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Crew 52 heads to Minneapolis for Super Bowl Life

Local volunteers join Crew 52 to deliver Minnesota Nice at the Feb. 4 game in US Bank Stadium

By Mavis Fodness

Five football fans with Luverne ties will have front row seats during the 10 days leading up to Super Bowl LII Feb. 4 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Nancy Hoogland, Stacy Mente, Pat Baustian, Brooke Nattress and Jonny Solma decided months ago to be among the 10,000 volunteers at the mega event.

Solma echoed all five volunteers' reasons for stepping forward.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," he said.

Each is part of Crew 52 and had similar application experiences. They applied online, were screened by event personnel, and attended one or more volunteer orientation sessions. About 30,000 individuals submitted applications.

In December they were notified $they were {\it chosen} \, to work at least three$ days from Saturday through Feb. 4 for at least four hours per day.

All said they are excited to be a part of an event that is expected to bring a million visitors daily to downtown Minneapolis.

They recently received work assignments for the "Bold North"themed event each day.

Solma is a 2013 LHS graduate and a graduate student at University of Minnesota Mankato. He will be working at the Super Bowl Live events on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.

As a sports management major, he understands the important role volunteers play in hosting a successful event.



Mavis Fodness photos/0125 Super Bowl All volunteers for the Super Bowl LII events kicking off this weekend were given apparel to wear during their assigned times at the events. Apparel includes a parka, scarf, hat, mittens and a backpack.



Super Bowl volunteer Pat Baustian (center) is volunteering to greet visitors at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport beginning Saturday before he passes the ball to Nancy Hoogland (left) who will work at the volunteer headquarters in Minneapolis and Stacy Mente who will be stationed at one of the Twin Cities hotels as a greeter. Also volunteering but not pictured are LHS graduates and current college students Brooke Nattress and Jonny Solma.

"It's a lot of action happening,"

Super Bowl Live is spread over a six-block venue on Nicollet Mall in downtownMinneapolisandincludes free live concerts, sports broadcasts, food and winter sports activities.

Solma will receive his work assignments when he checks into the volunteer headquarters prior to his

three shifts.

At the volunteer headquarters, located blocks from the football stadium, Luverne's Nancy Hoogland will hand out the assignments Feb. 3 and 4.

"I am not a huge sports fan, but who isn't a Vikings fan?" she said.

Hoogland, Sanford Luverne patient coordinator, will direct people to the right locations and will make sure volunteers have the correct

Credentials—including Crew 52 attire of black pants and shoes — were stressed during the training sessions.

Brooke Nattress, 2015 LHS graduate, will welcome visitors in the downtown Minneapolis skyways.

She said organizers of last year's Super Bowl learned that someone

duplicated a volunteer badge after a picture was posted on the Internet. That person was able to enter the stadium locker room and steal Tom Brady's game jersey.

Being vigilant will help keep visitors safe and possibly bring the event back to the state in the future.

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Midwest Dry Cast to open this summer

County agrees to abate \$10,000 in taxes per year for incentive

By Mavis Fodness

Midwest Dry Cast will break ground this spring on a 100-by-250foot \$1.75 million manufacturing building south of Luverne.

To help out, Rock County will abate up to \$10,000 per year in taxes over the next 10 years, according to action at the Jan. 9 County Board meeting.

In return, the business promises to create at least 12 jobs (paying more than \$20 per hour) in the first year and it will continue to pay taxes on 17 acres based on their value before the improvements.

The estimated county-share of the 2018 taxes on that ag land is \$425. After 10 years the company will pay taxes based on the full value of the improved property.

SD Industries purchased the Luverne Township land in a private sale from Ron Fick last summer, and it was rezoned from agricultural to industrial.

The Alexandria, South Dakota, company will start producing agricultural concrete products, primarily floor slats for swine facilities, this

Aaron Waldner of SD Industries

Midwest Dry Cast/see page 3A



Luverne crowns Snow Week royalty

Seniors Michael Rahm and Madelyn Aleman were named LHS Snow Week king and queen during coronation ceremonies Tuesday, Jan. 16. Faculty nominated 10 students for the honor. Other queen candidates were Emilie Bartels, Alexis Ferrell, Megan Rogers and Emma Verbrugge. Other king candidates were Cade Ver Steeg, Mark Robinson, Michael Rahm, Aric Meinerts and Hans Bakken





Madelyn Aleman (left) registers surprise as red confetti falls from the bucket revealing her selection as Snow Week queen. At right is candidate Emilie Bartels. In the photo at right, red confetti falls from the bucket held by Michael Rahm (center) signifying he was selected as Snow Week king. Pictured from left are Cade Ver Steeg, Mark Robinson, Rahm and Aric Meinerts.

City adjusts sludge process to meet new MPCA standard

By Lori Sorenson

Mayor Pat Baustian received a letter from the MPCA dated Jan. 11 that Luverne's wastewater effluent is testing high for ammonia content.

The agency informed the city it would be fined \$2,350, but that penalty is forgivable if the problem is addressed promptly.

Luverne's water and wastewater supervisor Al Lais said the city has been out of compliance from June through September for too much ammonia discharging into the Rock River.

One reason, Lais said, is that the state tightened its restrictions on the allowable amount of ammonia from 10 parts per million to less than 3 ppm.

For four months last summer, Luverne's effluent tested at 3, 5.4, 3 and 3.1 ppm. "We weren't over by very much," Lais said.

At the same time, the 600,000-gallon tank that stores Luverne's solid waste reached capacity before the sludge could be land applied to local fields (after harvest).

To make more space in the tank, the wastewater department drained the liquids off the top of the sludge and disposed of it through the oxidation process and discharged it into the Rock River.

This extra treatment process resulted in too much ammonia in the effluent that was discharged.

Lais said the water would not have been out of compliance by the MPCA's old standards, but the new standard put it over the limit and

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

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

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the home of the Clerk/Treasurer Teresa Kramer.

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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. Call Kimat 507-353-0041 or email kimberly elizabeth@live.com.

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 Hall, Edgerton. Call 507-215-2956.

Luverne High School one-act play Jan. 26 honors director

The Luverne High School one-act play, "The Most Likely Pages," will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the high school theater.

Admission is free but a freewill donation will take place in honor of fall-spring play director Sharon Boltjes, who is undergoing cancer treatments.

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 $\label{lem:continuous} Ji\,Quan\,through\,ACE\,Southwest\,Minnesota\,in\,the\,Luverne$ Senior Center. The class is adaptable to all levels of agility $including those with walkers \, or those \, who \, must \, sit. \, Sign \, up \,$ through Luverne Community Education, 283-4724. Cost is \$75 for the twice weekly classes Feb. 6 through April 26.

Bank Night movie 'Beauty and 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.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Monday, Feb. 12. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available.

The service is free for any private individual with a simple tax format. It's not for commercial, farming or investment taxes.

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.

Bonnema named Big Buddy of Year

By Lori Sorenson

One positive person, one encouraging word can change the course of a child's life for the better.

That's why retired Luverne florist George Bonnema signed up to be a mentor through Rock County Big Buddies.

In the past two years with his Little Buddy, Will Soto, the arrangement has gone so well that Bonnema was named Big Buddy of the Year for 2017.

"The thing that stands out the most about George is his willingness to give of his time and talents," said Big Buddies coordinator Lisa Nath.

She noted that Bonnema is active in many community organizations, but he always finds time for his Little Buddy, Will Soto.

"It is so fun watching him interact with Will. He has wonderful ideas about things the two of them can do together, exposing Will to so many different adven-

Big Buddies are asked to spend time — as much as their schedule allows with their Little Buddies and to make the experiences positive for the kids.

Bonnema said he doesn't plan elaborate activities with Will.

"One time we took a 5-gallon bucket and scoop to The Lake in town, and we spent hours making things out of sand and digging water channels."

He said it made him smile to see other nearby children abandon their store-bought beach toys to ioin Will and his bucket.

Last week when it was cold, Bonnema said he spread a large sheet of blank paper on a table, and the two of them drew a map of a town and drove matchbox cars on their streets and alleys.

Another low-tech game they played this summer was floating corncobs down Poplar Creek near Bonnema's home in Luverne.

"They'd float down to the culvert, and we'd catch them and bring them upstream and do it again," Bonnema

The point, he said, is not what he and his Little Buddy do, it's that they spend time



Lori Sorenson photos/0125 big buddy bonnema

George Bonnema is the 2017 Big Buddy of the Year for the Rock County Big Buddies program. He's pictured with 7-yearold Luverne Elementary student Will Soto, who has been his Little Buddy for two years. Bonnema said being a Big Buddy has been a blessing in his own life. "You have so much to give, but you have so much to gain," he said. "These kids build into your life as much as you build into theirs."

together with positive interaction.

"He has some attention trouble, so I'm happy to do what he wants to do," Bonnema said.

"Sometimes we jump from one thing to another to another, but that's OK."

He said he signed up to be a Big Buddy with the hope that he could enrich a child's life, but he soon realized he's also a better person because of the program.

"You have so much to give, but you have so much to gain," Bonnema said. "These kids build into your life as much as you build into theirs."

He said his sister-in-law in Rochester mentored a boy all the way through high school and encouraged him to be all he could be.

Because she taught him how to cook, he grew interested in it as a profession and qualified for scholarships at Le Cordon Bleu chef school.

"He did all the hard work," Bonnema said. "But without encouragement, he would have never done it. Today

he's working in a restaurant. ... Mentoring lifted him out of

poverty." Bonnema said he thinks often about how different the boy's life would have been without a positive mentor.

'The potential we have to make a difference in a kid's life ... it's really overwhelming," Bonnema said.

About Big Buddies

Big Buddies of Rock County is open to all kindergarten through fifth-grade students in Rock County.

Mentors and their children generally spend one to two hours together weekly.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Big Buddy or who knows a child that could benefit from a mentor can call 507-283-9165.

Bonnema said he hopes more people will consider volunteering.

"It's an opportunity to make a difference in a kid's life. ... to be a non-threatening person, someone they can trust," Bonnema said.

"We all have that opportunity."

The Big Buddy program currently has 16 buddy pairs, but there are many more children who could benefit from a positive mentor.

"We have lots of kids who have needs, but people aren't signing up," Bonnema said.

"God has given you these opportunities and we can either throw them away or make the most of them."



Big Buddies are asked to spend time — as much as their with their Little Buddies and to make the experiences positive for the kids. Bonnema said he doesn't plan elaborate activities with Will. They're pictured here tying bows on Christmas greenery last month.

MPCA and city of Luverne sludge/continued from page 1A

resulted in an MPCA citation. "This is the first time this

sort of thing has happened," said Lais, who has been with the city for 45 years.

"But we've submitted a plan [to address it], and we should be OK."

The plan involves landapplying solids more than once a year to prevent too much sludge accumulating in the tank.

The city currently applies

nearly 700,000 gallons of sludge on farm ground contracted with various landowners. The waste, rich in nutrients, is applied after the fields are harvested in the fall.

"The farmers like it, because it has about the same nutrient content as hog manure," Lais said.

He added that the city pays for the equipment and labor for the application, which includes knifing the fertilizer

into the soil. The landowner pays an application fee.

"We have to get rid of it," Lais said. "So if we have ground near

Luverne to put it on, we're happy to provide the service." Now Lais said he is making

arrangements to apply sludge also in the summer on 16 acres of alfalfa between cuttings on land that the city owns south of the airport.

It involves a permitting

process that Lais said is almost complete.

"If I can get rid of 50,000 to 100,000 gallons in the summer, there will be that much more room in the sludge tank," Lais said.

"We won't have to get rid of the decant (the liquid)."

Once everything is finalized, Lais said he'll forward the plan to the state for what he hopes will result in forgiveness of the fine.



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Local airman experiences Hawaii missile threat

By Mavis Fodness

An incoming ballistic missile warning issued in error Saturday morning, Jan. 13, left a Luverne family concerned about their daughter's safety.

Airman First Class and 2016 LHS graduate Morgan Haugen was in the midst of

a 15-day training exercise when an emergency civil alert message flashed across her phone shortly after 8 a.m.

The message warned a ballistic missile was inbound to Hawaii and residents should seek immediate shelter. It was not a drill.

Haugen passed the text message to her parents in Luverne, Kurt and Julie Haugen. It was shortly after noon local time.

Both parents were engulfed by disbelief and then total panic.

"It was a frightening few minutes," Julie said. "We were all very grateful when we found out it was a huge mistake."

Prior to Morgan's departure to Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu, Hawaii, Julie said she read about Hawaii's reinstatement of their Cold War emergency alert system.

The system began monthly tests in December as a response to possible attacks from North Korea, a close neighbor to the islands.

"So I had that in the back of my mind," she said. "When I got the text from her, it made it all so real."

She talked with Morgan after receiving the text, who indicated she would call back when she knew more about the warning.

More than a half hour passed before the state issued a second text message indicating the warning was

a false alarm.
During a
shift change at
the emergency
management
office, the
initial message
was sent by
mistake.

However before the second message arrived, resi-

dents were panicked and confused about what do before the missile's explosive impact.

Meanwhile more than 3,800 miles away, the Haugen family could only wait and hope for the best.

"It's one of those things
— a funny feeling — and
your heart drops," said Kurt
Haugen.

Kurt had been in Hills when he learned about the impending danger for his daughter, who joined the South Dakota Air National Guard shortly after graduation

He was home when the second text message cancelling the threat was sent.

The Haugen family is understanding of the human error and is relieved their daughter is safe.

"Hopefully it will be a learning experience for everyone involved," Kurt said.

Morgan returned home Sunday.



Photo courtesy: Southwest Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Gary and Janine Papik are involved in many of the ventures SWIF has supported, including Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow, Luverne Street Music, Southwest Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities and others.

Turning ideas into action

SWIF recognizes Papiks for community impact

Gary and Janine Papik are featured in the current Southwest Minnesota Initiative Foundation magazine, "Looking Forward, Giving Back."

In addition to grant giving in Southwest Minnesota, SWIF partners with banks, economic development organizations, nonprofit lenders and private investors to offer creative financing.

The Papiks are involved in many of the ventures SWIF has supported, including Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow, Luverne Street Music, Southwest Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities and others.

Their story illustrates how philanthropy has helped turn ideas into action for Luverne, and southwest Minnesota. Following is the text from that feature, reprinted with permission:

Turning ideas into action

Gary and Janine Papik have always loved the friendly feel of Luverne, its tree-shaded streets and bustling downtown.

But in 2009, they could see their hometown needed help. Properties were in disrepair, businesses were closing and retail spending was

Gary and Janine, who own Papik Motors, joined a passionate grassroots group of other business owners, elected officials and citizens committed to improving Luverne.

They invited Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) Vice President Scott Marquardt to help define "When you have a big investment in the community, you want it to be as strong as it can be."

— Gary Papik, Luverne supporter

the next steps.

"Luverne was kind of looking for some direction, like a lot of small towns," Gary said. "I think the role of SWIF in southwest Minnesota is helping get things done. Once you have an idea, they'll talk to you about it and say, 'Here's a way that maybe this could work."

