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'Bad Kids' showing at Palace March 17

By Mavis Fodness

The documentary film, "The Bad Kids," will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, March 17, on St. Patrick's Day at the Palace Theatre in Luverne.

The film documents the story of students in poverty at Black Rock Continuation High School near Yucca Valley, California, where Vonda Viland is principal.

The film follows her positive impact on students who face daunting challenges on their road to graduation.

Viland graduated from LHS in 1984 and has taught in the California school district for 30 years.

"The Bad Kids" was filmed over a two-year period and uses no narrator. Instead, the camera follows Viland and the Black Rock students, using their interactions and conversations to tell the story.

The Sundance Film Festival recognized the production for its unique filming technique.

As a result of the film's accolades, Viland wrote a book with co-worker Deborah Turner called "Lessons From the Bad Kids."

The book is written for educators, mental health providers and the general public. The book was released in January.

Luverne's March 17 showing of the film comes days before the film premieres on the Public Broadcasting Channel.

Viland fashioned staff development lessons for each book chapter. Each chapter has about 10 activities.

"As it is our goal to help kids, we are giving (the lessons) to anyone who contacts us wishing to have them to work with educators to help at-risk students," Viland wrote.

For the lessons, contact Viland at vkviland@hotmail.com.

PBS will air "The Bad Kids" on March 20.

The guide for teachers and students will also be listed on the PBS website after the airing.

Viland and the film's producer were invited to Luverne's March 17 event, but she won't be able to attend due to a conflict with teacher

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A match made in heaven

Lori Sorenson photos/0302 pastor laura outside

Since last fall, Intern Pastor Laura Phillips has been leading Palisade Lutheran Church's congregation in western Rock County and also at First Lutheran in Valley Springs. She grew up in Farmington and said she's at home in rural Rock County, affectionately referring to nearby cattle as "Lutheran cows." Her parishioners, including church secretary Carrie Bakken, have called her a godsend. "She brings a more useful perspective," Bakken said. "It used to be the old Norwegian Lutheran way for so many years, and she brings a fresh perspective." She said church services are still based on Lutheran tradition, but it feels different — better. "I feel like Laura has brought us out of that rut and I look forward to going to church," Bakken said. "Each Sunday is new and exciting, and you wonder what she's going to bring this time."

Teacher turned preacher 'breathes life' into rural church

By Lori Sorenson

The lighted steeple of Palisade Lutheran Church in western Rock County is a beacon on the prairie for travelers on State Highway 23.

But in recent years, that light was at risk of dimming — literally and figuratively. Sunday morning attendance was dwindling, and the congregation's spiritual well was running dry.

There was even talk among synod leaders about closing the doors to merge with a larger, more vibrant nearby congregation.

But last fall, the tide turned for Palisade Lutheran and its sister church, First Lutheran in Valley Springs.

'It feels like home'

Laura Phillips, a preschool teacher-turned pastor from Farmington began interning with

the two churches on Sept. 11, 2016.

"I knew nothing about them except that they needed a pastor," she said.

The church members knew nothing about Phillips except that she needed an internship.

It turned out to be a match made in heaven.

"It very much feels like home to me," Phillips said. "It's very much like the church I grew up in."

As a side note, her childhood pastor in Farmington is a former pastor at Palisade church. "No wonder I feel at home."

And she said there's something special about her relationship with her parishioners.

"Everyone has been so kind to me," Phillips said.

"What I love about this church is they are so small, everyone is involved and everyone is doing something. It's fun to see how people

pitch in and get things done."

Palisade Lutheran has an average Sunday morning attendance of 35-40 out of its 160 members. And, because of the small group, it didn't take her long to meet everyone.

"I get to enjoy them and love them; that's my job," she said. "It's loving people. Knowing them, knowing how to pray for them, and especially sharing with them the gospel message."

'She has been a godsend'

From a church member's perspective, the feelings are more than mutual.

"I just feel like she has been a godsend — not just to David and me, but to our congregation," said Patti Swenson.

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Three-peat!

LHS Mock Trial heading to state competition ... again

By Mavis Fodness

Members of the Luverne High School Mock Trial team know how to perform well under pressure.

For the third year in a row, a Luverne team will represent the area at the state competition Friday and Saturday in St. Cloud.

However, this year's bid for a return trip was a test of nerves for the 12-member "A" team.

The Feb. 15 final round to determine who would represent Region 5 at the state tournament left Luverne and Lakeview High School tied at 215 points each.

