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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 Christianson 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 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 Luverne.

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 Society.

"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 destination.

"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 collection and then they go downtown 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



Lori Sorenson photo/0128 betty mann nutcrackers

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-

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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

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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 Hoogveen.



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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 605-321-4324.

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 story.

"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 said.

"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 said.

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

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 future.



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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 understanding that local Soil and 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, Bos said.

"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 is in the Missouri River Basin

Watershed.

Bos estimated work on the 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 term expires in 2019.

- Were invited to the retirement party for 4-H program coordinator Nancy Sandager from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Human Services Building. Sandager has been coordinator for 15 years.

Rock County attorney reports 2015 activities, discusses retirement

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 can start. 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 prosecuting adult and juvenile 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 case.

"Some of these cases are resolved quickly, some cases have contested omnibus issues, etc. and drag on," Haubrich said. "It has 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

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

By Mavis Fodness

For local contractor Okie Honken, measuring is a matter of using his head.

On Friday Honken and assistant librarian Barb Verhey discussed repurposing a set of wooden bookshelves.

With a hand to his forehead, Honken stood one board on end and declared where his hand rested was a six-foot height.

"We are trying to reuse as much of the materials as possible," Verhey said. Honken is equally cost-conscious.

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 to its full basement, where it opened for patrons today (Jan. 28).

The main floor remodel will be finished by mid-March, according to Honken, the project's general con-

tractor.

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.

The remodeling of the former hospital for the city of Luverne 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 said.

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.



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.

Library reopens today with reduced hours

As the Rock County Community Library's main floor undergoes its renovation project, patrons can access library services in the library basement.

From now through the month of February, the library will close two hours early Monday through Thursday nights, according to director Serena Gutnik.

"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.

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

News-paper offices were at one time fascinating places to visit — with noisy presses, oversized rolls of paper and ink by the barrel.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

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

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 and do.

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 tray.

"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

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 about 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 of snow.

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: Minnesota ranks 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.

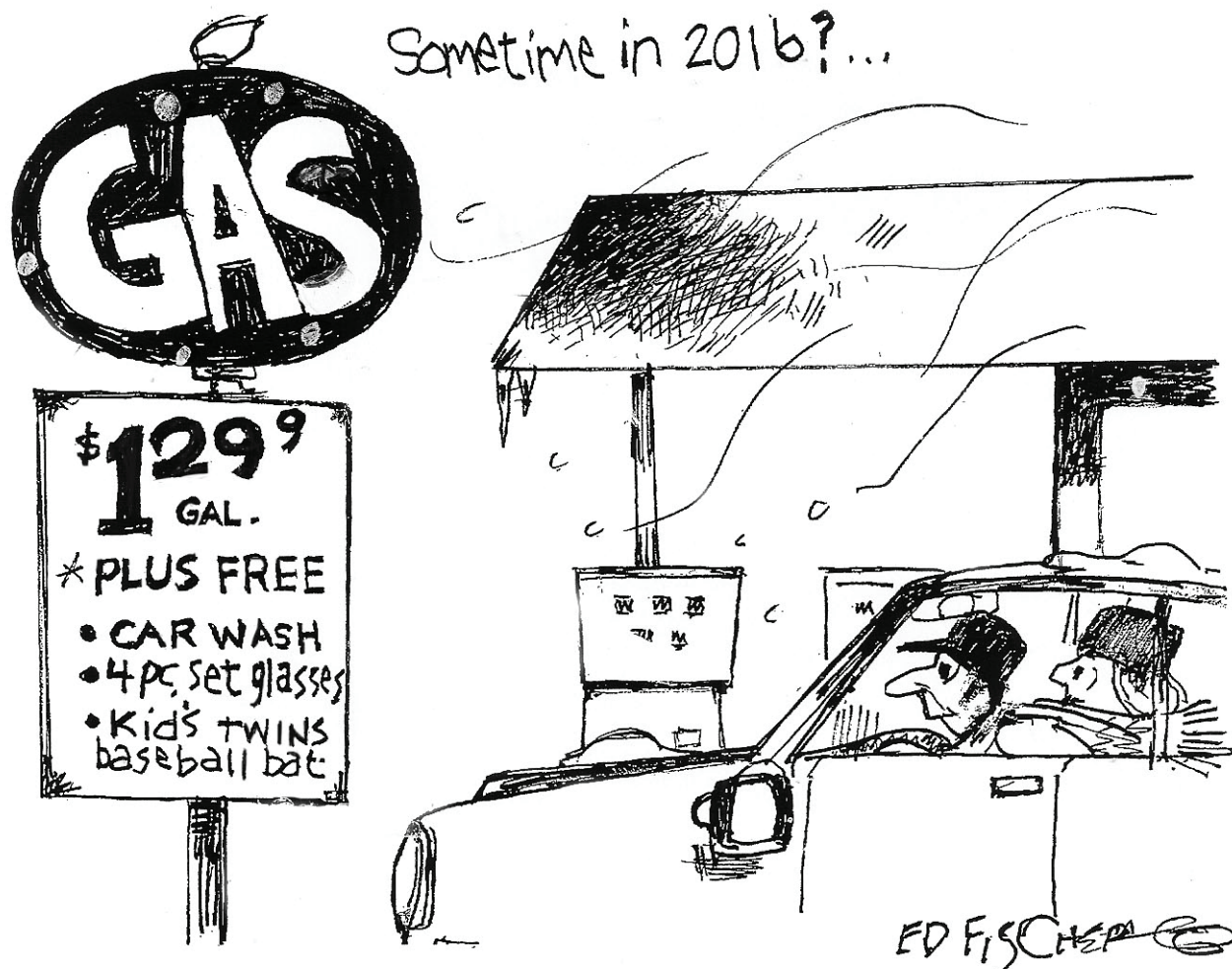
Income inequality: According to the GINI Index, which measures income distribution of a state's residents, Minnesota ranks 13th in the country in income inequality.