That fits perfectly with Papiks' philosophy for change: turn ideas into action, using philanthropy as one of their tools. The original grassroots group evolved into the nonprofit Luverne Initiatives for Tomorrow (LIFT), involving more than 170 community members in identifying what could be done to improve the city.

LIFT's first major project was the new GrandStay Hotel, one of 17 Luverne businesses that SWIF has supported with our business finance programs.

"I think what was so cool about the hotel was that was the first thing that came together," Janine said. "It is just a fixture in the community now." Success spread — Take 16 Craft Brewery, the Luverne Loop bike trail and a grand restoration of the Arcade Building's arches, now a stunning storefront for the new Sterling's Café and Grille. That last one is special to the Papiks.

"Our grandkids call Sterling's grandma's kitchen. We're there that often," Gary said. "That's what you have to do when you have a new business in town, you have to support it."

It takes more than one or two people, no matter how passionate, for this kind of change. The chamber, all levels of government, residents and nonprofit organizations including SWIF play a part in making Luverne a place people love.

"You really find out in a small community how many quality people you have," Gary said.

Music and cars

Besides being outsized community boosters, Papiks are known for cars. Gary and Janine's story started in 1967, when Gary needed an excuse to take his dad's new Oldsmobile Tornado for a spin. Janine was the excuse.

Now, 46 years of marriage and quite a few cars later, they have a family of 18 — children Heidi, Gretchen and Jordan and their spouses, and 10 grandkids. In the Papik home, the table is set for the whole crew, a placemat embroidered with each person's name. Family is the center of their world; their social calendar is filled with

SWIF honors Papiks/see page 8A

Luverne Community Education announces classes, 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.

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

On Feb. 1 students in grades 3-5 will have **Fun With Squishy Circuits** using special dough and light-up LED accents. Fee is \$13

Learn the newest bracelet craze at **Kumihimo Braiding** class on Feb. 3. Residents from Poplar Creek will be helping students. Fee is \$20 which includes the disk to make more.

A six session **Throwing on a Pottery Wheel** for participants grade 9 through adult will begin on Feb. 3. Fee is \$59, plus a \$10 material fee.

A six-session **Hand Building Clay Class** for participants

grade 5 through adult will begin on Feb. 3. Fee is \$49, plus a \$15 material fee.

Just basic sewing skills and an old sweater will be required

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

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.

Midwest Dry Cast to open next summer/continued from page 1A said the Luverne operation 2006 with roots in the Hutbegan producing them again. dustries personnel began producing them again.

said the Luverne operation will focus on the concrete floors, but the dry cast equipment is capable of manufacturing other concrete projects such as landscape curbing and blocks.

"Basically you can throw anything in there," Waldner said. "As long as it's 2 feet deep, 5 feet wide and 22 feet long, it can spit it out."

The County Board voted 4-1 to grant the tax abatement at their Jan. 9 meeting, with Commissioner Stan Williamson casting the dissenting vote.

"I think we could abate the amount stated on the form," he said about a \$7,500 annual abatement.

The County Board ultimately agreed on a \$10,000 tax abatement, because Midwest Dry Cast building construction will likely be bigger than currently planned, meaning the property will be worth more in 10 years than current estimates.

SD Industries began in

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2006 with roots in the Hutterite community, Waldner said. The move away from the colony meant access to a larger workforce and room for greater expansion.

The company manufactures galvanized equipment for swine facilities but has expanded to make other galvanized products from its facilities in Salem, South Dakota, a recently opened plant in Mexico and a second plant in Alexandria.

"Midwest Dry Cast is just another adventure for us," Waldner said.

The family-owned business has experienced at least a 30-percent growth in business each year since 2010 and currently employs more than 100 people at their four locations.

SD Industries began makinghogfloorslats severalyears ago but stopped because of the expense of using a wet cast process.

But after researching the

dry process, the company

began producing them again. The procedure requires very little water and fewer molds, due to the short curing time-frame.

"You basically need two molds and dump them every five minutes," Waldner said. "That reduces the cost (of molds) and then 24 hours lateryou can get them outside."

The dry cast equipment is imported from France.

"At this time nobody in the U.S. makes them," he said. "There are some smaller square equipment in the U.S. that basically makes blocks but none of them with the table (size) we require."

The French equipment is also safer through the use of automation, service motors and light barriers. The dry cast process is fully automatic, operated by computers, and uses very little water.

Meeting industry demand Through the sale of its

swine equipment, SD In-

dustries personnel began to ask customers if other "bottlenecks" were being experienced in the swine facility industry.

"There is a great shortage of good quality slats, concrete slats and concrete products for buildings," he said.

While the company eyed the new casting process, they also looked to locating the plant near an aggregate

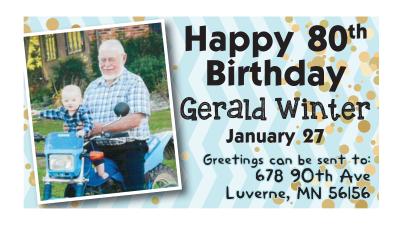
"We were working with other towns and also the state of South Dakota, and you guys impressed us," Waldner said.

SD Industries worked with the Minnesota Department of Economic Development and its Job Creation Fund, which provides financial incentives to new and/or expanding businesses.

"The state of Minnesota's funding is 10 times larger than what South Dakota could ever imagine," he said.

"It's impressive they took the time for us."





O Star Herald PINION

First (and only) attempt at book writing was inspired by lost dog

Recent stories of missing pets reminded me of a friendship developed through the return of a lost dog and the start of a

children's book. I ran across the folded lettersize papers of the handmade book more than 40 years after it

was created. The copier paper now has a slight yellow hue, and minute rust appears around the two staples binding the folded papers together.

The penciled writing is still clear, however. "First Year of Charlie" it reads.

Charlie was a dog. The brown and yellow Brittany spaniel appeared on the doorstep of my family's farmhouse one day and was the obvious inspiration for the book.

While decades of other experiences have left the real childhood memory foggy, the story written long ago lends some insight.

In the days Charlie stayed with my family until his real family was located, I must have begun to speculate where Charlie came from.

My story begins like this ... "Charlie was born in a log cabin at the edge of the woods.

His mother's name is Taffy. She is brown and white like he is.

Charlie and his mother live with Jeff Wilson. They live together in a brown log cabin with light brown shutters.

Charlie got his name because his father's name was

I recall my parents placing news of finding the real-life Charlie on the radio, and as we waited for Charlie to be claimed, I formulated the characters in my story.

It turns out Charlie's owners weren't far away, a matter of blocks since our farm abutted the Luverne city limits.

The story didn't match real-

They didn't live in a log cabin, but their house was tan. And the owner's first name was not Jeff, nor was his last name Wilson.

As for the plot for the story, I must have taken the view from the dog's perspective.

When he was a year old, Charlie ran around in the house. Once he knocked over a lamp and Jeff took him outside.

"If you don't learn your man-

RUMINATIONS

By Mavis Fodness, Reporter

ners, you sleep outside," Jeff said. Charlie had a lot of exploring to do. First he ran to the barn. Then suddenly when Charlie turned the corner, Pepper the cat scratched Charlie right on the nose. "Yii!" Charlie yelled.

Charlie ran around the house and scratched on the door. Jeff heard him and answered the

"Charlie, I'm going on a trip with Taffy and I have to give you

Charlie didn't understand but he just wanted to get in the house.

Jeff put an article in the newspaper, which read:

For Sale: 1 brown and white pup. 1 yr. old. For more information phone 675-1524.

The next part of the story told of George Huntsman answering the for sale ad for Charlie.

George was the real first name of Charlie's owner. Huntsman was not.

George and Carol McDonald lived close to my childhood home on North Blue Mound Avenue. Charlie was their dog and he was happily returned to them and their three children.

A happy ending similar to the one I wrote for my fictional Charlie.

"That morning somebody knocked on the door. Jeff answered.

"My name is George Huntsman. I heard you were selling a

dog."
"That's right."

"Can I see him?"

So Jeff brought Charlie out. "Here he is."

"He looks healthy. I'll take

him." "OK."

"How much?"

"20 dollars."

"Here you go."

"OK." "Bye."

"Bye."

Now Charlie has a new master, George Huntsman. That night Charlie slept with

George for a peaceful sleep.

The End

Volunteer for Big Buddy program

A little positive mentoring goes a long way toward equipping children for life's challenges

Sixty years of social science research shows that adult role models help adolescents by modeling positive, responsible behavior.

Rock County's Big Buddies program was developed with this research in mind — to provide role models for youth in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Star Herald has spotlighted the program's success by featuring the organization's "Big Buddy of the Year."

The interviews and photographs are a great way to see how a positive relationship can have such a strong bearing on a child's happiness.

Our featured adults each year mention different aspects of the program they enjoy, but they all talk about the simplicity of mentoring. So much good can come from only a couple of hours a week.

The more a child feels valued by a positive adult, the more selfSTAR HERALD EDITORIAL

confidence he or she gains and the less likely he or she will be to engage in risky behavior.

Beingoptimisticabouttheyoung person's future and talking about planning ahead and making good choices all adds up to additional assets in a young person's life.

Pretty soon that young person has even more important social tools to be successful in life.

Our featured Big Buddies also consistently tell us that more adults should consider mentoring a child.

In Bonnema's words, "It's an opportunity to make a difference in a kid's life.... to be a non-threatening person, someone they can trust. We

all have that opportunity."

Many, many more children need mentors than there are Big Buddies to be paired with them.

And our Big Buddies tell us these are missed opportunities.

Want inspiration to join? Talk to Bonnema. Or at least read his story on Page 2.

It's nevertoolate to do something good, but a child is a child for only so long, and the time is now to help the children who could use an extra smile in their lives.

Volunteer for the Big Buddy

program. Coordinator Lisa Nath can be reached at 283-9165.



Ask a Trooper: Trailer registrations need to be clearly visible

Question: I recently purchased a trailer that requires yearly tabs. I'm worried the plate will get damaged if I mount it to the manufactures bracket. I have noticed over the years that owners of some trailers have mounted their trailer plates on the fender well in a vertical position and not horizontal so it can be read easier. Is that legal?

Answer: If your trailer is a small utility trailer that has 3,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or under, it would receive a permanent Minnesota registration sticker. The registration sticker issued is displayed on the tongue of the trailer and no plate is

required.

Registered trailers weighing over 3,000 pounds gross vehicle weight require one license plate with yearly registration displayed horizontally with the identifying numbers and letters facing outward from the trailer. This plate must be mounted on the rear of the trailer.

The person driving the motor vehicle that is pulling the trailer shall keep the plate legible, unobstructed and free from grease, dust, or other blurring material so that the lettering is plainly visible at all times. It is unlawful to cover any assigned letters and numbers or the name of the state

of origin of a license plate with any material whatsoever, including any clear or colorless material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity.

If law enforcement sees any equipment or registration violation, you could be stopped and warned or issued a citation, so please obey all equipment and traffic laws.

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

Naasz: Christmas 2017 reveals community support for continued blessings in 2018

To the Editor:

With the new year in progress, we've had a chance to reflect on the challenges and blessings of 2017.

As our community knows, the challenges are many at Southwestern Youth Services, but the blessings continue to come to us far in abundance of our expectations.

Christmas 2017 revealed once again that the support for our program is very strong and that the community's generosity and concern for our boys does not waver.

Many, many individuals, farm-

ing families, churches, civic programs and businesses donated money and gifts which provided each of our boys with Christmas presents that included warm clothing, shoes, coats, games, and the always welcome seasonal sweets and treats.

In addition to those gifts, our school library received a muchneeded boost that is most welcome as the vital skill of reading is the most utilized pastime in the building.

Our gym received new basket-

balls and Nerfgames. Our memberships to the Luverne City Pool and the Luverne Fitness Center were renewed and the trips to town have become a weekly goal for each of our students. It is hard to understand until you see it, but a first-time-ever trip to a swimming pool can bring extreme joy to many of our students.

In addition, the students' day rooms were equipped with new boardgames and puzzles, and many new DVDs entertain them during their down time.

At night when our boys go to

bed, they are kept warm by the many new quilts that came into our building from many different church groups, circles, and individuals, and the boys will each take one home as a reminder of the love and care with which each was made.

Finally, there were many other donations, too numerous to mention here, that allowed us to exemplify the whole meaning of the season for the students.

In short, our efforts to bring a $meaningful\,Christ mas\,to\,many\,who$ have never experienced it could

only have been done with support and belief in our mission from the local area farms and towns.

The words "thank you" do not seem adequate to convey our deep gratitude for the many kindnesses that SYS continues to experience. As for 2018, we at SYS look forward to continued blessings and fewer challenges and we sincerely wish the same to each of you.

> Carole Naasz and staff **Southwestern Youth Services** Magnolia

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 15

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject having breakdowns.

•Complainant reported they had a disruptive patient in the lobby while on the phone with alarm company.

 Complainant reported subject is refusing to answer the door for custody exchange.

•Deputy helped complainant unlock a vehicle without incident.

•Complainant reported cell phone stolen from Luverne High School is now pinging at Casey's.

Jan. 17

•Complainant reported a small green vehicle with two occupants driving down Bishop Street slowly and looked into a parked vehicle.

•Complainant reported a little girl walking alone. Concerned because of her age and the outside temperature.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about a car they are having trouble getting back.

 Complainant reported they did a search of a student's locker and found what he believes to be drugs.

Complainant reported finding a set of keys.

•Complainant reported a party to notify owner about flashing lights.

Jan. 18

•Complainant reported uncontrollable student, tearing up the classroom.

•Party is trying to leave Sanford Luverne.

•Complainant reported a light has been on in Hardwick for several days. Last night they saw the subject sitting in the chair, this morning subject is in the same chair with the same clothing on.

•Deputy responded on a welfare check for suicidal subject.

 Complainant requested a welfare check on subject who walked out of the emergency room.

•Complainant reported the odor of marijuana in their apartment complex. The complainant believes the occupants of 1, 2 and 4 are involved. Requesting a walkthrough of complex.

•LG Everest Inc. applied for an explosives permit.

•Complainant reported theft at Teal's.

•Complainant reported some people are going to take her out into the country and take her money.

 Complainant reported her estranged husband opening her mail without her consent.

•Complainant reported the music from the speakers on Main Street is creepy and too loud. She can hear it in her apartment and wants it turned down/off.

•Complainant reported vehicle with South Dakota plates going from shoulder to shoulder.

•Complainant reported a vehicle is parked in front of a trailer and they feel it is suspicious.

•Complainant reported spark plugs on vehicle were cut.

•Complainant reported stolen wallet in Hills. •Patient left Sanford Luverne against medical advice.

 $\bullet Complainant \, reported \, subject \, threatening \, to \, as sault \,$ her and her boyfriend.

 Complainant reported vehicle swerving over center and fog lines.