"At the bottom of the score sheet each judge has to mark which team was overall better and should win if there is a tie," said attorney coach Jeff Haubrich. "Both judges marked

Mock Trial three-peat/see 2A



Mavis Fodness Photo/0302 Mock Trial Threepeat

Members of the Luverne High School Mock Trial team practice in the media center before school Monday for the state Mock Trial competition Friday and Saturday in St. Cloud. This is the third year the local team has qualified.

Taco John's managers charged with felony theft

By Lori Sorenson

A Luverne couple who managed Taco John's are accused of felony theft after owners tabulated more than \$31,000 in missing cash deposits.

According to the criminal complaints filed Monday in Rock County District Court, the investigation started last fall when owners contacted the sheriff's office about suspected employee theft.

Owners Ronald and John Christianson have owned the Taco John's in Luverne for 12 years and hired Jacob Wright as manager four years ago. His wife, Amber Wright, was assistant manager and has worked at the restaurant for the entire time the Christiansons have owned it.

They told law enforcement they had been having problems with weekend deposits — includ-

ing Fridays — not getting in the bank until Monday. Typically deposits are made every day except weekends.

They said money would be missing and later paid back and some shortfalls were covered by other deposits. The Christiansons said this pattern continued and got progressively worse until they were missing \$26,000.

They said they approached the Wrights about the shortfall and gave them the opportunity to pay it back.

Then they confronted the Wrights about the money and discussed gambling problems. When asked about the missing Saturday money from the week prior, both Jake and Amber stated they believed a bag with \$900 in

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Article 9: Luverne has a long history of supporting and promoting health care

This is the ninth in a series that shares the rich history of Luverne as it celebrates 150 years. This comes from the archives of the newspaper and from Betty Mann:

Hospital care in Luverne dates back to the very early 1900s. According to local historians, Dr. E.A. Spaulding, one of Luverne's first physicians and surgeons, performed surgeries in a dwelling at the corner of Spring and Luverne streets. In 1903 he built the first hospital in Luverne that was used until 1957, when the fa-

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This week's moment in time is sponsored by:



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Hardwick Goal Seekers meet every Monday in Hardwick City Hall for the purpose of support and encouragement for weight loss journeys. Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Glenda, 449-0568, with questions.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the home of clerk Teresa Kramer.

The American Legion Post 123 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the Post home.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Call 507-329-2642.

Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. Mondays in the United Methodist Church.

Al-Anon meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Sanford 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. Call 605-321-4324.

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

Bank Nite movie March 2

The free Bank Nite movie, "Pete's Dragon," rated PG, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Palace Theatre in Luverne. Sponsored by First Farmers & Merchants National Bank and Papik Motors, a free, family-friendly movie is shown on the first Thursday of every month as it was done for "Bank Nite" in the 1930s. A cash prize drawing will follow the movie. Must be present to win.

World Day of Prayer March 3

The World Day of Prayer will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. Fellowship will follow in the Gathering Space.

Weight restrictions in effect

Spring weight and road restrictions are in place on Rock County roadways. Restrictions will be lifted depending on how the weather affects roadway strength. Drivers should look for updates throughout the spring. Call Rock County Highway Engineer, Mark Sehr, at 507-283-5010.

Hills Community Theatre

March 9-11 and March 16-18

The Hills Community Theater will perform "A Decimal Point of View," a comedy written and directed by Nancy Kraayenhof, March 9-11 and 16-18 at the American Legion in Hills. To reserve tickets call 507-962-3791 or 605-941-5371. Dinner theater seats are \$25. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with a buffet dinner by Tony's Catering at 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Play only seating for \$15 begins at 7:15 p.m. for each show on a limited basis.

Origami Night at library March 7

A fun-filled night of origami will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in the Rock County Library. This is a family event for ages kindergarten to senior citizens and for beginners to intermediate. Registration is required. Sign up at the front desk or by calling the library at 449-5040.

State Park meeting March 9

The Department of Natural Resources will host the third meeting of the Blue Mounds State Park Citizens Advisory Group from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Luverne Chamber of Commerce at 213 E. Luverne St.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss recreational opportunities at the Blue Mounds State Park. The public is invited to the meeting. Call Chris Ingebretsen at 507-283-6053 with questions.

'The Looney Lutherans' perform at Palace March 12

Laugh with "The Looney Lutherans" as they perform a fun, interactive, family-friendly show at the historic Palace Theatre at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12.

As part of their 125th anniversary, St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne is sponsoring the group and invites the community to enjoy the performance. Admission is free. A freewill donation will be accepted. You don't even have to be Lutheran.

Three-peat: LHS Mock Trial heads to state again/from page 1A

Luverne." Luverne enters the tournament with a 5-0 record. Two of those wins came against Luverne's "B" team.

When 30 seventh-through 12th-grade students expressed interest in this year's Mock Trial team, coach Deb Schandelmeier and attorney coach Jeff Haubrich formed an "A" and a "B" team.

