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Locals hear options for Blue Mounds Park lake

Water quality and upstream watershed become new focal points

By Lori Sorenson

More than 100 people attended the Feb. 9 meeting about the Blue Mounds State Park lake that drained when floodwaters tore through the dam in 2014.

Most showed up to voice their support for replacing the dam and beach, but they learned—and many came to understand—water quality was the broader issue.

Even before flood damage, the lake was impaired by bacteria and sedimentation from the watershed upstream.

In addition, E.coli has persistently shown up in park tap water, and the source of that contamination hasn't yet been identified.

"You put a reservoir back in and you still have these problems," said Ryan Doorenbos of DNR fisheries. "When the dam failed, it brought to the forefront the issue that the res was gone years ago because of sedimentation."

Talking to people like Doorenbos and others helped drive home a point that wasn't easily taken for local residents.

The Feb. 9 event was highly publicized ahead of the meeting, especially on social media.

No plan for a beach

"I urge you to let them know how important that lake has been to Rock County—the only county in the state without a natural lake," Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanpher wrote in an email to Chamber members prior to the meeting.

"Tell them to rebuild it and make the lake bigger and cleaner than ever."

Citizens rallied on Facebook, many sharing fond memories of outings at the beach and paddling on the water.

"We paid taxes, and with our [FEMA] designation we should have our park and dam restored to its



Lori Sorenson photo/0218 state park meeting

Luverne's Jack Mulligan (center) visits with DNR representatives Brady Swanson (left) and Jon Lore at the Tuesday, Feb. 9, open house in the Luverne Elementary School commons. The event drew more than 100 people who listened to options and provided input on plans to address the flood-ravaged lake and dam at the Blue Mounds State Park. Information about the Blue Mounds State Park water solutions is available on the DNR website at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/blue_mounds.

pre-flood condition," Scott Wessels wrote on Facebook, urging residents to attend the meeting.

"If we want to keep our beach and dam, we need to have our voices heard; squeaky wheel gets the grease."

Twelve experts with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and three from US Fish and Wildlife Service greeted residents in the Luverne Elementary commons Feb. 9.

Each of their stations offered a unique area of expertise, but essentially they presented two options.

We can replace the dam and lake for \$6.1 million or restore the original meandering stream for \$1.4 million. A third possible option would incorporate a little of both.

None of the options included a beach, which initially surprised people at the event.

"From a purely scenic value, I would like to see the lake restored,"

said Kristin Suhr, a frequent Blue Mounds visitor and photographer.

"But I'm getting the feeling that they're leaning toward restoring the park to its natural habitat."

Suhr, Luverne, said she was impressed by the amount of scientific and engineering research the presenters brought to the meeting. "I appreciate all the work they've put into it," she said.

State park meeting/see page 2A

How does buffer law apply to me?

Rock County producers getting on board with conservation practices; many taking initiative, using state and federal funding resources

By Lori Sorenson

Gov. Mark Dayton introduced legislation last year to mandate vegetative buffer strips along waterways in an effort to clean up Minnesota's notoriously impaired waters.

Ever since those details have emerged, farm groups have pushed back vigorously, especially on the piece of legislation that requires producers to put buffers along private ditches on their land.

Responding to these concerns, Dayton announced last month that he would no longer press to have privately owned ditches affected by the plan, and DNR officials will stop mapping these areas on private ag ground.

With the dust still settling on the legislation's original details, personnel at the Rock County Land Management Office are sorting out the local impacts of law moving forward.

According to Doug Bos and Arlyn Gehrke the buffer legislation addressed three types of streams — perennial streams (the primary focus of the law), judicial ditches and intermittent streams.

It's the intermittent streams on private ground that Dayton is backing off on, according to Bos.

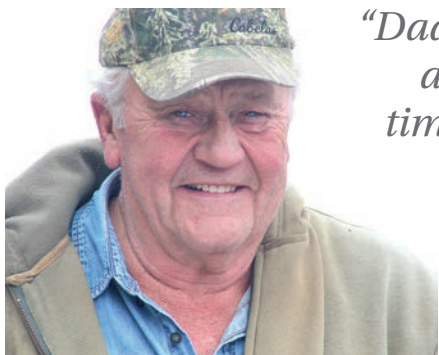
"The Soil and Water Conservation District had the discretion to require buffers on streams that were 'ditched' (not a grassed waterway)," Bos said.

"If someone worked on a ditch, they would be required to have a 16 1/2-foot buffer."

Essentially, he said, the governor's announcement doesn't change much for Rock County landowners, because the SWCD resolution already requires a buffer for some private ditch circumstances, and the other two aspects of the legislation remain in place.

Bos also clarified that Rock County has only two judicial ditches so this area isn't as affected as other parts of the state in terms of that requirement.

Buffer strip law/see page 5A



"Dad always said we should all take our turn, and it's time for new blood. There's young people out there who can handle it."

— Darrell Hoeck, Springwater Township

Hoeck retires from township work after 38 years on board

Photo and text by Lori Sorenson

Darrell Hoeck has served on the Springwater Township Board for 38 years.

He started in 1978 as a clerk at the encouragement of his father, George Hoeck, who served Springwater Township for 25 years.

So, it's fair to say local government leadership is in the Hoeck family roots.

"Dad always said we should all take our turn," said the junior Hoeck, now 75. "And it's time for new blood. There's young people out there who can handle it."

He said he never intended to keep the job for so long, and he even

tried to get others to take his place on the board.

"I'd file for election, but I always told others to run — that I'd even campaign for them," Hoeck said.

This year he did not file for reelection, and neither did anybody else. The election is set for March 8, and he hopes a qualified candidate is elected on a write-in ballot.

If that doesn't happen, the board will need to appoint a new member, if one can be recruited.

Part of the reason for lack of interest, Hoeck said, is that Springwater Township has done well meeting

Hoeck retires/continued on 3A

Hardwick native sets rowing records

By Mavis Fodness

After nearly two months of non-stop rowing, Luverne High School graduate Caitlin Miller and her rowing partner, George Pagano, safely docked in Antigua Tuesday morning.

Miller of Hardwick and Pagano of Media, Pennsylvania, competed in the "Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge," a 90-day, 3,000-mile journey from the Island of La Gomera (one of Spain's Canary Islands just off the coast of Africa) to English Harbor, Antigua.

The pair began rowing on Dec. 20.

Miller is the daughter of Alex and Karen Miller of Hardwick.

Members of both families met the duo in Antigua as they reached the finish line Tuesday.

"Seeing them entering the harbor this morning, we really got a sense of how immense this challenge was — lots of happy tears," Alex Miller said.

"You want your children to follow their dreams, but having them home is even better."

Miller and Pagano have set two world rowing records.



Submitted photo

A smiling Caitlin Miller talks with her rowing partner, George Pagano, Tuesday morning as they safely arrive in English Harbor, Antigua. The pair completed the 3,000-mile "Talisker Whiskey Challenge" in 58 days, 5 hours and 6 minutes, a new record for an American mixed pair team.

At ages 23 and 24 respectively, Miller and Pagano, both graduates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, are the youngest American mixed pair to safely row across the Atlantic Ocean.

They also set the record time for an American mixed pair of 58 days, 5 hours and 6 minutes. The previous record was 60 days, 18 hours.

Caitlin Miller/continued on 2A



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, for lunch and at 2 p.m. at the Mary Jane Brown Home to celebrate February birthdays.

MS Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at Southwest Health and Human Services, Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. For information call 283-2069 or 283-2964.

Matthew 6 Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch.

Town and Country Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Extension Office meeting room. Melba Boeve will present a program on cooking with coconut. The public is welcome. Call 507-597-6378.

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.

Library closed until March

Due to renovations, the Rock County Community Library will be closed the rest of the month. Staff will still answer phones at 449-5040, and patrons can still return materials in the drop box. Tax appointments will still meet on Mondays as scheduled, and tax appointments can still be made by calling the library. Patrons may use their library cards at any of the 24 public Plum Creek Library locations including Edgerton, Pipestone, Worthington and Adrian. See updates on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RockCountyLibrary/>

Free tax help available at library

Volunteers through AARP will provide free tax services at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne through April. Call the library, 449-5040, to make an appointment. Appointments are required.

The library is closed this month, but it will be open for tax appointments on Mondays, and people can still call the library to make tax appointments. 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.

Monthly Food Ministry Feb. 18

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come from fresh produce, bread and meat.

Winter Carnival Feb. 20

Luverne Music Boosters annual Winter Carnival will be Saturday evening, Feb. 20, in the Luverne High School gym. The event, which raises money for music programs in Luverne Public Schools, features carnival-style games, prizes, Bingo, raffle drawing, cake walk, cotton candy, root beer floats, pizza and more.

Tickets available for Hospice event

The Hospice Charity Dinner and Auction is Saturday, April 23, at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne. Purchase your tickets in person or by calling the Hospice office at 283-1805, and they will be mailed to you. Anyone wishing to support the event by advertising or donating items for the silent/live auctions must have donations to the hospice office by March 7. Call 283-1805 or email helen.saum@sanfordhealth.org

Caregivers Support Group Feb. 23

The Caregivers Support Group will meet at Mary Jane Brown Good Samaritan Society in the conference room at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. Anyone dealing with caregiving or with questions in reference to caregiving and the resources available is encouraged to attend.

Board adopts calendar, buys buses, tours lockers

By Mavis Fodness

A website made the purchase of two buses for Luverne Public Schools as easy as a few mouse clicks.

For the first time, the district personnel used the state education department's school bus purchasing program.

Business Manager Marlene Mann said during the Feb. 4 school board meeting that the department's website allows districts to click on various bus features and submit the information to various vendors in the program.

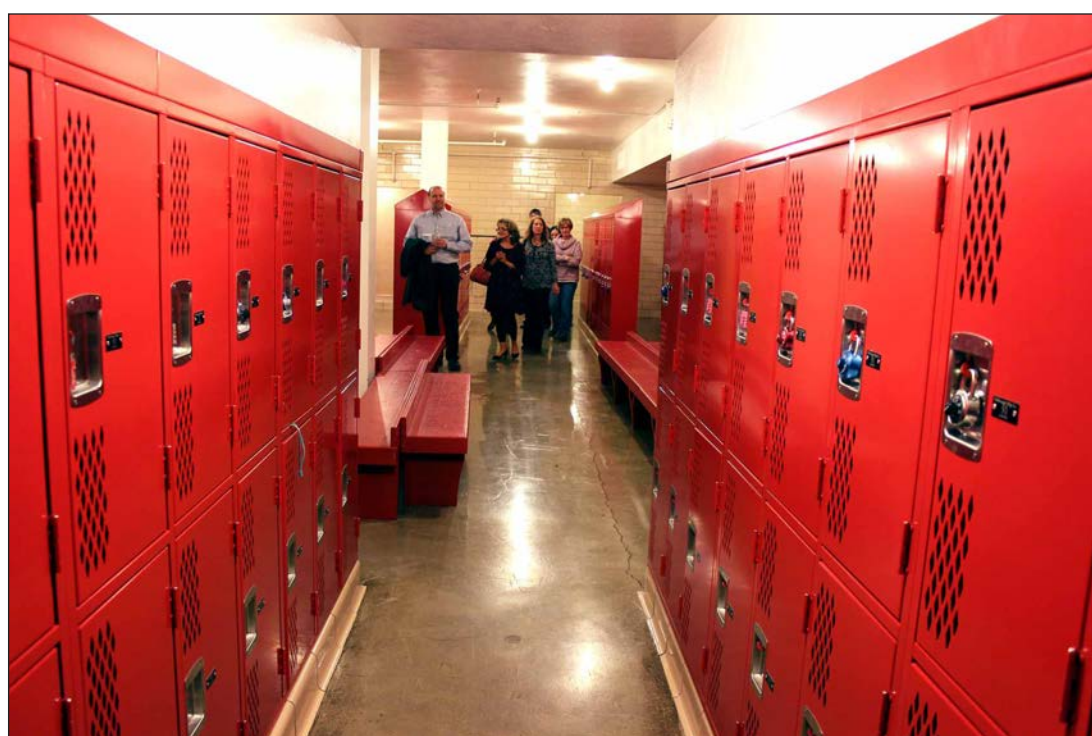
"It is called the Minnesota State School Bus Cooperative Purchasing, where the state goes out and does the bidding for us and we can purchase from them," she said.

Cost for the two 2016 Thomas buses less the \$7,000 in trades of a 1996 and 2002 models was at \$97,781 per bus. The buses were the same costs as last year's replacement buses but the process was completed in less time and paperwork, Mann said.

Calendar for 2016-17 school year finalized

Board members also accepted the second draft of the 2016-17 school calendar with two revisions from the previous reading on Jan. 28.

Those revisions moved



Mavis Fodness photo/0218 School Board Lockers

Luverne Public School Board members tour the remodeled girls' locker room after their regular meeting Thursday night, Feb. 4. Lockers have been replaced and repainted and the shower area has been improved. Final tile work and shower partitions will be completed later this year.

two early dismissals closer to holiday breaks, Thanksgiving (Nov. 23) and Easter (April 13, 2017).

The upcoming school year will begin Sept. 6 and end May 26, 2017.

Seven breaks and seven early dismissals are planned.

School will not be in session Oct. 20-21 (MEA break),

Nov. 24-25 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 26-Jan. 2 (winter break), Jan. 16 (in-service), Feb. 20 (Presidents Day), March 30-31 (in-service), and April 14 (Easter).

Besides Nov. 23 and April 13, other early dismissals will be Nov. 4, Dec. 23, Jan. 20, March 24, and May 26 in the 2016-17 school year.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the retirement request from Greg Antoine, science teacher and tennis coach, effective at the end of the current school year.

- Changed the planned Thursday, June 23, board meeting to Tuesday, June 28.

Caitlin Miller completes rowing challenge/from page 1A

Their boat was the first American-made craft to compete in and complete the challenge.

Out of 26 boats in the challenge, their boat called "Washington's Crossing" finished in 17th place.