•Complainant reported black male tried to purchase items with fraudulent gift card.

•Spoke to Lyon County about a complainant and e him information advising him Ellsworth is in Nobles County.

In addition, officers also responded to 24 burn permits, 8 ambulance runs, 1 lifeline activation, 2 animal complaints, 1 vehicle registration, 4 paper services, 18 traffic stops, 1 background check, 1 foreclosure sale, 4 drug court tests, 4 permits to purchase/carry, 1 follow-up, 1 warrant, 3 abandon 911 calls, 5 tests, 1 training, 2 school patrol issues, 1 child maltreatment, 2 fingerprint requests, 2 POR registrations, 1 transport, 1 road and drive law complaint, 1 property accident, 1 family and child issue and 2 deer accidents.



Lori Sorenson photo/0125 snow removal

Dodging a dumping

Luverne city crews work to remove snow at the corner of Main Street and Highway 75 Tuesday morning, Jan. 23, after several inches blanketed the area during Monday's blizzard. While it was plenty to shovel, Luverne and Rock County dodged the worst of the storm that dumped nearly a foot of snow as close as Nobles County. Schools, including Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek, canceled classes Monday, and students returned on Tuesday. Adrian School District and many to the east remained closed Tuesday. High winds on top of new snowfall combined to decrease visibility and cause slick road surfaces. The Minnesota Department of Transportation advised no travel for all of southern Minnesota all day Monday and Monday night.

Farm service agency reminds producers of current policies

By Fraser Norton County Executive Director

Important Dates

Jan. 30: 2017 LFP application deadline.

Jan. 31: 2017 Wool Loan and LDP request deadline.

Feb. 1:2018 NAP Maple Sap

sales deadline. Feb. 19: FSA office closed for Presidents Day.

March 15: 2018 NAP Pas $ture\, and\, Spring-seeded\, Annual$ Crops sales deadline; 2018 Crop Insurance Corn, Soybeans, Oats and Spring-Wheat sales

April 2: 2017 Small Grains Loan and LDP request deadline; 2017 LIP application deadline.

Ongoing: Continuous CRP

Farm Service Agency policy reminders

The following reminders include important information that will assist producers in maintaining Federal Farm

Program eligibility. Any questions should be directed to the Pipestone County FSA Office at 507-825-5478, or the Rock County FSA Office at 507-283-

Firearms and dangerous weapons are forbidden in federal facilities. This includes any item prohibited by any applicable federal, state, local and tribal law and/or ordinance, as well as firearms, dangerous weapons, explosives, or other destructive devices designed to cause injury, death or property damage. Possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in federal facilities is a crime punishable by fines and imprisonment.

Special accommodations will be made upon request for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment or hearing impairment. If accommodations are required, individuals should contact the FSA Office.

FSA supports the Risk Management Agency (RMA) in the prevention of fraud, waste and abuse of the Federal Crop Insur-

ance Program. FSA has been, and will continue to, assist RMA and insurance providers by monitoring crop conditions throughout the growing season.FSA will continue to refer all suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse directly to RMA. Producers can report suspected cases to the County FSA Office, the RMA office or the Office of the Inspector General.

Controlled Substance: Program participants convicted under federal or state law of any planting, cultivating, growing, producing, harvesting or storing a controlled substance are ineligible for program payments and benefits. If convicted of one of these offensives, the program participant will be ineligible during that crop year and the four succeeding crop years.

Program participants convicted of any federal or state offense consisting of the distribution(trafficking) of a controlled substance, at the discretion of the court, may be determined

ineligible for any or all program payments and benefits for up to five years after the first conviction, up to 10 years after the second conviction, and permanently for a third or subsequent conviction.

Program participants convicted of federal or state offense for the possession of a controlled substance will be ineligible, at the discretion of the court, for any or all program benefits for up to one year for the first conviction, and up to five years after a second or subsequent conviction.

For more information on FSA farm loan programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov. Please contact the Rock County FSA Office if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment to meet with the loan staff to discuss your options.

Call 507-283-2369, ext. 2, or stop by the Rock County FSA Office at 500 W. Gabrielson Road in Luverne.

Gary and Janine Papik receive spotlight for philanthropy/continued from page 3

soccer games and recitals. Janine's roots run deep

in the area, but Gary moved there as a boy. He came to town amid the frenzy of Luverne High School's victory over Rochester in the 1964 Minnesota State Basketball Tournament, something he talks about to this day.

As for the cars, Gary started out washing them. He worked his way up and purchased Schoon Motor Company in 1990, renaming it Papik Motors. In 2013 Gary was Minnesota's TIME Magazine Quality Dealer of the Year, honored among the nation's most successful auto dealers who demonstrate a long-standing commitment to effective community service.

"When you have a big investment in the community, you want it to be as strong as it can be," Gary said.

The dealership is a family business in the truest sense. Gary, Janine and all their children have worked there. Today, Jordan, Heidi and son-in-law Micky hold management positions. If the grandkids are interested, they're welcome too.

Gary knows cars; Janine

knows music. In what used to be their home's formal dining room, she's filled the china cabinet with orderly rows of sheet music, and a piano sits at the center of the space. At Grace Lutheran Church across the street and Luverne High School just down the road, Janine has played music and directed choirs for years. Janine, Gretchen and Heidi all majored in music in college.

Four years ago, Janine and her friend LaDonna Iveland were talking to Luverne's chamber director, Jane Wildung Lanphere, about opportunities for music lessons in Luverne. As with other projects, they found people in the community willing to make it happen. Luverne Street Music opened its doors in January 2013 with three teachers and a dozen students.

"We connect teachers and students to give them lessons in whatever they want," Janine said, including a group of gentlemen in their 70s who simply wanted to play a few notes on violins.

The nonprofit now serves over 100 students - children and adults from Luverne and

the surrounding area. There are group lessons, ensembles, summer music camp and children's choir.

"It's amazing," Janine said.

SWIF impact in Luverne

In addition to grant giving, business finance programs are a critical piece of SWIF's community impact. SWIF partners with banks and credit unions, economic development organizations, nonprofit lenders and private investors to offer creative financing.

As the organization

works to close the opportunity gap for children living in poverty, part of the solution is ensuring there are strong employers, solid jobs and a thriving economy for the next generation.

Over the years, SWIF loans have supported 17 businesses in Luverne alone, including most recently Midwest Fire, Sterling's Grille and Café, Dragonfly Boutique and Oasis Care Home.

In FY17, SWIF made 31 loans totaling more than \$1.1 million in southwest Minnesota.



Jan. 31, 2018

facebook.





COMMUNITY

CELEBRATIONS

Open Houses

Fabian Deutsch will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Colter Deutsch Truck Shed four miles west on County Road 270 to Hills, 31490th Avenue N.

Card showers

Gerald Winter will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 27. Greetings may be sent to him at 678 90th Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156.

Menu

Monday, Jan. 29: Chili, cheese sandwich bun, cracker, sherbet.

Program: pinochle. Tuesday, Jan.

30: Meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, lemon sponge cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Eagles. SR Board meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 31: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin,

Thursday, Feb. 1: Sausage egg bake, ovenbaked potatoes, fruit cocktail, bread, coffeecake.

Program: Two-buck day; Pastor of Month Father Jennings of St. Cath-

Friday, Feb. 2: Ham boiled dinner (with cabbage, potatoes and carrots), peaches, cornbread,

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 homedelivered meals.

LHS junior develops project to bring visibility to invisible illnesses

By Mavis Fodness

Former high school cheerleader Sage Ver Steeg looks like her classmates on the outside, but inside she doesn't have the energy to keep up with her 17-year-old peers.

Last year Ver Steeg, a junior on Luverne's FFCLA team, delivered a simple speech about invisible illnesses.

This year she went a step further by developing a website that offers support and care kits to those affected by invisible illnesses. It also educates those who are not.

Ver Steeg, daughter of Brad and Amy Ver Steeg of Luverne, has Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS), a rare connective tissue disorder that causes sudden joint dislocation and pain.

She suffered her first bone dislocation two years ago when she was a fresh-

"Ever since I was little, I had joint pain," she said. "We thought it was growing pains until I got older."

Cheerleading became an activity of the past when Ver Steeg was also diagnosed with a common illness that often accompa-

Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome is a condition in which the change from lying to standing causes an abnormal increase in heart rate. Dizziness, nausea and blurry vision usually accompany the racing heart.

Medications keep the illnesses under control, and Ver Steeg has turned her focus to less physical activities, such as Future Career and Community Leaders of America or FC-

"It's been a drastic change since high school started," she said. "That's why people don't understand my illness —because it's not something they can

From the outside Ver Steeg appears to be a



Mavis Fodness photo/0125 FCCLA Sage Ver Steeg Sage Ver Steeg, a junior at Luverne High School, shows a few of the special gifts included in

care kits for "The Visibility Project 1125" she developed last year. Ver Steeg's FCCLA project received a \$500 grant through Disney's Youth Service America program.

healthy teenager until a sudden pop from one of her joints echoes in the classroom or she becomes dizzy as she leaves for her next

Students afflicted with asthma, diabetes or dyslexia often feel similarly misunderstood — sometimes hearing comments like, "Stop faking," or 'She's looking for sympa-

Ver Steeg wants to change those perceptions because others like her are affected by invisible

For almost a year, Ver-Steeg devoted time developing an Instagram site called "The Visibility Project 1125" to bring awareness to conditions that aren't visibly noticed.

She received a \$500

grant from Disney's Youth Service America, which has a goal of inspiring young people to make a positive impact in their communi-

"I like the idea of giving back to the community that has helped me understand my illnesses more," she said.

Care kits are assembled from the grant dollars. The kits range in cost from \$30 to \$40 including shipping.

Each kit contains a pair of socks, lip balm and a special gift based on information provided by the applicant.

With each kit Ver Steeg has included a card that reads, "Something fuzzy for your feet, something sweet you cannot eat, something I thought was neat."

The neat gift could be a CC Bean hat, adult coloring book and pencils or a blanket personally sewn by

Ver Steeg has filled two care kits and is in the process of assembling four additional kits.

"It's just something to make them feel better," she said. "Helping people helps me feel better."

Locally Ver Steeg will educate elementary children later this spring about invisible illnesses and teach empathy for those not afflicted.

Next week she will present her visibility project at the regional FCCLA conference Jan. 31 in Tracy. She will compete in the STAR event or Students Taking Action with Recognition.

As a senior next year, Ver Steeg intends to continue her visible project with community residents sponsoring the costs of a care kit or its shipping.

Questions can be directed to Ver Steeg at thevisibilityproject1125@ gmail.com.

"I want to make it easier on people because they are already battling their bodies. They don't need to put up with people being ignorant," she said.

1952: Part two of Rock County's booming poultry business

The following appeared in the Rock County Star Herald on Feb. 21, 1952. This is second of the two-part series.

Poultry Farming Is Million Dollar Business in County.

Census Shows Eggs Are Big Income Source

Poultry Medications

The Northern States Poultry Service Company distributes a complete line of poultry medications used in treatment of poultry diseases. They have recently added a diagnostic laboratory, which enables them to determine for their dealers the ailments which arise among the poultryflocks of their customers. It is one of the few laboratories of its kind in the entire area.

George W. Edmonds, who has made careful selection in building up breeding flocks, sells eggs and chicks to hatcheries and individuals in all parts of the country.

Hatcheries, produce firms, and feed dealers, however, play the big role, as far as the local producers themselves are concerned. Many producers maintain large flocks of purebred chickens of various breeds to provide eggs for the local hatcheries. This provides a good market for local eggs, and at the same time, gives the hatcheryman a better opportunity to be sure that the eggs he buys from flocks are of known quality.

But the hatcheryman's work doesn't end with hatching and selling chicks.

Caring For Chicks



Bits by Betty

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

He must be qualified to inform his customers on latest methods of brooding and caring for chicks. He must provide the latest in poultry equipment and advise his customers in their proper use and operation, and help him maintain them.

He generally is called upon to cull the flock, so only the best layers are kept in the flock, and thus eliminates $the\,need\,offeeding\,hens\,that$ are not producers.

He blood-tests the various flocks, so that when the hatchingseason rolls around, he is sure that the eggs he gets will produce the chicks he wants.

Some of the companies maintain a trucking service, delivering feed and equipment, buying eggs and poultry at the farm, thus saving the farmer the chore of loading and delivering his produce when he is busy with other farm work.

Some firms manufacture their own poultry feeds. Others sell nationally advertised brands.

Proper Feeding Important

Farmers raising poultry have found that proper feeding is one of the key factors in a successful poultry venture.

With these facilities, poultry raising has grown from the one time sideline stage in the overall farming program, to one of the more important phases of the agricultural industry, as it provides one of the main sources of income, not only in the winter time when other farming operations are at a standstill, but the year around.

With the growth of the poultry industry has come the need for poultry processing plants. Luverne has one of the plants at the Worthington Creamery and Produce Company where each year, thousands of chickens and turkeys are dressed and packed annually.

Plans are now being made by the Blue Mound Cold Storage Company, headed by a former Lismore man, Keith Madison, to install a processing plant at the cold storage plant on South Cedar street. This past year, the company processed turkeys at the Madison farm near Lismore, and used the facilities in Luverne for freezing and storing.

All these industries help to make Rock County a leader in the poultry industry, not only on the local level, but on a nationwide scale, and those who are in a position to know state that very few areas have as much to offer in the way of

opportunity in the poultry raising field as there is to be found right here.

Baby Chicks Are

'Good Business" A familiar sight from now on will be that of farmers coming out of hatcheries carrying those big boxes of baby chicks. To our ears there is sweet and appealing music from the symphony of "cheeps" that emanates from those boxes. We never tire of watching, with fascination,

those cute, little baby chicks. Those wee fellows are symbols of more than future eggs and poultry - they indicate a source of sizeable amount of Rock county income. Not the major share, it's true, but an important source of cash money for many a farm family. Hundreds of shrewd Rock county farmers look to those baby chicks as food business because they believe in a well rounded program of farm income. By buying baby chicks theyindicate that they want to avoid the pitfalls of "putting all their eggs in one basket" in looking to a source of income.

Rock county has the facilities in progressive hatcheries and manufacturers to make it one of the leaders in the Midwest in efficiently serving the needs of the farmers of the community.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jeff and Missy Fick, Luverne, and Don and Jody Kramer, Ellsworth, announce the engagement of their children Meranda Fick and Johnathon Kramer.

Meranda is a 2015 graduate of Luverne High School anda December 2017 graduate of Southeast Technical Institute with a degree in business and early childhood. She is employed at Rock Rapids Kids' Club.

Johnathon is a 2014 graduate of Ellsworth High School and a May 2018 graduate of South Dakota State University, Brookings, with a degree in ag business.

The couple is planning

Melvin and Minnie Van Batavia, Steen, announce the engagement of their son Joel to Courtney Sheppard, Madison, South Dakota.

Courtney is the daughter of Jamie McKinney Madison and Dean Isakson, Pipestone. She is an optometric assistant at Madison Vision Clinic.

