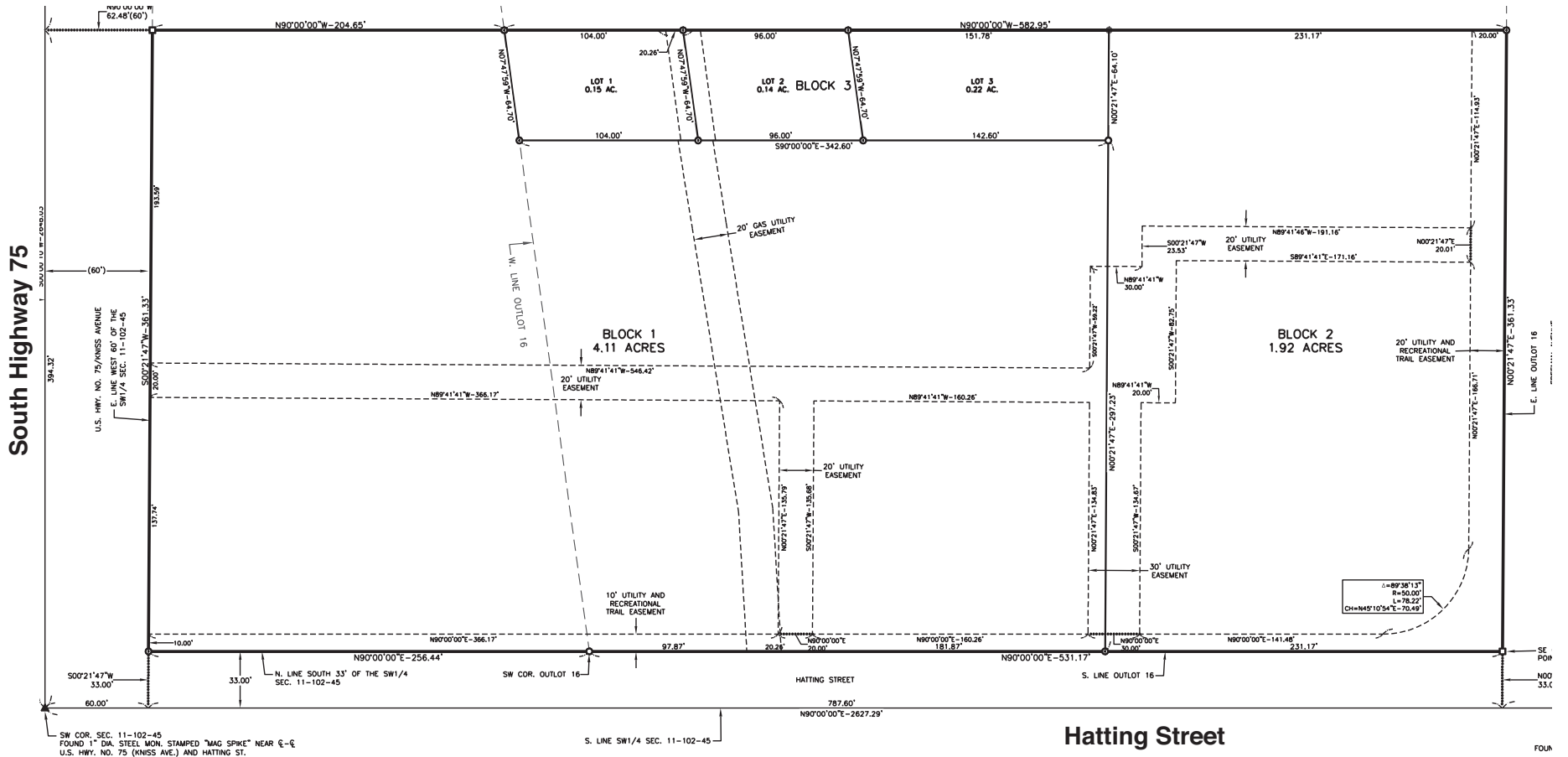
The city is working with the Des Moines developer William J. Ludwig, who proposes to construct a three-story, 27-unit apartment complex.

The unit mix will include 15 one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom 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. "It's 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 Lambertson, Luverne, and Morris, respectively.

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

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

supplemental irrigation in southwest Minnesota in record-yielding years," by Jeff Strock, Professor, Soil Science, 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 Lambertson; 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.

