Weather makes for tough travel week

By Mavis Fodness

The Minnesota State Patrol recorded 121 traffic incidents from snow-packed and icy road conditions in its Marshall district during the past week.

From Jan. 18 through 25, there were 38 property damage crashes, 10 injury crashes and 73 vehicles reported off the road, according to the Troy Christians on of the State Patrol.

The Marshall district includes 13 counties in southwest Minnesota.

Locally, none of the incidents resulted in serious injuries.

On Monday Jeffery Buckley, 41, of Luverne, was driving a 2006 Ford pickup truck a half-mile north of Luverne on Highway 75 when he lost control, entered the west ditch and rolled. Road conditions were ice/snow packed at the time of the incident around 4:30 p.m.

Buckley and his passenger, Cindy Buckley, 43, also of Luverne, were both were wearing seatbelts and were not injured in the crash.

The Rock County Ambulance, Luverne Fire Department and Rock County Sheriff assisted at the scene.

At 1:31 a.m. Tuesday, Willy J. Vivas-Velasquez, 24, address unknown, was driving eastbound on Interstate 90, five miles from the state border near Beaver Creek, when he lost control of the 2007 Ford F-150 pickup truck and rolled.

Ray E. Colon-Ortiz, 28, of Huron, South Dakota, was a passenger. Both were transported to Sanford Luverne Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The truck was totaled.

Four people were also transported to Sanford Luverne Hospital at 10:59 p.m. Saturday.

Justin D. Saufley, 28, and Chantel C. Saufley, 27, both from Worthington, along with a juvenile boy and girl were treated and released.

They were eastbound on Interstate 90, seven miles from the state line near Beaver Creek, when the 2007 Ford Focus skidded on ice, entered the median and rolled.

The vehicle received moderate damage.



Mavis Fodness photo/0128 Accident 0125

Emergency personnel respond to a rollover accident Monday afternoon about a half mile north of Luverne on Highway 75. Roads were ice- and snow-packed at the time of the incident. Driver Jeffery Buckley and passenger Cindy Buckley, both of Luverne, were not injured.

Luverne goes 'nutty' over nutcracker Christmas

Annual LIFT, Chamber and CVB social and celebration is Monday, Feb. 8, at the Palace. Call 283-4061 by Feb. 4 to RSVP. Guest speaker is photographer Brian Peterson of 'Minnesota, State of Wonders'

By Lori Sorenson

Christmas is over, but a group of local volunteers is already planning next year's holiday season in

The concept of "Luverne Nutcracker Village" is under consideration following Betty Mann's donation of more than 2,400 nutcrackers to the Rock County Historical Socιeτy.

"These are all sizes — from 6 feet tall to the size of your fingernail, and their little mouths open and close," said Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere.

For Mann, the gesture was about making Luverne a destina-

"I think it's going to be fantastic and I think it's something that will draw people to Luverne," said Mann, who regularly offers tours — once a busload of people - of her nutcracker collection in her home.

"They come and they see my col $lection \, and \, then \, they \, go \, down town$ for shopping."

The nutcrackers will be housed at the new History Center, which is under construction in the old Ford Motor building on Main Street and will be displayed year-round.

When asked if it will be hard to



The concept of "Luverne Nutcracker Village" in Luverne for the holidays is under consideration following Betty Mann's donation of more than 2,400 nutcrackers to the Rock County Historical Society. The pieces, some of them rare collectibles from Germany, will be displayed at the new History Center in downtown Luverne.

part with her collection, Mann said, "I don't feel like I'm parting with them, because I have a key to the History Center, and I can go and see them

whenever I feel like it." She added that she hopes the nutcrackers will help draw people inside the new History Center. "We need to get people here and see what we've got," she said.

Lanphere said Mann's collection could be a tourism draw to Luverne as "home of the Midwest's largest nutcracker collection."

But for Christmas, Lanphere said there's potential for a commu-

nity-wide nutcracker theme with life-sized nutcrackers displayed at the city park and at homes and businesses.

The idea came from Steubenville, Ohio, where the community built and decorated 30 life-sized nutcrackers for display in the

town square. In addition, some businesses displayed nutcrackers in the theme of their work. For example, the one at the bakery had a baker's hat. The band director's

nutcracker had a musical theme. "Who knows? Take 16 could

have a beer mister nutcracker," Lanphere said. "For the success of this, we want everyone to take this theme to their homes and businesses — with nutcracker curtains, window clings, lights We want to try to get to the point where we're all nutty."

The wooden nutcrackers can be ordered plain, and then hand-painted for specific themes. In Steubenville, a local crafter makes and sells them, and Lanphere has ordered one to be delivered to Luverne.

Ordering plain wooden nut-

Nutcrackers/continued on 8A

Should state park rebuild lower dam?

DNR to host meeting on Blue Mounds State Park flood-damaged dam from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at elementary school in Luverne to gather public input

By Lori Sorenson

The future of the Blue Mounds State Park water recreation hangs in the balance as park officials consider how to address the flood-ravaged dam that was destroyed in 2014.

An open meeting next week will allow the public to provide input on alternatives to restoring the site and to learn about issues surrounding the Blue Mounds State Park dam.

The meeting will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Luverne Elementary School. Public comments will also be taken via the DNR website until Feb. 15 at www.mndnr. gov/bluemounds.

"We plan to share our findings on the pros and cons from both rebuilding the dam and restoring the lake or removing it and restoring Mound Creek," said Park Manager Chris Engebretsen.

'We'll also be collecting public comments and will consider them when a final decision is made."

Floodwaters overtopped the historic upper and lower dams at Blue Mounds State Park in June 2014 and eventually washed out the spillway of

Dam public meeting/see page 5A

Luverne High School performs one act play tonight

'I Hate Love' will be at 7 p.m. today (Jan. 28) in the Luverne High School auditorium

By Mavis Fodness

Second-year director Julie Fettes hopes this year's one act play performance propels Luverne High School to the state contest.

"Our goal is to advance this year," she said. On Saturday, Luverne will be one of four teams at the 3A subsection competition in Pipestone. The top two teams earn the right to perform at the Feb. 6 regionals for the chance to attend the one act play festival Feb. 11-12 at St. Catherine University in St. Paul.

Choosing the right production may be the key for Luverne to move on in the competition.

This year Fettes chose "I Hate Love," an abstract play that replaces the comedies the group traditionally performs.

"I Hate Love," by Maia Akiva, is 20 minutes in length and centers on a social issue (suicide) and the emotions inside the main character's head.

Characters of Depression, Loneliness, Pain, Happiness, Faith and Love each talk to 23-year-old college student Jo as she decides whether or not to commit suicide that night.

Senior Tatiana Gust, a veteran actress in LHS plays and one act performances, plays the main character.

"These (one act) plays are the hardest because there is a lot of acting," she said.

Gust said while larger plays emphasize how a character interacts with another to increase the emotion of the performance, the smaller one act cast members use their own characters to issue an audience response.

For this year's one act performance, Gust's fellow actors are supposed to be inside her head.

Fettes said she encourages the students

One act play/continued on page 8A



Mavis Fodness photo/0128 One Act

Cast members for Luverne High School's one act play, "I Hate Love," include (from left) Jacinda Hustoft, Ashlee Boltjes, Hannah Hoogland (standing), Freddi Stroeh, Michael Kinsinger, Tatiana Gust, Megan Rogers, Zoe DeBates, Paul Witte III, Emma Verbrugge, Luke Jarchow and director Julie Fettes. Missing from photo is student director Tayler Hoogeveen.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

SWMN Habitat for Humanity Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Habitat office, 126 E. Main St., Luverne. Call 507-215-2091 for information.

Blue Mound Quilters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Human Services Building in Luverne. Program will be a demonstration on a heart quilt.

American Legion Post #123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Post Home.

Beaver Creek Township monthly meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the township hall.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) at the Sanford Medical Center in Luverne. Call Stephanie at 507-449-1246.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Fridays and for basic text study at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the basement of St. Catherine Catholic Rectory, 203 E. Brown St., Luverne. Use east door. For more information call 507-220-0137.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays in the United Methodist Church, Luverne. Note the new location during the library renovation. Call

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meet from 8 to 9 p.m. every Thursday in Runals Memorial Hall, Edgerton. Call Naomi, 507-215-2956, with questions.

Quilt show underway at Carnegie

The quilts created by the Blue Mound Quilters are currently on display at the Carnegie Cultural Center through Feb. 6. The Carnegie is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Attention eighth-graders: Driver Education Feb. 1 class has openings

The Luverne Student Driver Education Class that begins after school Monday, Feb. 1, still has openings. Students in grade 8 and older from surrounding area schools may also register. The 30 hours of classroom will be from 4-6 p.m. 15 days in February. Fee is \$300 and includes six hours of Behind the Wheel instruction. Call Luverne Community Education, 283-4724, with questions.

Hospice Charity Dinner 'Kick-Off'

An organizational "kick-off" meeting is set for noon Friday, Jan. 29, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne for anyone interested in helping with this year's Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction fundraiser. New volunteers are needed to help collect donations, sell raffle tickets, put gift baskets together and help with facility set-up. If interested in helping, contact Helen at the hospice office at 507-283-1805 or email helen.saum@sanfordhealth.com.

American Red Cross Blood Bank

The American Red Cross will be accepting blood donations Monday, Feb. 1, from 1-7 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church, 500 North Kniss Avenue, Luverne.

Cattlemen's Association banquet Feb. 1

The Rock/Nobles Cattlemen's Association banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Steaks will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Gary Sides, a beef cattle nutritionist with Zoetis, will speak on issues facing the beef industry today.

Bank Nite movie at Palace Feb. 4

The free Bank Nite movie, "Woodlawn," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 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.

Sno Masters poker run set for Feb. 7

The Sno masters poker run will start at the Howling Dog at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Everyone is welcome. Contact Greg Vande Velde at 920-5189 or Terry Connell at 920-5181.

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne starting Feb. 8. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment.

Appointments are required. Evening appointments are also available. Bring Social Security cards to appointments.

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

Carbon monoxide alarm saves Hills family

By Glenda McGaffee

A carbon monoxide detector is credited for saving a Hills family late in December.

Melissa Gehrke and her daughters were sleeping in their home on East Second Street at 4 a.m. and Pete Gehrke was at work in Sioux Falls when the family's carbon monoxide detector sounded off.

"When the first alarm sounded, I thought the battery was low so I grabbed the stepstool, took the top off and by that time the second alarm was sounding," Melissa Gehrke said.

"Then I realized there was something wrong. I flipped the lights on, woke the girls, grabbed some clothes, my cell phone and told the girls to go out to the van in our garage. I had to go back in the house to get medicine for our youngest daughter, Sophie."

She said she handed her phone to their oldest daughter, Taylor, and told her to call 911 if she didn't return.

"When I returned to the van, I backed the car into the driveway of our neighbors, Alan and Bonnie Leenderts, and called 911. By that time my adrenaline was really going," she said.

"When the firemen arrived, they could detect the carbon monoxide, and when entering the basement, their masks became foggy. They also went up on the roof to check our vent. The cause of the carbon monoxide was a crack in our furnace."

Melissa said she wants everyone to know how important it is to install these alarms. The detectors they own are also smoke alarms, and they talk, informing the occupant of why the alarm is sounding.

The Gehrkes have two alarms — one on their main floor and one in their daughters' room.

Assistant Fire Chief Jared Rozeboom shared his experience when he arrived on the scene.

"When we arrived on scene, we assembled a crew and entered the home with



Glenda McGaffee photo/0114 Gehrke family

The Gehrke family members are pictured in their home Saturday, Jan. 9. They are (from left) Pete, Sophie, Taylor, Melissa and Hailee.

"You can have all the alarms in the world, all the best alarms ever made. You still have to act when they sound. That's what Melissa did that night. She did the right thing when the alarms went off."

— Jared Rozeboom, Hills Assistant Fire Chief

our gas monitor. Upon entering the home, our monitor was reading around 200 PPM (parts per million)," he said.

"Once the crew entered the utility room where the furnace is located, those levels immediately rose to 540 PPM. The crew then shut down the furnace and began to open up windows and doors in the home to ventilate the carbon monoxide from the home."

He said they also accessed the roof to check the vents due to the amount of snow that was on the roof, but he said it was not the snow on the roof that was causing the problem.

Rather, he said it was a malfunction of the furnace that caused it to release deadly levels of carbon monoxide into the home.

Rozeboom said this emergency carries an important message for everyone.

"While we have long stressed the importance of having a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm, it is always hard to measure the success of

prevention. If nothing bad happens, was it luck, or was it because of something else?" he said.

"In this case it was because they had carbon monoxide alarms installed, and they had properly working batteries installed in them. So many times we hear of lives lost because they either didn't have alarms installed or they didn't have working batteries installed in them. Here we can measure the lives that were saved because of a properly installed and working carbon monoxide alarm. Had these alarms not sounded, we would be talking about a totally different outcome here. The levels of carbon monoxide in the home that night would have turned deadly in just a few short hours."

Rozeboom said the working carbon monoxide alarms are only part of the

"You can have all the alarms in the world, all the best alarms ever made. You still have to act when they sound. That's what Melissa

did that night. She did the right thing when the alarms went off. She recognized the danger she and her family were facing and she removed them from the danger and called 911. That's the other part of the story that we want everyone to know about," he

"When these alarms go off in your house, get out. Don't try to be the hero and find where the carbon monoxide is coming from. The real hero takes their family, leaves the house and calls 911. Let the firemen come and verify the carbon monoxide level and locate the source."

He's relieved in this case to report on the success story of everything done right.

"We can't stress enough the importance of having a properly working carbon monoxide and smoke alarm and knowing what to do when they go off," Rozeboom

"Test them every month and change the battery when you change your clocks. It really is a matter of life of death."

Beaver Creek City Council installs new councilor, approves liquor license to new bar owners

By Mavis Fodness

After swearing in its newest council member, the Beaver Creek City Council approved a liquor license for the new owners of the Beaver Bar.

Josh Boomgaarden replaced Jamie Dysthe on the Beaver Creek City Council. Councilman Dysthe was appointed mayor late last year after Mayor Carolyn DeBoer passed away.

Boomgaarden works at Minnwest Bank in Luverne as a credit analysis and aglender. He and his wife, Alisha, moved to Beaver Creek last year.

After taking the oath of office at the Jan. 13 meeting, Boomgaarden's first official action involved the former Beaver Bar.

Earl Vanden Bussche, Beaver Creek, and Marci Lee and Wade Hofer, both of Valley Springs, South Dakota, are in the final stages of purchasing the business from Shad Kruger.

Kruger closed the bar at the corner of North Third Avenue and East First Avenue on Oct. 1. Kruger purchased the business from the city of Beaver Creek in 1998.

Vanden Bussche and Lee appeared at the Jan. 13 meeting to discuss reopening the business and securing the necessary licenses to operate.

"We are planning to be open by the (February) first," Vanden Bussche said.

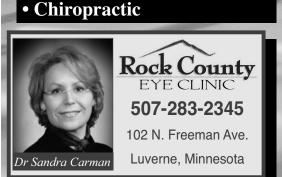
The council approved the on-sale liquor license, but the owners are in the process of applying to the Minnesota for the off-sale license and will work with state officials to reopen the bar's kitchen.

"It (buying a bar) was something we have been talking about for a year," Vanden Bussche said.

Once the business reopens, it will be called "Up the Dam Creek," with its logo featuring a beaver dam.

The closing on the building was scheduled for Wednesday, Vanden Bussche said. Renovations will take place in the





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County extends water plan, starts 'One Watershed One Plan'

By Mavis Fodness

For the next five years the Rock County Land Management Office will focus resources and efforts on a single watershed management plan.

On Jan. 19 the Rock County Board extended the comprehensive water management plan until 2021 with an understandingthatlocalSoiland Water Conservation District personnel would begin work on a new plan.

The new plan, however, would encompass a larger area than the county's current boundary.

"A county boundary is a square that was drawn back when the state and counties were established," said Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office.