Joel is currently the loan officer at Dakotaland Federal Credit Union in Madison.

The couple is planning a March 3, 2018, wedding.



Johnathon Kramer and Meranda Fick

a May 26, 2018, wedding at Tabernacle Baptist Church in George, Iowa.



Courtney Sheppard and Joel Van Batavia

We welcome your good news!

Share your special happenings by using the forms on our website,

Births, engagements, weddings and news tips are accepted by simply filling in the blanks. You can even upload pictures! As follow-up, please give us a phone call to ensure your submis-

sion was received properly. Our phone number is 283-2333. And ... remember to include a phone number so we can contact you with any questions/clarifications.





Lori Sorenson photos



Paint, sip, create

Artists with Creative Spirits, Sioux Falls, led a group of local women in a painting session Tuesday, Jan. 16, in Luverne's Take 16 Brewery. The social and creative session involved sampling local craft beer and painting a "Scattered Dreams" canvas (at left) in the brewery tap house.

Above: Pictured are local participants (front, from left) Jennifer and Bailey Stratton, Judy Fenske, (back) Cori Fenske, Peggy Adams, Sherri Thompson and Missy Verbrugge.

Far left: Creative Spirits artist Kelsey Bageant leads the group through a step in the creative process. Clockwise from bottom are Missy Verbrugge, Bailey Stratton, Jennifer Stratton, Cori Fenske and Judy Fenske.

Midwest Fire celebrates 30th anniversary

Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company (Midwest Fire) celebrated 30 years of manufacturing top quality fire apparatus this month.

Midwest Fire is a direct dealer of tankers, tankerpumpers, brush trucks, and fire rescue vehicles.

More than 900 trucks have been manufactured and delivered upon this pearl anniversary.

In 2013 the company was acquired by Midwest Fire CEO Sarah Atchison, who has since been named one of the Top 25 Women in Business by Prairie Business magazine.

The company has experienced record sales growth in recent years under Atchison's leadership and has been a finalist for numerous manufacturing and small business awards.

Many departments are so satisfied with their experience with Midwest Fire and their apparatus that they have purchased multiple

Clearview Fire and Emergency Services in Ontario, Canada, has purchased three pieces of equipment since 2014 and has plans to purchase more in the future.

"Since purchasing our first trucks in 2014, we have gone out of our way to recommend Midwest Fire to neighboring departments," says Deputy Fire Chief Roree Payment. "No one else compares to the value and service they provide."

Unable to make the trip for their first delivery, Payment visited the facility in October of this year to pick up the department's third truck.

"We felt like family from the time we walked in the door. We weren't just a number to them, there was

Charlotte Griffin -

Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

be at a later date.



Sarah Atchison became chief executive officer with Midwest Fire in Luverne in 2013.

relationship with the associates and they knew us by name."

Dante Fire Department of Dante, South Dakota, received their first new apparatus in 70 years in November 2017 from Midwest Fire.

Fire Chief Mike Kotab appreciated that while they were in the decision-making process, Account Representative Jeff Bowen took the time to answer their questions thoroughly and even drive an apparatus to their department

for demo purposes.

"On delivery day I brought six of my volunteer firefighters, and they made us experts on our new PTO (power takeoff) pump by the time we headed home" said Votab.

home," said Kotab.

"It's incredible to see a company put such effort, quality, and customer service into their work. We couldn't be happier with our experience from the first call to delivery."

Midwest Fire will be at the annual Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) at booth 3810 on April 26-28 to greet customers in person.

"We want to thank all the customers that have trusted

us for 30 years," Atchison said.
"It is an honor knowing that
they have a choice and they
continue to choose Midwest
Fire. ... Firefighters are among
some of the most noble people
I have met and we are proud

to serve them," said Atchison.
Midwest Fire Equipment
& Repair Company has been
manufacturing fire tankers
and pumpers since 1987.

DEATH NOTICE

Charlotte Griffin, 87, Luverne, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at

A memorial service was Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Good

Arrangements were provided by Hartquist Funeral Home of

the Good Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home in Luverne.

Samaritan Society - Mary Jane Brown Home. Inurnment will

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2008)

•With a struggling Luverne retail market, two local offices are teaming up to hire a consultant to study current trends and suggest possible solutions.

The Luverne Area Chamber of Commerce requested \$2,900 from the Luverne Economic Development Authority for a \$5,400 proposal to consider opportunities for retail development.

"The retail condition of Luverne is not at its best right now, so spending \$2,900 is probably a good idea," Jill Wolf said during an EDA meeting to consider the request.

"LEDA doesn't usually get involved with retail, but since this doesn't involve a particular retail business and since it involves the overall economic health of the community, I would support it."

25 years ago (1993)

•Rich DeSchepper was as surprised as anyone when he learned Monday morning his Sears Catalog Store would be closed by the end of 1993.

"You just don't expect something like this to happen," he said.

DeSchepper was notified Sears plans to close all United
States catalog stores because it isn't getting a fast enough return
on its investment. The store closings will begin within 90 days.

DeSchepper doesn't expect the Luverne store to last the year.

The news was completely unexpected for DeSchepper. Only last week he discussed making changes in the store with his district manager. And he knows of people who finished training for catalog stores a few days before the announcement.

50 years ago (1968)

•Thieves Tuesday night broke into a Ripco Oil Station located on Highway 23 in western Rock County about four miles north of Interstate 90, taking gas, oil, cigars, cigarettes, gum and candy, a report from the Rock County Sheriff's office said.

Entrance was gained by breaking a window on the south side of the building. After they entered the building, they turned on the gas pump and took 9.2 gallons of gas worth \$2.74 according

to the pump reading.

Also taken were 14 cartons of cigarettes, eight packs of cigars, 15 boxes of candy, four boxes of assorted nuts, seven cases of assorted beer brands, two cartons gum, a carton of cough drops, one card of "Smokies" and ten quarts of motor oil.

Manager Bill Humphrey closed the station at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday and discovered the break-in at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday. Officials said the break-in occurred some time after the light snow Tuesday night. Tracks showed more than one person connected with the theft. The station is owned by Russ Ripley of Luverne.

75 years ago (1943)

•Luverne, Hills, Hardwick and Magnolia are formulating plans for observances of the president's birthday to raise funds for fighting infantile paralysis, it was announced this week.

For the first time since the observances were started 10 years ago, Luverne will substitute an entertainment program in place of the usual "birthday ball" that has been held here in the past. The program will be held in the school auditorium and the proceeds from the sale of tickets will be divided equally between the Rock County chapter and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The program will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 28.

100 years ago (1918)

•The order of Fuel Administrator Garfield closing all manufacturing plants not engaged in government work for a period of five days commencing with Friday morning, and all stores and other places of business not handling foodstuffs or drugs for a period of ten consecutive Mondays beginning with last Monday, was observed by Luverne concerns, both in the spirit and letter of the order

Banks, drug stores, public garages and newspapers are exempted from complying with the order, but, in the case of newspaper plants, no job work of any kind can be done on Mondays.

The order applied to all states east of the Mississippi river, with all of Minnesota and Louisiana included.

SCHOOL NEWS

Bethany Lutheran releases dean's list

Andrew Jelken, son of James and Paula Jelken of Luverne, and Cora Mumme, daughter of Mark and Beth Mumme of Riverton, Wyoming, were named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. To be named, students must earn a minimum of 14 credits and earn at least a 3.5 GPA.

Gust named to Gustavus Adolphus dean's list

Tatiana Gust, Luverne, has been named to the Fall 2017 dean's

list at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Tatiana is the daughter of Tim and Karis Gust, Luverne.

Lonneman makes dean's list

Mitchell Lonneman, Adrian, was named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.5 GPA.

MSU Moorhead releases dean's list

Bryan Stanley and Bryana Thorson, both of Luverne, were named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at Minnesota State University in Moorhead. To qualify, students must earn a 3.25 GPA or higher with at least 12 graded credits.

St. Mary's announces dean's list

Kynzie Smedsrud, Luverne, and Alexa Huisman, Adrian, were named to the Fall 2017 dean's list at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. Students must earn a 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale to be named.

Kynzie is the daughter of Steve Smedsrud, Luverne, and the late Pat Smedsrud. Alexa is the daughter of Greg and Dawn Huisman, Adrian.

Area students named to USF dean's list

The University of Sioux Falls has named Heather Doerr and Audrey Emery to the Fall 2017 dean's list. Doerr is a senior majoring in elementary education, and Emery is a senior majoring in English education and secondary education.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must earn a 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

Ebert makes dean's list at Illinois Wesleyan

Laurin Ebert was named to the Illinois Wesleyan dean's list for the Fall 2017 semester. She is a freshman majoring in chemistry/pre med.

Ebert is the daughter of Paul and Dyan Ebert, Big Lake, and granddaughter of Vance Ebert and Laurin and Rose Carroll, all of Luverne.

SMSU releases Fall 2017 dean's list

Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall has named several area students to the Fall 2017 dean's list.

Students named to the High Honors list with a 4.0 are Brenna Kramer, Adrian, Karli Schilling, Ellsworth, and Alizabeth Prekker. Luverne.

Those named to the Honors list with a 3.5 GPA or higher are Darcy Lowman-Craig, Beaver Creek, Kelli Esselink, Hills, and Megan Westrum, Steen.

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Crew 52 volunteers/continued from page 1A

"Minnesota hasn't hosted a Super Bowl since I have been alive," the 20-year-old Nattress said. "We can't let terrorists ruin an event."

The last Super Bowl in Minnesota was played in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in 1992. The facility was demolished to make room for the U.S. Bank Stadium.

Luverne Mayor Pat Baustian knows his real-life job with the South Dakota Air National Guard will help him spot potential problems when he volunteers with Crew 52 at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport.

Baustian was invited to be a volunteer through the Minnesota Mayors Associa-

He will greet celebrities, Super Bowl VIPs and other travelers Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

"This is a great opportunity to experience something that you're unlikely to do in the rest of your life," he said. Inside his pocket he will



All volunteers for the Super Bowl LII events kicking off this weekend were given apparel to wear at the events.

"It's so exciting to just be a part of something so momentous across Minnesota and the entire world."

— Stacy Mente, Crew 52 member

carry city of Luverne commemorative pins encouraging people to visit southwest Minnesota and Luverne.

Stacy Mente will greet

visitors at one of 15 Twin Cities hotels Feb. 3 and 4, the last days and hours before the game begins at 5:30 p.m.

Mente has professional training as a travel agent, so she understands the hospitality industry and said she enjoys seeing people excited about an event in Minnesota.

"It's so exciting to just be a part of something so momentous across Minnesota and the entire world," Mente said.

Crew 52 members received uniforms to wear during their assigned events. They will keep the clothing — shirts, coats, scarves, gloves and more as a thank you from Super Bowl organizers.

According to the Volunteer for Crew 52 website, the volunteers' primary purpose is to be the "Face of Minnesota" as well as help law enforcement by providing 10,000 extra sets of eyes.



Mavis Fodness photo/0125 Super Bowl Volunteers

"Bold North" is the theme surrounding 10 days of activities prior to the Feb. 4 Super Bowl game in Minneapolis. Helping from the local area as volunteers called Crew 52 are (from left) Stacy Mente, Pat Baustian and Nancy Hoogland. Also volunteering but not pictured are LHS graduates and current college students Brooke Nattress and Jonny Solma.

Face Aging MN predicts rapid growth in senior population

2015 Actuals Total population 5502683 All adults 4214275 **65+** 810342 Percent adults 65+ 19%

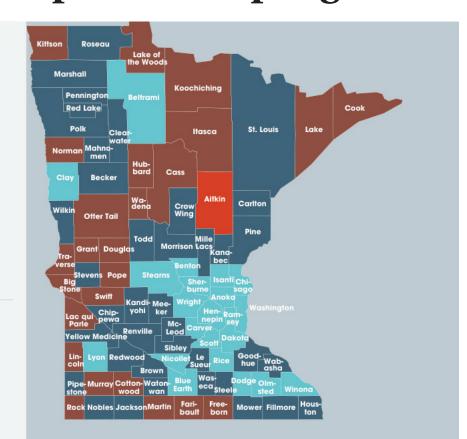
2015 - 2030 Trends

- In just three years, there will be 1 million seniors living
- By 2030, there will be 20,000 fewer K-12 students, and 455,000 more seniors.
- At least 70% of the Minnesotans who turned 65 in 2017 are expected to use long-term care services at

Percentage of adults aged 65+

20% or less

35% or more



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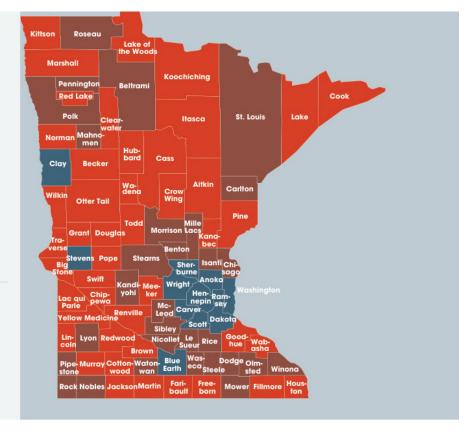
Percentage of adults aged 65+

20% or less

21% - 27%

28% - 34%

35% or more



from the Star Herald Staff.

Thirty-four percent of Rock County adults will be over 65 by 2030

By Lori Sorenson

Seniors are the fastestgrowing segment of Minnesota's population, with at least 60,000 Minnesotans turning 65 every year from now through 2030.

That's according to Face Aging Minnesota, which just released demographic predictions about the state's senior population.

The organization, comprised of Minnesota's longterm care provider associations, created a map that shows how each county's senior population will increase from now through 2030.

It uses three colors, with blue showing states where 21 to 27 percent of adults are over 65 and red representing counties with more than 35 percent over 65.

Many counties fall in the category between, brown, with 28 to 34 percent of their adults over 65.

Rock County's color stays brown through the years, but its percent of aged population grows from the low end of 28 percent in 2015 to 34 percent in 2013.

Most of Minnesota is currently brown, with plenty of blue — and even light blue (with less than 20 percent aged population).

But the Minnesota map in 2030 turns mostly brown and red - a prediction a good share of the state will have 30 to 35 percent of their populations over 65.

The only spots of blue are in the metro counties of the Twin Cities.

Many greater Minnesota counties will see a faster rate of aging - some expected to have more than 45 percent of their adults over 65.

The map can be viewed at

www.faceagingmn.org.

"The rapid growth in our senior population is something that affects every Minnesotan, from seniors and their loved ones to professional caregivers and policymakers," said Gayle Kvenvold, president and CEO of LeadingAge Minnesota.

"This map illustrates how dramatic the demographic shift is in a short amount of time. Seniors are a critically important part of our communities now and their role will continue to grow in coming

In just three years, there will be one million seniors living in Minnesota. By 2030, 25 percent of our adult population will be 65 or older.

Considering only the greater Minnesota counties, those concentrations of seniors are much higher.