Each team competed in three rounds, with the top four teams advancing to the semifinal rounds. The top two teams meet in the finals.

Luverne's teams went head-to-head twice in the case involving a high school student's lawsuit against his school district for infringing on his right to free speech.

The teams prepare for both the plaintiff and the defense sides of the civil case. Each side has three witnesses and three lawyers plus timekeepers and a bailiff.

Teams are told which side they need to prepare in the Mock Trial.

Luverne's team prepares extensively for either side in four-day-a-week practices before or after school.

"Practice is all about repetition," explained senior Knute Oldre.

Oldre returns to the state competition as the two-time All-State Attorney.

Members of the "A" Team are lawyers Oldre, Dylan Thorson, Hans Bakken and Alexa Chelsey.

Witnesses are Madison Schandelmeier, Zayna Hustoft, Emma Verbrugge, Gunnar Oldre, Jady Anderson and Megan Rogers. Grace Sweeney and Sophia Lanoue are the "A" team's understudies.

"We have been lucky with very bright kids who are willing and able to spend a lot of time working on Mock Trial," Haubrich said.

"Also they stick with it all the way through (high school) so we aren't starting from scratch each year."



Mavis Fodness Photo/0302 Mock Trial Threepeat

The Luverne High School Mock Trial team consists of 12 members. Seated in the front row (from left) are Dylan Thorson, Madison Schandelmeier, Zayna Hustoft, Knute Oldre, (second row) Sophia Lanoue, Gunnar Oldre, Grace Sweeney, Alexa Chelsey, Emma Verbrugge, Jady Anderson, Megan Rogers and Hans Bakken.

Despite the extensive practices, last-minute changes still occur moments before the competitions.

Junior Emma Verbrugge is a return witness. She portrays the suspended student for the plaintiff.

"I like to be prepared," she said. "But it's hard to memorize things the day before."

Good camaraderie helps the students stay focused in practices and competitions.

The "A" team completed more work themselves since both coaches divided their time between two teams in preparing the civil case, which has tougher rules.

"It takes a lot more time with a first-year team," said returning senior attorney Thorson.

Verbrugge added, "We relied more on each other be-

cause we didn't have (Coach) Schandelmeier all to ourselves."

The "B" team met in the Feb. 9 state semi-finals against the winning "A" team.

"The quality of the "B" team surprised us," Thorson said.

Witnesses follow affidavits from the actual court case, details of which are memorized.

The lawyers, however, develop original questions to ask their witnesses as well as the other team's witnesses. Wording is important to avoid an objection from the opponents.

"We never know what the cross questions are going to be," coach Schandelmeier said.

Witnesses and lawyers earn (or lose) points according to judges watching the trial.

Experience may give

Luverne a winning edge in improving on last year's eighth-place finish. Two years ago the team placed 10th.

"I think it is going to get easier," said first-year lawyer Alexa Chelsey, a freshman.

This year was easier for returning junior Hans Bakken, who now participates as a lawyer after having been a timekeeper two years ago.

"You get to watch a team create a dynamic," he said.

The state's Mock Trial program is organized through the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Its purpose is to give students a practical understanding of the American legal system while assisting students to develop critical and creative thinking, effective communication and analytical reasoning skills.

Local livestock facility improvement, expansion numbers continue climb

By Mavis Fodness

Livestock production continues to expand and improve in Rock County, surprising local feedlot officials.

Doug Bos, the local feedlot officer, presented the 2016 Feedlot Summary to Rock County Commissioners Feb. 21.

"We thought we were going to have a slower year given the (low livestock) prices we were experiencing," Bos said. "A lot of growth continues."

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency contracts annually with individual counties to assist with the state's feedlot program.

As part of the contract, Bos and technician Lance Wheeler inspected 7 percent of the 600 feedlots in Rock

County.

Last year they inspected 42 feedlots and assisted two feedlots with environmental improvements.

Since 2002, 138 feedlots in Rock County have undergone minor or major environmental improvements.

The county issued 13 feedlot construction permits last year.

Of those permits four were for hog barns, six were for cattle barns and three were cattle feedlot expansions.

Bos said as part of the permit process each construction site was inspected an average of three separate times.

Bos noted 2016 was the first time cattle outranked hog expansions within the county.

For 2017, cattle expansions seem to be keeping up the same pace, according to feedlot information Bos presented to the Rock County Soil and Water Conservation Board Feb. 21.

"It's going to be another busy year for feedlots," he said.

Four new hog production sites have already been permitted along with four cattle and one dairy expansions.

One more cattle and three more hog facilities are in the application process.