"When water comes from many counties ... it is a watershed."

One Watershed, One Plan is the state's newest recommendation on how future water quality management plans should be formulated. Having one plan for multiple counties involving the quality of the same water source, such as the Rock River, makes sense,

"By having a plan across county borders and encompassing a watershed, you're trying to do the same thing across the whole drainage area," he said.

For the past two years five watersheds throughout the state have piloted the One Watershed, One Plan method. Due to the pilot program's success, state officials have encouraged other counties to begin the same process. Bos said he hoped to begin work on the plan this fall.

Officials have divided the state into 63 watersheds with some counties in multiple watersheds. All of Rock County

Bosestimatedworkonthe one plan would take two years to complete and encompass input from the other counties in the same watershed. Once finished, the plan would be in effect for the entire watershed for the next 10 years.

"You put this all together in a plan and give it to the state, and the state says if you have this plan and if you want money to fix things you now are approved to do it because you have a plan on how to do it," Bos said.

The LMO is currently assembling representatives for the multi-county water plan task force.

The group would gather input on water quality priorities along with possible solutions. An outside consultant would write the final plan, Bos said.

Besides Rock County, the Missouri River Basin Watershed includes large portions of Pipestone and Nobles counties and small areas of Murray, Lincoln and Jackson counties.

Rock County's current water management plan focuses on four major areas: preserving groundwater quality and quantity, upgrading subsurface treatment systems, correcting feedlot runoff, and improving surface water quality.

In other business, the commissioners:

 Learned Commissioner Jody Reisch was selected by Governor Mark Dayton's office to serve on his broadband task force committee. The

•Were invited to the retirement party for 4-H program

The Rock County Community Library is in the midst of a \$175,000 remodeling project. Since Jan. 18 the facility has been closed to patrons as materials were moved from the library's main floor term expires in 2019. to its full basement, where it opened for patrons today (Jan. 28). The main floor remodel will be

six-foot height.

By Mavis Fodness

For local contractor Okie Honken,

On Friday Honken and assistant

With a hand to his forehead,

'We are trying to reuse as much of

Honken is equally cost-conscious.

measuring is a matter of using his head.

librarian Barb Verhey discussed repur-

posing a set of wooden bookshelves.

Honken stood one board on end and

declared where his hand rested was a

the materials as possible," Verhey said.

finished by mid-March, according to Honken, the project's general con-

Honken, at age 79, has been involved in several public entity projects recently including the health and human services building as well as the courthouse.

Okie Honken finishes dismantling the partition wall between the checkout desk and the main library area on Monday.

Library renovation gets underway under

Okie Honken's watchful eye

The remodeling of the former $hospital \, for \, the \, city \, of \, \bar{L}uverne \, brought$ the construction company owner out of retirement 10 years ago.

The trade is something that Honken

has enjoyed for almost six decades. "There weren't many mornings I didn't want to go to work," he recalled.

Overseeing projects like the library is a matter of scheduling subcontractors and enjoying the challenge of constructing what the customer wants. Those carpentry skills are something Honken said was always in him.

Honken grew up on a farm near Kenneth and attended elementary school there before graduating from Luverne in 1954.

"I wrote my senior paper on 'How to Build a House," he recalled with a slight grin.

He spent three years working at a Luverne lumberyard before entering the construction realm.

"I started out mixing mud," Honken

Mud was used by bricklayers to adhere bricks to each other. Mud making gave way to concrete pouring to building houses as he proposed in his senior paper.

By 1975 Honken opened his own construction business, retiring in 2005.

Or so he thought. The 62 years of working within the construction business was hard to leave behind and Honken has been busy ever since.

. His philosophy may be what keeps his skills in demand.

"I try to do the best I can for the customer." he said.



By Mavis Fodness

In each of the state's 87 counties, a county attorney is elected every four years to handle the county's criminal and civil legal responsibilities on behalf of the citizens who elected him or her into office.

Rock County's county attorney office has had the same person since July 1987.

Don Klosterbuer is serving his eighth term and is currently beginning the second year of his current four-year term.

At the Jan. 19 County Board, Klosterbuer along with assistant attorney Jeff Haubrich outlined their current workload and transition plans in case Klosterbuer decides not to seek re-election.

"We know we need to develop a plan long enough ahead," he said. "... because it is not a case where you hire someone and day one they canstart. So we have to talk about phasing that in."

For 2016 commissioners allocated \$193,309 for the county attorney budget to carry out duties according to state statute.

Among the duties are prosecutingadultandjuvenile offenders, offering civil and litigation advice to county officials, initiating CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) as well as assisting the Sheriff's Office with victims and witnesses.

In 2015 Klosterbuer and

Haubrich handled 144 cases including 89 adult, 28 juvenile, six new CHIPS files (with 18 ongoing cases), five commitments (with three ongoing), and 16 child support cases (along with 30 currently open.)

Also for last year, the County Attorney's office assisted with 157 easements associated with the Rock County Rural Water System project. The office also collaborated with other agencies in the Minnesota Cornerstone Drug Court program.

Through the years, however, no exact timeframe has been developed on how much time the county attorney's office spends on a particular

"Some of these cases are resolved quickly, some cases have contested omnibus issues, etc. and drag on," Haubrich said. "Ithas changed dramatically over the years."

As an example, Klosterbuer added driving while intoxicated cases used to have one court appearance. Today, DWI cases can have two or three, he said.

Haubrich has served as assistant county attorney for 15 years.

Klosterbuer said his office would continue discussions as to how to best fulfill county attorney's responsibilities and duties. "The goal is to try and perpetuate a similar agreement as we have now," he said.



Mavis Fodness photo/0128 Library Renovation

Jason Platt with Jones Library Sales, Carlisle, Iowa, loads books onto special carts to be moved to the Rock County Community Library's basement.



"Patrons use the evening hours mainly for computer use and studying," she said. "We are not able to offer that during our renovation because of our reduced space."

The new library hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The facility is closed on Sundays.

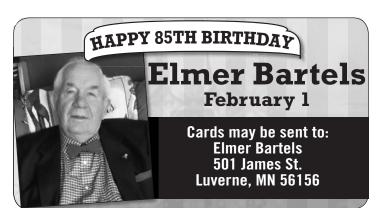


Mavis Fodness photo/0128 Library Renovation

Luverne High School Peer Helpers Ashton Krueger (left) and Tasha Thode move a book cart through the meeting room Jan. 20 in the library's basement. Brian Samuelson (far left) and Jason Platt with Jones Library Sales, reassemble the bookshelves that were once upstairs. Earlier in the day, Southwestern Youth Services, Magnolia, helped move books.







Rock County 4-H "Fruit & More" Sale

Rock County 4-H'ers are selling assorted boxes of mouth watering fruit - apples, oranges, pears and grapefuit, along with cheeses, beef sticks, pickled herring, Puffins, PuffCrust Pizza and a variety of frozen foods. Here's your chance to eat healthy and support local youth. Contact a 4-H'er in your neighborhood or call the Rock County Extension Office (283-1302) from January 18 to February 7 to order. Delivery is March 18.

UPINION

We have no darkroom or wax machine, but someone still finds us interesting

Newspaper offices were at one time fascinating places to visit — with noisy presses, oversized rolls of paper

and ink by the barrel. In my time at the Star Herald, we've never printed on our own presses, but there were lots of other interesting things to see

Tourists were photographed at the door and then led to the darkroom to learn how film (remember film?) is developed and prints are made.

We'd traipse through the newsroom and past the sports desk and graphic designers to the deep bowels of the building.

... where it's cool and dark (completely dark).

One by one, our visitors rolled through the mysterious revolving darkroom door that kept the light out and the dark in. I'd ask, "Did anybody bring any light in with them? We need it dark in here."

If all this weren't captivating enough, a strong odor of developer and cleaning compounds hung in the air. The nasty chemicals were stored in bulk containers with skull and crossbones warning labels.

"Don't touch anything or it will eat the skin off your fingers," was taken seriously.

In the dimness of the darkroom safelight, visitors peered over my shoulder as an image slowly appeared on silver paper in the bottom of a developing

"Cool!"and "Wow!" could be heard in whispers behind me.

From there, we made our way to the layout boards and light table in the newsroom where each little tourist ran their own column strip of newsprint through the wax machine and stuck it between the vertical blue lines on a layout sheet.

Their parting gifts were "Snoop, the Newshound" coloring books along with a pad of notepaper.

Those were the days when newspaper editors were cool and so were their workplaces.

Today anybody with a digital camera and laptop computer could feasibly do what we do, and with social media playing an increasing role informing the

ON SECOND **THOUGHT**

By Lori Sorenson, editor

Today anybody with a digital camera and laptop computer could feasibly do what we do, and with socialmedia playing an increasing role informing the public, I'm feeling irrelevant as well as uninteresting.

public, I'm feeling irrelevant as well as uninteresting.

That's why it pleased me last week to be asked for a newspaper tour.

"You want to come here? For a tour?" I asked. "Of what?" I explained that we have no printing presses, no darkrooms and no wax machines.

'That's OK," said the email response from Rock County Opportunities. "We just want to see what goes on there and meet the people who write the news."

I was flattered but worried it would be a short tour (it was).

But I did take their picture and show them — on my computer in broad daylight — how the image gets from the camera to the printed page.

And then we talked ah the essential pieces of a news story — who, what, when, where, why and how — and that it's important to spell people's names correctly.

Turns out some people find this interesting, and — despite Facebook — still find it an honor to be in the paper (see their photo on page 6A).

Thanks, RCO, for your visit and for finding us interesting at the Star Herald.

Living half the year in a deep freeze has its advantages

Minnesota ranked second strongest in the nation

For the third straight year, Minnesota is ranked one of two strongest states in the nation.

The annual analysis by the Politico Magazine is based on 15 separate categories that demonstrate the educational attainment, quality of life and economic health of each of the 50 states.

New Hampshire was first in the nation. Louisiana was ranked last.

States surrounding Minnesota all ranked in the top 20. Iowa earned eighth place, Wisconsin 11th, South Dakota 16th, and North Dakota 20th.

The ranking is a good thing to think about as we endure another bout of extreme weather temperatures and yet another inch or two

Here is how Minnesota scored in each category, according to Politico.

Annual per capita income: At \$31,642, Minnesota's per capita income is the 10th highest in the nation. Median household income in the state is \$61,481, which is also 10th highest in the nation.

Unemployment: At 3.5 percent, Minnesota's statewide unemployment is the seventh lowest in the nation.

Poverty: Minnesotaranks eighth lowest for the percent of those living below the poverty level. According to Politico's analysis, 11.2 percent of Minnesotans are living below the poverty level, which is still far too

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many Minnesotans.

Homeownership rate: With 71.7 percent of Minnesotans owning their own homes, Minnesota ranks second in this category.

High school graduation rate: Minnesota ranks second, only behind Alaska, for the percent of our students (92.6 percent) who graduate from high school.

Life expectancy at birth: Minnesotans live longer than almost anyone else in the country. With a life expectancy of 81.1 at birth, Minnesota ranks second in the nation in this category. Hawaiians live just three months longer, on average, than Minnesotans.

Infant mortality: Minnesota ranked 15th lowest in the number of infant deaths per 1,000 births.

Obesity: Roughly 24.8 percent of Minnesotans are considered obese, ranking us the ninth slimmest state in the nation.

Wellbeing: Minnesota has a wellbeing score of 62.8, ranking us ninth in this category.

Average math scores in eighth grade: Minnesota eighth-graders have the sixth-highest math scores in the country.

Average reading scores in eighth grade: Minnesota eighth-graders also rank the sixth-highest reading scores in the country.

Income inequality: According to the GINI Index, which measures income distribution of a state's residents, Minnesota ranks 13th in the country in income inequality.

Violent crime rate: Minnesotans are the 10th-safest from violent crime, according to Politico's analysis and records provided by the FBI.

Jobs in science, engineering and math: Minnesota has the seventhhighest percentage of our workforce employed in jobs involving science, engineering and math.

H.L. Mencken's 1931 rankings: As a benchmark, Politico lists the rankings of each individual state from a 1931 study by H.L. Mencken and Charles Angoff. According to that study, Minnesota was the sixthstrongest state in the nation in 1931.

The full story can be read at politico.com/magazine/story/2016/01/ state-of-the-union-2016.



Any vehicle with flashing lights means drivers need to be cautious, move to side of road

Question: I encountered a funeral procession along a two-lane highway (no roads entering this section of highway) and the lead funeral home vehicle had a light bar on the dash flashing an alternating red and blue light. Everyone on the highway going opposite the procession pulled over to the shoulder, thinking it was a police officer. Is this legal for the funeral home to do and what is the protocol for vehicles encountering this?

Answer: Funeral home vehicles may utilize flashing red lights for the purpose of escorting funeral processions. Blue flashing lights are not permitted in this instance.

According to Minnesota State Statute (M.S.S.) 169.64: "Flashing



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

lights are prohibited, except on an authorized emergency vehicle, school bus, bicycle as provided in section 169.222, subdivision 6, road maintenance equipment, tow truck or towing vehicle, service vehicle, farm tractor, self-propelled

farm equipment, rural mail carrier vehicle, funeral home vehicle, or on any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, or the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing. All flashing warning lights

shall be of the type authorized by section 169.59, subdivision 4, unless otherwise permitted or required in this chapter."

M.S.S. 169.04 allows red lights stating, "specifically the use of motorcycles or vehicles that are owned by the funeral home and that utilize flashing red lights for the purpose of escorting funeral processions."

M.S.S. 169.20 covers funeral processions — "When any funeral procession identifies itself by using regular lights on all cars and by keeping all cars in close formation, the driver of every other vehicle, except an emergency vehicle, shall yield the right of way."

'Right of way" is the privilege to proceed with precedence over others

in a particular situation or place. To yield to the right of way, you must safely move to the right and stop. If you are in an intersection, proceed through before stopping. Remain stopped until all those with the right of way have passed. You are not required to stop if the approaching procession or emergency vehicle(s) are separated from your lane of traffic by a physical barrier such as a fence, wall, or median strip.

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. Troy. Christianson@state.mn.us) Twitter: MSPPIO_SOUTH.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Jan. 15

•Complainant reported vandalism to her vehicle and she thinks she knows who did it.

•Complainant reported vandalism to her vehicle and it's the same suspect as before.

•Deputy arrested subject for DWI and took him to jail.

•City Public Works reported they would be burning the tree pile today.

•Complainant brought in some spent shotgun shells that he found. Deputy said they probably fell out of a pickup and could be disposed of.

•Complainant reported she got a text message and needs to speak to a deputy about it right away.

•Complainant reported he got a scam call saying they were from Publishers Clearing House and he won the big prize, but it wouldn't be delivered until he sent them \$250. He was told never to send money to anyone if they say he "won" something.

•Complainant reported a fire alarm at 509 East Main Street. Paged Luverne Fire Department. Contacted key holder. Deputies report there is water rushing down the stairs.

•Deputy did an escort for money drop at bank.

•Deputy stopped on Highway 23 to check out an abandoned vehicle. No one in the vehicle. Notified State Patrol.

Jan. 16

 Complainant reported two runners from Southwest Youth Services (SYS). Notified sergeant that all cars are headed to Magnolia. Nobles County sent a dog, and State Patrol joined the search. Requested ambulance on standby. Paged at 7:45 p.m. and deputy reported two in custody. Transported to the ambulance waiting at SYS. Deputy reported ambulance is transporting two to hospital and he will ride along. SYS will transport boys to the juvenile detention center in Sioux Falls.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. He is sure she is dead. Subject called back and said she is trying to block him because of the texts he is sending her. Contacted complainant and told him to stop contacting her.

•Deputy did money escort from liquor store to bank.

•Dispatch received a 911 call with no one on the line. This has been an issue with this phone. She has worked with the phone company and they are trying to figure out why it happens when no one is around.