"We need to rethink how we all face aging," said Patti Cullen, president and CEO of Care Providers of Minnesota.

"We not only need to think about how we meet seniors' needs to keep them living as independently as possible in the communities that they call home, we need to embrace the essential value of elders in all aspects of our communities, from emulating their high levels of civic engagement to better tapping into their wisdom and experience to improve society for all of us."

The Face Aging MN campaign aims to raise awareness about the unprecedented growth in Minnesota's senior population, how it affects all ages of the population and what we need to do to ensure all Minnesota seniors get the care and services they need.







Star Herald PORTS



Luverne junior Tom Brown won both of his matches during the home debut for the Cardinal wrestling team Jan. 16. The Cardinals lost matches to Marshall and Pipestone during the Luverne Triangular.

Wrestlers make home debut

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal wrestling team made their 2017-18 home debut when they hosted a triangular meet Jan. 16.

The Cardinals lost both of the matches during the triangular wrestled at the Hutchinson Invitational on Saturday.

Luverne, 0-8 overall, hosts another triangular Thursday.

Hutchinson invite

Wins were hard to come by

for the Cardinals when they participated in the Hutchinson Invitational Saturday.

Six Cardinals competed in the varsity version of the event and one LHS entry posted one victory at the event.

Senior Tucker Oeltjenbruns went 1-2 and placed fourth at 126 pounds to highlight Luverne's appearance at the tournament.

After posting an 11-1 win over Watertown-Mayer's Tanner Burmeister in the opening round, Oeltjenbruns was pinned by Hutchinson's Brock Luthens in 3:01 and dropped a 4-3 decision to Willmar's

Riley Cowell, Brayden Ripka, Dalton DeSollar, Jed Dooyema and Tom Brown all went 0-2 at the event.

LHS triangular

The Cardinals wrapped up a winless Big South Conference schedule when they made their home debut Jan. 16 at LHS.

Marshall saddled the Cards with a 66-3 setback in the second match of the evening, while Pipestone topped LHS

The night was a good one

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Boys skate to wins in Redwood Falls, Waseca

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team raised its Big South Conference record to 11-0 with a pair of wins late last week.

The Cardinals skated to a nine-goal home win over Redwood Valley Thursday before besting Waseca by three goals Saturday

Luverne, 13-4 overall, plays St. Cloud Cathedral in St. Cloud Saturday.

LHS 4, Waseca 1

The Cardinals notched their fourth consecutive victory when they upended the Blue Jays by three goals Saturday in Waseca. The hosts opened the scoring 11:22 into the game, but Luverne netted the final four goals to win the game handily.

Simon Sommers gave Waseca a 1-0 lead that was erased when Coy Gonnerman netted a power-play tally for LHS with 1:35 remaining in the first period.

LHS went on to score once in the second period and twice in the third stanza to ice their 11th league win of the season.

Tyler Reisdorfer gave the Cards a 2-1 edge with a power-play goal that came with 27 seconds left in the second period. Nick Harder made it a 3-1 game 8:27 into the third before Gonnerman capped the scoring with his second goal of the contest

that came with 5:30 left to play. Harder, Gonnerman, Kasyn Kruse, Declan Beers and Jim

Erickson recorded one assist each for the Cards.

Daniel Tofteland made 23 saves in goal for LHS, which sported a 31-24 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Luverne 9, RWV 0

The Cardinals experienced little trouble in recording their third consecutive victory when they entertained Redwood Valley at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Thursday.

Luverne outshot the visitors 41-14 and scored nine goals in the first two periods of play to set the stage for a nine-goal win. Kruse and Tyler Roberts netted two goals each for the Cards, while a pair goalies registered a combined 14-save shutout.

Tofteland made 10 saves in the first two periods of play before giving way to Max Skattum, who stopped all four shots he faced in the third period.

Roberts gave the Cards a 1-0 lead 5:36 into the game and LHS scored three goals in a span of 1:27 late in the third period to make it 4-0.

Beers registered an unassisted goal with 1:34 remaining in the opening stanza, while Roberts and Ben Serie added goals in the final minute of the stanza.

Luverne put the game away with a five-goal second period. Harder, Colby Crabtree and Gaige Nath scored one goal each

in the first 3:47 of the second stanza to up the lead to 7-0. Kruse recorded a power-play goal at the 11:26 mark and capped the scoring in the game with 2:43 left in the second period.

Kruse, Serie and Mark Sterrett recorded two assists each for the winners.

Beers, Nath and Gonnerman chipped in one assist each.



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Pictured during Friday's home game against JCC, Luverne's Derek Lundgren netted 11 points during a Jan. 16 loss in Adrian.

Dragons take down LHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team turned a strong performance in the first half into a comfortable victory when they entertained the Luverne Cardinals Jan. 16 in Adrian.

to a 51-20 advantage in the first 18 minutes of play. Luverne battled back to outscore AHS 32-15 in the second half,

The Dragons assumed control of the contest when they raced

but it wasn't enough to keep the Dragons from posting a 66-52 win. Adrian, which posted consecutive wins for the first time this

season by defeating the Cardinals, received strong performances from Ryan Wieneke (32 points, 11 rebounds and four assists) and Skylar Polzine (12 points and 10 rebounds). Lance Luettel added five rebounds to the winning effort. Derek Lundgren (11 points), Cole Claussen (10 points and four

steals) and Eli Haugom (10 points and five rebounds) played well

for the Cards, who lost their sixth straight game.

Robinson 1 0 0-0 2, Lundgren 1 3 0-0 11, Bartels 1 0 0-0 2, Claussen 4 0 2-2 10, Terry 2 0 2-2 6, Jacobsma 1 2 0-0 8, Stemper 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 1 0-0 3, Haugom 5 0 0-0 10.

Weidert 2 0 2-5 6, John 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 4 6 6-6 32, Ross 0 0 0-0 0, Henning 1 1 0-0 5, Veld 0 1 0-0 3, Reyne 1 0 2-2 4, Polzine 6 0 0-0 12, Luettel 1 0 2-7 4.

Team statistics

Luverne: 21 of 54 field goals (39 percent), four of four free throws (100 percent), 17 rebounds, six turnovers Adrian: 23 of 51 field goals (45 percent), 12 of 20 free throws (60 percent), 35

Girls top FIS before bowing to WHS, JCC

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team went 1-2 during a span of playing three games in four days last week.

After posting a 38-point victory in Flandreau, South Dakota, Jan. 16, the Cardinals lost a road game in Worthington Thursday before falling at home to Jackson County Central Friday.

The 9-7 Cards host Marshall Thursday.

JCC 58, Luverne 54

The Cardinals came up on the short end of a four-point decision at the end of a hardfought clash against the Huskies Friday in Luverne.

Luverne put together late runs in both halves of the game to remain in contention, but the Huskies withstood the challenges to pull out a victory.

Luverne's Gabrielle Ferrell converted a field goal to give the Cards a 2-0 lead early in the game before JCC reeled off eight straight points to move in front 8-2 at the 14:52 mark of the first half.

The Huskies extended their lead to 12 points (20-8) with 6:57 remaining, but Luverne countered with a 16-7 run to trim the difference to three points (27-24) when Mackenzie Petersen drained a threepoint shot with 48 seconds left in the stanza.

Both teams scored three points in the final 40 seconds of the half, leaving JCC with a 30-27 edge at the intermission.

LHS trimmed the difference to one point at two different occasions early in the second half before knotting the score at 37 when Brooklynn Ver Steeg converted a field goal at the 12:58 mark.

The Huskies countered with an 8-0 run to sport a 45-37 lead with 9:00 left to play and led by nine points (52-43) with 4:18 remaining.

LHS chipped away at JCC's lead and trailed by one (55-54)

Luverne took on Marshall and Pipestone during the triangular.

50-25 in the finale.



Luverne junior guard Mackenzie Petersen (24) came off the bench to score 12 points during Friday's 58-54 home loss to the Jackson County Central Huskies.

when Sierra Schmuck drained one free throw with 47 seconds left, but JCC sank three free throws in the final 13 seconds to clinch the victory.

Ferrell and Petersen led the Cards offensively by netting 15 and 12 points respectively.

Joci Oye added three assists to the cause.

Schmuck 1 0 1-2 3, Ver Steeg 3 0 3-3 9, Oye 0 1 0-0 3, Anderson 2 1 1-2 8, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2, Oftedahl 0 0 2-2 2, Sweeney 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 0 3 3-4 12, Ferrell 5 1 2-3 15.

Team statistics Luverne: 18 of 44 field goals (41 percent), 12 of 16 free throws (75 percent), 20 rebounds, 12 turnovers,

WHS 67, Luverne 31 A five-game winning streak dinals challenged the Trojans in Worthington Thursday. Luverne was riding its lon-

came to an end when the Car-

gest run of wins of the season entering the game, but the home-standing Trojans took care of business by rolling to a 36-point victory.

Worthington raced to a 48-21 lead in the first 18 minutes of play.

When the Trojans outscored the Cards 19-10 in the second half, their convincing victory was complete.

Ver Steeg led the Cards with eight points, while Jadyn Anderson charted four steals.

Baustian 0 0 0-0 0. Schmuck 3 0 0-0 6, Ver Steeg 3 0 2-2 8, Oye 2 0 0-0 4, Oftedahl 1 0 0-0 2, Sweeney 1 0 0-0 2, Staeffler 0 0 0-0 0. Petersen 0 1 1-2 4. Ferrell 0 0 1-2 1, Hadler 0 0 1-2 1. Team statistics

Luverne: 12 of 40 field goals (30 per-

cent), six of 10 free throws (60 percent),

Anderson 0 0 1-2 1, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2,

27 rebounds, 31 turnovers. Worthington: 25 of 58 field goals (43

percent), 14 of 22 free throws (64 percent), 39 rebounds, 20 turnovers. Luverne 58, FIS 20

Luverne's longest run of wins this season reached five games when the Cardinals posted a 38-point victory at the Flandreau Indian School Jan. 16 in Flandreau, South Dakota.

The Cardinals outscored the hosts by 19 points in each half of the contest.

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John Rittenhouse photo/0125 lw DeSollar 1

Luverne junior Dalton DeSollar scrambles in an attempt to register a reversal during a match against Marshall's Grant Louwagie at the Luverne Triangular Jan. 16.

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for Tom Brown, who emerged from the event with a 2-0 record.

Brown edged Marshall's Tyler Timm 8-2 before winning by injury default against

Pipestone's Logan Winge. Jed Dooyema pinned Pipestone's Angel Campos in 1:46 during the second match, while Riley Cowell and Braydon Ripka drew forfeits.

Match wrap-ups Marshall 66, LHS 3 106 (M) Roth pins Cowell.

113 (M) Lar pins Ripka. 120 (M) La Eh by forfeit. 126 (M) Hodges by forfeit.

138 (M) Louwagie pins DeSollar.

145 (M-L) open.

152 (M) Hugnes 17-10 Dooyema. 160 (M) Stahl pins Renken. 170 (L) Brown 10-8 Timm.

182 (M) Martin by forfeit. 195 (M) Bahr by forfeit. 220 (M) Felcyn by forfeit.

285 (M) Felcyn by forfeit.

132 (P) Burnett by forfeit. 138 (P) Lange 13-2 Oeltjenbruns. 145 (P) Wipf 13-1 DeSollar.

126 (P) Suda by forfeit.

Pipestone 50, LHS 24 106 (L) Cowell by forfeit. 113 (L) Ripka by forfeit. 120 (P) Budden by forfeit.

152 (L) Dooyema pins Campos.

160 (P) Fenton by forfeit. 170 (L) Brown by default. 182 (P) Ploeger by forfeit.

195 (P-L) open. 220 (P) Vander Wal by forfeit. 285 (P) Krakow by forfeit.

Adrian girls nip RRC Falcons in overtime Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team recorded back-to-back victories last week.

The Dragons defeated Murray County Central by five points in Adrian Thursday before posting a six-point win in overtime over Red Rock Central Saturday in Lamberton.

Adrian, 6-10 overall, shoots for its fourth consecutive win when it plays in Hills Thursday.

Adrian 60, RRC 54

The Dragons collected their sixth victory of the season when they topped the Falcons in overtime Saturday in Lamberton.

Adrian sported a 28-25 advantage after 18 minutes of play before falling behind by two points (48-46) late in regulation play.

Adrian's Paige Bullerman buried a six-foot shot with one second remaining to knot the score at 48.

AHS owned the overtime session by doubling RRC's scoring output (12-6) to win the game by six points



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Adrian senior Paige Bullerman buried a field goal with one second remaining to force overtime in Lamberton Saturday.

Paige Bullerman (15 points and 10 rebounds) and Lexi Slater (15 points and 12 rebounds) carried the offensive load for the Dragons.

Hannah Bullerman added five rebounds and five assists to the winning effort, while Kaitlyn Christians chipped in three steals.

Box score

8, M.Bullerman 1 1 0-0 5, Balster 1 0 0-4 2, Christians 2 1 0-0 7, Lonneman 4 0 0-0 8, Slater 2 0 11-16 15, P.Bullerman 7 0 1-2 15

Team statistics Adrian: 22 of 57 field goals (39 percent), 14 of 26 free throws (54 percent), 35

rebounds, 19 turnovers. RRC: 20 of 51 field goals (39 percent), 12 of 22 free throws (55 percent), 23 rebounds, 19 turnovers

Adrian 51, MCC 46

The Dragons registered con-

time this season when they topped the Rebels by five points Thursday in Adrian.

AHS gained some separation in a tightly contested game by outscoring MCC 33-29 in the first half.

When the Dragons sported an 18-17 scoring edge in the second half, their victory was complete.

Hannah Bullerman (18 points, five rebounds and three steals) turned in a standout performance for Adrian.

Bailey Lonneman (eight rebounds), Slater (seven rebounds), Paige Bullerman (nine rebounds), Avery Balster (four steals and three assists) and Moriah Bullerman (four assists) also made key contributions to the win.

Box score

Kemper 0 0 0-0 0, H.Bullerman 6 1 3-5 18, M.Bullerman 1 0 0-0 2, Balster 2 1 1-4 8, Nelson 1 0 0-0 2, Christians 1 0 0-0 2, Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Rogers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 4 0 1-3 9, P.Bullerman

Team statistics Adrian: 22 of 51 field goals (43 percent), five of 14 free throws (36 percent), 35

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Luverne junior Jadyn Anderson releases a shot in traffic during Friday's 58-54 home loss to Jackson County Central.

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AHS wrestlers win opener at Plum Creek Duals

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team collected its third win of the 2017-18 season during the Plum Creek Duals in Tracy Saturday.

Adrian opened the tournament by defeating United

Coy Gonnerman

Favorite Subject: Shop Class

Extra Curricular Activities: Golf,

hockey, hunting, snowmobiling.

Watertown for diesel mechanic.

Parents: Craig and Becky Gonnerman

Future Plans: Go to Lake Area Tech in

Sport: Hockey

Position: Forward

Mikel Terry

Sport: Basketball

an athletic trainer.