The duo rowed on behalf of finding a treatment for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS, a disease that claimed the life of Pagano's grandfather in 2003.

On Monday Miller and Pagano shared this message

with Facebook friends: "The final day! Today we row in honor of those who have fallen and those still living with ALS.

"We have faith that one day the disease won't be a death sentence. Until then, keep fighting and we will too."

In next week's Star Herald, Miller will share with readers what it was like not seeing any other race boat since Day 2 of the Challenge, experiencing a tropical storm, and developing a routine to complete the race at a record-setting pace.

State Park meeting gathers input, offers info/from page 1A

And ultimately, Suhr said she feels more comfortable doing something that's right for ecological health of the park than doing what park visitors want.

It's all about clean water

According to experts at the meeting, it all comes down to water quality and addressing issues that plagued the area long before the 2014 flood.

For one thing, erosion upstream from the park has caused the lake to fill with sedimentation — several feet of muck under the surface of the already shallow water.

In addition, there is increasing concern over the safety of the water for swimming after bacteria and fecal matter have been repeatedly identified.

The flood-ravaged dam is a separate matter from the persistent E.coli in park tap water, a problem that officials have been unable to find the source of.

Doug Bos of the Rock County Land Management Office attended the Feb. 9 event to answer questions



Lori Sorenson photo/0218 state park meeting

Luverne's Kristin Suhr visits with Tom Sawtelle of the Blue Mounds State Park at the Tuesday, Feb. 9, open house in the Luverne Elementary School commons.

about watershed management.

The Mound Creek Watershed, which drains through the state park, has been targeted as impaired by pollution and sedimentation, and Bos is working with farmers to improve practices to protect water.

Bos agreed that the water discussion at the park is a good

way to again shed light on the fact that upstream water quality affects everyone — including park visitors.

At the end of the day, many attendees said they would miss a swimming beach, but said they want to be good land stewards, too.

"This has been very eye-opening, and it's been a good exchange of information," said

Blue Mounds State Park manager Chris Ingebretsen.

"I was of the opinion, 'Give us our lake back,' but now I'm not quite as ardent ... There are a lot more issues besides the dam; we need to do what's recreationally viable for the next 80 years."

While there may be federal funds available to replace the dam structure, it's not as simple as putting in the concrete, said Scott Roemhildt, DNR communications specialist.

"No matter what we do, it will be different than what was there," he said.

"There are new standards for dams built today, and the question is how big of an impact those changes will have on the environment."

Information about the Blue Mounds State Park water solutions is available on the DNR website at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/blue_mounds.

The online comment period closed Feb. 15, but Ingebretsen said he welcomes calls at the local office, 283-6050 or at chris.ingebretsen@state.mn.us.



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LHS junior receives ExCEL Award

By Mavis Fodness

Chris Jelken, a Luverne High School junior, has been selected as one of 36 juniors statewide to receive the Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership award through the Minnesota State High School League's ExCEL Awards Program for 2016.

Jelken is the only student in the Star Herald coverage area to be recognized this year.

High school league member schools can nominate one high school junior male and one female for the annual award.

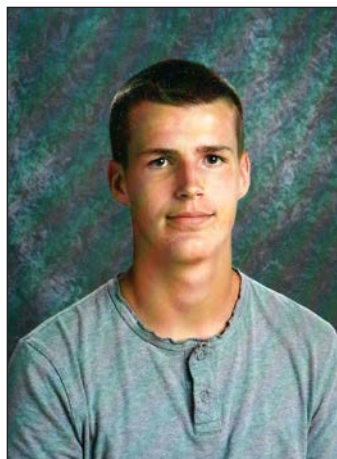
To be eligible for nomination, candidates must make satisfactory progress toward graduation, participate in a League-sponsored fine arts and/or athletic activity, hold a leadership position in their school, work voluntarily in their community and meet MSHSL general eligibility requirements.

Jelken is a member of the LHS football, hockey and tennis teams as well as a participant in band, choir, pep band, student council, peer tutoring and Business Professionals of America.

The "A" honor roll student is also active with the American Reformed Church's youth group and works in the Blue Mound Ice Arena's building and maintenance department. Jelken is also an assistant coach for the youth hockey team.

Besides a letter of recommendation, nominees also submitted an essay about a favorite leadership quote.

Jelken chose the Chinese



Submitted photo

Chris Jelken is a 2016 Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership award recipient. The ExCEL award is given yearly to high school juniors through the Minnesota State High School League.

proverb, "The temptation to quit will be greatest just before you are to succeed," for his essay.

"I think that this describes how leaders need to persevere through their trials to succeed and be successful," Jelken wrote in his essay. "When others give up, leaders never quit."

Teacher Mike Wenninger noticed Jelken displaying these leadership skills as a member of the football team.

"He was almost always the last one to leave the practice field," Wenninger wrote in his letter of recommendation. "This started individually and by the end of the season there were many teammates who followed."

This is the 20th year MSHSL has sponsored the award.



Blue Mound Figure Skating Club competitors are (front row, from left) Marisa Thier, Breanna Richters, Kendall Buss, Rylee Kurtz, (second row) Brylee Zebe, Maranda Thier, Madi Jo Frankenhoff, Sydney Maciej, Moriah Flanagan, Hannah Henning, Mara Thier, (third row) Brielle Watters, Emma Schneckloth, Grace Schneckloth, Katharine Kelm, Augusta Papik, Morgan Ahrendt, Erika Egendorf, Jayden Zebe, (fourth row) Elisabeth Kelm, Haley Ruesch, Anna Boyd, Brooke Top, Madison Ruesch, Morgan Bain, Zayda Holmgren, Riley Severson, Alyssa Nattress, (back) Sophia Eisma, Bailey Weg, Alyssa Kienholz, Hannah Hofer, Anisa Vanden Bosch, Emma Baker, Makayla Huisman and Ashley Hohn. Not pictured are Ava Gansen, Kate Gansen, Brenna Henning, Brooke Nattress, Brooke Thompson, Liz Spiegelhoff, Alysha Wieneke and Addison Wieneke.

Blue Mound Figure Skaters successfully defend championship in Frosty Blades Competition

After a few local skaters competed at the New Ulm competition, the Blue Mound Figure Skaters hosted their own competition, Ice Crystal Classic, at the Blue Mound Ice Arena in January.

Last weekend, Feb. 5-7, the competitive team went to Blaine for the Frosty Blades event, where the

team took first place.

The local skaters competed in over 160 individual and team events. Skating began Friday evening and ended Sunday afternoon.

Eighteen clubs were represented at the competition, and the Blue Mound Figure Skaters defended their championship by

taking home the first-place trophy.

The next competition for Blue Mound Figure Skaters is the Winter Miracle at Yankton, South Dakota, Feb. 10.

The skaters are coached by Sarah Nuffer, Katie Kopp, Sabrina Sowles, Cathy Shearer and Courtney DeBoer.

Hoeck retires from township/from page 1A

the needs of its citizens; there hasn't been an issue that prompted a need for change.

"You show people they're getting something for their money, and they're satisfied," he said.

"That basically amounts to keeping gravel on the roads and keeping up with snow removal."

That, and replacing a culvert or bridge here and there.

Springwater Township has 55 miles of roads for roughly 250 residences.

Its budget typically runs around \$150,000. That compares to about \$10,000 when Hoeck's father was on the board.

"Everything costs money," Hoeck said. "The biggest surprise for most people is how much things cost."

In 2015 the township applied 270 yards of gravel on its township roads at a cost of \$9 per yard, or \$180 per truckload.

He said the township pools resources with Beaver Creek Township, which now grades Springwater Township roads.

"It's a good deal for both townships," Hoeck said. "They have a place to store their equipment."

Springwater still owns some older equipment, but selling it will be a responsibility for a future board, Hoeck said.

The township budget is supported primarily by the township tax levy with

some state aid in the form of gas tax revenue and Local Government Aid.

The levy amount is voted on by township residents at the annual meeting.

"If someone complains about their township taxes, I ask them how they'd like it if we'd stop putting gravel on the roads or stop plowing snow," Hoeck said.

In all his years of township leadership, he said the board and its constituents have enjoyed relatively smooth sailing.

"They've kept the levy up to where we're able to get work done," he said. "And we've kept up with the work — which is never done. Road maintenance is never done ... it's an ongoing job."

And, he said board members learn early on to prioritize funds and efforts.

For example, a big issue looming on the Springwater Township horizon is what to do with the ailing township hall, a former country school building that's handicap inaccessible with a deteriorating roof and poor foundation.

That agenda item, however, was quickly bounced to the back burner after the 2014 flooding which required road repairs and a major bridge replacement on 151st Street.

"People have to access their farm ground and they have to haul their grain and you have to be able to get emergency vehicles down

the road," Hoeck said.

"That all comes first."

The township hall will be another decision for his replacement on the board.

Priorities were quickly rearranged in 1993 as well, when flood damage prompted FEMA reimbursements. "That was the biggest challenge of all," he said, rolling his eyes. "Projects had to run through several layers of paperwork. There are unbelievable rules and regulations."

When pressed for a reason why someone should consider serving in township government, Hoeck said with a smirk, "The salary is outstanding ... and the good will you promote — you can't put a price on that."

Township board members receive \$75 per meeting for their monthly meetings and \$15 per hour for extra assignments.

For Hoeck, who never supported township board raises, it was never about the money; it's about civic duty — something Hoeck said everyone should experience.

"I'd say it's a good experience to see how government runs," he said.

You may not like what you find out, but you should try it. ... I think everyone should take a shot at it."

The Springwater Township election is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in the Beaver Creek Township Hall.



Snowmen built on day off from school Monday

These sharp-dressed snowmen on West Luverne Street caught the attention of passing motorists Monday afternoon as their creators were putting on the finishing touches. Jennifer Nath-Huls, who lives there, shared this with the Star Herald at the end of the day. Pictured are (from left) Jocelyn Hartz, Gabby Nath-Huls and Morgan Nath-Huls. Students were home from school for the Presidents Day holiday.

Happy 90th Birthday Ed Lenz of Lismore

FEBRUARY 22

Greetings can be sent to: 276 W. 2nd St Lismore, MN 56155

NOTICE TO THE POLICYHOLDERS OF BEAVER CREEK MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Any policyholder wishing to be a candidate for the Office of Director must file such notice in writing with the Secretary, at the Home Office of the Company in Luverne, MN, at least thirty days prior to the April 5, 2016 Annual meeting of the Company, as provided by the Article of Incorporation. Last day for filing will be **March 6, 2016**.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS

**Bernard Uilk, President
Mike Egesser, Secretary**

CITY OF MAGNOLIA ORDINANCE NO. 119

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ALLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. ("GRANTEE"), ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO ERECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THOSE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CITY OF MAGNOLIA, MINNESOTA, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR CITY REGULATIONS AND USE OF THE CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM.

DENIS MADISON, MAYOR

THE ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE MAGNOLIA CITY HALL WILL BE ACTED ON AT THE MARCH 14 MEETING AT 5 P.M.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND NOTICE OF FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS FOR SWEET TOWNSHIP MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

The 128th Annual Meeting of the policyholders of Sweet Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will be held in the dining room of The Calumet Inn Hotel, 104 West Main Street, Pipestone, Minnesota, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of three (3) directors for terms of three (3) years, hearing reports of the officers on the past year's business, and transacting such other business as may properly come before this regular meeting.

With regards to the election of members to the Board of Directors of the Company, candidates seeking to be placed on the ballot for election at the annual meeting shall be members of the Company in good standing and must be nominated and must file for the office of director in writing with the Secretary of the Company no later than March 11, 2016. The filing of the nomination must occur at the office of the Secretary before 5:00 p.m. March 11, 2016, by the order of the Board of Directors.

Gary Winter, President
Gerald Brockberg, Secretary
(2-11)

What we want to hear and what we're hearing may not be same thing

For Christmas we gave Matt wireless headphones to listen to the TV without interference from, well, us, essentially.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

I have often entertained the idea of feigning deafness when my family needs me.

Then, in a slightly softer voice, I said, "I'm having a bowl of ice cream; want me to dish you up some?"

Instantly, the headphones were off and the response was out, "Sure. Thanks."

I knew it.

What I wasn't expecting, though, was the 14-year-old to come bounding up from his downstairs Xbox game.

"I'll have chocolate syrup on mine," he said heading for the spoons.

This was after more than one casual shout down the stairs about bringing his dirty clothes to the laundry room.

What had become of us? What had happened to our family communication?

I have often entertained the idea of feigning deafness when my family needs me.

"What's for supper?"

Silence.

"Can I have some money to go to the basketball game?"

Silence.

I could do that, but I would be "stooping" to that level of bad behavior.

Instead, I decided my next Christmas gift would be a universal volume control that runs the TV headphones and the downstairs Xbox.

When something (me) needs attention, their little world will briefly fall silent so they can properly (promptly) respond.

What a wonderful world that will be.

Carson can practice percussion or play the piano and I can be on the phone or clattering dishes and the Xbox downstairs can play at full volume without interfering with Matt's hockey game.

It was the best gift ever. He can hear; we don't have to "keep it down."

But I've also noticed when the headphones are attached to his head it's my cue to not initiate conversation. ... that he was in his quiet place, not to be disturbed.

"Did you talk to the electrician today?"

Nothing.

"Did you call about those bulbs?"

Still nothing.

"Hello?"

Still nothing.

"Ugh."

And, then, pulling off the headphones, "What? Did you say something?"

"Never mind."

It's OK. We wouldn't have gifted the headphones if we didn't want him to enjoy some uninterrupted time on the couch.

What's becoming clear to me, though, is that the headphones have become an escape, whether we're into a TV show or not.

"I need some help finding some addresses," I mentioned on my way through the living room.

Headphones were on, so there was no response.

"Hello?"

Still nothing.

He was watching a crucial play in a Minnesota Wild hockey game, so I left him alone until a commercial break.

"Can you get me those addresses?" I asked again, slightly louder.

Nothing.

Now is the time for action

Improved water quality could mean getting our lake back

While Gov. Mark Dayton will no longer press landowners to maintain a vegetative strip between farm fields and private roadside ditches, we think it's a great idea to implement the practice anyway.