Jan. 17

•Complainant reported that she and her boyfriend were at a bar in Hardwick with two other couples. Her boyfriend got upset and left. He is wearing only a bright yellow zip-up hoodie, blue jeans and tennis shoes. No hat, gloves or coat. She does not know where he went, but he is outside. Deputies and State Patrol went to Hardwick. Subject was found shortly at 12:57 a.m.

• Complainant reported that he and another person were stuck in the elevator at the east entrance. The elevator was not working, and they couldn't get out. Deputies went to the location and followed instructions. They could not reset the elevator but were able to speak to parties in the elevator, and contact a maintenance person. Deputies were able to pry the door open to get parties out. Out-of-service stickers put on all floors.

•Dispatch received a 911 call from a cell phone with on one on the line. Tried calling him back two times and left a message. Sent deputy to do a welfare check.

•Complainant reported a black truck has been parked on the 200 block of North McKenzie Street running all night. It is rather noisy. Deputy reported it is a diesel and most likely running to keep from jelling up. Parked in the city's parking lot.

Complainant requested assistance picking up her child for a dance recital. She said they have an agreement not to restrict activities. She does not have a written copy with her. As per deputy, one of the girls is already with her mom. The other one will go to the recital with her dad. Settled for now.

•Complainant reported a vehicle abandoned on Highway 75. No one around. Gave to patrol

•Complainant requested to speak with a deputy about her ex and some charges he may be facing.

•Complainant reported a male walking northbound on Highway 23 north of Jasper. Transferred to patrol.

•Deputy warned subject for failure to dim his lights.

•Deputy stopped a vehicle and warned subject for dragging an object under the car and his driving conduct.

•Deputy conducted door checks in Hills.

•Deputy checked on unoccupied vehicle at location. Notified State Patrol.

Jan. 18

•Complainant reported a black truck running in parking lot at Luverne and McKenzie. Deputy advised it is a diesel pickup and the owner has been running it the last couple of nights due to the cold.

•Dispatch received a 911 call from the area near McDonald's. No voice on answer. Sounded like it may have been a pocket dial. Called McDonald's and verified that nothing was going on in the store or parking lot.

•Complainant reported a cell phone stolen at the school.

•Complainant reported phone calls she received that seemed like a scam, but she was concerned because they started calling her daughter. Daughter of complainant advised her it was for credit card debt. Complainant said she did not have credit card debt. Deputy advised complainant if papers were served, it would have been through the sheriff's office, and it sounds like a scam.

•Deputy did money escort from liquor store to bank.

Jan. 19

•Reserved for patrolling school zone.

•Complainant reported a fire. He was north of Jasper. Transferred to Pipestone 911.

•Minnwest Bannk on South Kniss reported a counterfeit bill and requested a deputy to

•Complainant reported someone was hauling carpet, and it was coming off the vehicle. Hard to understand complainant. Transferred to State Patrol.

•Complainant reported a release of material into the air from the facility due to unknown causes. Caller gets a headache from the smell. Location is New Vision Co-op in Hills. Duty officer was notified.

Complainant reported a vulnerable adult report.

•Complainant reported they are missing a trailer. They think it may have been taken as far back as Dec. 24, 2015, from the south end of the parking lot. Trailer entered as stolen into state system.

•Complainant requested check on subject. Deputy conducted welfare check. Subject is fine.

•Complainant reported he took two tractors, two motorcycles, and a pickup to subject to fix, and subject sold the items.

•Complainant requested welfare checks throughout the night on subject sleeping in his car. He is to go to the clinic tomorrow to get a check.

•Deputy escorted money to the bank.

Jan. 20

•McDonald's reported there has been a champagne-colored car in the parking lot parked kitty corner into the handicapped spot on the south side of the building. He did come in for coffee, but went back out and was just sitting in his car. Deputy went to location. Status on driver is cancelled. Deputy asked dispatch to contact his son to come and get him.

•Complainant requested another welfare check on subject. He was told of his appointment with the clinic today and said he would go.

•Complainant requested welfare check on subject.

•Deputy arrested subject for probation violation.

•Complainant reported that her brother is homeless and from the Sioux Falls area. His mother brought him to Luverne and paid for a week at a local motel and now he won't take a ride back to Sioux Falls with her. Complainant called back and said he agreed to go back to Sioux Falls.

•Deputy removed a garbage can from Main Street and put it on the sidewalk.

Reserved for school patrol.
Complainant reported parenting issues.

•Complainant reported there is a loose piece of steel on the railroad tracks. Contacted railroad.

•Complainant reported a gray van driving around town. They are trying to sell something. Deputy spoke to the mayor, unaware of a permit. They were advised to check in with city hall, so they are aware they are in town.

•Reserved for emergency response unit training.

•Complainant reported that earlier today they put out a fire in the insulation at location. Now they smell smoke again. Will get wife and kids out of the house. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

Jan. 21

•Complainant reported that each morning for the last four days, between 6 a.m. and 6:15 a.m., a pickup, unknown description, is pulling a flatbed trailer with square bales. No lights or reflective triangles on the trailer. Complainant is concerned someone is going to hit the trailer. Notified deputy and State Patrol.

•Complainant from BNSF reported that their crossing bar at location was hit and they do have someone on the way to repair it.

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•Complainant requested to
have something notarized.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. She didn't show up for work today and called in to say she quit for personal reasons. She was OK and had sent them a letter.

•Complainant reported she was scammed on the computer, and now he is calling her cell phone. She was advised to call her credit card company, block the number and contact the Attorney General's Office.

•Complainant reported Highway 75 is very slick.

•Complainant reported he is driving a school bus and can't wake up a 14-year-old boy. They are headed to the emergency room.

In addition, officers responded to 11 traffic stops, 3 vehicles in ditch, 2 stalled vehicles, 1 transport, 14 ambulance runs, 2 parking violations, 1 false alarm, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, and issued 9 purchase/carry permits and 23 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson Star Herald file photo/0804 state park beach 2012

The well-groomed beach and shallow lake at the Blue Mounds State Park was an oasis for park visitors and local swimmers. On hot summer days, local families often took day trips to the park to enjoy the sandy beach and shaded park benches. Kayaks and canoes could be rented from the park, or personal watercraft could be brought in.

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the lower dam. This created a breach approximately 100 feet across, draining Lower Mound Lake.

The park north of Luverne is known for its bison herd, 100-foot Sioux quartzite cliffs and sea of prairie grasses and flowers.

It's a regional favorite for birdwatchers, campers and rock climbers, but its wellgroomed beach and shallow lake was also an oasis for park visitors and local swimmers.

On hot summer days, local families often took day trips to the park to enjoy the sandy beach and shaded park benches. Kayaks and canoes could be rented from the park, or personal watercraft could be brought in.

Tim and Kayla Jarchow, Luverne, and their three boys were among regulars who frequented the state park lake when the dam was still intact.

"It was almost a regular event for us," said Tim, who plans to attend Tuesday's meeting. "Eveninthemiddle of the week after a baseball game, we'd be hot and dirty and head up to the park and jump in the water to cool off."

He said he knew of several other families who incorporated swimming into their frequent camping trips at the Blue Mounds.

"Iwon't saythat's the only

"Iwon't say that's the only reason I went to the park, but it was definitely a strong pull," he said. "I hardly think about going to the park anymore



This photograph, taken shortly after the June 2014 flood, shows the lake drained and beach washed away. Since then the lake and shoreline has become marshland.

since the lake drained."

Whether or how a water feature is restored at the Blue Mounds depends on consensus among the public and among state officials.

According to Dennis Frederickson, regional director for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), deciding the next steps for the dam and lake involves multiple considerations.

"Over the past year we have completed engineering studies, analyzed historic resource issues, identified potential economic and recreational impacts and conducted biological surveys," Frederickson said.

"DNR officials also visited the area this summer and fall

to hear local concerns. At the upcoming public meeting, we will share what we've learned about the impacts and alternatives to removing or rebuilding the dam."

DNR staff will host informal mini-presentations and topic stations where attendees can learn more about specific topics, ask questions and provide written feedback.

Public comments from

Public comments from the open house and website will be considered by DNR officials in making a decision about how to repair or rehabilitate the dam site.

Information about Tuesday's meeting can be found at www.mndnr.gov/bluemounds or by calling the park office at 507-283-6051.



Star Herald COMMUNITY



Lori Sorenson photo/0128 rco visit

Making the news

Rock County Opportunities Inc. clients and staff toured the Rock County Star Herald office Wednesday, Jan. 20, to meet the news and production crew. They were photographed, interviewed and saw how a news story develops from a conversation into an article on the page. Pictured are (front, from left) Eleanor Dicks, Casey Van Engelenhoven, (back) Nate Schloendorf and Arielle Carlson.

Consumers can prevent tax fraud with these simple tips

With another tax season coming up quickly, Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) warns taxpayers about tax-related identity theft, which occurs when someone uses your stolen Social Security number (SSN) to file a fraudulent tax return and claim your refund. Though this type of fraud is tough to prevent against - beyond taking steps to safeguard your personal information - BBB offers some tips to help consumers recognize when it's occurred and steps they can take to mitigate the situation from there.

The IRS offers some addi-

tional identity protection tips for taxpayers:

•Always use security software with firewall and anti-virus protections. Make sure the security software is always turned on and will automatically update. Encrypt sensitive files such as tax records you store on your computer. Use strong passwords.

•Learn to recognize and avoid phishing emails, threatening calls and texts from thieves posing as legitimate organizations such as your bank, credit card provider or even the IRS. Do not click on links or download attachments from unknown or suspicious emails.

•Guard your personal data. Don't routinely carry your Social Security card, and make sure your tax records are secure. Treat your personal information like you do your cash; don't leave it lying around

Be alert to possible taxrelated identity theft if you are contacted by the IRS or your tax professional/provider about the following:

•more than one tax return being filed using your SSN.

•owing additional tax; your refund being offset; or if you've had collection actions taken against you for a year you did not file a tax return.

•IRS records indicate you received wages or other income from an employer for whom you did not work.

If your SSN has been com-

promised or you know – or suspect – that you are a victim of tax-related identity theft, the IRS recommends that you:
•respond immediately to

any IRS notice; call the number provided or, if instructed to do so, visit IDVerify.irs.gov.

•continue to pay your taxes and file your tax return, even if you must do so by paper.

Visit bbb.org or click here for BBB tips on how to find a qualified tax preparer.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A boy, Andrew William, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce, was born Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, to **Devon and Trina Fluit**, Hardwick, at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Grandparents are Bill and Tena Blom and Brent and Dorenda Fluit. Great-grandparents are Arie and Clazina Blom, Gary and Betty Vander Waal, Clarence and Joyce Fluit and Art and Alma den Hoed.

Bridal Showers

An open house bridal shower for **Chonda Wessels**, bride-to-be of **Jordan Swanson**, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.

An open house bridal shower for **McKenzie Fitzgerald**, bride-to-be of **Matthew Erlandson**, will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Adrian United Methodist Church.

BUSINESS NEWS

Luverne Flowers and Greenhouse receives FTD Master Florist designation

Kevin and Kathy Jacobsma from Luverne Flowers and Greenhouse have recently been designated as FTD Master Florists, according to information released Friday by FTD.

"This elite recognition is only available to top quality florists that are part of the 100-year-old FTD florist network," said Kelly Turner of FTD, who added that only 15 percent of FTD member florists are qualified for the Master Florist designation.

Luverne Flowers and Greenhouse received the designation based on quality work and customer service.

"Luverne Flowers and Greenhouse has become a hallmark in the Luverne and surrounding communities," Turner said.

"They specialize in the freshest of flowers, great customer service and working with customers to create custom pieces for any occasion."

Also mentioned in the FTD recognition were Chris Wahlert and George Bonnema.

"Their attention to detail with funeral and wedding pieces is extraordinary," Turner said. "Luverne Flowers and Greenhouse is an asset in Luverne and the surrounding communities."

FTD, headquartered in Downers Grove, Illinois, uses independent florists to offer delivery of floral orders to nearly 100 percent of the U.S. population.

School News

NDSU issues fall semester dean's list

North Dakota State University, Fargo, has released the Fall 2015 dean's list. To qualify, students must be enrolled in at least nine class credits and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

Named to the dean's list from Luverne are Paige Adams, nursing; Michael Graff, finance; Savanna Thielbar, women and gender studies; and Sydney Thielbar, accounting.

MSU Moorhead releases fall dean's list

Bryan Stanley was named to the Minnesota State University, Moorhead, dean's list for the Fall 2015 semester. To be named, students must earn at least a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale and carry 12 graded credits.

Stanley, a 2014 graduate of Luverne High School, is majoring in music industry and jazz studies.

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

Brittany Nichols, Luverne, graduated from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, at the Winter 2015 ceremonies with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Lake Area announces fall dean's list

Lake Area Tech, Watertown, South Dakota, has listed two area students to their Fall 2015 dean's list. To make the list, a student must register full time and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Included on the list are Matthew McLeod of Hills and Trevor Teal of Luverne.

Ridgewater College posts fall dean's list

Ridgewater College, Willmar, named two area students to their dean's list for the Fall 2015 semester. Eligible students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 credits.

The list includes Ashton Roskamp, Kenneth, and Spencer Stroeh, Luverne.

$Morning side College \, publishes \, fall \, dean's \, list$

Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, has named Carey Taubert, Beaver Creek, to their dean's list for the Fall 2015 semester. Eligible students must achieve a 3.67 grade point average or higher, receive no grade below a C-, and enroll at least 12 credits of coursework.

Taubert is a sophomore majoring in nursing.

DSU releases fall 2015 honors list.

Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota, has released their honors list for the Fall 2015 semester. Eligible students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

The following area students were named to the list: Evan Bolt, Edgerton; Austin Dirks, Ellsworth; Ashley Olson, Hardwick; Dylan Gehrke and Riley Lentz, Hills; and Alexis Hanson, Steen.

UMD announces fall dean's list

The University of Minnesota, Duluth, has listed a number of Luverne graduates to their Fall 2015 dean's list. Eligible students have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The list includes Lexie Severtson, science and engineering; Joseph Sommers, mechanical engineering; Kayla Thone, early childhood studies; and Kaitlin Wohnoutka, biology.

The University of Arizona Tuscon ha

The University of Arizona, Tuscon, has announced Sean Limesand is the 2015 recipient of the Research Faculty of the Year Award. The award was created to recognize and honor outstanding achievements and contributions in research by a faculty member in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Limes and graduated from Luverne High School in 1991 and is currently a professor in the School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences.

He is the son of Kermit and Linda Limesand, Luverne.

SDSU announces scholarship recipient

South Dakota State University, Brookings, has awarded Haley Van Wyhe of Hills the Louise Guild Scholarship in Nutrition for the academic year. Van Wyhe is a senior dietetics student.

She is the daughter of Howard and Heidi Van Wyhe and a 2013 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School.

Northwestern College dean's list

Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, has named Klint Knutson, Magnolia, to the fall dean's list as a Collegiate Scholar. The designation of Collegiate Scholar requires a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Knutson is a junior and a biology health professions major. He is the son of Kristi Knutson, Magnolia.

ENGAGEMENT

Dave and Julie Haugom, Luverne, and Lyle and Joni Swanson, Thief River Falls, announce the engagement of their children Chonda Wessels, Luverne, and Jordan Swanson, Thief River Falls.

Chonda graduated from Luverne High School in 2006 and from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, in 2011. She currently works at S & S Transport in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Jordan graduated from Thief River Falls High School in 2007 and from Concordia College, Moorhead, in 2011. He currently works at CHS Ag Services of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

They are planning a March 19, 2016, wedding at the American Reformed Church in Luverne.



Chonda Wessels and Jordan Swanson

Baustian, Hadjis wed at St. Catherine in Luverne

Amber Baustian and John Hadjis were married Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne.

Parents of the bride are Mike and Cyndy Baustian, Jasper. Parents of the groom are Greg and Diana Hadjis, Bridgeport, West Virginia. Grandparents of the bride are Walter and Jean Baustian of Luverne. Grandparents of the groom are Norma Hadjis and Bernice and Garnett McBeth.