WINTER SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

The win was followed by losses to New Ulm (37-28) and Minneota (67-12).

Adrian's Logan Taylor experienced a 3-0 day that included his registering three first-period pins.

Taylor stuck United's Griffin Johnson (1:18), NU's Jackson Bode (1:45) and Minneota's Zach Fier (1:12). Scot Edwards went 2-1 for

the Dragons, while Quinton Wolf and Dominiq Canales both went 1-0. Jesus Anaya, Brody Loosbrock, Brent Hokeness and

Chandler Combs went 1-1, while Isaac Bullerman, Max

Lehman and Jaime Castenada went 1-2. Logan Sherer and Axel Martinez lost the only matches they wrestled, while Preston Nelson went 0-2 and William

McEliece went 0-3. The 3-9 Dragons wrestle at the Windom Triangular Thursday.

Match wrap-ups Adrian 39, United 30 106 (A) Anaya by forfeit.

113 (A) Taylor pins Johnson. 120 (U) Hubbard 9-8 Bullerman. 126 (A) Loosbrock by forfeit. 132 (A) Hokeness by forfeit. 138 (U) Hernandez 6-4 Nelson.

145 (A) Castenada by forfeit. 152 (A) Combs 5-2 Mortenson.

160 (A-U) open. 170 (U) Mortenson pins Lehman. 182 (U) Schmitt pins McEliece. 195 (U) Lehman by forfeit.

220 (U) Johnson by forfeit. 285 (A) Edwards pins Henriksen. New Ulm 37, Adrian 28

106 (N) Brandes 7-2 Anaya. 113 (A) Taylor pins Bode 120 (A) Bullerman 11-2 Syverson. 126 (A) Canales by forfeit.

132 (N) Ranweiler t.f. Sherer. 138 (N) Howk t.f. Nelson. 145 (N) Ranweiler pins Castenada.

152 (N) Stark by disqualification. 160 (N) Miller by forfeit. 170 (A) Lehman by forfeit. 182 (N) Hernandez pins McEliece. 195 (A-N) open.

220 (A-N) open. 285 (A) Edwards by forfeit. Minneota 67, Adrian 12

106 (A) Taylor pins Fier. 113 (A) Wolf pins Wambeke. 120 (M) Lozinski pins Bullerman. 126 (M) Buysse pins Loosbrock. 132 (M) Reiss pins Hokeness. 138 (M) Pesch pins Martinez. 145 (M) Kloos 12-0 Castenada. 152 (M) Van OverBeke by forfeit. 160 (M) Banks by forfeit.

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LHSled 24-5 at the intermission before sporting a 34-15 scoring advantage in the second half.

12 points and four assists in the game. Rachel Oftedahl (eight rebounds), Anderson (four steals and three assists), Mal-

lory Thorson (six steals) and

Oye led the Cardinals with

Ver Steeg (four steals) made key contributions as well.

Schmuck 4 0 1-7 9, Ver Steeg 4 0 0-0 8, Oye 2 2 2-2 12, Anderson 1 0 2-2 4, Thorson 0 0 6-8 6, Oftedahl 2 0 0-0 4 Staeffler 1 0 0-0 2, Petersen 2 0 2-2 6, Ferrell 0 0 3-4 3, Hadler 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics

Luverne: 20 of 36 field goals (57 percent), 16 of 25 free throws (64 percent), 22 rebounds, two turnovers.

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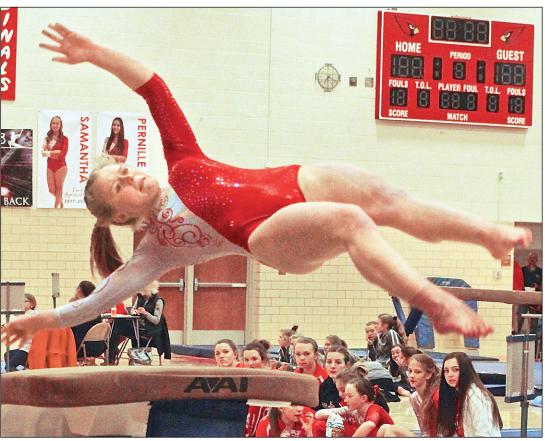
Furture Plans: Go to college.

Extra Curricular Activities: Tennis, gymnastics, golf, choir, student council,

National Honor Society, math league

Favorite Subject: Math

Sport: Gymnastics



Luverne junior Melissa Teal sails over the vault during Thursday's home gymnastics meet against Jackson County Central. Teal recorded a score of 8.6 during the event.

Huskies down LHS gymnasts

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne Cardinal gymnastics team took its first Big South Conference setback of the season when it entertained league power Jackson County Central for a meet Thursday.

The visiting Huskies turned in a commanding performance that featured athletes winning all four individual event titles and the allaround championship during a 137.75-127.75 victory.

Luverne, which slipped to 1-1 in league competition with the loss, received a strong showing from sophomore Meghan Witte.

Witte placed in three events and finished third in the all-around competition with 33.175 points.

Witte placed third on vault with an 8.875 effort and finished fourth on the bars and floor with respective 7.75 and

Luverne's Madigan Flom placed third on the beam with an 8.3, while Samantha Pierce finished fourth on the vault with an 8.825.

JCC's Brooklyn Schuett claimed the all-around (35.4), vault (9.175) and floor (9.275) championships.

JCC's Abby Schneekloth secured the bars and beam crowns with 8.35 and 9.225



John Rittenhouse photo/0125 gym 8

Sophomore Anna Huisman produced a score of 7.525 on the beam during Thursday's home meet against JCC.

Luverne, 5-7 overall, com-

petes in Worthington Thursday.

Individual results Vault: Witte, 8.875; Pierce, 8.825; Melissa Teal, 8.6; Meghan Mollberg, 8.55;

Anna Huisman, 8.325. Bars: Witte, 7.75; Huisman, 7.35; Teal, 6.4; Pierce, 6.25; Flom, 5.25 7.65; Huisman, 7.525; Mollberg, 6.55. Floor: Witte, 8.8; Huisman, 8.6; Pierce, 8.375; Flom, 7.875; Mollberg, 7.025.

ELLSWORK

Ellsworth High School senior Devin Dreesen puts up a three-point shot during Saturday's girls' basketball game in Edgerton. Dreesen and the Panthers snapped an eight-game losing skid by posting a home victory over the Fulda Raiders Thursday.

Panthers snap eight-game losing skid

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team put an end to an eight-game losing streak when the Panthers posted a six-point home win over Fulda Thursday.

The win was followed by a 38-point loss at Edgerton Public School Saturday.

Ellsworth, 4-11 overall, hosts Southwest Christian Thursday.

Edgerton 69, EHS 31

Ellsworth's bid to win consecutive games didn't pan out $when \, the \, \bar{P} anthers \, played \, the$ Flying Dutchmen in Edgerton Saturday.

The Flying Dutchmen outscored Ellsworth in both halves of the game to secure a 38-point victory.

An extended run by Edgerton in the first nine minutes of the first half gave the hosts a commanding 22-7 lead.

Ellsworth countered with a 7-0 spurt capped by a field goal from Devin Dreesen to trim the difference to eight points (22-14) with 2:06 remaining in the opening stanza.

Edgerton answered by scoring the final four points of the half to sport a 26-14 lead at the break.

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Is my elusive dream really that unreasonable?

I wouldn't say it's on my bucket list, but I would like to experience something



one more time before my time on earth expires.

The way things are shaping up, I'm beginning to think the top item on my wish list will never be granted.

I wouldn't think being able to experience the two-week period between the NFC championship game and the Super Bowl with the Minnesota Vikings being in the big game is an unrealistic request.

However, after watching another opportunity to live my dream blow up in front of my eyes on Sunday, I'm beginning to think my wish may never come true.

It's not that I expected the Vikings to beat the Philadelphia Eagles in last weekend's NFC title tilt.

In fact, after watching Minnesota nearly blow a 17-point halftime lead to New Orleans one week earlier, I had a hunch things would not end well for the Vikings on Sunday.

From the sidelines

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

But by no means did I believe we would take a 38-7 beat-down at the hands of the Eagles. In fact, I was harboring some hope that the Vikings might surprise me and pull out a victory.

Needless to say, that didn't happen.

The Eagles outplayed Minnesota in every way on the field, and their superior coaching staff, from top to bottom, devised a game plan that totally destroyed the Vikings on both sides of the ball.

Ultimately, it's hard for me to believe this cast of Vikings players and coaches will ever make my dream come true.

As I indicated earlier, it's not like I'm asking for a Vikings Super Bowl title.

I just want to experience the 14-day period between the biggest football games of the season as an adult.

The Vikings did qualify for four Super Bowls from 1970-1977 when I was a kid, but all I recall from those

days was watching disappointing losses.

I was too young to realize how fortunate I was to be watching my team play in the biggest game of the year back then.

I was 16 years old when the Vikings made their last Super Bowl appearance in 1977, so I was young and foolish enough to think it would happen many more times in the coming years.

Forty-plus years later, I'm beginning to realize how wrong I was.

As disappointing as it may have been, watching the Vikings fall to the Chiefs, Dolphins, Steelers and Raiders in those championship games was a gift.

With every passing year, it's becoming clear my dream of experiencing the two magical weeks of excitement and anticipation leading up to a Super Bowl with my team in it may never happen again in my lifetime.

Patriot girls prevail at DSU Shootout

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team posted a victory at the Dakota State University Shootout Saturday in Madison, South Dakota.

H-BC squared off against Freeman Academy-Marion during the attraction.

The night belonged to the Patriots, who rolled to a 69-31 victory to extend their winning streak to nine consecutive

H-BC gained control of the game by outscoring FA-M 42-20 in the first half.

The Patriots went on to sport a 27-12 scoring advantage in the second half to complete a 37-point conquest.

Sidney Fick (20 points and three assists) and Grace Bundesen (18 points, 10 rebounds and three assists) led the Patriots to victory.

Whitney Elbers and Kourtney Rozeboom added seven and five rebounds respectively to the winning cause.

The 10-3 Patriots host Adrian Thursday.

K.Fick 0 0 0-0 0, Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Hagen 1 1 0-0 5, Knobloch 3 1 0-0 9, S.Fick 6 2 2-2 20 Bundesen 6 1 3-4 18, Ka.Rozeboom 0 0 0-0 0, Rauk 1 0 0-0 2, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 3 0 0-1 6, Ko.Rozeboom 3 0 3-5 9.

Ellsworth boys lose seventh consecutive contest Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth Panther boys lost their seventh consecutive basketball game when they traveled to Mountain Lake Friday.

way with the Panthers by saddlingEHS with a 71-37 setback.

The Wolverines gained control of the contest by opening a 46-21 lead in the first half.

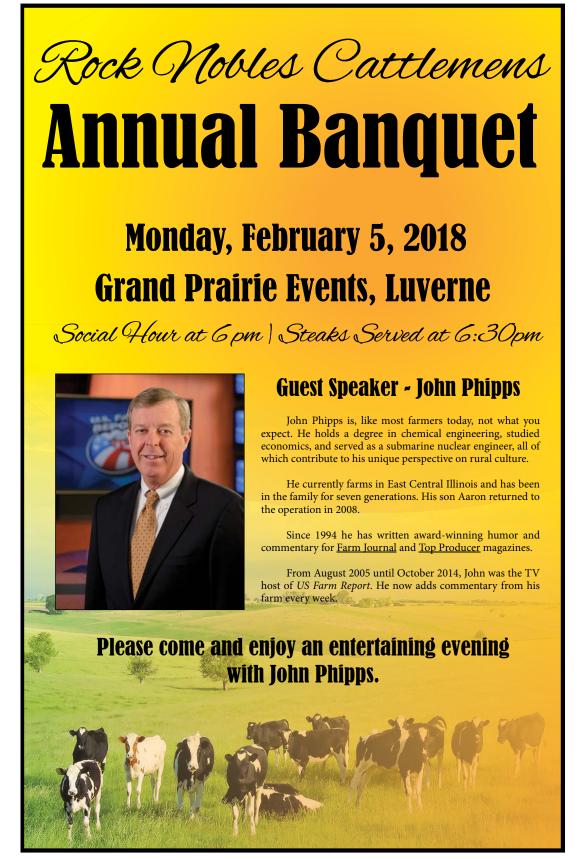
MLA completed its 34-point conquest by outscoring the Panthers 25-16 in the second

Brandon Kramer turned in an 11-point, 10-rebound effort for the Panthers, while Grant Jansmaled EHS with 12 points. Zach Buntjer charted three

steals and Sam Kramer passed for three assists for Ellsworth. The 1-12 Panthers play at

Edgerton Public School Friday No box score was available

from this game.



Huskies rally in final minute to deny Luverne Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys nearly registered their first Big South Conference basketball win of the season when the Cardinals entertained Jackson County Central Friday.

Unfortunately for the Cards, the potential win slipped away late in the game.

LHS sported a six-point lead with 1:17 left to play, but the Huskies rallied to score nine unanswered points to end the game and steal a 67-64 victory.

Luverne, which faced a 33-28 deficit entering the second half, opened the final stanza with a 7-0 run capped by a three-point shot from Derek Lundgren that gave the Cards a 35-33 lead with 15:46 remaining.

JCC countered with a 6-0 surge to regain the lead at 41-37, but the Cards countered with a 17-8 run ending with Cole Claussen converting a layup that came with 5:43 left to play to give the hosts a 54-49 cushion.

Claussen extended the lead to six points (64-58) when he drained a pair of free throws at the 1:17 mark.



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Luverne junior guard Brayden Jacobsma came off the bench to score 11 points during Friday's home loss to JCC.

The way things played out, those would be the final points

LHS would register in the

JCC closed the margin to one point (64-63) with 37 seconds remaining and Rudy Voss canned four free throws in the final 17 seconds to give the Huskies a three-point win.

LHS sported a pair of onepoint edges in the early stages of the first half and the Cards led by two (16-14) when Eli Haugom converted a threepoint play with 6:39 remaining in the stanza.

The Huskies moved in front 25-20 at the 3:25 mark of the half and led by seven (31-24) with 1:36 remaining, but the Cards trimmed the difference to five points (33-28) before the first half was complete.

Claussen (30 points, five rebounds and four assists), Lundgren (11 points) and Brayden Jacobsma (11 points) carried the offensive load for LHS.

Haugom added five rebounds to the cause.

The 2-12 Cards play in Marshall Thursday.

Box score

Robinson 0 0 0-0 0, Lundgren 3 1 2-4 11, Bartels 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 9 1 9-12 30, Terry 1 0 2-2 4, Jacobsma 4 1 0-0 11, Haugom 2 0 4-6 8.

Team statistics

Luverne: 22 of 40 field goals (55 percent), 17 of 24 free throws (71 percent), 23 rebounds, six turnovers.