Buffers of grasses, trees or shrubs stop harmful nutrients from washing off farm fields, entering waterways that empty into road ditches. Vegetative buffer strips soak up excessive phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment as water heads to our lakes, streams and rivers or recharges our shallow aquifers.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 9, representatives from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invited local residents to voice their opinions on replacing Mound Lake at the Blue Mounds State Park north of Luverne.

These officials have spent months studying the Mounds area and are open to replacing the popular summer recreation area. Through their environmental studies, however, an important question surfaced: Why reconstruct a public swimming area when the water quality could be so contaminated that it is unsafe for people to be in the water?

We need to get on top of our water quality problems before they become worse.

For years the state park has been searching for the source of bacterial

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contaminants in its drinking water system. Officials have tested the pipes, dug a deeper well and flushed the water system repeatedly with bleach. Yet, the bacteria reappear.

Two years ago the Environmental Working Group gave Rock County a failing grade, the only county in the state to receive an "F" for its lack of protective vegetative strips.

Do we want to stay at the bottom of this list?

We can't have a recreational lake again if we're satisfied to stay in last place.

Our local land management officials have mapped the land areas above Mound Lake and have contacted landowners about measures they can implement in those sensitive land areas.

We know the land in the area above Blue Mounds State Park is valuable and so are the areas surrounding our ditches, waterways, streams and rivers. But it's our water quality at stake. It's time we listened to our

local experts and put their recommendations into place.

Since Gov. Dayton has backed off his buffer legislation for private ditches, let's prove to him that we can take action and implement measures to improve water quality on our own.

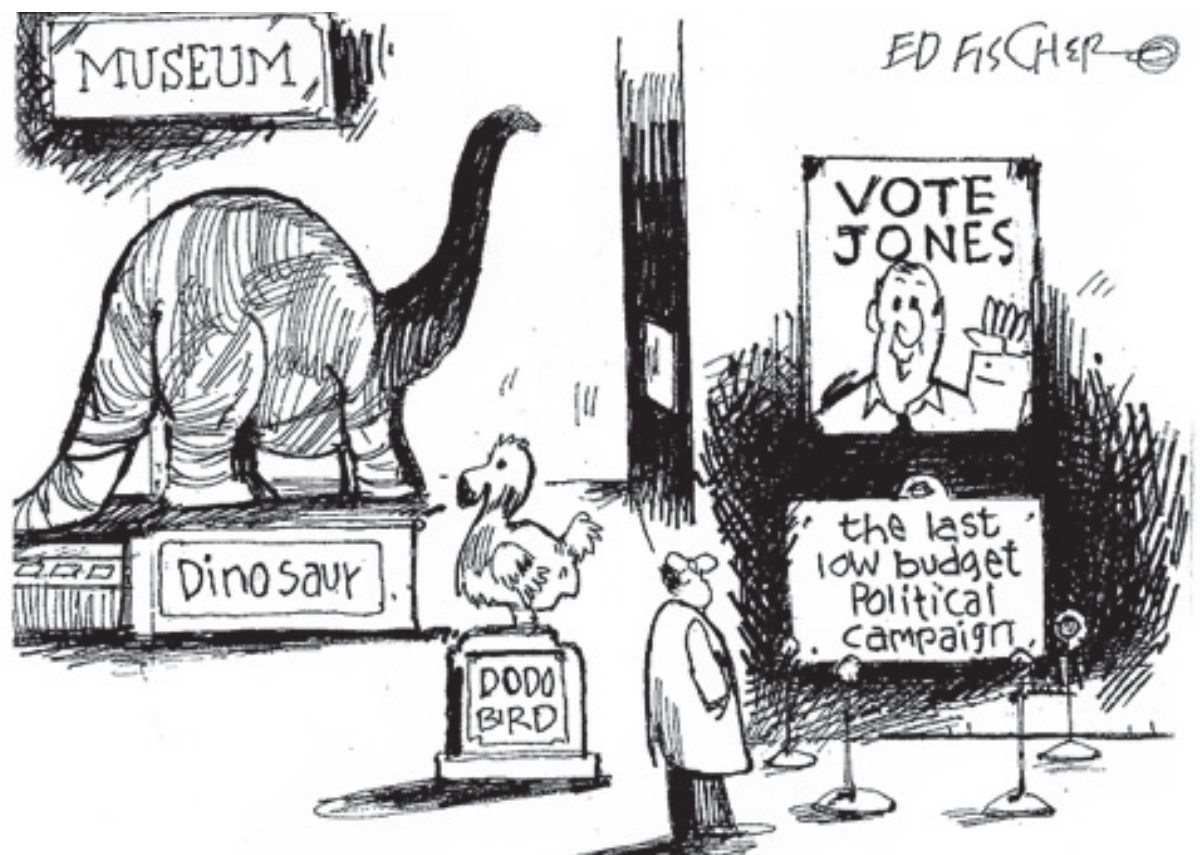
We need to re-evaluate our cropping inputs and tillage methods. It's time for landowners to step up and look at how their land is being used.

Are buffers adequately keeping soil in place and acting as efficient water filters?

If the answer is no to these questions, then it is time to ask ourselves what can be done to incentivize the replacement of those precious buffer strips.

As Gov. Dayton has said, "It is private effluent that affects public water."

Let's prove to him Rock County is more than capable of implementing measures to improve our water quality and bring a recreation lake back to our county.



For this rookie, hockey is an eye-opening experience

It's been a couple of weeks since the youngest Peterson grandson took the ice for his first mini-mite tournament. Tournament maybe isn't the right word because they didn't keep score; there was no goalie in the net because there was no net.

Come to find out that for the mini-mites instead of nets they use a wooden box with holes at each end that the kids try and shoot the puck into for a goal. Trust me, it's not as easy as it sounds.

So this being my first hockey-filled weekend, this is what I came away with.

First, hockey people are very well organized. Our son and daughter-in-law are the first Peterson hockey parents from our family tree. We've been basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball and football parents, but the hockey thing is new to us.

Watching our youngest grandson, Owen, get ready for his first hockey game was one of those grandparent moments that Mary and I will treasure



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
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forever. I had no idea the amount of equipment these kids put on. I can see why they don't get hurt falling as much as they do, but I don't know how they get back up with all that equipment on.

I was talking with a seasoned hockey mom who will remain nameless (Emily Crabtree) about watching Owen get dressed for his hockey game, and she told me a story about the first time she helped her oldest son get ready for his first game.

It seemed all was going well until it was time to put on the protective

cup boys wear.

With a little help from a fellow hockey dad, she figured out she was trying to help her son put the protective cup on upside down.

All things considered, I really enjoyed my hockey weekend and look forward to watching a Peterson skate up and down the ice for years to come.

My congratulations to the Luverne girls' hockey team for making it to the Minnesota State Girls' Hockey Tournament. Roll Cards Roll!

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 5

•Complainant reported a trailer on fire in the parking lot. Owner of Glen's was contacted and advised the trailer was away from the building, but there was some smoke damage to the front of the building.

•Deputy reported subject came up to him and told him he ran away from home. He was taken back home and things are fine for now.

•Deputy reported a vehicle abandoned on County Road 6 one half mile north of County Road 4.

•Complainant reported they own some land in Magnolia and a man lives in a trailer there. They have a verbal agreement with him. They want him to move out and have sent him several notices. She would like to know what they should do next.

•Complainant reported the smell of gas at location. Contacted Centerpoint Energy. It may take up to an hour for them to get to it.

•Complainant reported a semitrailer at location with the passenger side door open on I-90 near Luverne. Transferred to patrol.

•Complainant reported they have been having issues with their car. Took it to Stroeh's, and they reported someone had put something in the gas tank. It happened three weeks ago and it is unknown if it occurred in Luverne or Sioux Falls.

•Complainant reported that someone stopped at his house to report that he saw smoke coming out of a silo at location. Requested county car drive by and assess situation. Owner uses silo as a burn pit. All is OK.

•Complainant requested deputies for a disorderly patient screaming and yelling at location. Subject was taken to jail and his vehicle was towed to G&S lot.

Feb. 6

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding information he has on a murder investigation in Rawlins, Wyoming. Deputy talked to Rawlins Police Department. No murder investigation. It was a suicide.

•Complainant reported that subject has not paid rent, and they want him to leave. He is refusing to leave. Deputy transported subject to South Dakota.

•Complainant requested Salvation Army voucher for hotel room.

Feb. 7

•Complainant reported someone hit her car and drove off. She did not see it, but there were other witnesses. Witnesses said it was a dark silver Impala that hit the complainant's car.

•Complainant requested deputy for violent patient. He was taken to jail.

•Complainant requested to speak to deputy in reference to a person who is suicidal. Deputy transported subject to the Luverne Sanford Hospital emergency room for mental evaluation.

•Complainant reported that subject has been out of control today. He is at grandma's currently and behaving. Advised mother and grandma to call us if he gets out of control again, and we would deal with him.

•Complainant reported a cart from cart corral hit her pickup and left a scratch.

•Reserved for narcotics information.

Feb. 8

•Complainant reported

that her fiancé was heading to this address to beat the crap out of her. She was afraid for her well-being. Deputy transported subject to Nobles County jail.

•Complainant received a vulnerable adult report.

•Complainant reported that she has a restraining order against her ex-boyfriend. His mother has her number in her phone and gave it to him. He has been texting her.

•Ambulance reported that snow was blocking the intersection at ambulance entrance. Called John Stoffel from the city. He will send somebody out.

Feb. 9

•Complainant requested a deputy come and help him with a minor incident.

•Dispatch received a fire alarm at Poplar Creek. Paged Luverne Fire Department. They called and said it was burned toast. Notified 100, and he said they would reset the alarm for them.

•Reserved for school zone patrol. Late start.

•Complainant requested assistance on activating new cell phone. Subject was an elderly male who couldn't understand the procedure for activating a prepaid cell phone. Dispatcher helped him get set up.

•Complainant reported vehicles parking too closely to stop signs at this intersection. Deputy checked area and advised that there is no problem with the area.

•Reserved for school zone patrol.

•Dispatch received a 911 call. Only static on the line. Several callbacks produced the same results. Deputy checked area and building. Building was locked and secure with nothing else to note.

Feb. 10

•Dispatcher received a 911 hang up call. Called back and subject said it was a misdial.

•Complainant requested metal sticking out of the railroad tracks by Casey's. Left a message for Brent. Spoke to Herbert and advised him it is sticking out of the ground about a foot and cannot be moved. It needs to be taken care of right away. No response from railroad. John Stoffel went to location and the department of transportation was there. They were able to remove the steel bar.

•Complainant requested a deputy to come to her residence to make her kid go to school. Child was taken to the emergency room for an evaluation.

•Dispatch received a 911 call. The caller stated that it was an accidental pocket dial and all was OK at that address.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. Deputy went there, but subject would not answer the door.

•Complainant requested that the Sheriff's Office observe traffic speeds of semitrailer trucks on Blue Mound Avenue.

•Complainant reported an individual is placing glass bottles daily on the railroad tracks on 100th Avenue just south of County Road 4. Complainant got license plate number from suspect vehicle.

•Complainant reported a car on fire in back lot of the Rock County Implement.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about her husband being physically abusive. Subject left residence possibly going to Brandon, South Dakota. Brandon Police Department was made aware he may be in that area possibly intoxicated driving a

maroon Oldsmobile. Requested if they locate him to contact Rock County.

Feb. 11

•Complainant reported a truck hauling hay with no tail-lights. Transferred to patrol.

•Complainant requested that a welfare check be done for her next-door neighbor. Ashley said that Wilma's garage door is open and she is not answering the phone.

•Complainant reported that her neighbor is living in a camper with no plumbing, heating, etc. Lately, there has been a lot of traffic on and off that yard, which is abnormal. There is currently a vehicle there now. The complainant feels that there is something weird going on.

•Complainant reported that there is metallic debris in the roadway coming from the railroad tracks.

•Complainant reported that a vehicle did not yield to the crossing guard's stop flag. The plate she observed did not match the description of the plate.

•Complainant reported that vehicle tailgated her for three miles and passed her in a no passing zone, then drove recklessly through town. Lost sight of vehicle at Luverne High School. Will sign complaint. Also passed on to Minnesota Highway Patrol.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on subject because he heard a lot of yelling. Deputy reported it was over the dishes.

•Complainant called 911 to say she needs something from staff, but they are ignoring her. Also stated she sometimes hallucinates. Contacted charge nurse at Tuff Home, and they said she is on hospice, and they will check on her immediately.

•Complainant reported they got a strange call from a number that sounded like moaning on the other end. Number belongs to Connie who lives in Richfield, but her mother lives at Mary Jane Brown. Requested Mary Jane Brown check on mother. Mary Jane Brown reports everything is okay.

In addition, officers responded to 6 motor vehicle accidents, 34 vehicles in ditch, 2 stalled vehicles, 3 traffic stops, 11 ambulance runs, 4 paper services, 9 animal complaints, 4 false alarms, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 2 money escorts, 1 emergency response unit call, and issued 3 purchase/carry permits and 5 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/0218 state park meeting

Car burns in John Deere parking lot

Luverne Fire Department members made quick work of this car fire Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Rock County Implement parking lot. Nobody was injured in the event, but the car, owned by Joel Thacker, appeared to be a total loss.



This Star Herald file photo shows the need for a buffer strip between the field and river.

Rock County interprets buffer law/from 1A

Gehrke, who is taking the lead on buffer requirements, said his office is taking a more generalized approach to improving water quality.

For example, he said recent extreme rainfall events are too much for standard grassy waterways to absorb in fields where no other conservation measures are employed.

In other words, Gehrke said producers are learning that strip-till planting, terraces, basins and other practices all need to be considered in the overall picture of preventing erosion and water pollution.

"We have had about two dozen farmers ask for information about buffers, and the Corn and Soybean Growers Association approached us about presenting at their annual meeting," said Gehrke, Rock County's GIS technician.

"They came to us, which I was very grateful for."