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 seventh-highest 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 sixth-strongest 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 keyholder. 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 no 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 Bank on South Kniss reported a counterfeit bill and requested a deputy to pick it up.

- 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.

- 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 well-groomed 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. "Even in the middle 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.

"I won'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 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/blue-mounds or by calling the park office at 507-283-6051.

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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.

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.

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 tax-related 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 compromised 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.

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.

Morningside 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 Wahnoutka, biology.

UA awards Luverne graduate

The University of Arizona, Tucson, 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.

Limesand 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 Zephania Skow was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Alison Broadwell, Kelsey Ploegar and Shawna Baustian.

The best man was Paul Thelen. Groomsmen were Rob Lenzen, Craig Porter and Sam Hadjis. The usher was Erik Baustian.

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



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.

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Program: Super Bowl party - bring snacks and wear your favorite team's colors.

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

Program: Music and dancing with Bruce Dysthe.

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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.hbc Patriots.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. Tange-man, 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.

"In disaster relief in the United States alone for the year ending July 1, the Emergency Relief service of the Red Cross was recorded in 110 disasters, in which the property loss totaled over \$20,000,000.00. Flood, fire, and tornado swooped down; the Red Cross with a strong national organization was able to step into the breach.

"If only every citizen of Minnesota could realize that this vast work of mercy was made possible by membership dues, Minnesota would record its 100,000 quota of membership unsolicited."

Donations to the Rock County Historical Society can be sent to the Rock County Historical Society, P.O. Box 741, Luverne, MN 56156.

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iuw.net.

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 Jan. 25, 2016, at St. Adrian Catholic Church with interment at the parish cemetery.

Donald Lange was born 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 Han-



sen Silo Company, Adrian Tile Company and Safeway. He was employed at Iowa Beef Processors, Luverne, for 32 years before he retired. He enjoyed camping and fishing.

Don survived by his wife, Anna; two sons, Mike and Pat (Diane) of Adrian; three grandchildren, Trysten, Tasha and Travis; three step-grandchildren, Becky, Robin and Heather; a great-grandson, Breilee; and a brother, Robert, Beaver Creek.