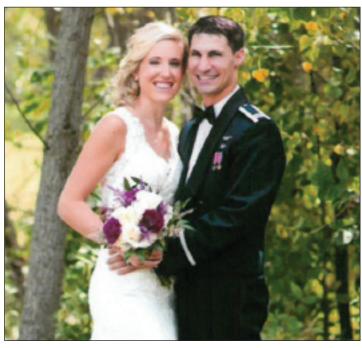
Father Tom Jennings officiated the ceremony. Vocalists were the groom's sisters Eliza and Eleni Hadjis.

The bride's matron of honor was Marisa Bauer, and Zephanie Skow was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Alison Broadwell, Kelsey Ploegar and Shawna Baustian.

Rob Lenzen, Craig Porter and Sam Hadjis. The usher was Erik Baustian.

A wedding reception was at the Blue Machine Shed in Jasper.

The best man was Paul Thelen. Groomsmen were



Amber and John Hadjis

SENIOR DINING MENU

Senior Citizens

Monday, Feb. 1: Ham boiled dinner with cabbage, potatoes and carrots, fruit salad, breadstick, bar.

Program: 1 p.m. Senior Citizens meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: Barbecue meatballs, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, lemon sponge cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Minnwest Bank. Wednesday, Feb. 3: Chili, pears, lettuce salad, cornbread, gelatin

with fruit and whipped topping. Program: Super Bowl party - bring snacks and wear your favorite

Thursday, Feb. 4: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream,

squash, bread, pudding.

Program: Music and dancing with Bruce Dysthe.

Friday, Feb. 5: Sausage egg bake, oven-baked potatoes, tropical fruit, coffeecake, sherbet.

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

Bring a friend or make new ones.

Call Janice Fick at 283-9846 to make dining reservations or for home-delivered meals.

Hills-Beaver Creek School creates foundation

The Hills-Beaver Creek Public School Education Foundation has been established to "enhance the educational experiences and opportunities for the students of Independent School District 671 and to facilitate greater student access to scholarships and higher education," according to its mission statement.

The foundation is organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code as a charitable nonprofit organization. The annual supportive membership is established with a gift of \$25 or more.

More information about the Foundation can be found on the Hills-Beaver Creek School website, www. hbcpatriots.com.

Current directors are Ann Boeve, Dean Goettsch, Marilyn Nelson and Tim Plimpton.

1923: Red Cross to canvas residents in Rock County

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on November 2, 1923:

PLANS FOR RED CROSS ROLL CALL PERFECTED

House-to-house Canvass to be Made in Luverne Sunday, Nov. 11th, From 2 to 4 p.m.

At a meeting called Monday evening by Dr. C. O. Wright, as county chairman for the seventh annual Red Cross roll call, plans were perfected for the carrying on of the drive in Rock county. It was decided to make a house to house canvass in Luverne and the other towns in the county, while the children of the rural schools will conduct the drive in their own districts. This will be a Junior Red Cross service, and each pupil who secures one or more memberships, will be entitled to a Junior Red Cross button.

In Luverne, a canvass of the residence districts will be made from two to four o'clock on the opening day of the roll call, which will be Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11th. Announcement of this solicitation will be made in all churches of the city on Sunday morning, in order that all may make it a point to remain at their



BITS BY BETTY

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

homes during that time. A committee to take charge of this work will be appointed in a few days by Dr. Wright, and the city will be divided into small districts in order that the campaign may be more quickly and satisfactorily completed.

A house to house solicitation will likewise be made in the smaller towns, with the Red Cross executive committee of each town acting as chairman for their respective precincts. The drive in Beaver Creek will be in charge of Mrs. Phil Crawford; Mrs. Carl Woodrow, at Hills; Mrs. Carl Olson, at Kenneth; Mrs. A. J. Tangeman, Jr., at Hardwick; Mrs. Alex Walker, Magnolia; Mrs. J. A. Baker, Kanaranzi, Mrs. Chester Linnell, Ashcreek, Rev. H. F. Rieke, Steen.

Red Cross membership in Rock county has dropped extremely low in the last two years, there being only 205 paid memberships at the present time, out of a population of approximately 12,000. There should be at least 500 Red Cross members in this county, and an earnest endeavor will be made to reach this goal before the close of the roll call, on Thanksgiving Day, November 29th.

The argument which is frequently raised, to the effect that the Red Cross is strictly a war-time organization, and that the war over, there is nothing left to do, is refuted by the statement of John Leslie, state director of the roll call for Minneapolis, who says: "While the last gun was fired five years ago, there are in Minnesota hospitals today 807 disabled men fighting their way back to health—a battle that holds none of the thrill of actual combat in which these men must have the continued service of the Red Cross.

Under the charter issued by congress to the Red Cross we are bound to continue and carry on a system of national and inter-national relief in time of peace and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.

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OBITUARIES

Donald Lange -

Donald Lange, 83, Adrian,

died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at the VA Medical Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral mass was Ian. 25, 2016, at St. Adrian Catholic Church with interment at the parish cemetery.

Donald Lange wasborn Dec. 16, 1932,

to August and Margaret (Frahm) Lange on a farm near Luverne. He grew up and worked on the family farm and attended country school.

Don enlisted with the U.S. Air Force in 1953 and served until 1957, having been stationed primarily stateside and briefly in Japan. Following his discharge, Don returned to Rock County.

He married Anna Tille Jan. 25, 1958, at St. Adrian Catholic Church. They settled in Adrian where they raised

their family. Don worked for Hansen Silo Company, Adri-

an Tile Company and Safeway. He was employed at Iowa Beef Processors, Luverne, for 32 years before he retired. He enjoyed camping and fish-

Donissurvived by his wife, Anna; two sons, Mike and

Pat (Diane) of Adrian; three grandchildren, Trysten, Tasha and Travis; three stepgrandchildren, Becky, Robin and Heather; a great-grandson, Breilee; and a brother, Robert, Beaver Creek.

Hewasprecededindeath by his parents and 11 siblings, Lloyd, Rodney, Raymond, Edna, Violet, Vivian, Florence, Esther, Fern, Joyce and Evelyn; a grandson, Dustin; and

a daughter-in-law, Tammy. Arrangements were by Adrian Funeral Home, www.

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Eileen Reisch -

Eileen Marie Reisch, age 91, of Luverne, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016, surrounded by her family at the Rock Rapids Care Center in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

She was born April 30, 1924, in Howard, South Dakota, to Albert and Barbara (Koppert) Magnuson. Eileen

graduated from St. Agatha Catholic High School and attended college in Mitchell, South Dakota, where she received her teaching degree. She taught country school near Howard, South Dakota.

Eileen married Marcel Reisch on Nov. 23, 1944, at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Howard, South Dakota. After their marriage, the couple lived in Howard, where they farmed. They moved to Luverne in 1967 and purchased the Luverne Livestock Auction, where Eileen operated The Chuck Wagon Café. They retired in Jan. of 2000.

She was an active member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne, where she served as Cantor, Eucharistic Minister, CCD Teacher, Adoration Chapel and the quilting and flowers.

her eleven children, Jim (Sandy) Reisch, Luverne; Barb (Gary) Mensen, Lubbock, Texas; Pat (Cliff) Roush,

Liberty, Missouri; Peggy(Bob) Klinsing, Ihlen; Kelly Richmond, Colby, Kansas; Mary Jo (Gale) Bensen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Michael (Kathy) Reisch, Sioux Falls; Michelle Rozeboom, Garretson, South Dakota;

Luverne; Jerry (Christy) Reisch, Luverne; and Paula (Kevin) Spykerboer, Rock Rapids, Iowa; 43 grandchildren; 93 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dale (Shirley) Magnuson, Mitchell, South

Dakota. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Marcel on July 12, 2001; an infant daughter; a granddaughter, Kerry Allen; two sons-in-law, Marlon Sandberg and Bert Rozeboom; a brother, Virgil Magnuson; and three sisters, Anita Jones, Elna Koch and Lucille Dobertz.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, with a Rosary and Parish Prayers at 7 p.m. Visitation is also one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Luverne, officiated by Fr. Thomas Jennings. Burial will be at St. Catherine Cemetery in Luverne.

To view an online obituary, sign a virtual register book, or order flowers, please visit www.dingmannandsons.com

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•Higher education is coming to Luverne for the first time. Minnesota West Community and Technical College President Dr. Ron Wood said the system intends to start a "storefront" operation out of the former Luverne Community Hospital.

25 years ago (1991)

•Business at the Worthington Army recruiting office picked up "200 percent" Thursday, the day after American troops began bombing Iraq.

Army Lt. Col. Ronald Zychowski said he saw increases in the number of telephone and walk-in inquiries in recruiting offices within hours of the first attack. Zychowski oversees recruiting offices in four states.

He attributed the added interest in signing up to patriotism.

50 years ago (1966)

 The long awaited decision as to which of three southwest ern Minnesota cities, Luverne, Pipestone or Slayton, would get the vocational-technical school ended Monday with Pipestone getting the nod from the State Board of Education.

The decision was unanimous but the hearing held in St. Paul was a mere formality inasmuch as the letter announcing the decision was dated four days earlier.

75 years ago (1941)

•The Luverne fire department received one of its most unusual calls about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday when it was summoned to extinguish a truck load of burning onions. ...

Chief Larson reported that some of the sacks of onions had fallen from their pile and knocked over a kerosene stove which was used to heat the interior of the enclosed truck. The flames spread quickly and when the doors of the truck were opened, the interior was found to be a veritable blazing inferno.

100 years ago (1916)

•Every farmer in Rock county is asked to make a careful search of his own premises, particularly of the barns, sheds, hay and straw stacks, groves and ravines to aid in finding County Auditor John Kelley, who disappeared from his home Tuesday afternoon. Such action will be of great aid in trying to locate the missing man.





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Eileen Bouwman Eileen Kathryn Bouwman, 93, Luverne,

Jan. 20, 2016, at Lyon Manor in Rock Rapids, Iowa. Afuneralservice was Monday, Jan. 25, at the American Re-

formed Church in

Luverne. Burial was

at the Jasper City

died Wednesday,

Cemetery in Jasper. Eileen Stallinga was born May 15, 1922, to Peter and Susanna (Westra) Stallinga near Doon, Iowa. She was raised on a farm near Rock Rapids, receiving her education through the eighth grade at a country school in Lyon

County. On Sept. 2, 1941, Eileen marriedWalterBouwman on her parents' farm. Following their marriage they lived and farmed near Lester, Iowa, until 1952. They then moved to a farm near Jasper where they farmed until their retirement in October 1982. Following their retirement they moved to Luverne.

In their retirement years, they enjoyed various trips within the United States. On June 15, 2001, Walter passed away at the age of 82. Eileen moved into a twin home in Luverne on Sept. 1, 2005, and then in October of 2011 she moved into assisted living at Poplar Creek in Luverne. She moved to Lyon Manor in Rock

Eileen was a

ing bus trips. Eileen enjoyed cooking and baking, a skill she passed down to her children and grandchildren.

children, Wayne (LaVonne) Bouwman, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, John (Janice) Bouwman, Sioux Falls, Douglas (Marcia) Bouwman, North Port, Florida, and Patricia (Michael) Nelson, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Lynn Haraldson; and one sister, Wilma Bouwman of Lester.

Shewas preceded in death by her husband, Walter; a son, Bruce; a granddaughter, Christine; a grandson, Jon; a daughter-in-law, Gloria; a brother, Gerald; and a sister, Donna.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfu-

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adrianfuneralhome.com

Rapids on Nov. 30, 2015.

member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne. She enjoyed being a part of sewing groups in the area. She crocheted coat hangers, enjoyed playing cards with friends and traveling and tak-

Eileen loved the time she was able to spend with her family. Eileen is survived by her

neral.com.

WCCW. Eileen received The Bishops Medal in 2009. She was also a member of the Sewing Missions, 4-H Leader, the Luverne Lions 92, Doll Club, Rubber Stamp Club and the Minnesota State Auction Association. She enjoyed

Eileen is survived by

Terry (Amy) Reisch,

(0128 V)

DEATH NOTICES

Ann Pick Ann Elizabeth (Weis)

Pick, 72, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Canistota, South Dakota. A funeral service will

be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan.

29, at St. Catherine Catholic

family will be from 9-10 a.m. at the church. Arrangements are by Heritage Funeral Home of

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, www.heritagesfsd.com. (0128 DN)

Church. Visitation with the

Hattie Vander Ziel Hattie Vander Ziel, infant Cemetery in Leota.

child of Kristy and Philip Vander Ziel of Leota, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016. A private family service

will be held. Burial will fol-

low at the Leota Community

Arrangements are by

Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0128 DN)

Four Luverne women to share love of mahjong playing

By Mavis Fodness

The soft clinks of plastic tiles and the speaking of a few Chinese words will soon expand to living rooms throughout Rock County, thanks to the efforts of four local women.

Carol McDonald, Lona Klosterbuer, Rhonna **Iarchow and Shirley** Klosterbuer will share their knowledge in an upcoming Luverne Community Education Class, "Why Play Mahjong?"

McDonald, a member of the Community Education Advisory Board, was asked if she would teach a class on how to play the ancient Chinese game. Not wanting to teach the class alone, she asked the other "mavens" if they could help out.

"We don't claim to be experts," Lona Klosterbuer added with a laugh.

Mahjong is a game played by four people using 144 domino-like tiles. Each tile is stamped with Chinese symbols. The object is to use the symbols to build a winning combination of tiles.

Players build 14-tile sets from a possible 51 combinations which change each year through the National Mah Jongg League based in New York. During the game each player has a combination card in front of her in order to reference which tiles to collect or discard.

"It doesn't take long to learn the game, but it takes a while to understand all the rules," Lona said. "You can read and read, but really to learn you must play it."

The four women began playing four years ago and have spent a few hours each Wednesday afternoon playing mahjong. The game has replaced the women's regular knitting or sewing sessions.

Because the game is best played with four people, an occasional substitute player is asked to fill in.

Carol Serie was one of those Wednesday afternoon substitutes at McDonald's home.



Lona Klosterbuer reaches for a mahjong tile during a regular Wednesday afternoon game at the home of George and Carol McDonald. Pictured clockwise from left are Shirley Klosterbuer, Lona Klosterbuer, Carol McDonald and Carol Serie.

Shirley Klosterbuer matches combination No. 21 in one game of mahjong (below left). The game of mahjong contains 144 tiles with various Chinese symbols, colors and numbers (pictured below right).



Serie said she asked a lot of questions when she first played the game and continued to do so during last week's game. While proclaiming herself as a rookie,

she won back-to-back games. Serie was best at selecting and discarding tiles based on the design.

Designs include dragons

and flowers with some tiles

imprinted in different colors or with a different number. Terminology in the game includes walls, a Charleston, pungs, kongs, quints and chows involved in winning

the game. Most notable, as the game progressed, each player called out the number/color and name of the tile as it was discarded.

"Five crak, white dragon,

eight bam, three dot" was how the four sounded as the game progressed around the table. Soft taps of a tile on the table could be heard regularly as a player contemplated whether to keep or discard a specific tile.

Shirley Klosterbuer, who won one game, said she doesn't have a particular strategy as she decides which suit to build. She said she traditionally starts by focusing on the number on the tiles.

"If you have a lot of evens you're on the left side of the card," she said. Odds are on the right side.

Knowing when to "call" or ask for a tile that a player discarded adds excitement to the game. Several times a player commented that someone must have been collecting the same combination of tiles.

Winners' names, the games' significant events and who took the last tile are among happenings recorded in a small notebook. These notes are later transcribed into meeting notes, which the group can reference days or years later.

The notes are not part of the official mahjong rules. It's an activity the Wednesday afternoon players enjoy.

"It doesn't take away from the game," Lona said. "It makes it more fun."

Also fun (and may not be taught at the two-session community education class) is the betting system the women have invented. The women could win or lose a dime.

As she collected 40 cents from one of her winning suits, Serie summed up why playing mahjong is more than just a game among friends.

"As we get older, it (mahjongg) probably keeps our minds sharper," Serie said, smiling.