There are state and federal cost-share

programs in place to help producers with the expense of implementing conservation practices, and Gehrke and Bos are hoping to see more voluntary participation. Their office can be reached at 507-283-8862, ext. 4.

Gov. Dayton, who has made water quality his mission, said he doesn't want to compromise the goal of his buffer strip legislation over controversy with only one aspect of the law.

That doesn't mean he's happy about conceding on the requirements for private ditches.

"It is private effluent that affects public water," he said during a Jan. 29 Minnesota Newspaper Association convention in Bloomington.

"I'm just astonished that there's this fierce opposition to protecting water. ... Because it's private ground, we should allow dumping of whatever they want into public water supplies."

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Sanford Luverne is offering a \$2000 healthcare scholarship

This scholarship opportunity is open to any student who has been formally accepted into a healthcare career program (general enrollment is not eligible). A 3.0 grade point average is also required. This scholarship is not tied to an employment commitment. Applications can be picked up from the front desk of the Sanford Luverne Clinic, located at 1600 N. Kniss Ave.

Deadline to apply is
March 4, 2016.

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Exercising with a purpose

Mavis Fodness photo/0218 Elementary Relay for Life
Luverne Elementary students took turns circling their handmade luminaries throughout the day on Friday, Feb. 5, in the gymnasium. This particular monthly walkathon event raised funds for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Students spend February's walkathon raising money to fight cancer

By Mavis Fodness

Like its larger predecessor conducted annually in Rock County, Luverne Elementary School's Relay for Life event features pledges, luminaries and walking.

On Friday, Feb. 5, the school's event raised \$5,656.40 for cancer research.

"We had a very successful relay," said Principal Stacy Gillette.

Walking is not a new activity for the elementary school.

The first Friday of every month, students, staff and a few family members circle the gymnasium (or outside track, weather permitting) to promote regular physical exercise.

Gillette said the school occasionally conducts a fundraiser in conjunction with its monthly walkathons. February's event raised

funds for the American Cancer Society.

Students could opt to ask friends and family members for monetary pledges. Those students received a purple footprint to place in the classroom hallway. Many of the footprints had a name of someone they know affected by cancer.

Students also decorated white paper bags that formed an outline of an oval track in the gym. On the bags were pictures and/or names written in brightly colored markers. A block of wood was placed in the bags to keep them upright. For safety reasons, the bags did not contain candles.

All students participated in the walkathon, spending 25 minutes of their day walking the track formed by the unlit luminaries. Fourteen laps equaled one mile.



Submitted photo

From left: American Cancer Society Relay for Life's regional representative Jennifer Evans joins Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, Rock County Relay for Life treasurer Vivian Holst, and the school mascot in recognizing Luverne Elementary School in their \$5,656.40 contribution.



Joel and Beth Wohnoutka

Uthe, Wohnoutka wed in Sioux Falls

Beth Uthe and Joel Wohnoutka were married Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, at Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Parents of the bride are Keith and Donna Uthe, Madison, South Dakota. Parents of the groom are Brian Wohnoutka, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Karen Wohnoutka, Luverne.

Pastor Rolf Svanoef officiated.

The bride's matron of honor was her sister Amanda Vongroven. Bridesmaids were Amanda Bernard, friend of the bride, and Kaitlin Wohnoutka, sister of the groom. The bride's personal attendant was her friend Kiana VanRosendale. The flower girls were Anna and

Grace Blessinger.

The best man was Dillon Bohlander, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Erik Wohnoutka, the groom's brother, and Houston Williams, friend of the groom.

A wedding reception followed the ceremony at All Occasions in Tea, South Dakota.

Beth graduated from Madison High School in 2011 and from Dakota State University, Madison, in 2015. She currently works at Madison Regional Health.

Joel graduated from Luverne High School in 2011 and from Dakota State University, Madison, in 2014. He currently works at Dakota State University in Madison. They live in Madison.

SCHOOL NEWS

Local student named to USF dean's list

The University of Sioux Falls in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has released its dean's list for the 2015 fall semester. Included on the list is senior elementary education major Meghan Leuthold, Hills. To qualify, students must earn a 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

Area student recognized on St. Olaf College dean's list

St. Olaf College, Northfield, has named Jonathon Vajgrt to the Fall 2015 dean's list. To attain this honor, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Jonathon is the son of Terry and Michelle Vajgrt, Luverne.

SDSU announces Fall 2015 graduates

The following area students graduated at the end of the Fall 2015 semester from South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota: Mitchell Voss, Adrian, Bachelor of Science, nursing; Joshua Boomgaarden, Beaver Creek, Bachelor of Science, agriculture and biological sciences; and Jessica Fick, Luverne, cum laude, Bachelor of Science, education and human sciences.

Make the dean's list? Let us share the news

The Star Herald strives to recognize all academic accomplishments of students from its coverage areas. Send school news to editor@star-herald.com or call 507-283-2333.

1924: Specialized farm-to-table marketing doubles chicken prices

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on February 2, 1924:

CAPONS BRING BIG PRICE ON LIVE POULTRY MARKET

Clinton Township Farmer Sells 30 Birds That Average Better Than 9 pounds and Bring 25c a Pound

A striking illustration of the success that may be attained in marketing farm produce in a specialized form, was furnished the latter part of last week by E. C. Loose, of Clinton township, when he delivered thirty Barred Plymouth Rock and Buff Orpington capons to W. H. White, for which he



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

received \$68.75.

These capons averaged a trifle better than nine pounds, and the price paid for them was 25 cents a pound, live weight. The market price for ordinary cockerels on that day was around 13 cents a pound, so that through caponizing the value of the birds per pound had not only been practically doubled,

but the average weight was likewise practically doubled.

The birds marketed were a part of fifty May hatched cockerels that were caponized when about two months old, and of this number only one was lost by the experiment. The thirty that were sold had been fed for fattening only about two weeks, but in spite of the short feeding

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Raelyn Pamela, weighing 7 pounds and 20 1/4 inches long, was born Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016, to **Nathan and Maggie Siebenahler**, Luverne, at Sanford Women's Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Grandparents are Jerry and Pam Kuhlman and Mark and Wendy Siebenahler. Great-grandparents are Gloria Monger, Carol Kuhlman and Robert Siebenahler.

Card Shower

Ed Lenz will celebrate his 90th birthday Monday, Feb. 22. Greetings may be sent to him at 276 W. 2nd St., Lismore, MN 56155.

period were in prime condition, and are said to have rivaled skillfully fed young turkeys in quality, texture and flavor of flesh.

Capons are much more contented feeders than ordinary cockerels and are credited with making about twice as much gain from the same amount of food consumed as do ordinary male birds. And, at all seasons of the year they bring a pronounced premium over the price of ordinary poultry.

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 to mannmade@iuw.net.

OBITUARIES

Genevieve Murphy

Genevieve J. Murphy, 81, passed away on Feb. 3, 2016, at the Brentwood Good Samaritan Center in Le Mars, Iowa.

A memorial service was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, at the Maurer-Johnson Funeral Home with a one hour visitation prior to the service. Rev. Kolleen Queener officiated. Burial will take place at a later date at St. Catherine's Cemetery located in Luverne, Minnesota. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family through www.mauerjohnsonfh.com.

Genevieve J. Scharf was born on Jan. 7, 1935, in Wishek, North Dakota, the daughter of Edward and Magdalena (Gruebele) Scharf. She attended grade school in Wishek, followed by college at Westmar in Le Mars, Iowa and Northern



State College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She then taught fourth grade in Luverne and enjoyed teaching until she retired in 1985.

In 1983, Genevieve married Leslie J. Murphy in Luverne. Together they enjoyed many summers at Arnolds Park and winters in Mesa, Arizona. They moved to Le Mars in 1996. Genevieve was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Le Mars. She is lovingly remembered by stepchildren, Jeanne Watson of Worthington, William Murphy of Hudson, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Misty, Robin, Patrice, Shawn, and Mike; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, William Scharf.

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Janice Kroontje

Janice C. Kroontje, 70, formerly of Magnolia, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at the Sanford Jackson Medical Center in Jackson.

A funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 13, at the First Baptist Church in Luverne. Burial was in the Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne.

Janice Carol Tousley was born Jan. 24, 1946, to Russell and Ellen (Allen) Tousley on the family farm in rural Carson City, Michigan, where she was raised.

She attended Butternut Country School and later graduated from Carson City High School in 1964. Janice attended Central Michigan University for two years and then attended Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music for three years. Following her education she worked four years with Child Evangelism Fellowship as a summer missionary, then four years at St. John's Home for emotionally disturbed children in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Janice married Marvin Kroontje on June 7, 1973, in Magnolia. Following their marriage, Janice joined Mar-

vin and his five children at their home in Magnolia. Due to her health, Janice moved to the Colonial Manor nursing home in Lakefield Dec. 6, 2011.

Janice was a member of the First Baptist Church in Luverne, where she enjoyed being involved with the prayer chain, Bible studies, and a Ministry for Mothers of premature babies. She also loved crocheting dolls and gifts for her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin; six children, Mark (Sue) Kroontje of Herreid, South Dakota, Vivian Griffin of Winona Lake, Indiana, William (Brenda) Kroontje of Ashton, Iowa, Trudy Schneiderman of Luverne, Darcy Lensing of Comfrey, and Robert (Becca) Kroontje of St. Paul; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two siblings, Paul Tousley and Joyce Awad.

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

(0218 F)

Laurie Abels

Laurie Ann (Berning) Abels, 54, Brewster, formerly of Adrian, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 16, at St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Friar James Berning officiated. Burial was in the Adrian Cemetery.

Laurie Ann Berning was born Jan. 23, 1962, to Al and Gert (Boltjes) Berning in Adrian. She graduated from Adrian High School in 1980.

Laurie worked as a freelance writer and graphic artist for the Worthington Daily Globe and Tri-County News. She married Gary Abels on July 3, 2009, on their acreage near Brewster. After their marriage, the couple lived near Brewster.

She painted race cars and signs, worked at the Nobles County Speedway, the Adrian Bakery, the Market Basket, the Adrian Motel, the Magnolia Steak House, the Long Branch Saloon, and Runnings in Worthington and provided day care.

Laurie and Gary owned and operated Abels Transport in Brewster.



She enjoyed painting, wildlife, nature, ceramics and singing karaoke.

Laurie is survived by her husband, Gary Abels, Brewster; two children, Carrie (friend Kyle Strampe) Domeyer, Adrian; and Josh Schuck, Brewster; two grandchildren, Cole and Colin Domeyer, Adrian; her parents, Al and Gert Berning, Adrian; a sister, Linda (Jerry) Heitkamp, Slayton; three brothers, Steve (Becky) Berning, Worthington, Randy (Karen) Berning, Adrian, and Brad (Jodi) Berning, Alexandria; three stepchildren, Eric (Melisa) Abels, Hills; Scott (Heather) Abels, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Brent Abels, Luverne; and six stepgrandchildren, Michaela and Carter Abels, and Katelyn Aderholt, Lydia, Isabel and Molly Abels.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Henry and Louise Berning; and her maternal grandparents, John and Grace Boltjes.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, www.dingmannandsons.com.

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Speech team earns sweepstakes win at Redwood Falls Invitational

Next meet set for Saturday in Pipestone

The Luverne Speech Team took the first-place sweepstakes trophy at the Redwood Valley Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Twenty-five members of the Luverne team were entered in the tournament, where 254 students competed representing 18 schools.

Derek Krueger (great speeches) and Knute Oldre (discussion) earned first-place recognition.

Other Luverne students receiving individual awards were as follows:

Second place: Hannah Hoogland, extemporaneous reading; Paul Witte III, storytelling; Dylan Thorson, extemporaneous speaking.

Third place: Samantha Ykema, discussion; Gunnar Oldre, humorous interpretation.

Fourth place: Ryleigh Beers, informative speaking; Courtney Wendland, extemporaneous reading; Jonah Louwagie, storytelling.

Blue ribbon winners were Anika Gust, original



Submitted photo

Luverne Speech Team members earned the first-place large team sweepstakes trophy Saturday at the 2015 Redwood Falls Invitational Speech meet. Members include (front row, from left) Kat Siebert, Ryleigh Beers, Emily Wendland, Derek Krueger, Paul Witte III, Hannah Hoogland; (second row) Nicole Hoogland, Courtney Wendland, Dylan Thorson, Samantha Ykema, Shane Berning, Gunnar Oldre, Mikayla Wiederhoeft; (third row) Cameron Wessels, Anika Gust, Jacinda Hustoft, Knute Oldre, Grace Sweeney, Sage VerSteeg, Jonah Louwagie; (back) Brianna Jonas, Emily Matthiesen, Megan Rogers, Julia Ferguson, Gryphon Norenberg and Adriana Gonzalez.

oratory, and Grace Sweeney, extemporaneous reading.

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Benson to be honored by state council

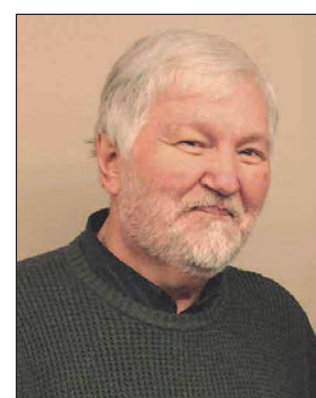
By Mavis Fodness

Luverne teacher Jerry Benson is among four teachers to be honored by the Minnesota Council for Social Studies.

Benson will receive the MCSS's 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award during a March 6 banquet in St. Cloud.

Benson has taught geography, psychology, world history, civics and American history in the course of his 46-year career. He currently teaches eighth-grade history.

According to the MCSS press release Benson describes his teaching as an invitation to students to act as "detectives to put the pieces together" through disciplinary in-



File photo

Luverne Middle School teacher Jerry Benson will receive the Minnesota Council for Social Studies Lifetime Achievement Award March 6.

quiry. He served as an MCSS executive board member, including two terms as president, for almost 20 years.