It is not unusual for permit numbers to vary from year to year.

In 2014, Rock County had 10 new or expanding feedlot requests. The following year that number jumped to 24.

'Bad Kids' at Palace Theatre March 17/from 1A

recruitment

"If you know anyone looking for a teaching job, we are hiring 35 teachers," Viland wrote in a Feb. 24 email.

The Blue Mound Area Theater board is sponsoring the showing. "It's only one evening," said BMAT's Dianne Ossenfort. "And probably not the best of days."

An open slot in the Palace Theatre schedule allowed the showing of the one-hour, 41-minute film.

Admission to the movie is \$7 for adults, \$4 for students. Area teachers can view the film for \$5 if they show their school IDs at the door.

BMAT spotlights any locally connected film projects for special showings. However, their showings need to squeeze between BMAT's regular movie and theater production schedules.



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Match made in heaven/from 1A

"It feels like she is here to breathe life back into our church — because God wants her here to minister to us."

Church secretary Carrie Bakken said worship services haven't been the same since Pastor Laura started.

"She brings a more useful perspective," Bakken said.

"It used to be the old Norwegian Lutheran way for so many years, and she brings a fresh perspective."

She said church services are still based on Lutheran tradition, but it feels different — better.

"I feel like Laura has brought us out of that rut and I look forward to going to church," Bakken said.

"Each Sunday is new and exciting, and you wonder what she's going to bring this time."

Phillips agreed that God has a plan for her in the ministry.

"I was called by people around me who saw gifts in me that I didn't see in myself," she said. "I heard it from a number of people before I actually believed it myself."

Her path to seminary was long and winding.

"I loved teaching, and it translates well to ministry," Phillips said. "To lead Bible study is something I really love doing."

After several years in the classroom, Phillips left teaching to be a stay-at-home mom, and she filled her spare time volunteering for various causes.

'I know I'm being drawn somewhere'

After moving to Sioux Falls, her big commitments included volunteering at Children's Home Society and serving in leadership for Bible Study Fellowship.

"I liked it but I always had the feeling there was something more for me in the world," Phillips said.

It turns out she wasn't the only one with that inkling.

After five years with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Phillips told her life coach, "I know I'm being drawn to something different; I just don't know what it is."

The woman didn't hesitate. "You really need to be in a pulpit somewhere," she told Phillips, encouraging her to pursue seminary.

"I felt like, 'Yes.' This is what I needed to hear," Phillips said. "Here this complete stranger put the picture together."

In the fall of 2012, she started with one seminary class, to satisfy her curiosity, and now she has only a couple classes to go before graduating May 18.

Meanwhile she has permission from the bishop to administer the sacraments — baptisms and communion — as a "synodically authorized

minister."

Parishioners hope Pastor Laura will stay with them once she's ordained.

"It feels like there's so much joy and happiness," Swenson said about the church atmosphere since Phillips started.

She said more families are attending again, and many stay after the service for coffee and to mingle.

"She has brought us all together again."

Swenson said she feels as if Pastor Laura's words are inspired by the Holy Spirit.

"Her sermons seem to speak to us from the heart to the heart," she said.

Swenson added that Pastor Laura and her husband, Fran Phillips, are a friendly approachable couple.

"They're just so much fun," she said.

"They're hilarious and so real and seem to enjoy life."

That's exactly how Phillips said she likes it.

"I love it here. It feels comfortable. It feels like I belong here," she said. "I know that God has called me to this place."

'Love God and love each other'

Phillips said her favorite Bible passage is Romans 8, Verses 1 and 2.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."

The final two chapters, 38 and 39, say, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Phillips said the message of forgiveness is among the most important lessons she can share.

"People are so burdened. People hold onto things for so long that they shouldn't," she said. "God forgives, and they need to know that."

For this reason, Phillips finds that people are eager to share their worries and concerns with her, and she finds that fulfilling.

"This is what God calls us to do — to love each other," she said. "We're blessed to be a blessing."

As the leader of this little church on the prairie, Phillips said that's her primary mission.

"For people to love God and to love each other. ... I want everyone to know this wonderful and amazing God."

Worship services at Palisade Lutheran are at 10:30 a.m. most Sundays. They follow the 9 a.m. service in Valley Springs at First Lutheran.



"I know that God has called me to this place."

— Laura Phillips,
Intern pastor,
Palisade and
First Lutheran
churches



Heave ho!

Lori Sorenson photos/0302 haybale toss

Students, staff celebrate FFA with bale toss

In the photograph above, Tanner Wiese heaves a bale in the shop area of Luverne High School Thursday, Feb. 23, as part of National FFA Week activities. At left is Cody Saker and at right is Jared Jose.