"Why Play Mahjong" will be taught from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 11 and 18. Cost is \$10.

Call Community Education at 283-4724 for more information or to register. The class will be limited to 12 individuals.



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Emotions of (from left) "Depression" (played by Michael Kinsinger), "Pain" (Paul Witte III) and "Loneliness" (Luke Jarchow) along with main character Jo (Tatiana Gust) raise their hands whether Jo should commit suicide. In a later vote to swallow the pills, emotions of "Happiness" (student director Ashlee Boltjes), "Love" (Zoe DeBates) and "Faith" (Hannah Hoogland) along with Jo voting again, ended in a tied vote.

LHS one act play/continued from page 1A

to add their own touches to the performance. After several weeks of rehearsals, the students chose to write their own ending. They wanted Jo to choose life.

"It (suicide) is never the answer," said senior Paul Witte

III, who plays the character, Pain.

"You can always change things if you work at it."

The play choice has been a good one for the students to analyze.

Said Fettes, "These emo-

tions will always be a part of you and you need to learn how to deal with them."

Apublic performance of "I Hate Love" will be today (Jan. 28) in the Luverne High School auditorium. The performance starts at 7 p.m.

Nutcrackers in Luverne/continued from page 1A

crackers costs \$50 to \$300, and Lanphere said she has instructions available on how to construct them from many different kinds of materials.

Plans call for Luverne's holiday nutcrackers to be displayed at the city park, which could be lighted and decorated. Visitors will be able to tune their radios to a local frequency that plays Tchaikovsky's classic "Nutcracker" Christmas ballet music while

they drive through the park. Public works supervisor John Stoffel said he could arrange for snow to be removed at the park to allow public viewing of the nutcrackers

during the holidays.

Lanphere said this year's work will focus on getting businesses and the park to be part of the effort.

"Perhaps the following year we could encourage neighborhoods by lighting contests and etc. to decorate and become a Christmas

destination," she said. The nutcracker idea was discussed at the Jan. 15 meeting of the design committee of LIFT (Luverne Initiatives

For Tomorrow). "There was great support from the group to move forward," she said, adding that there are others outside of the

committee interested in being part of the effort. "A separate committee will

start working on contacting major businesses in an effort to support this," Lanphere said.

Annual Social and

Celebration set for Feb. 8 More information will be provided at the annual LIFT, Chamber and CVB social and celebration Monday night, Feb. 8, at the Palace Theatre.

Call the Chamber, 283-

4061, by Feb. 4 to RSVP. Guest presentor will be Brian Peterson who will show photographs from his book, "Minnesota, State of Wonders."

Star Herald PORTS

Girls best Marshall with big third period

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team staged an impressive come-from-behind victory over the Marshall Tigers during a recording-breaking night at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Jan. 19.

Not only did LHS pull out a 5-4 win, a Cardinal senior became Luverne's all-time leading point-producer during the thrilling contest.

Luverne trailed 3-1 heading into the third period of play when the Cardinals went on a 4-1 run to pull out a 5-4 victory on Senior Night.

The rally started 45 seconds into the third period, when Madisyn Dingmann scored her first of two goals.

Senior Makayla Sterrett received one of the assists for the goal, which moved her into a tie with Natalie Domagala (356 points) on the program's all-time scoring list.

Sterrett became Luverne's all-time leading scorer 3:05 later, when she netted her first of two goals to knot the score at three with 13:10 left to play.

Marshall regained the lead at 4-3 when Rachel Van Keulen scored for the Tigers with 8:50 remaining, but the Tigers couldn't deny LHS.

Sterrett knotted the score at four with 6:30 left to play before Dingmann netted the game-winning goal with three minutes remaining.

Marshall's Olivia Peterson scored the lone goal of the first period and made it a 2-0 game at the 12:56 mark of the second stanza.

Carly Serie opened the scoring for LHS 11 seconds later, but Van Keulen countered for the Tigers with 42 seconds remaining in the second period to up the lead to 3-1.

Marshall sported a 27-26 edge in shots on goal in the game, and Kennedy Gonnerman made 23 saves in net for the Cards.

Mariah Aukes led the Cards with three assists, while Sterrett and Madi Oye chipped in two assists each.

Dingmann added one assist to the winning effort.

The game proved to be Luverne's regular season home finale as Saturday's scheduled contest against Prairie Centre was cancelled.

The 17-5 Cards skate in New Ulm Thursday.



Star Herald file photo

Senior Makayla Sterrett became the Luverne girls' hockey program's all-time leading point-producer during a home win over Marshall Jan. 19. Sterrett surpassed her cousin, Natalie Domagala, on the list.

Boys post consecutive wins

By John Rittenhouse

TheLuverneboys' basketball team put an end to a six-game slide by winning a pair of home games last week.

The Cardinals upended Edgerton by seven points Jan. 19 before downing St. James by four points Friday.

Luverne, 8-10 overall, plays in Marshall Thursday.

Luverne 64, SJ 60

The Cardinals notched their second consecutive win by defeating the Saints by four points Friday in Luverne.

LHS, which made 50 percent of its field goals in the game, played well early to open a 34-30 lead in the first half.

With both teams scoring 30 points in the second half, LHS prevailed by four at game's end.

Quinton Siebenahler (19 points and six rebounds), Mitchell Muller (16 points) and Nick Overgaard (14 points, eight rebounds and three steals) led the Cards to victory.

Erik Wohnoutka added nine assists to the cause.

Overgaard 4 2 0-0 14, Muller 2 4 0-0 16, Wohnoutka 1 1 1-3 6, Curtis 3 0 0-0 6, Siebenahler 9 0 1-6 19, Bosch 0 1 0-4 3.

Luverne: 27 of 50 field goals (54 percent), two of 13 free throws (15 percent), 21 rebounds, six turnovers. SJ: 26 of 62 field goals (42 percent), four of seven free throws (57 percent),

LHS 65, Edgerton 58

34 rebounds, 19 turnovers.

The Cardinals snapped a six-game losing streak when they upended the Flying Dutchmen in Luverne Jan. 19.

The game was competitive from start to finish, but the Cardinals outscored EHS in both halves to secure a sevenpoint win.

Both teams sported threepoint leads during the first nine minutes of the contest before LHS moved in front by four (19-15) when Siebenahler completed a three-point play at the 8:55 mark of the first half.

EHS fought back to move in front21-19with6:32remaining, but the Cards countered with an 11-2 run ending with Layne Curtis burying one free throw to give the Cards a 30-23 lead at the 2:21 mark.

The Flying Dutchmen closed the margin to six points (32-26) before the first half was complete.

A 6-3 spurt capped by a field goal from Siebenahler 2:05



Layne Curtis puts up a one-handed shot during Luverne's 65-58 home win over Edgerton Jan. 19.

into the second half upped Luverne's lead to nine points (38-29).

Edgerton whittled the difference down to four points twice before making it a threepoint (42-39) game with 11:02 left to play.

Luverne answered the challenge by going on a 14-5 run ending with a field goal from Siebenahler with 6:00

remaining that gave the hosts a 56-44 cushion.

Edgerton closed the margin to six points at two different

Boys/continued on page 2B

Cardinals beat Saints Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team broke even when the Cardinals played a pair of

home games last week. LHS dropped a 12-point decision to Pipestone Jan. 19 before securing a six-point victory over St. James Friday.

The 3-11 Cards host Heron Lake-Okabena Thursday.

Luverne 51, SJ 45

The Cardinals collected their third win of the season when they staged a second-halfrally against the Saints Friday in Luverne.

LHS fell behind 28-21 in the first 18 minutes of play.

The second half belonged to the Cards, who outscored the Saints 30-17 to pull out a six-point victory.

Morgan Haugen (20 points, four assists and four steals) and Nicole Kneip (19 points and nine rebounds) played key roles in the win.

Hailey Remme and Sierra Schmuck grabbed five rebounds each for the Cards.

Box score

Schmuck 3 0 0-2 6, Remme 2 0 0-0 4 Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, Kneip 7 0 5-8 19, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Haugen 6 0 8-12 20, Hustoft 0 0 0-2 0, Rogers 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics

Luverne: 19 of 37 field goals (51 percent), 13 of 24 free throws (54 percent), 32 rebounds, eight turnovers SJ: 17 of 41 field goals (41 percent),



Jadyn Anderson puts up a shot in front of Pipestone's Shelby Bloemendaal during a Jan. 19 game in Luverne. The Arrows pulled away in the second half to secure a 62-50 win.

six of 15 free throws (40 percent), 16 rebounds, 12 turnovers

Pipestone 62, LHS 50

The Cardinals lost their sixth Big South Conference game of the season when they

entertained Pipestone Jan. 19. LHS played with the Arrows in the first half, but Pipestone outscored the hosts 31-20 in the second half to secure a 12-point win.

After surrendering the first two points of the contest, the Cards reeled off seven consecutive counters to gain a 7-2lead when Haugen drained one free throw at the 13:23 mark of the first half.

Pipestone countered with a 12-2 run to move in front by five (14-9) as the first half progressed, but the Cards answered the challenge with a 10-3 surge to regain the lead at 19-17 when Remme converted

a field goal in the paint with 6:16 remaining.

The Arrows bounced back to regain a five-point lead (31-26) with 56 seconds left in the stanza, but LHS scored the next four points and trimmed the difference to one (31-30) when Jadyn Anderson canned a field goal with nine seconds

Pipestone scored the first

Beat/continued on page 4B

Dragon wrestlers take down JCC Huskies, W-MLA Cobras

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling team went on the road to post a pair of convincing victories late last week.

The Dragons cruised to a 75-point victory in Windom Thursday before posting a 30-pointwin in Jackson Friday.

Adrian, 15-2 overall, hosts Tracy-Milroy-Balaton Tuesday.

Adrian 44, JCC 14

The Dragons picked up their 15th win of the season when they challenged the Jackson County Central Huskies Friday in Jackson.

Adrian won six of the 10 matches staged on the mat and drew two forfeits to secure a 30-point victory.

Adrian's Beau Bullerman (38 seconds over Cole Kapplinger), Greg Kern (1:05 over Grant Schlager), Skylar Hieronimus (56 seconds over Zach Poelart) and Michael Preuss (29 seconds over Sam Dunker) pinned their opponents.

Logan Nelson (15-2 over Logan Preuss) and Hunter Heitkamp (11-3 over Luke Pygman)wonmajor decisions for the Dragons.

Mitchell Wagner and Gavin Engelkes received forfeits.

Match wrap-up

106 (A) Bullerman pins Kapplinger. 113 (J) Heckard 13-4 Combs.

120 (A) Kern pins Schlager. 126 (A) Hieronimus pins Poelart. 132 (J) Tvinnereim 1-0 Elias. 138 (A) Nelson 15-2 Preuss.

145 (J) Wagner 7-2 Rogers. 152 (A) Preuss pins Dunker. 160 (A-J) open. 170 (A) Heitkamp 11-3 Pygman.

182 (A-J) open.

195 (J) Moore 18-7 Gyberg. 220 (A) Wagner by forfeit. 285 (A) Engelkes by forfeit.

AHS 74, W-ML-B-O 0

The Dragons dominated the mat during Thursday's win over Windom-Mountain Lake-Butterfield-Odin.

AHS registered team points in all 14 weight classes to set the stage for a 74-point victory.

Bullerman (3:51 over Kade Sammons), Kern (43 seconds over Zach Spinks), Marshall Taylor (1:13 over Josh Samdahl), Preuss (1:29 over Yanick Tade), Wagner (2:57 over Eli Mutz) and Dylan Gyberg (4:34 over Julio Guterriez) registered pins for the hosts.

Logan Rogers, Matt Slater, Heitkamp and Engelkes received forfeits for AHS, while Chandler Combs (12-1 over Hunter Ekstrom) and Nelson (9-1 over Jesse Jepsen) won major decisions.

Hieronimus (4-2 over Alex Borsgard) and Ryan Elias (6-3 over Evan Wiens) posted decision wins.

Match wrap-up 106 (A) Bullerman pins Sammons. 113 (A) Combs 12-1 Ekstrom. 120 (A) Kern pins Spinks.

126 (A) Hieronimus 4-2 Borsgard.

132 (A) Elias 6-3 Wiens. 138 (A) Taylor pins Samdahl.

152 (A) Rogers by forfeit. 160 (A) Preuss pins Tade.

170 (A) Slater by forfeit. 182 (A) Heitkamp by forfeit. 195 (A) Wagner pins Mutz.

220 (A) Gyberg pins Guterriez. 285 (A) Engelkes by forfeit.

LHS gymnasts split BSC contests on road

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team split a pair of Big South Conference meets on the road last week.

The Cardinals topped Redwood Valley in Redwood Falls by less than two points Jan. 19 before dropping an eightplus-point decision in Worthington Thursday.

Luverne, 10-5 overall, hosts Marshall Thursday.

WHS143.125,LHS134.375

The home-standing Trojans turned in a commandingperformance during Thursday's win over the Cardinals.

WHS athletes won all four individual event titles and the all-around championship during an eight-plus-point victory.

Madison Schandelmeier and Stephanie Pierce emerged as Luverne's lone place winners by finishing third and fourth respectively on the beam with 9.1 and 8.825 tallies.

Worthington's McKenna Pruntyearned the bars (8.7) and all-around (36.575) titles.

MariaContreras(9.425on the vault), Kara Thuringer (9.325 on the beam) and Taylor Eggers (9.425 on the floor) also won events for the Trojans.

Individual scores

Vault: Erin Sietsema, 9.025; Schandelmeier, 8.85; Bergin Flom, 8.725; Meghan Witte, 8.7; Pierce, 8.6. Bars: B.Flom, 7.925; Sietsema, 7.7 Schandelmeier, 7.7; Pierce, 7.475;

Beam: Schandelmeier, 9.1; Pierce, 8.825; B.Flom, 8.45; Madigan Flom,

7.875; Shelbie Nath, 7.625. Floor: Pierce, 8.95; Schandelmeier, 8.55; B.Flom, 8.275; Nath, 8.25;

LHS 132.525, RWV 131.075

The Cardinals notched their first conference win of the season when they nipped RWV by one-plus points Jan. 19 in Redwood Falls.

Three different LHS athletes won individual titles to help the Cardinals avenge a loss to RWV at a tournament earlier in the

Leading the charge for LHS, Schandelmeier won the all-around title (34.575) and took top honors on the bars (8.55). She also placed second on the floor and third $on the \, beam \, with \, respective \,$ 9.1 and 8.175 efforts.

Bergin Flom also had a big night for LHS that includes her winning the beam title with an 8.4.

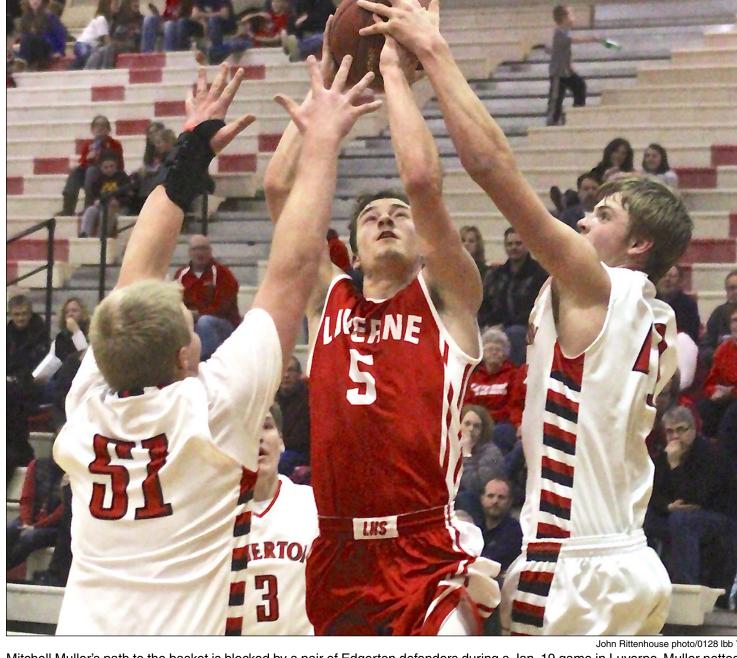
Flom also placed third on the bars (7.75) and finished fourth on the vault (8.8) and in the all-around competition (33.25).