The annual dinner will also honor elementary, middle and high school social studies teachers of the year. Phyllis Haensel, Ham Lake, Bill Beckman, Maple Grove, and Matt Moore, Mankato West, will receive those awards respectively.

Recipients were nominated for their awards.

The MCSS supports, advocates for, and celebrates excellence in teaching and learning of social studies in Minnesota. MCSS is an affiliate council for the National Council for the Social Studies.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•Luverne School District will see more than \$90,000 of new computer equipment and software in the coming months, courtesy of Microsoft Corporation.

The money is from a settlement of a class-action lawsuit in which Minnesota customers and businesses claimed Microsoft Corp. was violating anti-trust laws by overcharging for its Windows operating system and its Excel and Word programs.

25 years ago (1991)

•A massive consolidation plan introduced by the state Education Commissioner last week would affect every school district in Rock County but Luverne if passed ...

It would require 185 of Minnesota's 432 districts to consolidate, including Hills-Beaver Creek, Adrian and Ellsworth.

50 years ago (1966)

•A Luverne air force pilot, on duty in South Viet Nam, fought and won an air-to-ground duel "in the best tradition of the Old West," according to a story appearing in the February 2 edition of the Pacific Stars and Stripes.

The story quoted the winner, Capt. Marvin M. Gradert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gradert, as saying about his opponent, "That guy had to have a lot of guts to stand up to my 20mm cannon."

75 years ago (1941)

•U.S. highway No. 16 through Rock county is shown on a

War Department map outlining a nation-wide network of super-highways for national defense purposes, a project upon which construction activity may be undertaken this year. The map appears in the Engineering News-Record for 1941, and is accompanied by an article on "Defense Roads in the 1941 Program."

100 years ago (1916)

•If present weather conditions continue a day or two longer, the snow will practically have disappeared and it will then be possible to ascertain if John Kelley, Rock county's missing auditor, perished in the county at the time of his disappearance.

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Girls capture first 3A title

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team turned in a history-making performance Feb. 9 in Redwood Falls.

After making their seventh appearance in the Section 3A title game in the last eight years, the Cardinals were seeking their first break-through effort that would land the school its first section championship.

Luverne got the job done against Fairmont Tuesday.

After surrendering a pair of goals in the first 17 minutes of play, the Cardinals scored five unanswered goals in the final two periods to clinch a 5-2 victory.

The victory sends 20-6 Luverne to the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul Wednesday, where they will make their first appearance at Minnesota State Class A Girls' Hockey Tournament.

"This group of girls has worked hard for this. They put in a lot of time so they deserve it," said LHS coach Tony Sandbulte.

"They were on the other side of things (section championship outcomes) enough times, so this is a dream come true for them."

The way LHS had to come from behind to knock off a



Luverne junior Mariah Aukes registered a hat trick, including her 100th career goal, during a 5-2 win over Fairmont during the Section 3A championship game in Redwood Falls Feb. 9.

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Luverne boys finish 20-5 regular season Friday

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team wrapped up a 20-5 regular season by posting a pair of Big South Conference road wins last week.

The Cardinals prevailed by six goals in Marshall Feb. 9 before securing a five-goal victory over St. Peter-Le Sueur-Henderson Friday in Le Sueur.

LHS will take a five-game winning streak and a 20-5 record into the Section 3A Tournament, which starts Thursday in Luverne.

The top-seeded Cards take on either No. 4 Redwood Valley or No. 5 New Ulm at 7 p.m.

LHS 7, SP-L-H 2

The Cardinals finished BSC play with a 15-1 record after besting the Bulldogs by five goals Friday in Le Sueur.

Luverne outshot the hosts 58-18 during a commanding offensive effort that featured Jaxon Nelson registering a hat trick and Chaz Smedsrud and Nick Behrend chipping in two goals each.

The Cards gained control of the contest by scoring six goals in the first two periods.

Nelson netted a power-play goal 2:30 into the game and Smedsrud added a goal with 5:50 remaining to give LHS a 2-0 cushion in the first period.

The Cards upped the lead to 6-0 in the second stanza.

Smedsrud, Behrend and Nelson scored one goal each in the first 5:41 of the second period to give LHS a 5-0 advantage.

Nelson capped his hat trick with 51 seconds left in the period.

SP-L-H's Alex Hoehn scored 49 seconds into the third period to snap Luverne's six-goal run, but Behrend countered for LHS at the 7:13 mark.

Nathaniel Wenner scored the final goal for the hosts with 5:26 left to play.

Smedsrud and Kasyn Kruse led the Cards with four and three assists respectively,

while Declan Beers, Jim Erickson and Trey Roberts notched one assist each.

Kaden Ericson stopped 16 of the 18 shots he faced in net for the Cards.

LHS 7, Marshall 1

The Cardinals completed a sweep of their season series with the Tigers, handing them a six-goal setback Feb. 9 in Marshall.

Luverne scored six goals in the first two periods of play and added another tally in the third period to dispose of the Tigers on their home ice.

Nelson and Kruse led the charge offensively by netting three and two goals respectively for an LHS team that sported a 31-26 advantage in shots on goal.

Goalie Ericson, who registered a rare assist in the contest, saved 25 of the 26 shots he faced in net to anchor the defense.

Nelson netted the lone goal of the first period with 1:21 remaining in the stanza and netted a short-handed tally 30 seconds into the second period to make it a 2-0 game.

Kruse and Smedsrud scored goals eight seconds apart in the first 2:34 of the stanza before Nelson capped his hat trick with a short-handed goal at the 9:21 mark of the period to up the lead to 5-0.

Marshall's Matt Van Keulen snapped Luverne's five-goal run with a short-handed tally with 3:39 remaining in the second period, but Kruse netted a power-play goal with 1:35 left to give the Cards a 6-1 lead heading into the third period.

Beers scored the final goal of the game for LHS with 11:19 left in the third period.

Smedsrud turned in a four-assist effort for the Cardinals and Nelson charted two assists.

Nick Harder, Kruse, Beers, Chris Jelken and Erickson added one assist each to the cause.

Cards meet No. 1-seeded Blake in state tourney opener

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls drew a tough opponent for their initial appearance at the Minnesota State Class A Hockey Tournament Wednesday.

Luverne, one of three unseeded teams in the eight-squad field, was randomly selected to play the tournament's No. 1 seed during the quarterfinal round at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

The Blake School, the

champion of Section 5A after knocking off No. 1-ranked Breck in the title game, drew the No. 1 seed for the state tournament.

Luverne drew the task of squaring off against Blake in the opening round at 6 p.m. in St. Paul.

The 23-2-2 Bears were ranked second in the last Class A poll.

In the bottom half of the state bracket, along with LHS and The Blake School, are fourth-seeded Proctor-

Hermantown (19-7-1) and fifth-seeded New Prague (17-9-1).

P-H and NP were ranked sixth and seventh in the latest Class A poll.

The top half of the state bracket includes second seed Warroad (23-3-1) and third-seeded St. Paul United (21-5-1), who were ranked third and fifth respectively in the latest Class A poll.

Warroad takes on Northfield (19-9) in the quarterfinals, while SPU

meets Alexandria Area (18-7-1).

AA was ranked No. 9 and Northfield No. 16 in the latest Class A poll.

For the 20-6 Cardinals, an upset win over Blake would send them to Friday's semifinals (1 p.m.) at the Xcel Energy Center.

An opening-round loss would put the Cards in a consolation semifinal against NP or P-H at noon Thursday at Ridder Arena.



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Luverne's Gracie Bosch nails a field goal early in the first half of Friday's 56-34 victory at Edgerton Public School.

LHS posts consecutive wins

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' basketball team posted consecutive wins for the first time this season late last week.

After dropping a 38-point decision in Blue Earth Feb. 9, the Cardinals bounced back to beat Windom by 15 points in Luverne Thursday before securing a 22-point victory at Edgerton Public School Friday.

LHS ended the stretch with a 6-16 record.

LHS 56, Edgerton 34

An extended scoring-run at the end of the game gave the Cardinals a 22-point win over the Flying Dutchmen Friday in Edgerton.

After sporting a seven-point lead at the intermission, the Cardinals found themselves in a battle when Edgerton knotted the score at 34 with 9:38 left to play.

Luverne answered the challenge by finishing the game with a 22-0 run ending with Bailey Jacobsma sinking two free throws with 7.4 seconds remaining to give the Cards a convincing road win.

Edgerton scored the first four points of the night on the way to building a 10-2 lead in the first 5:09 of the game.

Luverne reeled off seven consecutive points to trim the difference to one (10-9) when Nicole Kneip converted a field goal at the 11:19 mark of the first half, but EHS extended its lead to three points (12-9) moments later.

The Cardinals countered with a 13-1 run ending when Mackenzie Peterson drained a three-point shot with 3:10 remaining in the opening stanza to make it a 22-13 game.

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Minnesota ends team season for Adrian's wrestlers

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian wrestling squad wrapped up team competition for the 2015-16 season during the final rounds of the Section 3A Team Tournament in Redwood Falls Saturday.

Adrian posted a 25-point home win over Jackson County Central to open the event Thursday and reached the finals after defeating Pipestone by 27 points in the semifinals.

Adrian, however, lost a four-point decision to Minneota in the title tilt to end team play with a 22-3 record.

The Dragons compete at the Section 3A Individual Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Minneota 30, AHS 26

The Dragons lost their third consecutive title match to the Vikings when the teams squared off in Saturday's championship tilt in Redwood Falls.

Minneota won eight of the first 10 matches to open a commanding 27-8 lead and withstood a late charge by the Dragons (AHS registered pins in three of the final four matches) to prevail by four points.

Hunter Heitkamp (1:27 over Shawn Buysse), Dylan Gyberg (1:11 over Matt Myhre) and Gavin Engelkes (1:46 over Ryan Twedt) recorded pins for AHS, while Skylar Hieronimus won the technical fall over Henry Pesch.

Michael Preuss posted a 6-5 decision against Leo Buysse.

Minneota 30, AHS 26
106 (M) Buysse 15-5 Combs.
113 (M) Van Overbeke 14-2 Bullerman.
120 (M) DeVlaeminck 10-5 Fuerstenberg.
126 (A) Hieronimus t.f. Pesch.
132 (M) Hauswedell 7-2 Kern.
138 (M) Reiss 4-3 Nelson.
145 (M) Hennen 4-1 Elias.
152 (M) Bruner 10-2 Rogers.
160 (A) Preuss 6-5 Buysse.
170 (M) Buettel 5-1 Slater.



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Adrian senior Greg Kern locks up with JCC's Jacob Tvinnerheim during Thursday's Section 3A Team Wrestling Tournament match in Adrian. AHS won twice before falling in the finals.

182 (A) Heitkamp pins Buysse.
195 (M) Van Hecke 3-0 Wagner.
220 (A) Gyberg pins Myhre.
285 (A) Engelkes pins Twedt

AHS 51, Pipestone 24

The Dragons overcame an early deficit to earn a berth in the title match when they topped the Arrows by 27 points in Saturday's semifinals.

Pipestone won two of the first three matches to open a 12-3 lead, but the Dragons won nine of the final 11 matches to win handily.

Greg Kern (1:12 over Carson Wipf), Hieronimus (27 seconds over Josh Homann), Preuss (1:49 over MicKenley Bush), Heitkamp (21 seconds over Grant Ploeger), Matt Slater (2:37 over Jamison Vanderwal), Gyberg (2:45 over Dustin Olsen) and Engelkes (30 seconds over Dylan Arndt) pinned their opponents.

Chandler Combs (9-4 over Eric Lange), Logan Nelson

(12-7 over Emerson Winter) and Ryan Elias (6-1 over Bill Olsen) won decisions for AHS.

AHS 51, Pipestone 24
106 (A) Combs 9-4 Lange.
113 (P) Burnett pins Bullerman.
120 (P) Suda pins Fuerstenberg.
126 (A) Kern pins Wipf.
132 (A) Hieronimus t.f. Homann.
138 (A) Nelson 12-7 Winter.
145 (A) Elias 6-1 Olsen.
152 (P) Fenton pins Taylor.
160 (A) Preuss pins Bush.
170 (A) Heitkamp pins Ploeger.
182 (A) Slater pins Vanderwal.
195 (A) Gyberg pins Olsen.
220 (A) Engelkes pins Arndt.
285 (P) Wolters pins Edwards.

Adrian 49, JCC 24

The Dragons advanced to the semifinals in Redwood Falls by posting a 25-point win over the Huskies during Thursday's opening round in Adrian.

AHS was clinging to a 21-18 lead after the 152-pound match, but the Dragons split the next two matches with JCC and received four forfeits

in the final five weight classes to win the match handily.

Hieronimus (2:39 over Zach Poelaert), Elias (1:32 over Aaron Munoz) and Nelson (2:54 over Logan Preuss) registered pins for Adrian.

Preuss notched a 10-2 major decision over Luke Pygman for AHS, while Combs notched a 5-4 win over Matthew Mohning.

Heitkamp, Gyberg, Engelkes and Scot Edwards drew forfeits for the Dragons.

Adrian 49, JCC 24
106 (A) Combs 5-4 Mohning.
113 (J) Heckard 10-3 Bullerman.
120 (J) Schlager pins Fuerstenberg.
126 (A) Hieronimus pins Poelaert.
132 (J) Tvinnerheim 2-1 Kern.
138 (A) Elias pins Munoz.
145 (A) Nelson pins Preuss.
152 (J) Wagner by default.
160 (A) Preuss 10-2 Pygman.
170 (A) Heitkamp by forfeit.
182 (J) Moore pins Rogers.
195 (A) Gyberg by forfeit.
220 (A) Engelkes by forfeit.
285 (A) Edwards by forfeit.



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Luverne junior defenseman Carly Serie lifts the puck over the stick of Fairmont's Courtney Bloemke during the Section 3A championship game in Redwood Falls Feb. 9.

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feisty Fairmont squad, the Cardinals earned their trip to St. Paul.

The Cards had their way against Fairmont by outscoring the other Cardinals 18-5 during two regular season meetings that resulted in 8-3 and 10-2 LHS victories.

The section title game was much more competitive.