According to Luverne and Adrian FFA adviser Dennis Moritz, Ashley Van Wetering holds the 2017 girls' title for longest hay bale toss at 8 feet, 5 inches. Jacob Crow won the hay bale toss among male competitors with a toss of 13 feet, 10 inches.

Among middle school competitors, the top bale thrower for the boys was Dylan Gehrke with a toss of 7 feet 1 inch and for the middle school girls Grace Sandbulte had the winning toss of 4 feet 10 inches.

In the adult group Chris Nowatzki won it for the men with a heave of 15 feet 6 inches and Angie Cleveringa won the women's group with a toss of 5 feet 3 inches.



Amber DeGroot (above) and her family supplied bales this year for the FFA competition.

At left, Van Wetering hoists a straw bale.

Below Payne Bonnett heaves a hay bale from his shoulder across the shop.



At left, Moritz and Jacob Crowe measure the distance of a toss. Below, Dylan Gehrke gets lined up to toss a haybale across the room.



LIFT annual meeting celebrates community successes

By Lori Sorenson

Community members and local leaders gathered at the Historic Palace Theatre Monday night for the annual meeting of LIFT (Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow).

LIFT was established in 2010 as a collaboration of public and private sectors brainstorming about how to improve the Luverne community.

The annual meetings are the chance to celebrate accomplishments and review goals yet to be reached.

The 2017 meeting did the same, touching on highlights in several areas of community progress.

In the medical sec-

tor, Prairie Rehabilitation, Minnesota Veterans Home and Southwest Health and Human Services offered information about progress and growth.

In the industrial sector, representatives from Jaycox, Midwest Fire and Equipment, Luverne Body Shop and Great Plains Processing shared information about their business growth and success.

In agriculture, speakers from the pork, cattle, corn and soybean producers shared how agriculture affects local economies. New Vision Coop also presented information in this area.

Retail presentations

came from Grand Prairie Events, Firefly and Dragonfly, Schomacker Cleaning, Flooring and Appliance, Computer Clinic and Four Seasons Mercantile.

Education updates came from Luverne Public Schools and Minnesota West Community and Technical College.

Also, attendees, about 100 people, heard about the city of Luverne's Comprehensive Plan and the Blue Mounds State Park programs.

Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere offered an update on Luverne's 150th Celebration, and Judy Fenske introduced a video

presentation on consultant Roger Brooks, who has been hired to assess Luverne to make it a destination community.

Mayor Pat Baustian wrapped up the meeting by thanking members of LIFT

and its subcommittees. "If it weren't for this great group of individuals at every level — city, county, school, economic development and business — these things wouldn't happen," Baustian said.



Palace Theatre

Blue Mound Area Theatre
Annual Meeting Notice
Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at Bluestem
Public welcome

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Class 5 crushed gravel to be spread on Martin Township roads.

Township residents are able to buy gravel at the same price with limitations.

Submit bids on or before **March 10th to Gawaine Diekevers 857 41st Street Sten, MN 56173**

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Grandma's nest is empty again

My nest is empty again.

For the past several months our son, daughter-in-law and 20-month-old granddaughter have lived with us while they remodeled a house in Luverne. As is the nature of remodeling, the anticipated four-week project somehow lasted five months. But now the happy-to-be-out-of-here family resides in its new house and mine is empty.

Before our guests left, our home was filled with giggles, smiles, hugs, joyful dancing and rock-a-bye time. Sweet Baby T and I chased each other up and down the hallway, played beach ball, had snacks and held impromptu dance parties. (Grandma's still got it.)

But now no one says, "Dance!" when the music stops. No one screams "Kitty!" when the stray cat appears on the deck. No one yells "Papa!" when Grandpa returns home. No one stands on a chair, looking out the window to announce "boop!" when the dogs do their business in the yard.

We danced. We laughed. We cried. For five months, the house was noisy but now —

It is quiet.

It is, once again, an old people's house.

The safety locks have been removed from cupboard doors. Our phones remain where we leave them. Knives are left precariously close to the edge of the kitchen counter and no one's life is at risk. Hot cups of coffee are poured and sit undisturbed on end tables.

The books remain organized. "Frog and Toad" is no longer filed



THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

They say about grandchildren, 'It's great when they come and even better when they go.' I'd say, 'Not always.'

next to "Essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith." There is no yogurt on the patio door, no tiny socks on the living room floor, no plastic balls in the bathtub. No alphabet letters stick to the fridge, no baskets of toys fill the shelf, no little shoes are scattered in the entryway.

It is clean.

The bathroom door is left open and no one places objects in the toilet. The pantry door is left open and no one plays "sand box" with a half bag of almond meal. The bedroom door is left open and no one scampers off with razors from the master bath.