He was preceded in death 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.adrianfuneralhome.com

(0128 F)

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 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 quilting and flowers.

Eileen is survived by her eleven children, Jim (Sandy) Reisch, Luverne; Barb (Gary) Mensen, Lub-



bock, 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; Terry (Amy) Reisch, 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

(0128 V)

Eileen Bouwman

Eileen Kathryn Bouwman, 93, Luverne, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at Lyon Manor in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

A funeral service was Monday, Jan. 25, at the American Reformed Church in Luverne. Burial was at the Jasper City 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 married Walter Bouwman on her parents' farm. Following their marriage they lived and farmed near Lester, Iowa, until 1952. They then moved to a farm near Rock Rapids 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



Rapids on Nov. 30, 2015.

Eileen was a 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 taking bus trips. Eileen enjoyed cooking and baking, a skill she passed down to her children and grandchildren. Eileen loved the time she was able to spend with her family.

Eileen is survived by her 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.

She was 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.hartquistfuneral.com.

(0128 F)

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

Church. Visitation with the family will be from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Heritage Funeral Home of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, www.heritagefsd.com.

(0128 DN)

Hattie Vander Ziel

Hattie Vander Ziel, infant child of Kristy and Philip Vander Ziel of Leota, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016.

A private family service will be held. Burial will follow at the Leota Community

Cemetery in Leota.

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

(0128 DN)

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 southwestern 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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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 Jarchow 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.



Mavis Fodness photo/0128 Mahjong

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 (mahjong) 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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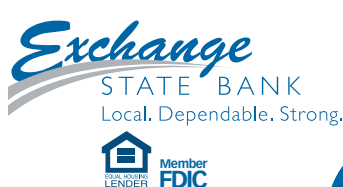
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Mavis Fodness photo/0128 One Act

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.

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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."

A public 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.

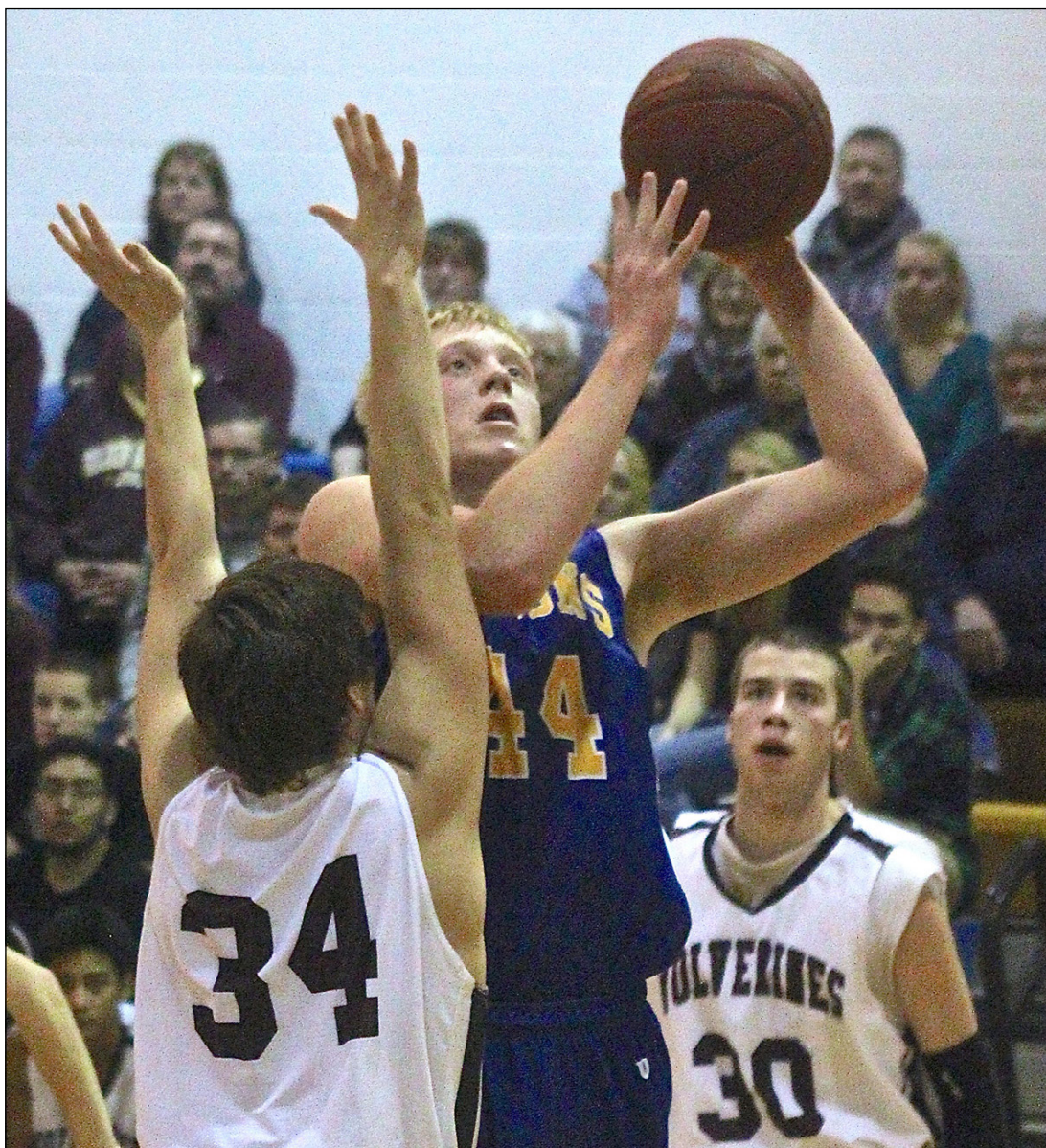
Call the Chamber, 283-4061, by Feb. 4 to RSVP.