Luverne overcame Fairmont's two-goal first period to knot the score at two when the second period was complete.

LHS settled the issue in the third period when the Cardinals netted one power-play goal, one empty-net goal and scored on a last-second shot to prevail by three goals.

"I think the girls were ready to play and I was getting a good vibe from them when they were preparing for the game, but we just were not in sync in the first period," Sandbulte said.

"I was just hoping when the first period would end we could get back into the locker room only trailing 2-0 so we could settle everyone down and get things figured out."

The Cardinals did turn things around by knotting the score in the second period.

Luverne's comeback started in the second period, when Fairmont had two players in the penalty box.

Luverne capitalized the 5-on-3 power-play situation when junior Mariah Aukes scored her first of three goals after being set up by Madisyn Dingmann and Madi Oye.

Aukes reached a personal milestone by netting her 100th career goal to knot the score at two late in the second stanza.

With 3:13 remaining in the stanza, Aukes poked a rebound that was the result of her own shot into the net to tie the game.

Dingmann and Makayla Sterrett received assists for Aukes' 100th goal.

"It's (Mariah's) work ethic and the effort she gives that makes her successful," Sandbulte said.

"There is no stop to her energy because she is so determined on the ice."

Aukes netted what proved to be the game-winning goal 7:15 into the third period to

give LHS a 3-2 edge.

The Cards took advantage of another power-play situation when Oye slipped the puck to Aukes, who buried the biscuit into the back of the net to complete her hat trick and give LHS a 3-2 edge with 9:45 left to play.

Luverne's one-goal edge remained intact until the game's final period after FHS opted to take its goalie off the ice for an extra skater.

Dingmann took advantage of the situation, with an assist going to Aukes, to give the Cards a two-goal (4-2) cushion with 33 seconds left to play.

Fairmont's goalie returned to the ice for the final 33 seconds, but that didn't keep Sterrett from blasting a slap shot into the net before time expired.

Oye received her third assist of the game for Sterrett's tally. LHS sported a 44-20 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

After yielding two first-period goals, Emilie Bartels blanked Fairmont the rest of the night and made 18 saves in 20 attempts.

Cardinals squander halftime advantage

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team wrapped up a 1-11 Big South Conference campaign by dropping a game in Windom Thursday.

LHS played well early to sport a seven-point lead at the intermission, but Windom rallied in the second half to secure a 73-68 win.

The Cardinals were clicking on offense in the first half, when they outscored the Eagles 42-35.

LHS, however, couldn't fight off a Windom team that turned a 38-26 scoring cushion in the second half into a seven-point victory.

Nick Overgaard (23 points, 11 rebounds, four steals) and Erik Wohnoutka (21 points and six rebounds) played big games for Luverne, while Quinton Siebenahler collected eight rebounds.

The 8-15 Cardinals, who wrapped up the regular season in Minneota Tuesday (Feb.

16), open the South Section 3AA Tournament Saturday in Redwood Falls.

Game time is 7 p.m.

Box score
Overgaard 1 5 6-6 23, Muller 0 1 0-0 3, Wohnoutka 4 27-8 21, Claussen 0 0 2-2 2, Curtis 1 1 0-0 5, Siebenahler 1 0 4-14 6, Wagner 0 0 0-0 0, Bosch 1 2 0-0 8.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 50 field goals (38 percent), 19 of 30 free throws (63 percent), 34 rebounds, 10 turnovers.
Windom: 26 of 57 field goals (46 percent), 12 of 19 free throws (63 percent), 17 rebounds, five turnovers.

LHS gymnasts place fifth in season's final event Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

The 2015-16 season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinals when the Section 3A Gymnastics Championships were complete Saturday in Fairmont.

Luverne compiled 128.825 points to place fifth overall in a nine-team field.

The Cardinals end the campaign with a 23-14 record.

Worthington won the section team title with 139.7 points and advances to the state meet as a team Friday in Minneapolis.

Jackson County Central (139.15), Martin County Area (137.625) and Redwood Valley (131.8) also topped LHS in the team standings.

Hendricks (128.225), Windom-Mountain Lake-Butterfield-Odin (119.9), Pipestone (115.775) and Marshall (115.3) finished behind the Cardinals in team competition.

Along with the championship team, the top four individual finishers in each individual event and the all-around competition at the section level advance to state.

LHS didn't meet the criteria, but junior Madison Schandelmeier made a bid to move on.

Schandelmeier recorded an 8.575 tally on the bars to place fifth.

MCA's Bryanna Peterson won the bars championship with a 9.425, while JCC's Haley Bass recorded an 8.6 to place fourth and edge out Schandelmeier for a trip to state.

The day turned into a good one for MCA's Peterson, who also won the vault (9.225), floor (9.55) and all-around (36.95) titles.

Worthington's Maria Contreras claimed the beam crown with a 9.35.

Luverne's Samantha Pierce



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Luverne's Bergin Flom perfects a difficult maneuver on the beam during Saturday's section meet in Fairmont.

turned in her team's top scores on the beam (7.5) and floor (8.85).

Schandelmeier and Erin Sietsema recorded 8.65s to lead the Cards on the vault.

Individual scores
Vault: Schandelmeier, 8.65; Sietsema,

8.65; Pierce, 8.55; Bergin Flom, 8.45; Meghan Witte, 8.425.
Bars: Schandelmeier, 8.575; B.Flom, 7.925; Sietsema, 7.825; Witte, 7.2; Pierce, 6.9.
Beam: Pierce, 7.5; Marisol Hartshorn, 7.15; Madigan Flom, 7.0; Schandelmeier, 6.95; B.Flom, 6.4.
Floor: Pierce, 8.85; Schandelmeier, 8.6; Witte, 8.525; B.Flom, 8.425; Hartshorn, 8.3.

Wrestlers go 1-1 at 3AA event

By John Rittenhouse

The team portion of the 2015-16 wrestling season came to an end for the Luverne Cardinals Feb. 9 in Worthington.

Luverne did win its opening match of the South Section 3AA Team Wrestling Tournament for the third consecutive season.

Unfortunately for the Cards, the initial win was followed by a loss, ending Luverne's 11-15 team season.

LHS, the fifth seed for the tournament, staged a slight upset by topping No. 4 New Ulm 40-34 during the opening round.

Worthington, the top seed, eliminated LHS by saddling the Cards with a 56-11 setback in the quarterfinals.

Some clutch wins late in the match clinched Luverne's win over the Eagles in the opener.

The score was knotted at 28 after the 182-pound match, but the Cards received pins from Zach Luke (1:40 over Kaleb Helget) and Jakob

Olson (1:06 over Colby Wenniger) in the next two weight classes to set the stage for a six-point win.

LHS also received pins from Tucker Oeltjenbruns (1:52 over Rebekah Hoppe), Adam Fodness (2:35 over Angelo Metzger), Jeremiah Dooyema (1:04 over Matt Guggisberg) and Solomon Nielsen (3:48 over Nick Mehlop) in the win over New Ulm.

Hunter Baker added a major decision (9-1 over Jackson Bode) to Luverne's team tally.

Baker gave the Cards a 4-0 lead with another major decision (18-8) over Damon Schultz to open the Worthington match.

The rest of the battle belonged to WHS.

The Trojans won 10 of the final 12 matches and drew one forfeit to secure a 45-point victory.

Luverne's Will Natte posted a 4-0 decision against Worthington's Ethan Pavelko, while Nielsen secured a major

decision (19-8 over Cody Michelson) to cap the scoring for the Cards.

LHS competes at the Section 3AA Individual Tournament in Worthington Friday and Saturday.

Match wrap-ups
LHS 40, New Ulm 34
106 (L) H.Baker 9-1 Bode.
113 (N) Ranweiler pins Feit.
120 (L) Oeltjenbruns pins Hoppe.
126 (N) Howk 5-4 R.Baker.
132 (N) Ranweiler 6-2 Natte.
138 (N) Wacker 11-2 Jd.Dooyema.
145 (L) Fodness pins Metzger.
152 (N) Stark pins Hup.
160 (L) Jr.Dooyema Guiggisberg.
170 (L) Nielsen pins Mehlop.
182 (N) Hartley pins Claussen.
195 (L) Luke pins Helget.
220 (L) Olson pins Wenniger.
285 (N) Brooks by forfeit.

WHS 56, Luverne 11
106 (L) H.Baker 18-8 Schultz.
113 (W) Prunty pins Feit.
120 (W) E.Pwae 14-5 Oeltjenbruns.
126 (L) M.Pwae 12-1 R.Baker.
132 (L) Natte 4-0 Pavelko.
138 (W) Donkersloot 8-2 Jd.Dooyema.
145 (W) Blanchette pins Fodness.
152 (W) Byrne pins Hup.
160 (W) Bruns pins Jr.Dooyema.
170 (L) Nielsen 19-8 Michelson.
182 (W) Riley pins Claussen.
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EHS trimmed the difference to seven points (22-17) with a field goal in the final seconds.

Luverne scored the first two points of the second half before EHS went on a 13-3 run to sport a 28-27 edge with 12:28 left to play.

LHS scored the next five points to move in front 32-28 when Morgan Haugen drained a pair of free throws at the 10:48 mark, but EHS knotted the score at 34 1:10 later only to be blanked the rest of the contest.

Kneip (22 points and six rebounds), Haugen (13 points, five rebounds and four assists) and Jacobsma (10 assists and five rebounds) led the Cards statistically.

Box score
Schmuck 3 0 0-1 6, Remme 2 0 2-3 6, Kneip 9 0 4-6 22, Jacobsma 0 0 2-2 2, Bosch 1 0 0-0 2, Peterson 0 1 2-2 5, Haugen 2 1 6-8 13, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 33 field goals (58 percent), 16 of 22 free throws (73 percent), 28 rebounds, seven turnovers.
Edgerton: 13 of 30 field goals (43 percent), seven of 14 free throws (50 percent).



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Luverne senior post Nicole Kneip turned in a 22-point, six-rebound effort during Friday's 56-34 victory in Edgerton.

LHS 55, Windom 40

The Cardinals completed play in the Big South Conference's Western Division with a 3-9 record after posting a 15-point win in Windom Thursday.

The game was up for grabs after a first half that ended with Luverne sporting a 19-18 edge.

The Cardinals dominated play in the second half by outscoring Windom 36-22 to

win the game handily.

Haugen (16 points, six rebounds and four assists) and Kneip (12 points and six rebounds) paved the way to victory for LHS.

Box score
Schmuck 2 0 0-0 4, Remme 2 0 0-0 4, Kneip 4 0 4-4 12, Jacobsma 0 0 3-4 3, Bosch 0 2 0-0 6, Peterson 0 2 0-0 6, Haugen 4 1 5-7 16, Hustoft 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Luverne: 19 of 44 field goals (43

percent), 12 of 15 free throws (80 percent), 29 rebounds, eight turnovers.
Windom: 16 of 38 field goals (42 percent), seven of 10 free throws (70 percent), 18 rebounds, eight turnovers.

BEA 49, Luverne 21

The Cardinals were unable to get rolling offensively during a 38-point loss to the Bucs Feb. 9 in Blue Earth.

BEA limited the Cards to 11 points in the first half and 10 in the second half during a convincing victory.

Luverne, which made eight field goals in the game, fell behind 29-11 in the first half before being outscored 20-10 in the second half by the Bucs.

Haugen led the Cards in scoring with six points, while Zayna Hustoft collected a team-high five rebounds.

Box score
VerSteege 0 0 0-0 0, Schmuck 0 0 0-0 0, Remme 1 0 0-0 2, Kneip 2 0 0-0 4, Bosch 0 0 0-0 0, Peterson 0 1 0-0 3, Haugen 3 0 0-1 6, Hustoft 0 0 2-4 2, Rogers 0 0 2-4 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: eight of 35 free throws (23 percent), four of seven free throws (57 percent), 18 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
BEA: 18 of 39 field goals (46 percent), 10 of 15 free throws (67 percent), 22 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

Adrian drops three games on consecutive nights

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian girls' basketball team lost three Red Rock Conference games on consecutive nights late last week.

The Dragons fell by 22 points to Red Rock Central in Lambertton Thursday before dropping a 32-point home decision to Southwest Christian Friday. Adrian lost a three-point game to Murray County Central Saturday in Slayton.

AHS ended the stretch with a 9-11 record.

MCC 33, Adrian 30

The Dragons dropped their third consecutive contest when they came up on the short end of a three-point decision Saturday in Slayton.

In what was a low-scoring contest, AHS sported a 17-16 edge after 18 minutes of play.

MCC battled back to outscore AHS 17-13 in the second half to secure the win.

Jodi Bents (10 points and seven rebounds), Paige Bullerman (eight rebounds and three steals) and Hannah Bullerman (three steals) led AHS statistically.

Box score
H.Bullerman 2 0 0-0 4, R.Hokeness 1 0 0-0 2, Tweet 1 0 0-0 2, J.Hokeness 0 0 0-0 0, Bents 1 2 2-2 10, Kunkel 0 0 0-0 0, Grussing 0 0 0-2 0, Jeffers 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 1 0 1-2 3, P.Bullerman 4 0 1-2 9.

Team statistics
Adrian: 12 of 45 field goals (27 percent), four of 11 free throws (36 percent), 24 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
MCC: 15 of 33 field goals (45 percent), three of eight free throws (38 percent), 21 rebounds, 14 turnovers.

SWC 73, Adrian 41

The Dragons fell behind early and couldn't recover when they entertained the E-Gals Friday in Adrian.

SWC set the tone for the night by rolling to a 44-19 lead

Patriots end two-game slide

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team put an end to a two-game skid by besting the Edgerton Flying Dutchmen 50-39 Friday in Hills.

The home-standing Patriots got off to a good start by opening a 37-23 lead in the first half.

Edgerton managed to sport a 16-13 scoring edge in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep H-BC from locking up an 11-point victory.

Stuart Plimpton (11 points and five rebounds) and Isaiah Vis (11 points and three assists) paced H-BC offensively.