There are no half-eaten cheese sticks under the couch. No one hands me dangerous objects and says, "Uh oh." No escaped nudist is chased through the house by parents waving shirts and pants.

It is boring.

They say about grandchildren, "It's great when they come and even better when they go."

I'd say, "Not always."

Appreciate Luverne, Rock County by being informed, getting involved

Community members and local leaders gathered at the Historic Palace Theatre Monday night for the annual meeting of LIFT (Luverne Initiatives For Tomorrow).

It was an important meeting to review recent progress in the area and to hear about future challenges — good and bad. (See the related news story.)

Despite the heavy agenda, attendance was sadly sparse.

Granted, we're a busy community and our families and local leaders are spread pretty thin, so we're not scolding anybody.

But now's a good time to get up to speed on the exciting things happening in the area.

Many of the reports Monday were familiar topics to those who read the Star Herald. But there were many who were unfamiliar with topics we've covered in depth.

We're not bragging or scolding. Informing citizens is our job. It's what we do.

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And it's the job of responsible community members to participate in progress and to stay informed.

We're more than excited to cover Luverne and Rock County where there is literally always something brewing on the horizon. We're fortunate to have a long history of progressive leaders who have set the tone for continued growth.

There's always room for improvement, and we've always maintained forward momentum. It's something we can all be proud of here.

There was way more information — really cool updates to very positive developments — than one Star Herald story could capture. Con-

gratulations to all the presenters and to all your hard work.

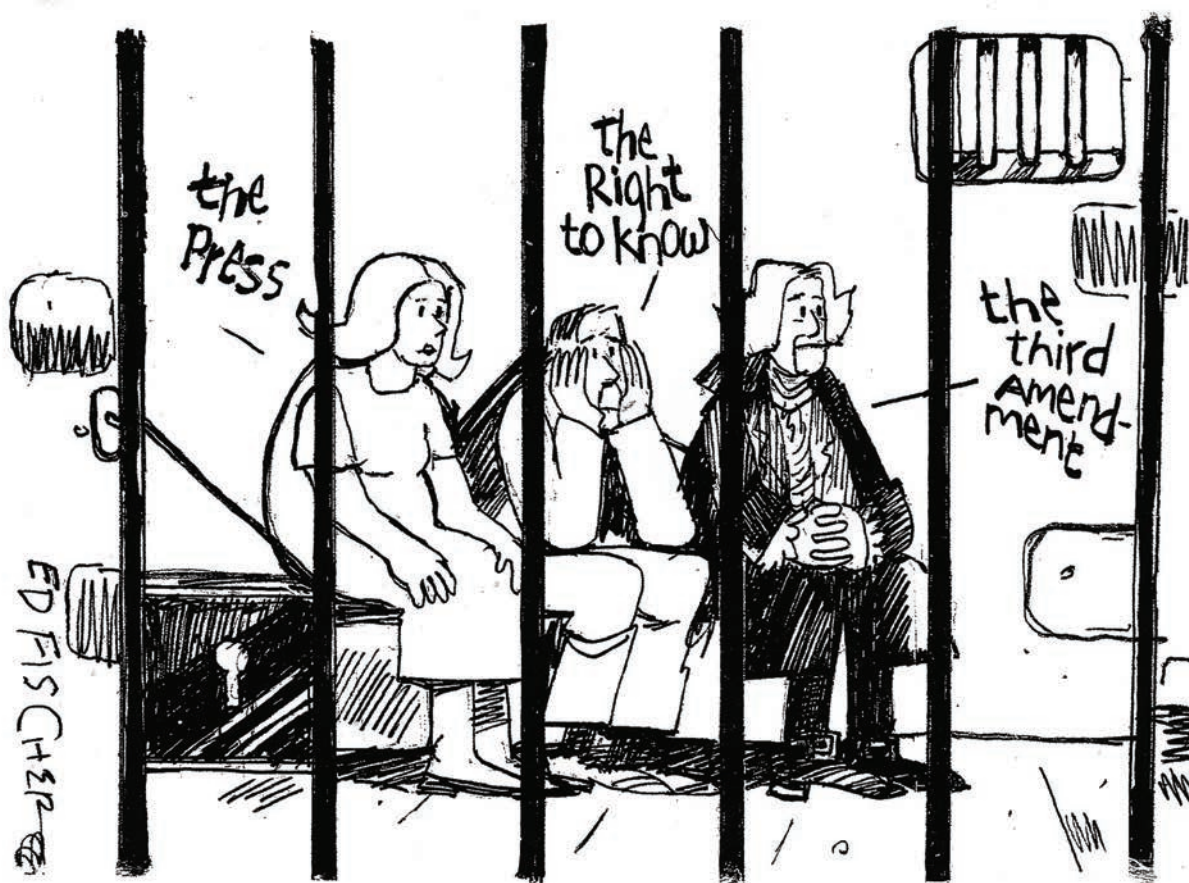
But it was information that we've all had access to if we've been paying attention.