Luverne's Erin Sietsema took top honors on the vault with a 9.0, while Pierce finished third on the floor with an 8.95.

Individual results Vault: Sietsema, 9.0; B.Flom, 8.8; Schandelmeier, 8.75; Meghan Witte,

Bars: Schandelmeier, 8.55; B.Flom, 7.75; Pierce, 7.2; Witte, 7.2; Sietsema, Beam: B.Flom, 8.4; Schandelmeier, 8.175; Shelbie Nath, 7.85; Pierce,

7.325; Madigan Flom, 7.225. Floor: Schandelmeier, 9.1; Pierce, 8.95; Nath, 8.425; B.Flom, 8.3; Witte,



Mitchell Muller's path to the basket is blocked by a pair of Edgerton defenders during a Jan. 19 game in Luverne. Muller netted nine points to help the Cardinals snap a six-game losing streak.

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occasions in the final 3:02, but that was as close as the Flying Dutchmen would come to catching the Cards.

Siebenahler (15 points and nine rebounds), Cole Bosch

(14 points and five rebounds), Overgaard (13 points and 10 rebounds) and Wohnoutka (11 points and three assists) led the Cards statistically.

Muller charted three assists

for the Cardinals.

Box score Overgaard 4 1 2-2 13, Muller 2 1 2-3 9, Wohnoutka 1 2 3-4 11, Curtis 0 0 2-4 2, Siebenahler 6 0 3-8 15, Wagner 0 0 1-2 1. Bosch 0 4 2-2 14.

Luverne: 21 of 43 field goals (49 percent), 15 of 25 free throws (60 percent), 29 rebounds, 11 turnovers. Edgerton: 22 of 56 field goals (39

percent), four of 11 free throws (36

Wrestlers wrap up 3-3 BSC slate in Marshall

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team competed at two events in a span of three days last week.

The Cardinals completed BigSouth Conference Western Division competition with a 3-3 record after splitting matches at the Marshall Triangular Thursday.

Luverne placed fifth as a team at the 13-squad Sanford Pentagon Wrestling Tournament in Sioux Falls Saturday.

The 7-11 Cards wrestle at a Triangular meet in Canby Saturday.

Pentagon tourney

The Cardinals placed fifth as a team and 10 wrestlers placed individually during Saturday's tournament in Sioux Falls.

LHS compiled 144 points to place fifth in a 13-team field that was led by Aberdeen Central, which captured the tournament title with 246.5 points.

Solomon Nielsen turned in Luverne's top effort by going 3-1 and placing second at 160. Nielsen won by technical fall over Sioux Falls Lincoln's

Braedon Treadway, pinned Sioux Falls O'Gorman's T.J. Scheafer in 2:29 and won by technical fall against Pipestone's McKinley Bush to reach the finals.

Sioux Falls Roosevelt's Kyle Yasgar topped Nielsen 5-0 in the finals.

Adam Fodness, Jeremiah Dooyema and Jakob Olson placed third at 145, 152 and 195 respectively.

Fodnesswent3-1, including a 9-5 win over Rock Valley's Alex Hash in the third-place match.

Dooyema went 4-1, including a pin (2:25) against Roosevelt's Josh Cid in the third-place match.

Olson went 4-1 and secured a 9-6 win over Roosevelt's Carter Carstens in the thirdplace match.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns (113) and Zach Luke (182) placed fourth with 3-2 marks

WillNatte(132)andBrandon Claussen (170) placed sixth with respective 3-2 and 2-3 records, while Riley Baker placed seventh with a 3-2

mark at 126. Nick Feit, Hunter Baker, Tom Brown and Matt Hup all went 0-2 at the event.

Marshall triangular

The Cardinals completed competition in the Big South Conference Western Division by splitting matches at the Marshall Triangular Thursday.

Luverne stunned Pipestone 40-36 in the opening match before falling 42-31 to the Tigers in the second round.

Six Cardinals posted 2-0 records during the evening.

Nielsen (3:57 over Pipestone's McKinley Bush and 1:37 over Marshall's Jaiden Bahr) and Olson (1:19 over Pipestone's Dustin Olsen and 3:18 over Marshall's Abdirzak Mohamed) pinned both of their opponents.

Jake Haugen pinned Pipestone's Emerson Winter in 1:14 and secured a 12-4 major decision over Marshall's William Gianelli, while Jeremiah Dooyema pinned Marshall's Collin Noriega and posted a 10-4 win over Pipestone's Jesse Fenton.

Fodness posted a 10-2 major decision against Pipestone's Bill Olsen before handing Marshall's Devyn Martzloff a 7-4 setback.

Riley Baker won decisions against Pipestone's Josh Homann (6-1) and Marshall's Zach Stahl (6-4)

Oeltjenbruns, Jed Dooyema and Luke went 1-1 for the Cards, Matt Hup went 0-1 and Hunter Baker and Claussen went 0-2.

Match wrap-ups LHS 40, Pipestone 36

106 (P) Lange pins H.Baker. 113 (P) Burnett by forfeit.

120 (P) Suda pins Oeltjenbruns. 126 (L) R.Baker 6-1 Homann. 132 (L) Jd.Dooyema pins Westfield. 138 (L) Haugen pins Winter.

145 (L) Fodness 10-2 Olsen. 152 (L) Jr.Dooyema 10-4 Fenton 160 (L) Nielsen pins Bush. 170 (P) Ploeger pins Claussen. 182 (L) Luke pins Vanderwal.

195 (L) Olson pins Olsen 220 (P) Arndt by forfeit. 285 (P) Wolters by forfeit.

Marshall 42, LHS 31 106 (M) La Eh pins H.Baker. 113 (L) Oeltjenbruns 6-4 Khee Lar. 120 (M) Wambeke by forfeit. 126 (L) R.Baker 6-4 Stahl. 132 (M) Semler pins Jd.Dooyema 138 (L) Haugen 12-4 Gianelli. 145 (L) Fodness 7-4 Martzloff. 152 (M) Gregoire pins Hup. 160 (L) Jr.Dooyema pins Noriega.

170 (L) Nielsen pins Bahr. 182 (M) Maxwell pins Luke 195 (L) Olson pins Mohamed. 220 (L-M) open. 285 (M) Otto by forfeit.

run of victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team picked up its third consecutive victory Saturday in Westbrook.

Taking on the Westbrook-Walnut Grove Chargers on their home floor, the Panthers overcame a halftime deficit to register a 52-45 win.

After falling behind 28-26 in the first half, Ellsworth bounced back to outscore W-WG 26-17 in the final 18 minutes of the game to prevail by seven points.

Devin Dreesen (20 points

and five rebounds) and Megan Popkes (16 points, 10 rebounds, six steals and five assists) led the Panthers statistically.

Ashlyn Meester and Hannah Kramer collected seven and five rebounds respectively.

The 3-9 Panthers host Mountain Lake Area Friday.

Box score Dreesen 5 1 7-13 20, Popkes 4 2 2-12 16, Smith 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics Ellsworth: 15 of 38 field goals (39

percent), 19 of 39 free throws (49 percent), 31 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

Cardinal hockey team falls in overtime

Panther girls extend

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey teamreceived agut-wrenching loss Saturday in New Prague.

After playing with the lead most of the game, LHS surrenderedthetyinggoalwith 4:36 remaining in regulation play before dropping a 9-8 decision when the Trojans produced the game-winning tally 3:24 into overtime.

The loss leaves the Cards with a 15-5 record, and it wasn't a typical setback.

Luverne sported a four-goal lead in the game's second period and the Cards led by three goals (7-4) when Spencer Swier netted an unassisted goal at 2:37 into the third period.

New Prague didn't give up the fight.

Alex Gregor (a power-play tally) and Zach Davis scored goals 36 seconds apart to make it a 7-6 game before Luverne's Declan Beers scored his second goal of the game with 10:03 remaining to give

the Cards an 8-6 lead.

New Prague's Alec Gregor trimmed the difference to one (8-7) at the 8:00 mark by scoring on a penalty shot and Kyle Skaja knotted the score at eight with 20 seconds remaining in regulation play.

Zach Skaja settled the issue when he scored the game-winning goal 3:24 into overtime

LHS took a 2-0 lead when Nick Harder and Jaxon Nelson each found the net in the first 7:11 of the contest, but Davis countered for the Trojans with 7:14 remaining to cap the scoring in the first period.

Luverne increased its lead to 5-1 when Nick Behrend, Nelson (an unassisted, powerplay tally) and Beers scored goals 3:39 apart in the first six minutes of the second period.

New Prague answered the challenge by scoring the next three goals (two power-play goals by Alex Gregor and an unassisted tally by Sam Gregor) to make it a 5-4 game with 6:59 left in the second stanza.

Nelson capped the scoring in the period by completing a hat trick with 6:05 remaining to give the Cards a 6-4 lead they would take into the third period.

LHS, which sported a 32-25 advantage in shots on goal, received a 16-save effort from Kaden Ericson.

Beers and Kasyn Kruse registered two assists for LHS, while Jesse Reed, Erik Tofteland and Behrend charted one assist each.

LHS hosts New Ulm Friday.

Ellsworth boys post conference conquest Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys basketball team split a pair of road games over the weekend.

The Panthers posted a 17-point win over Red Rock Central in Lamberton before falling by 15 points to Freeman, South Dakota, during the Midco Sports Network Classic staged Saturday at Dakota State University in Madison.

Ellsworth, 5-13 overall, hosts Fulda for a conference game Thursday.

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Freeman 72, Ellsworth 57

The Panthers were unable to win consecutive games when they took on Freeman at Dakota State University in Madison Saturday.

Freeman outscored Ellsworth in both halves of a 15-point victory.

EHS trailed 36-25 at the intermission before being outscored 36-32 in the second half.

Malik Herman (21 points, 15 rebounds and four assists)

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and Trei Hinrichs (17 points, five rebounds and four assists) played well for the Panthers.

BobbyWalkowaikaddedfive rebounds and Jared Leuthold four assists to Ellsworth's cause.

Box score

Kruse 2 0 0-0 4, Wallenburg 0 0 0-0 0, Leuthold 2 0 1-2 5, Curtis 0 0 0-0 0, Walkowaik 1 0 0-0 2, K.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, Hinrichs 4 3 0-0 17, S.Kramer 0 0 0-0 0, Boyenga 0 0 0-0 0, Herman 9 0 3-7 21, B.Kramer 2 0 0-0 4, Buntjer 2 0 0-0 4.

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Ellsworth 67, RRC 50 The Panthers earned their

Ellsworth: 25 of 66 field goals (38

percent), three of 22 free throws (14 percent), 39 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

percent), eight of 18 free throws (44 percent), 40 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

Team statistics

fourth Red Rock Conference win of the season when they upended the Falcons by 17 points in Lamberton Friday.

Ellsworth, which converted 54 percent of its field goals, got off to a good start by opening

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New points leader

would give up title

H-BC girls extend recent run of victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls are riding a run of four consecutive victories after posting three wins since Thursday.

The Patriots topped Murray County Central by five points in Hills Thursday before upending Mountain Lake Area by six points Saturday in Mountain Lake. H-BC capped the stretch by strolling to a 19-pointwin over Central Lyon Monday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

The 11-3 Patriots host Pipestone Thursday.

H-BC 61, CL 42

A big first half sent the Patriots on their way to victory over the Lions Monday in Rock

H-BC gained control of the contest by rolling to a 33-15 lead in the first half.

The Patriots used a 28-27 scoring cushion in the second half to win by 19 points at game's end.

Avery Van Roekel (19 points, six rebounds and six assists), Sidney Fick (18 points and five rebounds) and Grace Bundesen (12 points and seven rebounds) played well in the win for H-BC.

Jasmine Lingen grabbed seven rebounds and Paige Tilstra recorded four assists for the Patriots, who host Pipestone Thursday.

Tilstra 0 1 0-0 3, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 2 1 0-0 7, Fick 9 0 0-1 18, Bundesen 5 0 2-3 12, Van Roekel 8 0 3-5 19, Rozeboom

Team statistics H-BC: 27 of 46 field goals (59 percent), five of nine free throws (56 percent), 34 rebounds, 22 turnovers. CL: 17 of 58 field goals (29 percent),

six of 11 free throws (55 percent), 20 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

H-BC 41, MLA 35

The Patriots notched their seventh Red Rock Conference game of the season when they topped the Wolverines by five points in Mountain Lake



H-BC's Grace Bundesen prepares to release a shot as she is being contested by Murray County Central's Rachel Siedschlag during Thursday's game in Hills.

Saturday.

Strong defensive play helped the Patriots open a 23-14 halftime advantage.

The Wolverines sported a 21-18 scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to overcome H-BC's early success.

Van Roekel (12 points, eight rebounds and three assists) led H-BC statistically.

Kourtney Rozeboom, Fick and Bundesen charted 10, seven and five rebounds respectively, while Lingen passed for three assists.

Box score

Tilstra 0 1 0-0 3, Spath 0 1 3-6 6, Lingen 2 0 0-0 4, Fick 4 0 1-2 9, Gehrke 0 0 0-0 0, Van Roekel 4 0 4-6 12, Rozeboom 3 0 1-5 7, Bundesen 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics H-BC: 15 of 41 field goals (37 percent), nine of 19 free throws (47 percent), 36 MLA: 10 of 51 field goals (20 percent), 12 of 17 free throws (71 percent), 23 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

H-BC 36, MCC 31

The Patriots survived a challenge offered by the Rebels before posting a fivepoint home win over MCC Thursday.

H-BC opened a 13-point $lead in the \, early \, stages \, of a \, RRC$ game against Murray County Central, but that proved to be the highlight of the night for the Patriots.

ThevisitingRebelsremained in contention the rest of the night before falling at game's

H-BC scored the first six points of the contest and made it look like the Patriots would coast to a victory when Van Roekelregisteredafieldgoalat the 13:06 mark of the first half to give the hosts a 14-1 lead.

MCC, however, went on a 10-3 run to trim the difference to sixpoints (17-11) before Van Roekel converted three-point play with 7.6 seconds left to give H-BC a 20-11 halftime

The Patriots scored the first two points of the second half to up the lead to 22-11, but the pesky Rebels wouldn't give up the fight.

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for team success A Luverne High School senior made history at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Jan. Senior Makayla Sterrett became the all-time leading point-producer during the course of a thrilling come-frombehind win over the evening.

Marshall Tigers that Needing two points to surpass her first cousin, 2005 LHS graduate Natalie Domagala, who registered 356 points during a stellar high school hockey career, Sterrett got the job done

against the Tigers. She registered two goals and two assists in the third period to help the Cardinals overcome a 3-1 deficit to pull out a 5-4

When the game was complete, Sterrett stood alone as Luverne's alltime leading scorer with 359 career points.

"This never was a goal of mine," Sterrett stated, when asked about what it was like to be a history maker at LHS.

"It just happened and it's kind of crazy. I made it a goal once I started getting close to Natalie's record, but it wasn't something I was thinking about at the beginning of the year."

"It is an awesome feeling," she continued.

"There are not very many people who can say they lead our school in anything. The nice thing about it was Natalie was there the night it happened. At least it (the career points record) will

From the **SIDELINES**

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

stay in the family." Now that she has earned her place in Cardinal girls' hockey history, Sterrett and her Cardinal teammates can set their sights on a goal they have shared collectively since the beginning of the season.

The 2015-16 squad wants to become the first LHS team to win the Section 3A title and advance to the state tournament.

Sterrett, who currently ranks second in the state in assists and third in points this winter, believes the Cardinals can reach their collective goal in a couple of weeks.

"This is our year and we are going to make it happen," she said.

"We all are excited about the section tournament and we like our chances going into it. We're going to make it happen. I just know we are."