Cooper Vaughn registered four steals and three assists for the winners, while Zach Scholten, Josh Kueter and Trenton Bass grabbed eight, seven and five rebounds respectively.

Box score
Bass 2 0 1-2 5, Burgers 0 1 0-0 3, Forshey 1 0 2-3 4, Kueter 1 0 0-0 2, Plimpton 4 0 3-4 11, Scholten 3 0 2-6 8, Vaughn 2 0 2-3 6, Vis 2 0 7-8 11.

Team statistics
H-BC: 16 of 40 field goals (40 percent), 17 of 26 free throws (65 percent), 36 rebounds, nine turnovers.
Edgerton: 13 of 50 field goals (26 percent), seven of 10 free throws (70 percent), 26 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

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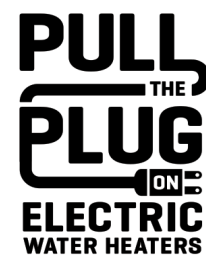
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Future help is coming for Luverne girls

It's been a history-making week for the Luverne girls' hockey program.



I'm sure everyone is well aware the Cardinal varsity squad captured its first Section 3A title in Redwood Falls Feb. 9. By doing so, the Cardinals made their first appearance at the state tournament Wednesday when they skated against top-seeded Blake at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

I'm not saying it couldn't happen again next year, but considering the fact that LHS sports a roster consisting of five seniors, experiencing the same success next winter could be a tall order.

Luverne, after all, will lose two of its top point-producers and a key defenseman when the 2015-16 season is complete.

There are some talented underclassmen returning to the ice next year, but there's no question LHS will not be the same team when 2016-17 play begins next November.

The good news is that help is on the way for the coming years, and it will come from what I've heard is a pretty impressive 12-and-under team.

Luverne has fielded a 12-and-under squad consistently since 2006, but none have experienced the type of season the young upstarts have put together this winter.

After posting five consecutive wins to start the campaign, the Luverne youngsters lost a game to Hutchinson Dec. 19.

Apparently that loss didn't sit too well with members of a team that is coached by David Van Batavia and Chad Nelson, because they have reeled off 17 consecutive wins since then.

The highlight of the season may have come

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

over the weekend, when Luverne posted consecutive wins over Fairmont (10-0), New Ulm-Sleepy Eye (8-1) and Worthington (11-2) to capture the District championship for the first time in program history.

By doing so, the 22-1 Cardinals earned the right to play in region competition in Albertville Feb. 26-28.

Upon taking a closer look at what these talented girls have put together so far, it's easy to believe the future looks bright for the members of this team.

With a defense led by goalies Cheyenne Schutz and Mallory Von Tersch and defensemen Reghan Bork, Mallory Nelson, Brynn Thier and Emma Ramstorf, the team has yielded just three or more goals in three of the 22 games to date.

With forwards Anika Boll, Kamryn Van Batavia, Billi Jo Connell, Kristyn Skindelien, Sophie Holmberg, Rozilyn Oye, Paige Sandbulte and Zariah Holmgren carrying the offensive load, Luverne has scored five or more goals in 14 games this winter.

Based on those statistics, its pretty clear this is a well-balanced team with a bright future.

I'm unsure how many of these girls will be making a big splash at the varsity level next winter, but I'm sure Cardinal coach Tony Sandbulte will be looking for some additional help.

If that's the case, I'm sure Sandbulte will be pleased the potential reinforcements have gained confidence from playing successful hockey in the past.

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Dragons sweep series with Ellsworth boys

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team completed a sweep of its annual season series with Ellsworth when the teams met in Ellsworth Friday.

Adrian, which topped the Panthers 64-53 in Adrian Dec. 1, made it two consecutive wins over Ellsworth by securing a 62-47 victory in the rematch.

The Dragons sported a 17-15 edge when the first half was complete.

AHS went on to outscore the Panthers 45-32 in the second half to secure a 15-point victory.

Zach Hendel (15 points and nine rebounds), Mitchell Lonneman (13 points and nine rebounds) and Chris Christians (11 points and five steals) led the Dragons to victory.

Jacob Stamer chipped in five rebounds to the winning cause. Malik Herman turned in a 15-point, 13-rebound effort for EHS.

Bobby Walkowiak tossed in 10 points and Brandon Kramer snared five rebounds for the Panthers.

Box score
Adrian
 Stamer 0 2 0-0 6, Serrao 0 1 0-0 3, Bierman 2 0 1-2 5, White 0 0 0-0 0, A. Loosbrock 1 0 1-4 3, Varley 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 3 1 2-2 11, N. Lonneman 2 0 0-0 4, Hendel 5 0 5-6 15, Z. Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 1 0 0-1 2, Werkman 0 0 0-0 0, M. Lonneman 4 0 5-6 13.
Ellsworth
 Herman 7 0 1-4 15, Leuthold 1 1 1-2 6, Walkowiak 2 2 0-0 10, Hinrichs 2 0 0-0 4, Kramer 1 0 0-0 2, Kruse 2 0 0-0 4, Buntjer 0 0 6-6 6.

Team statistics
Adrian: 22 of 58 field goals (38 percent), 14 of 18 free throws (78 percent), 37 rebounds, five turnovers.
Ellsworth: 18 of 54 field goals (33 percent), eight of 12 free throws (67 percent), 28 rebounds, six turnovers.

SPORTS BRIEF

Ice Fishing Derby

The Creamery Pond in Luverne will be the site of the ice fishing derby Saturday, Feb. 27.

Registration for the event is from 10:30 a.m. to noon with the fishing running from 1-4 p.m.

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The grand prize for the biggest fish is \$500.

Among other prizes that will be given away during the event, the first-place adult prize is a gas auger and the first-place youth prize is a kids' starting fishing kit.

Big second half gives H-BC victory

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team put together a big second half to end the regular season on a winning note Monday in Hills.

After leading by as many as seven points in the game's first half, the Patriots found themselves facing a 28-26 deficit to the Adrian Dragons at the intermission.

The second half belonged to H-BC, which outscored Adrian 33-12 to secure a 59-40 victory.

H-BC ends the regular season with an 11-13 record and takes on Red Rock Central in the quarterfinal round of the South Section 3A Tournament at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Windom.

Adrian caps a 7-15 regular season and hosts Heron Lake at 7 p.m. Thursday in a preliminary round game.

H-BC showed no mercy during the second half of Monday's contest.

The Patriots faced a 28-26 deficit at the intermission, but they opened the second half with a 15-1 run ending with Cooper Vaughn turning a steal into a layup that left the hosts sporting a 41-29 advantage with 13:44 left to play.

Adrian trimmed the difference to eight points (21-33) when Mitchell Lonneman sank one free throw at the 11:04 mark.

The Dragons, however, never trailed by less than eight points the rest of the night.



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Adrian's Ryan Wieneke contests a shot by H-BC's Preston Wilhelmi during Monday's basketball game in Hills.

H-BC methodically padded its lead and led by 19 (57-38) when Zach Scholten scored in

the paint with 3:38 remaining. Both teams scored two points in the final three

minutes.

A field goal by Lonneman 2:56 into the first half gave AHS an 8-4 lead, but the Patriots countered with a 13-2 run capped by Vaughn sinking one free throw at 11:56 to give the hosts a 17-0 cushion.

AHS fought back to regain a four-point advantage (28-24) when Ryan Wieneke converted a field goal with 1:30 remaining, but the Patriots netted the final two points of the stanza.

Scholten (23 points, 13 rebounds and four blocked shots) and Vaughn (10 points, five steals and three assists) led H-BC statistically.

Isaiah Vis grabbed seven rebounds and Trenton Bass charted three assists for H-BC.

Lonneman (12 points and six rebounds) and Zach Hendel (11 points and 10 rebounds) paced AHS in the game.

Box score
Adrian
 Stamer 0 0 2-2 2, Serrao 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 1 0 0-0 2, White 0 0 0-0 0, A. Loosbrock 0 0 1-2 1, Varley 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 1 0 0-0 2, N. Lonneman 1 0 0-0 2, Hendel 5 0 1-4 11, Z. Loosbrock 0 0 0-0 0, Wieneke 1 2 0-2 8, Werkman 0 0 0-0 0, M. Lonneman 4 0 4-7 12.
H-BC
 Vaughn 4 0 2-3 10, Burgers 0 0 0-0 0, Vis 4 0 0-0 8, Leuthold 1 0 0-0 2, Plimpton 2 1 1-2 8, Bass 2 0 0-2 4, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Kueter 0 0 0-0 0, Scholten 10 1 0-0 23, Forshey 2 0 0-0 4.

Team statistics
Adrian: 15 of 47 field goals (32 percent), eight of 17 free throws (47 percent), 33 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
H-BC: 27 of 47 field goals (57 percent), three of seven free throws (43 percent), 33 rebounds, nine turnovers.

FEBRUARY 9

SPORTS

REPLAY

Panther girls snap four-game skid

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team put an end to a run of four losses by defeating Westbrook-Walnut Grove 49-37 in Ellsworth.

The Panthers sported a 23-19 lead after 18 minutes of play and outscored the Chargers 26-18 in the second half to post a 13-point win.

Devin Dreesen (23 points, nine rebounds and four steals), Hannah Kramer (10 points and seven rebounds), Ashlyn Meester (six rebounds and five steals) and Megan Popkes (six rebounds) made key contributions to the winning effort.

E-Gals protect home court against H-BC

The Southwest Christian girls' basketball team defeated Hills-Beaver Creek 77-64 during a game played in Edgerton.

The E-Gals opened a 36-31 lead in the first 18 minutes of play and outscored the Patriots 41-33 in the second half to post a 13-point win.

Grace Bundesen (19 points and 13 rebounds), Sidney Fick (16 points, five rebounds and five assists), Avery Van Roekel (14 points), Kourtney Rozeboom (five rebounds) and Paige Tilstra (three assists) led H-BC statistically.

Flying Dutchmen roll over Adrian's boys

The Edgerton boys' basketball team posted a convincing 74-48 victory in Adrian.

The Flying Dutchmen doubled Adrian's scoring output (42-21) in the game's first half and used a 32-27 scoring advantage in the second half to win by 26 points.

Zach Hendel (16 points), Mitchell Lonneman (10 points and five rebounds), Nate Lonneman (six rebounds), Alex Loosbrock (three assists) and Zach Loosbrock (three assists) turned in productive nights for AHS.

Southwest Christian nips H-BC boys

The Southwest Christian boys' basketball team came out on the winning end of a 72-69 decision over H-BC in Edgerton.

SWC led 33-32 at the intermission and overcame a four-point deficit in the final four minutes to notch a three-point victory.

Zach Scholten (30 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots), Trenton Bass (10 points and five assists), Cooper Vaughn (eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals) and Stuart Plimpton (four assists) emerged as H-BC's statistical leaders.

Ellsworth boys fall in Okabena

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team dropped its fourth consecutive contest when the Panthers lost a 58-53 game to Heron Lake-Okabena in Okabena.

The home-standing Wildcats led 30-23 after 18 minutes of play and prevailed by five points after EHS sported a 30-28 scoring edge in the second half.

Brandon Kramer (17 points and seven rebounds), Malik Herman (14 points and 20 rebounds) Bobby Walkowiak (10 points), Trei Hinrichs (five assists) and Jared Leuthold (five assists) produced well for the Panthers.

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team avenged a January loss to Heron Lake-Okabena when the teams met in Okabena Thursday.

After falling to the Wildcats by a 43-33 tally in Hills Jan. 26, the Patriots returned the favor by upending HL-O 62-49 in

Thursday's rematch.

H-BC gained momentum from sporting a 26-19 lead in the first half.

When the Patriots outscored the Wildcats 36-30 in the second half, their 13-point conquest was complete.

Avery Van Roekel (21 points, five rebounds and three

assists), Grace Bundesen (12 points and 12 rebounds), and Sidney Fick (19 points) led H-BC to victory.

The 14-6 Patriots host Ellsworth Friday before traveling to Edgerton Monday night.

Box score
 Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 2-4 2, Spath 0

0 0-0 0, Lingen 1 0 0-0 2, Fick 3 4 1-4 19, Bundesen 5 0 2-6 12, Wysong 0 0 1-2 1, Wilhelmi 0 0 0-0 0, Gehrke 0 0 1-2 1, Van Roekel 7 0 7-10 21, Rozeboom 1 0 2-4 4.

Team statistics
H-BC: 21 of 53 field goals (40 percent), 16 of 30 free throws (53 percent), 30 rebounds, 15 turnovers.
HL-O: 15 of 48 field goals (31 percent), 16 of 26 free throws (62 percent), 25 rebounds, 16 turnovers.

Eagles run away from EHS in second half

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team wrapped up a 6-19 regular season by dropping a 70-45 home decision to Southwest Christian Monday.

Ellsworth was in a position

to upset the Eagles when the Panthers faced a 27-26 deficit at halftime.

SWC, however, dominated the second half by outscoring the Panthers 43-19 to pull away with a 25-point victory.

Malik Herman turned in a

23-point, 10-rebounds effort for the Panthers.

Trei Hinrichs charted four assists and three steals.

Ellsworth hosts Fulda for a 7 p.m. game to open the Section 3A Tournament Thursday in Ellsworth.

Box score
 Leuthold 0 0 0-2 0, Walkowiak 1 1 0-0 5, Hinrichs 2 2 0-0 10, Herman 10 0 3-4 23, Kramer 2 0 2-5 6, Buntjer 0 0 1-2 1, Wallenburg 0 0 0-0 0, Kruse 0 0 0-0 0, Buntjer 0 0 0-1 0, Boyemga 0 0 0-1 0.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: 18 of 56 field goals (32 percent), six of 15 free throws (40 percent), 26 rebounds, 19 turnovers.

Panther girls fall to HL-O in overtime Monday

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team dropped a pair of games to Red Rock Conference opponents.

Southwest Christian rolled to a 49-point win over the Panthers in Ellsworth Thursday. EHS lost a one-point game in overtime to Heron Lake-Okabena Monday in Okabena.

The 4-15 Panthers play in Hills Friday.