Hills-Beaver Creek posts road win in Ellsworth

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys posted their third win of the basketball season when they took on Ellsworth Jan. 16 in Ellsworth.

H-BC got off to a strong start in the first half and battled the Panthers to a draw in the second half to secure a 73-61

The Patriots played well early to open a 39-27 halftime

advantage.

When both teams scored 34 points in the second half, the Patriots prevailed by 12 points at game's end.

Jax Wysong (22 points and eight rebounds), Wyatt Westrum (14 points and five rebounds) and Preston Wilhelmi (14 points) led H-BC to victory.

Dawson Leenderts added three assists to the winning

Brandon Kramer (20 points and 13 rebounds), Sam Kramer (14 points) and Grant Jansma (13 points and seven rebounds) played strong games

Zach Buntjer collected eight rebounds for the Panthers, while Kade Boltjes charted three assists.

Harnack 0 1 0-1 3, Leenderts 1 0 0-0 2,

Westrum 5 1 1-4 14, Wilhelmi 1 4 0-2 14, Bork 200-24, J. Kueter 110-05, Taubert 0 0-0 0, LaRock 0 1 0-0 3, Susie 2 0 2-2 6,Wysong 10 0 2-3 22, K.Kueter 0 0 0-0 0. Ellsworth

S.Boltjes 2 0 1-3 5, K/Boltjes 1 0 1-2 3, T.Kruse 1 0 0-0 2, Jansma 2 3 0-0 13, S.Kramer 2 3 1-3 14, B.Kramer 8 0 4-6 20, Buntjer 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics

H-BC: 30 of 67 field goals (45 percent), five of 14 free throws (36 percent), 29 rebounds, eight turnovers. Ellsworth: 24 of 59 field goals (41 percent), seven of 14 free throws (50 percent), 35 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

Patriot boys split weekend set

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team split a pair of games over the weekend.

The Patriots took a 24-point setback from Murray County Central Friday in Hills before defeating Freeman-Marion at the Dakota State University Shootout Saturday in Madison, South

H-BC, 4-9 overall, hosts Westbrook-Walnut Grove Friday.

H-BC 69, FA-M 66

The Patriots needed to thwart a late challenge offered by FA-M to collect a win at the DSU Shootout Saturday in Madison.

The Patriots got off to a strong start by opening a 36-29 lead at the intermission.

FA-M, however, made H-BC work for its win.

FA-M trailed by as few as two points in the final minute and missed a potentially tying three-point shot in the final seconds before H-BC could celebrate a threepoint win.

Jax Wysong (24 points, seven rebounds and four assists) and Preston Wilhelmi (23 points and four assists) turned in productive per-

formances for the Patriots. Hunter Bork and Josh Kueter added five rebounds each.

Team statistics

Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Leenderts 2 0 3-3 7, Westrum 0 0 2-2 2, Wilhelmi 4 3 6-6 23, Bork 1 0 1-2 3, Kueter 2 0 0-0 4, LaRock 0 2 0-0 6, Susie 0 0 0-0 0, Wysong 9 1 3-4 24.

percent), 15 of 17 free throws (88 percent), 29 rebounds, 26 turnovers percent), 11 of 18 free throws (61 percent), 17 rebounds, 21 turnovers. MCC 78, H-BC 54

H-BC: 24 of 42 field goals (57

The Patriots slipped to 3-4 in Red Rock Conference play after taking a 24-point setback from the Rebels Friday in Hills. H-BC was gunning for its

second consecutive league win, but the visiting Rebels stole the show by outscoring H-BC in both halves of a 78-54 win.

MCC raced to a 39-24 lead in the game's first half and sported a 39-30 scoring cushion in the second half to ice a 24-point conquest.

Preston Wilhelmi (21 points and four rebounds) and Jax Wysong (14 points, three assists and four rebounds) led H-BC statistically.

Box score Harnack 0 0 0-0 0, Leenderts 0 0 3-4

3, Westrum 0 0 0-2 0, Wilhelmi 3 5 0-0 21, Bork 3 0 0-0 6, J.Kueter 0 1 0-0 3, LaRock 0 1 0-0 3, Susie 1 0 0-0 2, Wysong 5 0 4-4 14, K. Kueter 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics

H-BC: 20 of 43 field goals (47 perpercent), 18 rebounds, 15 turnovers. MCC: 33 of 54 field goals (61 percent), nine of 14 free throws (64 percent), 34 rebounds, nine turnovers.

Ellsworth's Kallie Chapa scored a team-high 12 points during a 69-31 loss to the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen Saturday.

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The Flying Dutchmen canned a pair of three-point shots in the first minute of the second half as a part of a 17-2 run that make it a 43-16 game.

Ellsworth closed the margin to 22 points (45-23) when Kallie Chapa converted a field goal with 10:58 remaining, but that proved to be as close as the Panthers would home to catching the hosts.

The Flying Dutchmen ended the game on a 24-8 run to win the contest handily.

Kallie Chapa led the Panthers with 12 points.

Morgan and Devin Dreesen snared eight and six rebounds respectively, while Ashlyn Meester and Lizzie Chapa collected five caroms each.

Box score

Meester 0 0 4-4 4, K.Chapa 3 2 0-0 12, L.Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, M.Dreesen 0 1 0-0 3, D.Dreesen 1 1 3-3 8, Custer 1 0 0-0 2.

Ellsworth: 10 of 45 field goals (22 percent), seven of seven free throws (100 percent), 28 rebounds, 22 turnovers.

EHS 54, Fulda 48

The Panthers snapped an

eight-game losing streak when they bested the Raiders in Ellsworth Thursday.

Ellsworth trailed after 18 minutes of play before rallying in the second half to secure a win for the first time since Dec. 14.

Fulda sported a 23-19 edge at the intermission.

The second half belonged to the Panthers, who outscored the Raiders 35-25 to post a six-point victory.

Kallie Chapa (16 points, four assists and three steals), Devin Dreesen (12 points, seven re-

bounds and three assists) and Meester (12 points and three steals) helped the Panthers end their skid.

Morgan Dreesen (10 rebounds and three steals) and Lizzie Chapa (three steals) also played well for EHS.

Box score Meester 4 0 4-4 12, K.Chapa 4 2 2-4 16, L.Chapa 1 1 3-6 8, M.Dreesen 3 0 0-2 6, D.Dreesen 4 0 4-7 12.

Team statistics Ellsworth: 19 of 68 field goals (28 percent), 13 of 23 free throws (57 percent), 26 rebounds, nine turnovers.

BOWLING NEWS

Thursday Bowling National League Jan 18

Games won: Rock Stars 4; Troublemakers 3; Those Girls 3; Stooges 1; Those Guys 1; Real Guys 0.

High Scratch Game Men: Dave Nelson 215; Jeremy Gehm 212. High Scratch Game Women: Kathy Matson 146; Marie Opheim 137.

High Scratch Series Men: Dave Nelson 556; Jeremy Gehm 539.

High Scratch Series Women: Kathy

Matson 402; Marie Opheim 397. Team High Scratch Game: Troublemakers 492; Rock Stars 489.

Team High Scratch Series: Rock Stars 1413; Troublemakers 1348. Team High Handicap Game: Rock Stars 639; Troublemakers 614.

Team High Handicap Series: Rock Stars 1863; Those Girls 1753.









Star Herald HURCH

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

Thursday, Jan. 25:9 a.m. Head Start. 9:45 a.m. RCMA at St. Catherine. Saturday, Jan. 27: 10 a.m. 1st Reconciliation. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 28: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; Faith Formation. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine; Sunday School and CLW. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Tuesday, Jan. 30:4 p.m. Poplar Creek Mass. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation.

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

Sunday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:50 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship service. Tuesday, Jan. 30: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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

 $Thursday, Jan.\,25:6\,a.m.\,Men's\,Bible\,Study.\,7\,p.m.\,Worship\,service\,on\,Channel$ 3. Sunday, Jan. 28: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Quarterly business meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 30: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Feb. 1: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 507-283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — graceluverne@iw.net Ron Nichols, Pastor; Stephen Hilding, Associate Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 25: Circle meetings. Friday, Jan. 26: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 28: 8:15 a.m. Radio broadcast. 9 a.m. Worship; Grades 1-5 sing; Grade 2 Milestones. 10 a.m. Fellowship Coffee; Sunday School; Adult Study. Monday, Jan. 29: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony rehearsal. Tuesday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Staff meeting; Grace Notes Assembly. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown. 2:30 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 4 p.m. Worship at Veterans Home. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Youth Supper. 6 p.m. Woven Worship with Communion. 7 p.m. Grades 6-9 Confirmation; Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, Feb. 1: 8:30 a.m. MIA.

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

Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 3:30 p.m. Catechism Class.

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

Thursday, Jan. 25: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes. Friday, Jan. 26: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 4 p.m. REFIT Fitness Class. Sunday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 10:50 a.m. Family Education Hour. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Jan. 30: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. 4:30 p.m. REFIT Fitness. 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs; YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir. Thursday, Feb. 1: 5:30 p.m. Tumbling Tikes.

First Assembly of God Church 1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 25: 1-3 p.m. Bock County Food Shelf, Saturday, Jan. 27: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Traditional Service. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour; Adult Sunday School. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Service. 4:30 p.m. Genesis/ Revelation Bible Study. 6 p.m. ALIVE Youth Group — Painting. Monday, Jan. 29: 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Tuesday, Jan. 30: 9 a.m. Folding Team. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation. 8 p.m. AA Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 1: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net— www.fpcluverne.com Thursday, Jan. 25: 10 a.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Annual meeting followed by dinner by Senior Highs. Monday, Jan. 29: 9 a.m. to noon Quilting. Tuesday Jan. 30: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells. 6:10 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir. Thursday, Feb. 1: 9 a.m. PW Executive Meeting. 10 a.m. Worship service on

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

Thursday, Jan. 25: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at St. Catherine. Saturday, Jan. 27: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour; Adult Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Youth supper. 6:30 p.m. Catechism. 7 p.m. KFC; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Youth Board.

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

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

New Life Celebration Church 110 N. Oakley, Luverne

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

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

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Thursday, Jan. 25: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 26: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Jan. 29: 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at St. John. Thursday, Feb. 1: 3:30 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

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

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

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

Intern Pastor Laura Phillips Sunday, Jan. 28: Schedule Change: 9 a.m. Worship service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Jan. 31: NO Confirmation. 5-6:30 p.m. First Lutheran Preschool dinner (freewill offering); snowman building. 7 p.m. First Lutheran Preschool Winter Program.

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

Sunday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. 11:30 a.m. Annual meeting and potluck dinner. Wednesday, Jan. 31: NO Confirmation. 5-6:30 p.m. First Lutheran Preschool dinner (freewill offering); snowman building. 7 p.m. First Lutheran Preschool Winter Program — all at First Lutheran.

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

Email: lori.firstpres@gmail.com **Worship Leader Michael Blank**

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship. 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 507-483-2492; cell 227-7821; email: adrmagumc@gmail.

www.facebook.com/adrianmagnoliaumc Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Magnolia Worship Service. Wednesday, Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation at Magnolia UMC.

Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336 Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; service broadcast on KQAD. 10:45 a.m. Sunday School. 6 p.m. Youth Group. Evening worship at 6 p.m. first and third Sundays. Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Jan. 30: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Jan. 31:9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30-8 p.m. Grades 8-9 Confirmation for students and mentors.

Reflection of the light

I was reading in 1 Peter the other day and was struck, in the first few verses, with the way God chose to spread his Gospel.

If we look back in Acts 1, we see that Jesus left the disciples with instructions. Verse 8 states, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Jesus also commissioned them in Matthew 28 to "Go and make disciples of all nations."

But in the first part of Acts we find that the disciples weren't going very far. So God used persecution to scatter them. Peter is writing to God's "elect who were scattered" because of persecution. It occurred to me that God places His people when and where He wants them for the purpose of bringing Him glory by spreading His Gospel.
Many years ago,

while I was serving in the military, I received orders to go to a school at Ft Gordon, Georgia. I was to be there for three months and then head to a post in Pennsylvania. The military would not pay for my family to be with me at Ft. Gordon because the time was so short. However, I had just finished a twelvemonth tour in Korea and was not willing to be away from my family another three months. Because we would be heading to Pennsylvania after the school and the military would pay for their way there, I brought my family with me to Georgia from New Mexico where they spent the year while I was in Korea. It was almost on the way to Pennsylvania. We felt it was a good plan.

As it turned out, two days before I was to leave for Pennsylvania, my orders were changed to go to Sacramento, California. That was quite a change and we all had to do a massive rearranging in our

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By Pastor Walt Moser, First Baptist Church, Luverne

thinking. As well as knowing the expense of moving my family to Georgia and back was on us. We wondered then why God was allowing the change. After all, in Pennsylvania we would be close to where we had spent four years at West Point and so near many friends. We couldn't have been happier. Now we were heading into the unknown.

Many years later we have been able to look back and see how God orchestrated things through that move to California that brought us to the place we are now. And at each place we have known we were right where God wanted us for his purposes of spreading his Gospel.

1 Peter goes on to talk about the Gospel message which is salvation given to us by God's mercy. That includes a living hope through Jesus' resurrection and an inheritance that doesn't perish because it is kept in heaven for those of us who have received his salvation.

If you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are right here, right now to be a witness of him by spreading his Gospel. Are you, as 1 Peter 1:8 says, "filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" because of the salvation our merciful Father has given? How is your lifestyle reflecting his Gospel? And if suffering comes because of it, Peter assures us that it will prove your faith as genuine, worth more than gold! It is a wonderful promise to know that God directs our every step.

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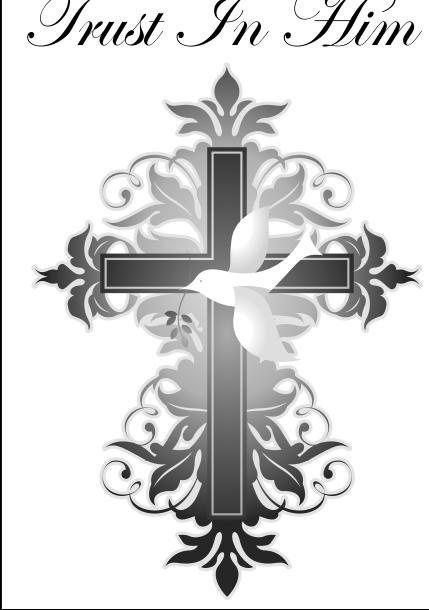
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Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 27

Herreid Board Room Rock County Courthouse The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger to approve the December 27, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve the December 12, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried

on a voice vote Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Civil Fees for Rock County Sheriff's Office:

Crime Scene photos -\$20.00 Audio Tapes -\$20.00 \$20.00 Intoxilyzer Test \$20.00 Fingerprints -\$20.00 Paper Service \$60.00 \$100.00 Foreclosure sale \$20.00 Impound per day

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented Per Diems of \$1,950.00 and requested authorization to pay all claims through December 31, 2017; motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Auditor/Treasurer presented a 2017 Gravel Tax update; presented as information only.