Guest presenter will be Brian Peterson who will show photographs from his book, "Minnesota, State of Wonders."



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John Rittenhouse photo/0128 abb 2

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 place 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

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.

Girls/cont. from page 3B

MCC went on a 10-2 run to 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 points.

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.

Box score
 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 rebounds, 23 turnovers.
 MCC: 12 of 44 field goals (27 percent), seven of 12 free throws (58 percent), 24 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

Beat/cont. from page 1B

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 four 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: 12 of 36 field goals (33 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.

JANUARY 19 SPORTS REPLAY

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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Coburn Decree of Descent Order

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

COUNTY OF ROCK

In Re: Estate of
James H. Coburn, Deceased

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 entitled thereto.

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 Minnesota.

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

Dated: January 21, 2016

/s/ District Court Judge

(COURT SEAL)

/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

(1.28-2.4)

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 COMMISSIONERS

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RENTALS

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EMPLOYMENT

Habilitative Services, Inc. in Luverne, MN has openings for **Personal Care Assistants (PCAs)** to provide assistance to people in their homes. Job duties may include personal cares, meal preparation and light housekeeping. Flexible part-time and full-time hours available. These positions require PCA Certification through the MN Department of Human Services. For further information regarding the PCA Certification, contact Ginger at (507) 283-1859. **NEW!! HSI offers a \$100 Sign On Bonus after the completion of 6 months of employment.** Apply online at www.habsvinc.com. EOE/AA (1.17-2.4)

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EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: We have an immediate opening in our Bakery Department for a FT/PT cake decorator. To apply, pick up an application at the service counter or ask for Sherri at Glen's Food Center 205 East Warren St. Luverne, MN (1.24-2.11)

Herman Motor Co., the Ford Dealer in Luverne for 83 years, is seeking a fulltime Fixed Operations Manager. This is a great opportunity for the right individual. New, State of the Art Facility with a wonderful opportunity to expand and grow. Please send resume to joel@hermanmotor.com (1.24-2.11)

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EMPLOYMENT

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