Claiming the school's first section title would be more meaningful to Sterrett than what she has accomplished individually.

"It's one thing to make history for yourself. It's another thing to make history as a team," Sterrett said.

"I would give it up (the points record) in a second if it means we could win the section title as a team."

Patriot boys break even in road contests

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketballteamwent 1-1 when the Patriots played a pair of games Saturday and Monday.

H-BCtoppedViborg-Hurley by 11 points during Saturday's Midco Sports Network Shootout at Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. H-BC fell by 22 points to Central Lyon Monday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

H-BC, 7-10 overall, plays in Okabena Thursday.

CL 68, H-BC 46

H-BC's bid to win a third consecutive game went unrewarded Monday in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Taking on Central Lyon on

its home floor, the Patriots came up on the short end of a 22-point decision.

The Lions pulled away from H-BC late in the first half to open a 38-24 advantage.

When CL outscored the Patriots 30-22 in the second half, a 22-point victory was complete.

Zach Scholten turned in a 15-point, eight-rebound, three-blocked-shot effort for the Patriots.

Stuart Plimpton charted three assists.

Box score

Vaughn 0 1 0-0 3, Burgers 0 0 2-2 2, Vis 2 0 2-2 6, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Plimpton 0 0 3-4 3, Wilhelmi 0 1 2-3 5, Kueter 0 1 0-0 3, Scholten 6 1 0-3 15, Dr.Forshey 1 0 2-3 4, Raymon 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

H-BC: 15 field goals made, 12 of 20 free throws (60 percent), 21 rebounds, 18 turnovers. CL: 21 rebounds, eight turnovers.

H-BC 62, V-H 51

The Patriots notched a victory at DSU in Madison Saturday when they upended Viborg-Hurley at 11 points.

The Hills-Beaver Creekboys' basketball team posted a win at the Midco Sports Network Shootout at Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota, Saturday.

H-BC met Viborg-Hurley in the first game of the event. The Patriots outscored V-H

in both halves of a 62-51

H-BC led 32-27 after 18

minutes of play before using a 30-24 scoring cushion in the second half to clinch an 11-point win.

Isaiah Vis (20 points and nine rebounds) and Scholten (18 points and 10 rebounds) led the Patriots offensively.

Trenton Bass pulled down nine rebounds, and Cooper Vaughn charted six assists.

Vaughn 2 0 0-0 4, Burgers 0 2 0-0 6, Vis 8 0 4-12 20, Plimpton 1 0 3-4 5, Bass 1 0 1-2 3, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Scholten 8 0 2-2 18, Dr.Forshey

Team statistics H-BC: 25 of 67 field goals (37 percent), 10 of 22 free throws (45 percent), 45 rebounds, 15 turnovers. V-H: 19 of 54 field goals (35 percent),

seven of 23 free throws (30 percent),

50 rebounds, 26 turnovers.

rebounds and three assists)

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second half, their 17-point victory was complete. Herman (31 points, 11

a 28-17 lead in the first half.

When the Panthers

outscored RRC 39-33 in the

and Hinrichs (13 points, six assists and five rebounds) carried the load offensively for EHS.

Walkowaik (seven rebounds), Zach Buntjer

(five rebounds), Leuthold (three assists) and Brandon Kramer (three assists) turned in productive nights as well.

Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Leuthold 2 0 5-6 9, Walkowaik 1 0 1-3 3, Hinrichs 0 3 4-6 13, Herman 12 0 7-10 31, Kramer 4 0 1-1 9. Buntier 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics Ellsworth: 22 of 41 field goals (54 percent), 17 of 26 free throws (65 percent), 35 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

Dragon girls slay Iowa opponent Thursday

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team posted its eighth win of the season Thursday in Adrian.

Taking on Iowa opponent George-Little Rock in a game that was postponed Dec. 12, the Dragons sported slim scoring advantages in both halves of a 46-40 victory.

The Dragons led 25-24 at the break before outscoring G-LR 21-16 in the second half to prevail by five points.

Jodi Bents (22 points, seven rebounds and five steals) and Paige Bullerman (12 points and five rebounds) led AHS to victory.

Hannah Bullerman notched five assists for the 8-6 Dragons, who host Edgerton Friday.

H.Bullerman 0 1 0-0 3, J.Hokeness 1 0 0-1 2, Tweet 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 2 5 2-2 21, Kunkel 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 1 0 2-2 4, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Sjogren 1 0 0-0 2, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 1 0 0-0 2, P.Bullerman 4 0 4-6 12

Adrian: 16 of 41 field goals (39 percent), eight of 11 free throws (73 percent), 21 rebounds, 21 turnovers

G-LR: 16 of 34 field goals (47 percent), seven of 11 free throws (64 percent), 19 rebounds, 27 turnovers



SPORTS BRIEF

Weis shines A2013 Luverne High School graduate found success at the South Dakota State University Invitational in Brookings over

the weekend. Alex Weis, a member of the Southwest Minnesota State University track program in Marshall, won the weight throw and placed second in the shot put in Brookings.

Weis recently set the SMSU record in the weight throw.



Madisyn Dingmann

Sport: Hockey

Position: Wing Parents: Dan and Monica Dingmann Favorite Subject: Anatomy

Extra-Curricular Activities: Spanish Club, Volleyball, Softball, National Honor

Future Plans: Attend South Dakota State University for Pharmacy



Jacob Van Santen

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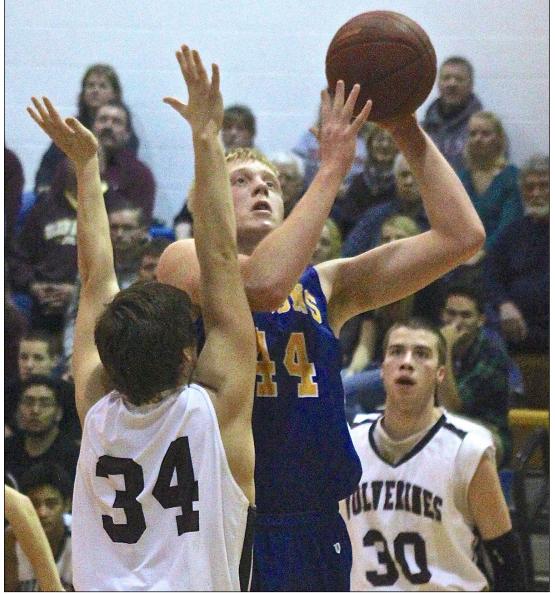
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Adrian junior post Mitchell Lonneman turned in a 20-point, eight-rebound performance during Friday's home game against Mountain Lake Area. MLA posted a 73-41 victory.

Wolverines roll over Adrian boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team ran into a wrecking crew when the Dragons entertained the Mountain Lake Area Wolverines for a game Friday in Adrian.

MLA, a team that currently stands in second placed in the Red Rock Conference standings, lived up to the billing in Adrian.

The Wolverines outscored AHS in both halves of the game to secure a 73-41 victory.

Adrian sported a 3-2 lead when Mitchell Lonneman converted a three-point play 2:25 into the game, and the Dragons still led by one (5-4) three minutes into the contest.

The Wolverines moved in front to stay when they put together a 14-3 run to open an 18-8 advantage at the 10:28 mark of the first half.

Adrian trimmed the difference to seven (18-11) $when Lonneman\, sank one free$ throw at 9:16, but that proved to be as close as the Dragons would come to catching the Wolverines.

MLA ended the first half with a 30-10 run to sport a commanding 48-21 advantage at the intermission. Adrian trimmed the

difference to 25 points twice in the first 3:50 of the second half.

MLA, however, increased its lead to 38 points (65-27) and

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went on to win by 32 in a game that was played under running time in the final eight minutes.

Lonneman led the Dragons with 20 points and eight rebounds in the contest.

The 5-11 Dragons host MCC Thursday.

Box score

Stamer 0 0 0-0 0, Serrao 2 0 0-2 4, Bierman 1 0 0-0 2, White 0 0 0-0 0, A.Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Varley 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 0 1 0-0 3, N.Lonneman 0 0 0-0 0, Hendel 2 0 3-6 7, Z.Loosbrock 0 1 0-0 3, Wieneke 0 0 2-2 2, Werman 0 0 0-0 0, M.Lonneman 6 0 8-11 20, Swank 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics

Adrian: 13 of 42 field goals (31 percent), 13 of 22 free throws (59 percent), 24 rebounds, 19 turnovers. MLA: 29 of 63 field goals (46 percent), 10 of 17 free throws (59 percent), 28

rebounds, eight turnovers.

from page 3B_ MCC went on a 10-2 run to

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trim the difference to three points (24-21) with 9:02 left to play.

H-BC upped the lead to seven points at two different occasions late in the game and led by nine (36-27) when Fick buried a pair of charity shots with 48.5 seconds left.

MCC scored the final four

Van Roekel (15 points and five rebounds) and Fick (10 points and four steals) led H-BC offensively.

Bundesen collected five caroms and Tilstra added four steals to the winning cause.

Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 1 0 0-0 2, Spath 0 0 0-0 0, Lingen 1 0 0-0 2, Fick 3 0 4-8 10, Bundesen 2 0 1-2 5, Van Roekel 6 0 3-4 15, Rozeboom 1 0 0-0 2.

Team statistics H-BC: 14 of 36 field goals (39 percent), eight of 14 free throws (57 percent), 20 MCC: 12 of 44 field goals (27 percent), seven of 12 free throws (58 percent), 24 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

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five points of the second half before Luverne rallied to trim the difference to one (40-39) when Remme scored at the 11:56 mark.

The Arrows took over the game at that point by mounting a 13-3 run to open a 10-point (53-43) cushion with 6:31 left to play.

Luverne closed the margin to eight points twice in the ensuing minutes, but the Arrows led by as many as 14 points late in the game before winning by 12 in the end.

Haugen (20 points and fours steals), Kneip (11 points, nine rebounds and three steals) and Remme (11 points) led LHS statistically.

Box score

Schmuck 1 0 0-0 2, Remme 5 0 1-2 11, Anderson 2 0 0-0 4, Kneip 5 0 1-2 11, Jacobsma 0 0 0-0 0, Haugen 6 0 8-11 20, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0, Rogers 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics

Luverne: 19 of 36 field goals (53 percent), 12 of 17 free throws (71 percent), 27 rebounds, 25 turnovers. Pipestone: 24 of 55 field goals (44 percent), seven of 14 free throws (50 percent), 23 rebounds, 12 turnovers.

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Patriot boys turn table on Ellsworth

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team avenged a loss to Ellsworth in early December by defeating the Panthers 67-53 in Hills.

The Patriots raced to a commanding 40-13 lead in the first half and withstood Ellsworth's 40-27 scoring cushion in the second half to prevail by 14 points.

Andrew Scholten (18 points and nine rebounds), Cooper Vaughn (six rebounds and five assists), Isaiah Vis (seven rebounds) and Drew Forshey (seven rebounds) led H-BC statistically.

Trei Hinrichs (19 points, six rebounds and four assists), Malik Herman (15 points) and Jared Leuthold (11 points and four assists) played well for the Panthers.

Adrian wrestlers topple Canby

The Adrian wrestling team notched its 13th win of the season by upending the Canby Lancers 59-18 in Adrian.

Adrian won 10 of the 13 matches staged on the mat to highlight a 41-point win.

Beau Bullerman, Greg Kern, Skylar Hieronimus, Ryan Elias, Michael Preuss, Hunter Heitkamp and Mitchell Wagner registered pins for AHS. Logan Nelson and Dylan Gyberg won major decisions, while Logan Rogers won a decision.

Worthington girls snap Adrian's winning streak

A six-game winning streak put together by the Adrian girls' basketball team came to an end with a 58-47 loss to Worthington in Adrian.

The Dragons were in position to pull out a win when they trailed 29-28 at the intermission, but the Trojans outscored the hosts 29-19 in the second half to prevail by 11 points.

Jodi Bents (10 points and three assists), Hannah Bullerman (10 points), Lexi Slater (11 rebounds) and Paige Bullerman (seven rebounds and three steals) led AHS statistically.

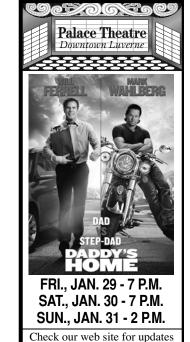
Adrian boys nip Heron Lake-Okabena

The Adrian Dragon boys' basketball team picked up a Red Rock Conference victory by nipping Heron Lake-Okabena 53-52 in Okabena.

The home-standing Wildcats led 31-26 at halftime, but the Dragons rallied to outscore HL-O 27-21 in the second half to prevail by one point.

Mitchell Lonneman (12 points and 11 rebounds), Zach Hendel (11 points and seven rebounds) and Jacob Stamer (three steals and three assists) led the Dragons to victory.





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St. Catherine Catholic Church 203 E. Brown St., Luverne St. Catherine Ph.: 283-8502 St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth

Thursday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. Friday, Jan. 29: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. 4:30-7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Saturday, Jan. 30. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Ellsworth. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine.

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

Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Feb. 3: 2 p.m. Faith Builders Bible Study.

Roger Sparks, Pastor Sunday, Jan. 31:9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. Sunday school and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 1: 9 a.m. PERK UP - Pizza Ranch. 7 p.m. Bridal shower for Gretchen Schneekloth. Tuesday, Feb. 2: 9:30 a.m.

7 p.m. GEM and Cadets.

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

Thursday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 29: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Faith Baptist Church. Sunday, Jan. 31: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Feb. 2: 7: a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Wednesday, Feb. 3: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Feb. 4: noon Senior Focus potluck. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church 500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 28: 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle at Church. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary $Jane\,Brown\,Home.\,4:30\,p.m.\,Book\,Study.\,7:30\,p.m.\,Priscilla/Elizabeth\,at\,TBA.\,Friday,$ Jan. 29: 6:30 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Saturday, Jan. 30: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall rented for figure skating photos. 5:30 p.m. Worship and Healing Service. Sunday, Jan. 31: 8:15 a.m. Worship, Healing Service, and Radio. 9:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship. 9:30 a.m. Adult Study – Sunday School. 10:45 a.m. Worship and Healing Service. Monday, Feb. 1: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 3: No Mentor Night. 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 7 p.m. Grades 6-9 Final Confirmation. Thursday, Feb. 4: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee.

Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com

Thursday, Jan. 28: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m./9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Feb. 3: No Rebekah Circle. 6:30 p.m. Catechism class. Thursday, Feb. 4: 5 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Sunday, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 220 N. Cedar St., Luverne

 $Sundays: 10:30\ a.m.\ Worship\ Service; Fellowship\ after\ service.\ Wednesdays: 6:30$ p.m. Bible Study. Our Mission Statement: Historic Holy Trinity strives to serve God and our community through worship, stewardship and friendship. Contact Emily Lodine Overgaard at (507) 227-6175 for information. Come as you are — our leader wore sandals.

First Assembly of God Church 1075 110th Ave., 2 miles west of Luverne on County Rd. 4 Kenneth and Gloria Kashner, Pastors

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

United Methodist Church 109 N. Freeman Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4529; email: luverneumc@iw.net

Thursday, Jan. 28: 11 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association at UMC. 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Saturday, Jan. 30: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Sunday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Bible Study in the Upper Room. 11:00 a.m. Come as You Are. 3 p.m. Membership Class. 4:30 p.m. Bait of Satan Bible Study. 6:30 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. youth group. Monday, Feb. $1:7\ p.m.\ Living\ Beyond\ Yourself\ Bible\ Study.\ Tuesday,\ Feb.\ 2:9\ a.m.\ Folding\ Team-p.m.\ Folding\ Team-p.m.\ Folding\ Team-p.m.\ Folding\ Team-p.m.\ Feb.\ 2:9\ a.m.\ 2:9\ a.m$ Messenger Newsletter Assembly. Wednesday, Feb. 3. No Confirmation Class. 6 p.m. Meal for F.U.E.L. students and families. 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. Children's Ministry. 8 p.m. AA Meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, Feb. 4: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

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

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Jan. 28: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Jan. 29: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 1: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 2: 7 p.m. Elders meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 3: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. LWML Meeting. Thursday, Feb. 4: Zion Worship on Channel 3.