Please, people. Take a look around. Appreciate what we have here in Rock County. And learn more.

Again, the Star Herald is on top of these stories and has the accurate information about who, what, when, where and why. (It's worth the price of a subscription, by the way.)

Don't wait for blurbs to come across Facebook.

Be informed. Get involved. Be part of the exceptional future brewing here in Luverne and Rock County.



Dreaming about chicken-fried steak

Whenever I start to write my column, the first thing I do is date it according to the date it will be published. That said, a quick look at my calendar showed that the publishing date for this column is the second of March.

Normally that date wouldn't mean anything special, but I noticed something had been written on that date on my desk calendar.

After leaning in toward my desk calendar, the writing scribbled down on the March 2 date came into focus. The words "Dinner at the Dog" had been penciled in.

My lunch hours are normally spent walking my dogs or at the rec center on the stationary bike.

It has come to my attention that every other Thursday the lunch special at the Howling Dog (the Dog for short) is country-fried, or as I call it, chicken-fried steak. It's not really chicken but tenderized round steak that is breaded or battered and then



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager
Tollefson Publishing

deep-fried.

Chicken-fried steak is one of my favorite meals and one we rarely have at home. So when I find a place with it on the menu, it's what I order.

Personally I prefer my chicken-fried steak with hash browns and two over-easy eggs.

Unfortunately for me, most places serve their chicken-fried steaks with mashed potatoes and gravy.

The gravy is almost as impor-

tant as the steaks themselves. I like a good, white gravy with a little extra pepper. You don't want too much gravy so as to not overtake the flavor of the steak.

You are probably thinking by now surely there must be something more important to write about than chicken-fried steak, and you're probably right.

However, I like to write about things I know and enjoy, and I know my chicken-fried steaks. I'll be enjoying one Thursday at the Dog.

Democracy depends on work of free press

To the Editor:

My father was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1933 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He became a reporter and editor at the Sioux Falls Argus Leader where he worked until his retirement. He loved his craft and was respected for his work.

I was recently looking at his diploma and the accompanying Journalist's Creed by which he practiced his work. The values listed in the creed are as true today as they were in 1933, and are shared by journalists who work on this newspaper. They include:

"I believe that the public journal is a public trust, that all connected with it are to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public, that acceptance of a lesser service than the public service is a betrayal of this trust.

"I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy, and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

"I believe that suppression of news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

"I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds true in his heart to be true."

Mr. Trump has only been in office for one month, but he has targeted the press as an "enemy of the people" (Chillingly, this is a term which Stalin used to suppress dissent in Russia.)

This week he barred CNN, The New York Times, The LA Times, and Politico from a meeting, inviting only news services uncritical of him.

Democracy depends upon the work of a free press; the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees it. A free press who can shine the light of truth into dark corners.

Mr. Trump has offended all the journalists, past and present, who hold to the Journalist's Creed. My father would be offended.

Larry Green
Luverne

Ask a Trooper: License plate locations differ among various vehicles but all must be visible

Question: We live in Minnesota but travel south for several winter months. Many other states only have a rear license plate. Why does Minnesota have two? Thanks.

Answer: Minnesota state law requires two license plates on your vehicle with some exceptions.

Some vehicles are allowed to display only one license plate:

motorcycles; a dealer's vehicle or vehicle-in-transit; a collector's vehicle with a pioneer, classic car, collector, or street rod license; a vehicle that is of model year 1972 or earlier (not registered as a collector vehicle), and is used for a general transportation purpose.

License plates cannot be displayed in the front windshield

or the rear window; they must be displayed on the front and rear.

The person driving the motor vehicle shall keep the plate legible, unobstructed, and free from grease, dust, or other blurring material (dirt, mud, snow, etc.) so that the lettering is plainly visible at all times.

Why do we need to have two license plates? It is the law in Minnesota and

from a law enforcement perspective it is safer to have two plates as it helps law enforcement a great deal in properly identifying vehicles for many different reasons. Properly identifying vehicles will help in locating possible impaired drivers, suspects in many different criminal activity events, hit and run and gas drive-off vehicles, to name a few.

If you happen to lose or damage any of your license plates, order duplicates through the Department of Vehicle Services (DVS).