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.

ON 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 woman and child fighting on Warren Street.

- Complainant reported possible drunk driver at restaurant.

- Complainant reported threatening note left on customer'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

- Complainant reported receiving a phone 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.

- Deputy warned driver on County Road 6 north of County Road 4 for speed and cited for no seatbelt.

- 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

he repossessed a vehicle on 4th 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.

- Received a hit request on subject for warrant.

- Complainant reported electrical box open on Donaldson Street.

- Complainant reported vehicle on fire on 20th Avenue north of 31st Street.

- Deputy arrested subject on warrant.

Jan. 9

- Complainant reported 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.



Papik picks of the week...



2016 GMC Terrain Denali
18K • Stock #124352N **save \$4,000**
was \$29,990 now \$25,990



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38K • Stock #108276N **save \$6,000**
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2016 Chrysler Town & Country Limited
47K • Stock #190976N **save \$3,000**
was \$26,990 now \$23,990



2012 Buick Lacrosse
58K • Stock #255785N **save \$3,000**
was \$14,990 now \$11,990

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CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Olivia Mae, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20 1/2 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. Great-grandparents 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



Specialist Matt Niessink with the Luverne-Pipestone Army National Guard unit will represent the 125th Field Artillery Battalion, 34th Infantry Red Bulls Division at the Soldier of the Year competition in April.

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 34th 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 subjected 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

The following appeared in 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



Bits by Betty

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

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 flock and is equipped to handle it probably will show the most profit on his enterprise.

More and more stress is 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 high-return flock did better than average in all important respects — total eggs per hen, summer eggs per hen, loss

in hens and loss in chicks.

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 average flock 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. A Leader 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

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.

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@iuw.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.

SCHOOL NEWS

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 begin-

ning 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. 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.

OBITUARIES

Karen Ward

Karen Lucille Ward, 72, Luverne, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at the Sanford Luverne Medical Center. A funeral service was Saturday, Jan. 13, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.



Brown Home in Luverne. Karen enjoyed word search puzzles, embroidery, reading magazines, and watching gold 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 sister-in-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. (0118 F)

Thomas Mitchell

Thomas Lindsay Mitchell, 69, George, Iowa, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at the Sanford Sheldon Medical Center in Sheldon, Iowa. A private family burial will be at Evergreen Lawn Cemetery in George.



most enjoyed the time spent with his grandchildren. 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)

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

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. Arrangements are provided by Benson Funeral Home of Worthington, www.bensonfh.com. (0118 DN)

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REMEMBER WHEN

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.

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. Reker found 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

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. 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.

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.

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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Lori Sorenson photo/0118 sun dogs

Doggone cold

Blustery winds sweep snow over frozen fields in western Rock County Monday morning, prompting sundogs, an atmospheric phenomenon of bright spots on either side of 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 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.).

PARTICIPATING NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS:

BY DISCIPLINE

6	Performing Arts
2	History and historical preservation
6	Visual arts and architecture
0	Media and communications
1	Literary arts
0	Humanities
4	Arts multipurpose
0	Other

19 TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS

BY BUDGET SIZE

14	Under \$25K	3	\$100K-\$250K
2	\$25K - \$100K		

ATTENDANCE ↑

TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE ATTENDEES	55,576
ATTENDEES IN THIS REGION SPEND PER PERSON ABOVE THE COST OF THEIR TICKET	\$19.77
NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED	6,402

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
- 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
- Hardwick Community Club
- Hills Community Theatre
- Luverne Area Community Foundation
- Luverne Community Education
- Luverne Sr Citizen's Center
- Luverne Street Music
- Rock County
- Rock County 4-H
- Rock County Ag Society
- Rock County Community Library
- Rock County Fine Arts Association
- Rock County Opportunities

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.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ART AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS, AUDIENCES AND ARTISTS AUDIENCES IN ROCK CO.: **\$2 MILLION**

NONPROFIT ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS IN ROCK CO.	\$599,618	ARTISTS & CREATIVE WORKERS IN ROCK CO.	\$112,378
TOTAL SPENT BY NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS	\$1,098,738	SPENDING BY FULL-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS IN AREA	\$236,077
TOTAL SPENT BY ARTS AND CULTURE ATTENDEES	\$1.7M	SPENDING BY PART-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS IN AREA	\$348,455
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS THEIR AUDIENCES IN ROCK CO.	\$1.7M	TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM ARTISTS & CREATIVE WORKERS IN ROCK CO.:	\$348,455

Follow the money
Smith said Rock County's artists serve an “aston-

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 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 neigh-

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 artists, 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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'Never give up on yourself'

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 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-

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 what 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 "Army" for his portrayal of himself in the movie.