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Annual meeting and meal. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. Wednesday, Feb. 3: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Stewardship. Property. Choir. 8 p.m. Christian Education. Worship. Thursday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Executive Committee.

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

Thursday, Jan. 28: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 p.m. Rock County Ministerial Association. Friday, Jan. 29: Pastor's Family Day. Saturday, Jan. 30: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship Night. Monday, Feb. 1: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors Conference. 7:30 p.m. Elders Meeting. Tuesday, Feb. 2: 1 p.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Quilting; Adult Instruction Class. Wednesday, Feb. 3: 9 a.m. Little Lambs devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:30 p.m. Catechism; High School to Pipestone for Biblical Battle Ax. 7 p.m. Kids for Christ; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Feb. 4: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 2 p.m. Women' Society.

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 211 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet

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

at various times and days.

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 Ray Heidenson, Pastor

Sunday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Worship Service. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 3: 7 p.m. Choir practice.

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

Ray Heidenson, Pastor Sunday, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11:30

a.m. Annual meeting. Noon Potluck Fellowship Dinner.

Velda Maine will speak in Adrian.

First Presbyterian Church 201 S. 3rd St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. (507) 673-2428 - Iori.1stpc@centurylink.net Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle - Third Thursday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821

adrmagumc@frontiernet.net--www.adrianmagnoliaumc.comKristi Franken, Pastor Thursday, Jan. 28: Newsletter will be printed. Friday, Jan. 29: Newsletter will be addressed and mailed. Sunday, Jan. 31: Mary Smook will speak in Magnolia.

Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336

Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor Sunday, Jan. 31: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, Feb. 3: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Interim Pastor Grant Fisher 112 N. Main St., Hills **Hills United Reformed Church**

Sunday, Jan. 31: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Feb. 2: 10:30 a.m. Text Study. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Village. Wednesday, Feb. 3: Bethlehem Serving at The Banquet in Sioux Falls; Confirmation class helps serve. 7 p.m. Church Boards. 8 p.m. Church Council.

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

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

Choosing leader to follow

Peace and joy be to you this election year! We get to share in the privilege of electing those



people that will lead our nation for the next several years. Some people might think that this is a political subject and a pastor should not be involved in such matters, but is not our God the God who rules over heaven and earth? Is He not the One who appoints all leaders of governments and the church (Romans 13:1)? Did He not give dominion over all that He created to Adam and Eve as His representatives (Genesis 1:26)? If this is all true, then we share in the responsibilities of governing our nation, and the leaders that are chosen are to serve as God's representatives.

Choosing good representatives has never been easy. In the Old Testament, Israel wanted a king to rule over them like the other nations. Samuel had been leading them as God's representative, but he was getting old and his sons were dishonest and wicked. The people wanted a king like the other nations. So Samuel went to God in prayer and was told to give the people what they wanted. But God warned them first that it was going to cost them much more than what they had been paying up to this point (1 Samuel 8:10-18). They would have to pay more in taxes to support the king and his government. Their children would be put into service to serve the needs of the king. Their best land and crops would be taken over by the king. All of the people would become slaves to the authority of the king. In the end they still wanted a king to rule over them like the

other nations. Israel's first king, Saul, was a man of God to begin with, but over time he was overwhelmed by the power and authority of being king. He lost sight of God as his leader. When it came to choosing the second king, Samuel was directed by God to look at the heart rather than the outward appearance (1 Samuel 16:7). A young man with humility and faith was chosen to lead God's people. David was a shepherd boy, the youngest son of Jesse. He was not a perfect man but when he sinned, he was

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By Gary Klatt, Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church

willing to admit it and turn back to God for forgiveness and proper direction. He was a man of God and was not ashamed to let the people know that God was really the one in charge.

There was still a greater King to come, and when He came, He did not measure up to anyone's expectations for a king except for God. Isaiah 53 (1-4, 10-11) describes Him as not having any form or majesty that people might expect of a king. He was despised and rejected by men. He even appeared to be smitten and afflicted by God. But this was the King chosen and anointed by God, for this King would never lose sight of who was in charge. He submitted Himself to obey and follow every Word of God that had been spoken about Him and to Him. This King is Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man. He came to lead all of mankind back to the ways of God, our Creator and Lord. He sacrificed His will and life to fulfill the Will of God. He did not give the people what they wanted but what they needed. He was rewarded for His obedience when He was raised from the dead and then welcomed home to sit at the right hand of His Father in heaven, where He still reigns and rules for all of eternity.

There will never be another earthly ruler like Jesus. We don't need a second Jesus. What we do need in our leaders today are people who are not afraid to follow Jesus in His submission to the Will of God. For God's Will covers all people, not just those who believe in Him. His Will is for the good of all people and shows no favoritism to anyone. God's desire is to save all people so that they can know His love here and in eternity.

When you cast your vote for the next leaders of this great nation at every level of government, try to seek God's Will and discern the heart and not just the outward appearance or promises. God can do marvelous things with anyone who will listen to and follow Him.

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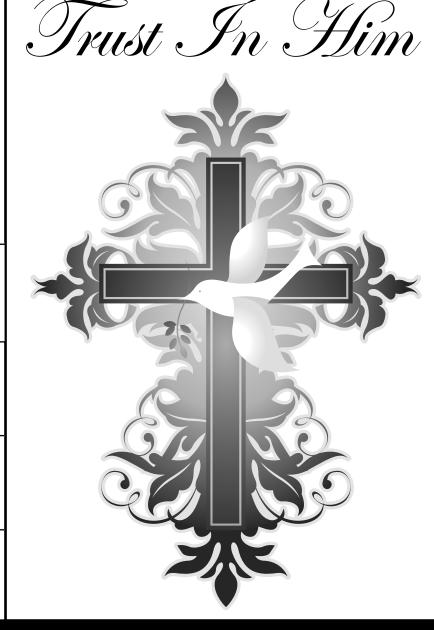
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Par Herald VIBLIC NOTICES

Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 22

Herreid Board Room Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M. December 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyenga with all Commissioners present.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the December 22, 2015 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Hoime, to approve the December 1, 2015 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. SWHHS Contract for Tobacco Ordinance Compliance

2. 2016 County meeting schedule

January 05 July 05 January 19 July 19 February 02 August 02 February 16 August 16 March 08 September 06 March 22 September 20 April 05 October 04 April 19 October 18 May 03 November 08 May 17

June 07

November 22

December 13

June 21 December 27 Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to authorize a 2% COLA increase for non-union employees, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the 2016 Cafeteria Contribution of \$652.70 per month, declared carried on a voice vote.

Dave Haugom, Veterans Service Officer, presented a program activity update; as to date. Rock County has 693 veterans and receives \$5.7 million in federal benefits. In addition to the weekly case load of 20-24 cases, Haugom continues to try different approaches for the outreach programming.

The County Board was in receipt of an SWCD liaison meeting update where staffing and inter-departmental functions between LMO, NRCS and SWCD were discussed; a joint meeting with each respective board and state and federal representatives will be forthcoming in 2016. Also identified that LMO staff feel confident that they can keep up with workload volume.

The Administrator presented a recycling update stating that feedback from Millennium has been good and that they have offered to assist with additional marketing in the promotion of single sort recycling.

Oltman Honken, General Contractor, Library Representative Marcia Bork and Serena Gutnik, Director presented bids from Honken Construction and Barry Petit, Architect for SBP Designs for the Library renovation; after considerable discussion, motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to table all action until the January 5, 2016 County Board meeting, declared carried on a voice vote.

Greta Vander Brink, A. C. E. local coordinator, introduced Norma Brands to the County Board; Ms. Brands is Vander Brink's successor and has begun her duties as the local A. C. E. Coordinator. The County Board congratulated Vander Brink on her retirement and welcomed Brands as the new coordinator

Mark Sehr, Engineer, informed the County Board that he has been in touch with Banner Engineering regarding the status the repairs to township roads due to the construction of the Lewis & Clark project; Banner Engineering indicates they will make the necessary repairs as weather permits.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the final payment of \$225,653.19 to Hardrives Inc. for the 2015 mill/overlay projects, declared carried on a

voice vote. Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the final payment of \$11,151.25 to Henning Construction for the 150th Ave/DNR Park Road project in Vienna

Township, declared carried on a voice vote.

Ashley Kurtz, Auditor/Treasurer, presented the claims and per diems of \$900.00; motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote. A complete listing of the claims is available upon request at the Auditor/Treasurer's Office.

Claims Listing: A & B BUSINESS INC 3,653.60 AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC 2,320.00 CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP 4,259.12 COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC 5,719.00 **EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE** 5,490.09 **GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON** 3,330.85 KETTERLING SERVICES INC 8,435.88 LUVERNE/CITY OF 5,812.03 LYON COUNTY LANDFILL 14,673.72 NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER 4,759.23 NORTH CENTRAL BUS & EQUIPMENT INC 71,008.00 16,882.50 REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA REKER CONSTRUCTION & AGGREGATE LLC 24,783.13 **ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES** 2,370.78 RUPP CONSTRUCTION CO INC 3,854.56 SHORT-ELLIOTT-HENDRICKSON, INC 4,664.10 TEXAS REFINERY CORP 4,594.46 W & N CONSTRUCTION INC 2,439.57 WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING & ASSOC, INC 6,375.00 ZIEGLER INC 5.431.71 LIBRARY CONSULTING 5,370.00 Payments less than 2000 57,499.67

\$263,727.00 Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve contract payment to Winter Brothers for \$39,172.45 for the Rock County Rural Water expansion project, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to pay claims on 12/31/2015, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to approve the 1-year letter of engagement with the State Auditor's Office to conduct the 2015 audit, declared carried

Motion by Reisch, seconded by Thompson, to set the 2016 levy at \$5,153,362, a 2.88% increase, declared carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Boyenga voting nay

,	GENERAL	HIGHWAY	FAMILY SERVICES	LAND MANAGEMENT	DITCH	DEBT SERVICE	2016 TOTAL
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	2,858,246	786,495	1,154,337	26,128	-	328,156	5,153,362
Other Taxes	34,600	230,000	-	-	-	469,540	734,140
Special Assessments	-	-	-	207,771	94,040	-	301,811
Licenses and Permits	5,400	-	-	43,700	-	-	49,100
Intergovernmental	476,138	1,236,713	36,740	382,162	-	10,444	2,142,197
Charges for Services	1,283,584	392,500	-	3,200	-	-	1,679,284
Fines & Forfeitures	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Investment Earnings	55,000	7,000	-	-	-	-	62,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	201,500	10,000	-	14,288	-	-	225,788
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,915,668	\$ 2,662,708	\$ 1,191,077	\$ 677,249	\$ 94,040	\$ 808,140	\$ 10,348,882
EXPENDITURES							
General Government	2,289,854	-	-	52,489	-	-	2,342,343
Public Safety	1,831,927	-	-	-	-	-	1,831,927
Highway	-	2,313,608	-	-	-		2,313,608
Sanitation	-	349,100	-	320,922	-	-	670,022
Family Services	-	-	1,191,077	-	-	-	1,191,077
Health	16,800	-	-	-	-	-	16,800
Culture & Recreation	423,635	-	-	-	-	-	423,635
Conservation of Natural Resources	144,529		-	267,088		-	411,617
Economic Development	1,940	-	-	-	_	_	1,940
Intergovernmental	171,983	-	-	-			171,983
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	94,040	808,140	902,180
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,880,668	\$ 2,662,708	\$ 1,191,077	\$ 640,499	\$ 94,040	\$ 808,140	\$ 10,277,132

tion by Hoime, seconded by Boyenga, to deny payment of the claim; motion failed on a 2-2 vote with Commissioner Reisch abstaining. The Administrator was directed to follow up with the County Attorney and provide some additional information.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the salary of the County Attorney of \$90,000 and the Assistant County Attorney of \$70,000, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board was in receipt of the Rock/Nobles Community Corrections Advisory Board 2016 meeting schedule; presented as information only.

The County Board was in receipt of a draft of Boards & Committee assignments for 2016; no action was taken. The County Board was informed of correspondence from the Blue Mound State Park stating their intent to proceed with the water study; the correspondence has been forwarded to DGR Engineering.

As per County Board action of 12/02/14, the 2016 salary for County Commissioners will be \$17,504.85; presented as information only.

Commissioner items: Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the Southwest Mental Health Center Open House and inquired about the status of the installation of the pedestrian

crossing light on Highway 75; the Administrator indicated the install will take place after January 1, 2016.

Commissioner Boyenga stated that he attended the Southwest Mental Health Center Open House and their building project was successful.

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

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS **ACTION**

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 27, 2012

MORTGAGOR(S): Scott Wessels and Michele Wessels, husband and wife. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for

United Wholesale Mortgage

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded September 5, 2012 Rock County Recorder, Document No. 180085.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Dated March 6, 2015 Recorded March 17, 2015, as Document No. 185622.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORT-

GAGE: 100032413512135984

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORT-GAGE: United Wholesale Mortgage

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 222 North Estey Street, Luverne, MN 56156

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 20.1678.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The W 100 1/4 feet of the N 1/2 of Lot 2 in Block 15 in Warren and Kniss Second Addition to the City of Luverne, Rock County

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$122,100.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUD-ING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$125,847.44

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Main Entrance, Law Enforcement Center, 1000 North Blue Mound Avenue, Luverne, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' 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 unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on August 25, 2016, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-UTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUC-TION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: December 21, 2015

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 37-15-005955 FC

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(12-31, 01-07, 01-14, 01-21, 01-28, 02-04)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Feb. 11

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Darryl R. Boltjes and Marti K. Boltjes, husband and wife MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 by assignment recorded on March 5, 2014 as Document Number 183568 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$76,500.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 11, 2006

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 25, 2006 as Document Number 164883 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$76,472.99

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Seventy Feet of the West One Hundred Thirty-five Feet of the North Half of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) of PJ Kniss Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements, if any, Rock County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 114 N DONALDSON ST, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1418

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0970-000 TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100055140023452580

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part. PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described

property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: February 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order,

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you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on August 11, 2016.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None Dated: December 17, 2015

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUND-VIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES

SCHILLER & ADAM, P.A. Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. Sarah J.B. Adam, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (15-2085-FC01)

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> **Coburn Decree of Descent Order**

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION

Mortgagee

In Re: Estate of James H.Coburn, Deceased

COUNTY OF ROCK

ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

The Petition of Thomas M. Coburn, dated the 7th day of December, 2015 having been filed in this Court representing that the above named decedent has been dead for more than three years leaving certain property therein described, and requesting that the descent of said property be determined and assigned by the Court to the persons

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That said Petition be heard on Monday, the 29th day of February, 2016, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. by the above named Court at Luverne, State of

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the petitioner give notice of said hearing in the manner prescribed by M.S.A. 524.1-401 to all persons entitled to notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-403 and to all persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to M.S.A. 524.3-204. Dated: January 21, 2016

(COURT SEAL)

/s/ District Court Judge /s/ Court Administrator

Douglas E. Eisma Attorney for Petitioner EISMA AND EISMA 130 East Main Street P.O. Box 625 Luverne, MN 56156 (507) 283-4828 I.D.#389457

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Luverne EDA public hearing set for Feb. 8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Luverne, Minnesota will hold a public hearing at 8:00 AM on February 8, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Offices at 305 E. Luverne St., Luverne, MN, to consider an Option Agreement to sell real property located at Lot One (1), Block Five (5) of Gabrielson Industrial Subdivision located in the City of Luverne, Rock County, Minnesota.

A copy of the terms and conditions of the Option Agreement will be on file and available for public inspection at City Offices, 305 E. Luverne St., Luverne, Minnesota. All persons may appear at the public hearing and present their views orally or

in writing on the proposed Option Agreement. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations or an interpreter should contact the Economic Development Director, 305 E. Luverne St., Luverne, Minnesota (507-449-5033). BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF

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