TAX RECEIVED BY FUND:	2017
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$43,788.67
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	15,454.82
TOWNSHIPS	43,788.67
ADMIN FEES	5,422.85
TOTAL	\$108,455.01
TAX RECEIVED BY OPERATOR:	2017
BREMIK MATERIALS INC	\$12,056.06
BUFFALO RIDGE CONCRETE	16,623.45
CENTRAL SPECIALITES	-
DUININCK BROTHERS INC	5,992.85
HENNING CONSTRUCTION	19,220.36
NORTHERN CON-AGG LLP	32,657.35
PRONK READY MIX	-
REKER CONSTRUCTION	11,340.58
SCHUUR CONCRETE	-
SPRING LAKE CONSTRUCTION	-
W & N CONSTRUCTION	10,564.36
TOTAL	\$108,455.01
TAX PAID TO TOWNSHIPS:	2017
BATTLE PLAIN TOWNSHIP	\$6,711.71
BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP	500.00
CLINTON TOWNSHIP	3,845.22
DENVER TOWNSHIP	7,287.24
KANARANZI TOWNSHIP	500.00
LUVERNE TOWNSHIP	4,265.36
MAGNOLIA TOWNSHIP	500.00
MARTIN TOWNSHIP	500.00
MOUND TOWNSHIP	15,814.23
ROSE DELL TOWNSHIP	500.00
SPRINGWATER TOWNSHIP	500.00
VIENNA TOWNSHIP	5,864.91
TOTAL	<u>\$46,788.67</u>
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The Administrator led a discussion regarding the 2018 Levy stating that at the retreat, there was a discussion about adjusting the preliminary levy of 4.75% to 2.99% for the final levy. After considerable discussion, motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch to set the 2018 Final Levy at \$5,633,174, a 2.99% increase, declared carried on a unanimous vote.

	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY	LAND	DITCH	DEBT	2018
			SERVICES	MANAGEMENT		SERVICE	TOTAL
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	3,228,673	823,854	1,175,053	25,574	-	320,020	5,633,174
Other Taxes	34,900	150,000	-	-	-	488,843	673,743
Special Assessments		-	-	234,020	65,923	-	299,943
Licenses and Permits	2,200	-	-	55,200	-	-	57,400
Intergovernmental	502,463	1,400,849	108,605	383,864	-	29,579	2,425,360
Charges for Services	1,247,616	498,180	-	3,000	-	-	1,748,796
Fines & Forfeitures	17,000	-	-	-	-	-	17,000
Investment Earnings	60,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	63,000
Miscellaneous Reven	ue 171,400	47,500	-	17,290	-	-	236,190
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5,324,252	\$ 2,923,383	\$ 1,283,658	\$ 718,948	\$ 65,923	\$ 838,442	\$11,154,606
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	2,248,874	-	-	56,943	-	-	2,305,817
Public Safety	2,085,420	-	-	-	-	-	2,085,420
Highway	-	2,492,603	-	-	-	-	2,492,603
Sanitation	-	430,780	-	307,734	-	-	738,514
Family Services	-	-	1,283,658	- -	-	-	1,283,658
Health	16,800	-	-	-	-	-	16,800
Culture & Recreation	433,840	-	-	-	-	-	433,840
Conservation of Natural						,	
Resources	149,912	-	-	382,995	-	-	532,907
Economic Developme		-	-	-	_	_	1,940
Intergovernmental	211,166	-	-	-	-	-	211,166
Debt Service	-	_	-	-	85,089	825,137	910,226
TOTAL					,0	, - 3 .	2 : 2,=20
-	\$ 5,147,952	\$ 2,923,383	\$ 1,283,658	\$ 747,672	\$85,089	\$825,137	\$11,012,891

1. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard to adopt the 2018 County Board Meeting Schedule, declared carried on a voice vote.

January 09 July 10 January 23 July 24 February 06 August 07 February 20 August 21 March 06 September 04 September 18 March 20 April 03 October 02 April 17 October 16 May 08 November 06 May 22 November 20 June 05 December 11 June 19 December 27

2.Employment Contracts for the County Administrator and County Engineer - both contracts are a 3-year contract that reflect a 2.5% increase in 2018, 3% increase in 2019, and 3% increase in 2020. On a recommendation from the Personnel Committee of the County Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Burger, to approve the contracts, declared carried on a voice vote. The County Board expressed their appreciation to the County Administrator and County Engineer for their hard work and leadership roles.

3.Motion by Thompson, seconded by Burger to set the County Board 2018 salary at \$18,480.75, a 2.5% increase, declared carried on a voice vote.

4.The County Board was informed of a resignation from Brent Hoffmann, RCRW Systems Manager; the Administrator requested to schedule a joint meeting with the RCRW Board to discuss how to fill the vacant position. Motion by Burger, seconded by Williamson, to accept with regret Hoffmann's resignation and to appoint Joe Pick as Interim Director and schedule a Joint Meeting with RCRW Board, declared carried on a voice vote.

5. The County Board was in receipt of (3) Job Classification Appeals from the following: Highway Account Technician/ Office Manager, Administrative Assistant at Extension and LMO Office Manager. The County Board was also in receipt of a review from David Drown Associates Co. with their recommendations.

- · Highway Accountant Technician/Office Manager motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to deny the Highway Accountant job classification appeal of Grade 13 to Grade 15, declared carried on a voice vote.
- · Administrative Assistant @ Extension Office motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to deny the Administrative Assistant @ Extension Office job classification appeal of Grade 10 to Grade 13, declared carried on a voice vote.
- LMO Office Manager motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to deny the LMO Office Manager job classification appeal of Grade 10 to Grade 13, declared carried on a voice vote.

6.Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to amend the MSW Contract with Ketterling Sanitation, Inc. and approve new 5-year contract which reflects a onetime five percent increase in 2018, declared carried on a voice vote.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Reisch reported that he attended a SMOC meeting, Personnel Committee meeting and Budget meeting. Thompson reported that she attended an A.C.E. meeting, Private Industry Council meeting, SWHHS meeting, Annual

Township meeting.

Burger reported that he attended a SW Mental Health meeting, SWHHS regular meeting and budget meeting, Budget meeting and Personnel Committee meeting.

Overgaard had no report.

Williamson reported that he attended a Rock County Opportunities meeting and the Annual Township meeting. With no further business to come before the County Board, meeting was declared adjourned. (01-25) Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 12

Herreid Board Room

Rock County Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by Chair Williamson with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 12, 2017 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Burger, seconded by Thompson, to approve the November 21, 2017 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Consent Agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. Raycom Maintenance Agreement - Y2018

2. MCAPS - Maintenance & Service Agreement between MCCC and Strategic Technologies, Inc.

Chelsea Ashee, University of Minnesota Extension Rock County 4-H Coordinator presented a program update of 4-H activities which indicated that Rock County has seen an increase in enrollment over the past 2-3 years. Ashee acknowledged that Rock County has a great resource of volunteers. Ashee also announced that she is resigning from her position; it was with regret that the County Board acknowledged her resignation and wished her well in future endeavors.

The Staff from the Land Management Office were present for (2) award presentations; the Chair presented the following awards: 2017 AMC County Conversation Award for their efforts pertaining to the 2014 flood utilizing the Disaster Recovery Assistance Program grant funds in response to the many erosion issues. Grant, local and private funds were used to cost share two hundred conservation projects that addressed damaged lands and corrected eroded areas. The second award was an Environmental Protection Agency Award of Excellence in implementing the Agricultural Best Management Practices (AgBMP) Loan Program which provided 377 loans worth nearly \$8 million using Clean Water State Revolving Funds, state funds and other financing sources in order to reduce costs to multi-generational farms in protecting water resources. The County Board congratulated the LMO staff on receipt of the their awards.

Doug Bos, LMO Assistant Director, requested approval of Resolution No. 22-17, Local Water Plan Adoption, Implementa-

tion and Amendment; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. Mark Sehr, Engineer, requested approval of Resolution No. 19-17, CSAH Regular Advance from 2019 CSAH Construction

funds for 2018 planned projects; motion by Burger, seconded by Overgaard, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. The Engineer requested approval of Resolution No. 20-17, MnDOT/Rock County Delegated Contracting Process Agreement, an agreement renewal which allows MnDOT to act as the County's agent in accepting Federal Aid for all federally funded projects that the county is awarded; motion by Thompson, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. The Engineer presented Resolution No. 23-17, the City/County Highway Maintenance Agreement for 2018-2022, the Engineer identified changes in the new contract. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger, to approve Resolution No. 23-17, declared carried on a voice vote

The Engineer also presented a brief construction update to include the status of the replacement of the "humped back" bridge on CR 52 that crosses over the Burlington Northern railroad line, stating that he should know by February of 2018 as to whether or not Rock County will be eligible for federal funding for the project.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. The County Board was in receipt of a request from Tamara Hoff to abate the penalty of \$376.64 assessed for late payment of real estate taxes. Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer stated that statutes indicate that the County Board can abate any penalty that has been assessed, however, past practice indicates that has only happened if the county was responsible for an error. After consider discussion,

Reisch moved to abate the penalty of \$376.64; the Chair called three times for a second and hearing none, the motion died for the lack of a second. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to deny the penalty abatement; a roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Reisch voting nay.

- 2. The County Board was in receipt of (3) bids to repair the elevator at the Courthouse:
- Thyseenkrupp \$68,017.00

Claims over \$2,000:

- MEI Total Elevator Solutions \$61,400.00
- Kone Elevator Escalators \$89,950.00

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard to accept the bid from MEI Total Elevator Solution for \$61,400.00 and to pay the expenditure from Capitol Building Project fund plus any additional expenses that may result due to building code and compliance, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims; motion by Burger, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC	10,025.15
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	9,855.38
CHOSEN VALLEY TESTING, INC	6,830.00
CHS	4,306.13
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,425.00
DGR ENGINEERING	2,393.18
DUININCK BROTHERS INC	25,543.08
EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE	2,092.95
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	3,910.58
GRAINGER	2,056.68
JOHNSON CONTROLS	5,863.64
LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	2,125.00
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	18,975.00
MINNESOTA ELEVATOR INC	4,534.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	11,740.07
SANFORD HEALTH	6,088.08
SHORT-ELLIOTT-HENDRICKSON, INC	3,606.22
TRI-STATE GARAGE DOOR, INC	4,295.00
91 Payments less than 2000	40,022.11
Total	170 687 25

Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Overgaard, seconded by Reisch, to approve Resolution No. 21-17, a 2017 grant application for elections equipment, declared carried on a voice vote.

Brent Hoffmann, RCRW Systems Manager, presented an engineering contract from DGR for \$85,000 to hook up the Blue Mound State Park to the Rock County Rural Water System; contract costs will be reimbursed by the Department of Natural Resources. On a recommendation of the RCRW Rural Board, motion by Reisch, seconded by Overgaard, to approve the DGR

contract, declared carried on a voice vote. 3.The County Board was in receipt of a Tax Abatement request from Midwest Dry Cast to abate the county's tax for a period of ten years, an annual amount of \$10,000.00 per year. The Administrator stated that the abatement process requires a Public Hearing and recommended January 09, 2018; motion by Overgaard, seconded by Burger to set a Public Hearing for the Midwest Dry Cast Abatement for January 9, 2018 at 9:00AM in the Herreid Board meeting room at the Rock County Courthouse, declared carried on a voice vote.

4.The Administrator presented a Comparable Worth Study stating that the new Job Classifications have been posted for employees to review and if they dis-agree with the new classification, they can submit an appeal; the appeal process has a deadline of December 15, 2017.

5.Motion by Thompson, seconded by Overgaard to re-schedule the County Board of December 26th to December 27th

at 9:00AM, declared carried on a voice vote. 6.Truth and Taxation Hearing is scheduled for December 12th at 6:00PM

7.The County Board was informed of an Annual Township meeting scheduled for December 28th at 1:30PM in the basement of the Rock County Community Library.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Reisch stated that he attended a RCC Library meeting, Plum Creek Library meeting, City/County Liaison meeting and the Annual AMC Conference.

Thompson stated that she attended a Southwest Regional Development Commission meeting, SWHHS meeting and the Annual AMC meeting Burger stated that he attended a Southern Prairie Community Care meeting, Budget meeting, SWHHS meeting and An-

nual AMC Conference. Overgaard stated that he had attended a City/County Liaison meeting, Regional Solid Waste and Rural Energy meetings,

CERT meeting, Extension meeting and the Annual AMC Conference. Williamson stated that he had attended a Rural Water meeting, State Auditor meeting, Extension meeting, and Annual

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

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:

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Coordinator, Environmental & Strategic Analysis

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Chicago Region

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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. (1-11, 1-18, 1-25)

(01-25)

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

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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

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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.

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DATED: December 27, 2017

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation

Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A. Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee

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Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300

File Number: 033794F03

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

Fodness gravel pit comment period Feb. 21

Public Notice

Project Title: Fodness Gravel Pit Comment Deadline: February 21, 2018

Duininck, Inc. (Proposer) proposes to mine and process gravel and granular material, as well as product hot-mix asphalt, in the SE 1/4 of Section 29 of Battle Plain Township, T104N, R44W, Rock County, Minnesota. This is to be done over a period of approximately 20 years, but will depend on local demand for the materials available from this tract of property, and likewise reclaim the property to an acceptable condition. The overburden is to be removed and stockpiled on the edge of the pit, thus creating a visual and noise berm. A screening unit and crusher will be placed on site to process the mined materials into aggregate products usable for a variety of projects. The mining and removal of aggregates from the site will cause the most physical shaping of the site. After the materials are processed, they will be hauled out by trucks. These materials may also be used in the production of asphalt or concrete using a portable plant brought on site. Extraction and processing of aggregates will continue through the entire site. As various areas of the site are completely finished being used for extraction, processing, or stockpiling, these areas will be reclaimed into an area suitable for wildlife habitat and development. This will include areas of upland, wetland, deeper open water, depending upon the location and depth of suitable gravel materials excavated at the site. As a minimum, all slopes will be shaped to a maximum of 18 percent slope, topsoil will be spread back on disturbed surfaces at a minimum depth of 4 inches down to the water line, and suitable vegetation planted, such a Mixture 100, according to the DNR's "A Handbook for Reclaiming Sand and Gravel Pits in Minnesota." Reclamation activities will progressively continue throughout the life of the operation. Copies of the EAW can be reviewed at the Rock County Land Management Office, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Suite 4, Luverne, Minnesota or the Rock County website at www. co.rock.mn.us. Written comments, including name and mailing address, may be directed to: Eric Hartman, Rock County Land Management, 311 West Gabrielson Road, Luverne, Minnesota 56156, or emailed to eric.hartman@co.rock.mn.us, and

received no later than February 21, 2018. Responsible Government Unit (RGU): Rock County

RGU Contact Person:

Eric Hartman

Rock County Land Management 311 West Gabrielson

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