HL-O 57, Ellsworth 56

The Panthers made a bid to knock off the Wildcats before falling by one point in overtime Monday in Okabena.

After battling to a draw at 29 in the first half, the Panthers faced a 52-50 deficit as time

was winding down in the second half.

EHS senior Megan Popkes kept the team's hopes alive when she banked home a long two-point field goal before time expired to force overtime.

The score was knotted at 56 with 20 seconds remaining in overtime and EHS had possession of the ball.

EHS was attempting to put up the final shot, but the attempt was blocked by HL-O and resulted in a scramble for the loose ball on the floor.

The Panthers were whistled for a foul during the battle for the ball with less than one second left.

HL-O's Kiana Leighty went to the line and missed the one free throw before making the

second attempt to give the Wildcats a 57-56 win.

Popkes (26 points and seven rebounds) and Devin Dreesen (15 points and four assists) turned in productive nights for the Panthers.

Ashlyn Meester charted three assists for EHS.

Box score
 Kramer 0 0 0-3 0, K. Chapa 1 0 0-0 2, Meester 4 0 1-3 9, Dreesen 6 1 0-2 15, Popkes 5 4 4-5 26, Smith 1 0 2-6 4.

Team statistics
 Ellsworth: 22 of 50 field goals (44 percent), seven of 19 free throws (37 percent), 29 rebounds, 15 turnovers.

SWC 73, Ellsworth 24

The Panthers were unable to offer the E-Gals a stiff challenge when the teams squared off in Ellsworth

Thursday.

Ellsworth led 8-6 four minutes into the game, but SWC outscored the Panthers 67-16 the rest of the night to nail down a 49-point victory.

The E-Gals led by 30 points (44-14) at the intermission before outscoring the Panthers 29-10 in the second half.

Dreesen (12 points and seven rebounds) and Popkes (10 points, seven rebounds and three assists) turned in productive nights for the Panthers.

Box score
 Dreesen 5 0 2-3 12, Popkes 3 0 4-4 10, Smith 0 0 2-2 2.

Team statistics
Ellsworth: eight of 43 field goals (19 percent), eight of nine free throws (89 percent), 20 rebounds, 17 turnovers.

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Thursday, Feb. 18: 11:30 a.m. Pastor Appreciation at the Senior Dining Center. 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 19: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Feb. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at FBC. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at FBC. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 6:55 p.m. Awana Grand Prix. Thursday, Feb. 25: 7 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

Grace Lutheran Church
500 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne
Ph. 283-4431; www.graceluverne.org — Nichols-glc@live.com
Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor

Thursday, Feb. 18: 8:30 a.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee. 1:30 p.m. Lydia Circle at Church. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Feb. 19: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Feb. 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Feb. 21: 8:15 a.m. Worship; Radio broadcast. 9:15 a.m. Coffee. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 9:50 a.m. Fifth-grade First Communion Class. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. 3 p.m. Christ and Canvas Painting for grades K-5. 6 p.m. Christ and Canvas Painting for 5th grade to adult. Monday, Feb. 22: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes of Harmony. Tuesday, Feb. 23: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:30 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. Mary and Martha Circle at Church. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 3:15 p.m. Faithweavers. 5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper. 6:45 p.m. Lenten Service. Chancel Choir rehearsal after service. Thursday, Feb. 25: 9:30 a.m. Rachel and Naomi Circles. 2 p.m. Sarah Circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7:30 p.m. Priscilla and Elizabeth Circles.

Bethany Lutheran Church
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne

Ph. 283-4571 — pastorapalmquist67@yahoo.com
Thursday, Feb. 18: 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 6 p.m. Soup Supper. 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers. Catechism Class. Thursday, Feb. 25: 5 p.m. Worship service on Channel 3.

American Reformed Church
304 N. Fairview Dr., Luverne

Ph. 283-8600; email: office@arcluverne.org
Thursday, Feb. 18: 7 p.m. Wedding Coordinator meeting. Friday, Feb. 19: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 3:30 p.m. Partnership Class. 7 p.m. SR RCYF. Monday, Feb. 22: 7 p.m. Financial Class. Tuesday, Feb. 23: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Feb. 25: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Abide Praise Team. 8 p.m. Adult Choir.

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

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50
Sunday, Jan. 21: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship Service.

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

Thursday, Feb. 18: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Bible Study in the Upper Room. 11:00 a.m. Come as You Are. Thursday, Feb. 25: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf.

St. John Lutheran Church
803 N. Cedar St., Luverne

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005
email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org
Thursday, Feb. 18: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs' Devotions. Saturday, Feb. 20: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. 2 p.m. Circuit Forum – Hardwick. 4 p.m. Junior LYF for grades 6-8. Monday, Feb. 22: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m. Little Lambs' Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Worship. 6:30 p.m. Guild. 7 p.m. KFS/Confirmation; High School Bible Study; Senior Choir. 8 p.m. Youth board meeting. Thursday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Little Lambs' Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Rock County Ministerial Association.

Living Rock Church
500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org
Billy Skaggs, Pastor
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church
211 E. Main St., Luverne

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

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

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 18: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Feb. 19: 4 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Monday, Feb. 22: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Feb. 23: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Lenten Worship Service. Light lunch to follow service. 7:45 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, Feb. 25: 4 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church
26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D.

igtwlb@WOW.net
Bill Bates, Pastor
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

First Lutheran Church
300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 18: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 7 p.m. Lenten Service.

Palisade Lutheran Church
211 121st St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net
Ray Heidenson, Pastor
Thursday, Feb. 18: 7:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting at Palisade. Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 7 p.m. Lenten Service.

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

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle – Third Thursday of the month.

Magnolia United Methodist Church
501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia

Church Ph. 283-9698; cell 227-7821
adrmagumc@frontiernet.net — www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com
Kristi Franken, Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Sunday School. Tuesday, Feb. 23: 10 a.m. Bible Study at Adrian Senior Center. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 6 p.m. Soup Supper at Adrian UMC. 7 p.m. Worship at Adrian UMC.

Not what it seems

"Judge not, that you be not judged." Matthew 7:1



Sven was riding the city bus to town. When he reached his stop, it looked like rain and without thinking he picked up the umbrella belonging to the man sitting next to him. "Stop, thief," Lars yelled. "Stop dat man. He took my umbrella." Sven apologized profusely. "I was not thinking when I picked it up. I thought it was my umbrella. I must haf left mine at home."

Later in the day Sven saw a shop that had umbrellas on sale. It had been raining off and on, so he bought a large black one for himself. Then he thought, "I tink I vill surprise my Ingrid, Little Sven, Grandma and Grandpa vith new umbrellas." Picking out a bright pink one, a light blue one, a rose-colored, flowered one and a dark gray one, he made his purchases and walked to the bus stop. He sat down on the bench next to Lars who was also heading home. When Lars saw Sven with five umbrellas he pulled his own close. "Vell," he said, "you didn't get mine dis morning, but it looks like you had a good day after dat." Things aren't always what they seem. It's easy for us to judge others and

BUILT ON A ROCK

By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

their behavior, but God tells us not to judge. Many time things are altogether different from what they first seem. Sometimes we look at other people and wonder, "Now why did they do that?" But, if we were in the same situation, we might make the same decisions. And, well, if we're honest with ourselves, we have to admit that many times we've come to conclusions about other people that aren't even close to the truth.

God doesn't call us to judge people. He calls us to love them. He wants us to protect each other, to support each other. And if we know someone who has strayed into wrong things, He wants us to care enough to help them get back on the right track.

Lord, all judgment belongs to You, and we're glad it does, because You are the only one who can get it right. Keep us faithful to You, always seeking our answers in Your word. Thank You for forgiving us when we make mistakes. Help us forgive each other — to give each other the benefit of the doubt — instead of judging. Bless and keep us for Jesus' sake, Amen

Steen Reformed Church
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336
Reuben Sinnema, Youth Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 21: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF. Wednesday, Feb. 24: 7 p.m. Midweek.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Interim Pastor Grant Fisher

112 N. Main St., Hills
Hills United Reformed Church
Sunday, Feb. 21: 9 a.m. Worshp at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. Tuesday, Feb. 23: 10:30 a.m. Text Study. 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at Village. Wednesday, Feb. 24: Confirmation students attend Lent. 6 p.m. Lent Supper. 7 p.m. Lent Service.

Hills United Reformed Church
410 S. Central Ave., Hills

Office Ph. 962-3254
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Richters applies for livestock feedlot permit

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Minnesota Rule 7020.2000 subp. 4

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes 116.07, subd. 7(a), that Rodney Richters, has made application to the County of Rock, for a permit to modify a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more.

The proposed feedlot will be located in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 3 in Clinton Township, Rock County, Minnesota.

The existing facility consists of total confinement buildings to house 2085 head of finishing hogs. The proposed modification will be adding a total confinement building to house 400 head of finishing hogs. Manure from the hog barn will be stored in a poured concrete pit. Final numbers will be 2400 head of finishing hogs equaling 720 animal units.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.

(2-18)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for March 31

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Darryl R. Boltjes and Marti K. Boltjes, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 by assignment recorded on March 5, 2014 as Document Number 183568 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$76,500.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 11, 2006

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 25, 2006 as Document Number 164883 in the Office of the County Recorder of Rock County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$77,137.54

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The South Seventy Feet of the West One Hundred Thirty-five Feet of the North Half of Lot Five (5) in Block Three (3) of PJ Kniss Addition to the City of Luverne, Minnesota, subject to easements, if any, Rock County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 114 N DONALDSON ST, LUVERNE, MN 56156-1418

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Aegis Lending Corporation, a Delaware corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0970-000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100055140023452580

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Rock County Sheriff's Office, in the Lobby of the Rock County Law Enforcement Center, 213 East Luverne, Luverne, Minnesota to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2016.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: January 29, 2016

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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(2-4, 2-11, 2-18, 2-25, 3-3, 3-10)

Rock County seeks bridge bids by March 18

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & APPROACH GRADING/ S.P. 067-615-009
BIDS CLOSE AT 11:00 A.M. MARCH 18, 2016
LUVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department in Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, **March 18, 2016.**

Minimum wage rates are to be paid by the contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS PROJECT

The Minnesota department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49. Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title

23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aide Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all person without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin.

In accordance with Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will be affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

In Accordance with Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to and contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certified of Compliance.

If you are not a current holder of a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and intend to bid on any job in this advertisement, you must contact the Department of Human Rights immediately for assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, Section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 a Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request form the contraction agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

A minimum goal of ****7.7% Good Faith Effort**** to be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the **Special Equal Opportunity Employment Provisions** as contained in this proposal.

Proposals will be opened and read publicly in the presence of the Rock County Highway Engineer at the Rock County Highway Building located at 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue in Luverne, MN immediately following the hour set for receiving bids for the following Rock County Highway work. Bids will be awarded Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridge 67571, a 112' Concrete Slab Span. The project is located 1.5 miles East of Junction CSAH 3 on CSAH 15 over The Kanaranzi Creek.

The major items of work are: 87 Cu. Yd. Structural Concrete; 3.975 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 228 Lin. Ft. of Type F Railing Concrete; 149 Sq. Yds. Bridge Approach Panels; 69,730 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 790 Cu. Yd. Random Riprap (Class IV); 450 Lin. Ft. 12"-C-I-P Test Piles 90 Ft. Long; 640 Lin Ft. 16"- C-I-P Piling; 2-16" C-I-P Test Piles 90 Ft. Long; and 359 Tons Bituminous Wear and Non-Wear Mix.

Plans, specifications, and proposals may be viewed, and downloaded at www.questcdn.com and at the Rock County Highway Department website, www.co.rock.mn.us/highway.

The non-refundable cost for plans and one proposal will be \$30.00.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or corporate surety bond drawn in favor of the Rock County Treasurer in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the proposal.

Sealed Bids shall be clearly marked **"PROJECT NO. S.P.067-615-009"**

The Board of Rock County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects therein.

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Law Enforcement Position Available: South Dakota Game Fish & Parks is currently seeking SD Certified Law Enforcement Park Rangers to work temporary summer shifts of 8-40 hours/week in the State Parks within Minnehaha, Lincoln, and McCook Counties. Part-time and full-time positions are available. Position is advertised out of the Canton (Newton Hills State Park) location, req. #SO6-7587. Starting salary of \$15.25/hour. Information and applications can be found online at: <https://bhr.sd.gov/workforus/gfp.aspx> or by calling: Palisades State Park at 605-594-3824 or Newton Hills State Park at 605-987-2263. EOE (2.14-3.3)

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted: Welder/Fabricator to work in machine shop. Experience with farm equipment and trailers preferred. Must be dependable and willing to work 50+ hours per week. Wages D.O.E. Call 507-227-1114 (2.14-3.3)

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The Family of Melvin Paulsen wished to thank everyone for your kind concerns. Your prayers, cards, notes, visits, food, and memorials were much appreciated. Thanks to the doctors, especially Dr. Judy, to all the staff at the homes, and the hospital staff. To Lorraine for the music, Reuben for his words at the funeral, all those who served lunch, and to Jeff Hartquist who helped us so much. God bless our caring community.

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Girls' Hockey



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The Luverne girls' hockey team makes its first appearance at the Minnesota State Class A Hockey Tournament Wednesday at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. Team members include (front row, from left) Rylee Olson, Mariah Aukes, Makayla Sterrett, Madisyn Dingmann, Lexi Henrichs, Maddie Dinger, (second row) Kennedy Gonnerman, Shelby Kracht, Claire Baustian, Cori Nath, Emilie Bartels, (third row) Adayla Rouzer, Carly Serie, Madi Oye, Madison Crabtree, (back) coach Phillip Paquette, coach Tanner Skattum, head coach Tony Sandbulte, manager Stephanie Riggs, Regan Feit and manager Allie Skattum.

- **First Section 3A Tournament championship**
- **Second place in the Big South Conference**
- **20-6 overall record**
- **First State Tournament appearance in school history**
 - **Luverne plays No. 1-seeded The Blake School in Wednesday's quarterfinals at 6 p.m. at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.**

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