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."



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.



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.



'If you're good at something, people will want to be around you.'

"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.

JANUARY 9 SPORTS REPLAY

Patriot girls post sixth consecutive win

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team picked up its sixth straight victory when the Patriots secured a 65-40 win over 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-from-behind 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.

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 before taking 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 Raiders 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

A second-half rally by Adrian fell short when they chal-



John Rittenhouse photo/0118 ahs gb 2

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 challenge to 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, Slater 3 0 5-5 11, P. Bullerman 5 0 2-2 12.

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

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.

points, 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.
Edgerton: 12 of 61 field goals (20 percent), 11 of 13 free throws (85 percent), 34 rebounds, 14 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 consecutive losses.

Hannah Bullerman (12

WINTER SPORTS STANDINGS

BSC girls' hockey

New Ulm	9-0
Luverne	7-3-1
Marshall	6-4
Minnesota River	5-5
Waseca	4-4
Windom	3-5-1
Worthington	4-7
Fairmont	0-10

BSC boys' hockey

Luverne	9-0
Marshall	9-2
Minnesota River	7-2
New Ulm	5-3
Waseca	5-4
RWV	4-6
Windom	3-7
Fairmont	1-9
Worthington	0-11

BSC West boys' hoops

Marshall	5-0
Windom	4-2
Worthington	4-3
Pipestone	3-2
JCC	3-3
RWV	1-4
Luverne	0-6

BSC West girls' hoops

Marshall	5-0
JCC	5-2
Worthington	4-2
Pipestone	4-3
Luverne	2-3
RWV	2-6
Windom	0-6

BSC West wrestling

Marshall	3-0
Worthington	3-1
RWV	2-1
Windom	1-1
JCC	2-3
Pipestone	0-1
Luverne	0-4

BSC West gymnastics

Worthington	3-0
JCC	2-0
Luverne	1-0
Windom	1-1
RWV	0-1
Marshall	0-2
Pipestone	0-3

RRC boys' hoops

SWC	7-0
W-WG	5-1
RRC	4-1
MLA	5-2
MCC	4-2
Adrian	4-4
Fulda	4-5
H-BC	2-3
Ellsworth	1-6
HL-O	1-6
Edgerton	0-7

RRC girls' hoops

SWC	8-0
H-BC	6-2
Edgerton	6-2
MLA	5-2
RRC	5-3
MCC	4-3
Adrian	4-4
Ellsworth	3-6
Fulda	3-8
W-WG	1-7
HL-O	0-8

Dining & Entertainment

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BOWLING NEWS

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.

Rock County Pork Producers Annual Banquet

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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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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 STATUTES, 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 PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: December 27, 2017
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation
Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200
Woodbury, MN 55125-2296
(651) 209-3300
File Number: 033794F03

(1-04, 1-11, 1-18, 1-25, 2-1, 2-8)

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 INDUSTRY 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
US Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
Chicago Region
230 S. Dearborn, Suite 3280
Chicago, IL 60604

A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office. Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm on February 9, 2018 will be considered.

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EMPLOYMENT

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Dietary Aide: Parkview Manor is looking for a part-time Dietary Aide for our afternoon shift. This is a great job for students! If interested, contact Sam or Arlys at (507) 967-2482. (tc)

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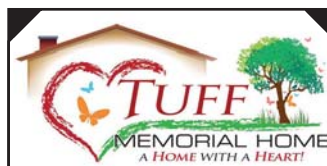
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- 4-year degree in a chemical, environmental, mechanical or sanitary engineering field or in a physical or biological science field
- 5-years of work related experience
- a MDH Class C Water license with the ability to obtain a Class B Water Operator license within 12 months
- 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.

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.

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 questions, please contact the Rock County Administrator's Office at 507-283-5065 or by email at susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us. **Equal Opportunity Employer**

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