If you have any questions concerning traffic-related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol, at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Feb. 17
 •Complainant reported that two vehicles with Texas plates have been driven daily with no tags on them. Owners have been living at location for three years. Complainant is reporting information only and would like this looked into.
 •Complainant served our warrant on subject at location.
 •Complainant reported a pickup with blue and red LED lights is pulling people over.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check on subject. He has not been answering her calls or texts.
 •Complainant reported vehicle erratic driving. Transferred to patrol.
 •Complainant reported vehicle erratic driving at location. Transferred call to patrol.
 •Complainant requested welfare check on her husband. She is unable to reach him at home or on cell. He may possibly be at Wayne's Body Shop if not home. Deputy located subject at the body shop. Subject forgot his phone at home.
Feb. 18
 •Complainant wanted to report a drunk driver on I-90. Transferred to State Patrol. State Patrol out of area. Deputy conducted traffic stop warning for driving conduct.
 •Deputy conducted check on van in parking lot. Subject advised he is reorganizing his van.
 •Deputy warned subject for stuff.
 •Complainant reported her brother didn't come home last night. Located at East Bishop Street. Subject brought to Law Enforcement Center and released to mother.
 •Complainant requested escort for subject.
 •Complainant reported people fighting in parking lot. One male started it by attacking complainant and another group. Deputy transported subject to jail for disorderly conduct.
 •Complainant reported subject came into her house without her permission and took a chair.
 •Minnesota Highway Patrol requested assistance with vehicle search at location.
 •Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding child saying some inappropriate things she heard at mother's house.
 •Complainant reported she smelled possible gas leak.
 •Complainant requested police for subject that was knocked out. Transferred to Minnehaha County.
Feb. 19
 •Complainant requested officer be present during a property exchange at location.
 •Complainant reported large chunks of mud on the highway at location. Dispatch notified the Rock County Highway Department.
 •Complainant reported vehicle's occupants are geo-caching in area.
 •Complainant (landlord) reported no contact from tenants at location. Requested check to confirm still residing at location.
 •Complainant reported car stolen or missing from the household. Complainant reported landlord saw red pickup towing vehicle a half hour ago.
 •Complainant reported a four-wheeler tearing up road at location.
 •911 caller said someone is pounding on her door. Transferred to Pipestone.
Feb. 20
 •Complainant reported a vehicle stopped and two males got out and ran behind the grove. Time delay about 10 minutes. Unable to locate.
Feb. 21
 •Complainant reported electrical box open north of

intersection. Notified the City.
 •Complainant called to report he is bringing son to emergency room. Advised him to drive speed limit. Notified emergency room. Received 911 hang-up from same number. All OK.
 •Complainant reports victim may be being abused by subject.
 •Complainant requested information about discharging firearm on his property at night. Spoke with deputy.
 •Complainant reported a client of hers is trying to take her 10-year-old son to Avera Behavioral Health in Sioux Falls, and he is fighting her in the car making it hard to drive. Complainant advised later the son agreed to be good so law enforcement doesn't get involved.
 •Complainant came in to request his identity theft information cancelled.
Feb. 22
 •Deputies did garbage pull from subject's home.
 •Complainant reported her son-in-law is camped out on her driveway and will not leave. He wants his wife and kids to come home, and they are staying at complainant's home. Subject has been there approximately an hour and a half.
 •Complainant reported issue with subject at location at 9:15 a.m. Confirmed warrant with Lyon County Iowa Sheriffs Office.
 •Complainant reported that his name was forged on a car title and possibly some insurance documentations by subject.
 •Complainant requested deputy presence at location as the writ of recovery time to vacate has expired for the property resident.
 •Complainant reported key was found in the street outside of location. Key was placed in the lost and found box on top of the mailboxes in dispatch.
 •Reserved for search warrant information.
 •Complainant reported a transient near the road at location. Complainant concerned he may need help.
 •Complainant reported that there is a male individual in the church that may need assistance.
Feb. 23
 •Complainant requested welfare check on subject who did not show up for his appointment. Subject is not answering any calls.
 •Complainant reported motorist assist at location.
 •Complainant reported computer virus scam.
 •Complainant reported she received a possibly fraudulent check.
 •Complainant reported an item on the interstate.
 •Complainant reported the lights keep flashing.
 •Deputy completed the escort.
 •Complainant reported she thinks she put her arm out.
 •Complainant requested a welfare check on his girlfriend who was in an accident earlier. She was taken to Sanford Luverne Hospital but then drove to Sioux Falls and somehow drove home. She has black-out sessions. Wants to go to the Pipestone hospital. Sanford Luverne is going to contact her and let us know if we need to send an ambulance.
 In addition, officers responded to 7 motor vehicle accidents, 6 vehicles in ditch, 2 deer accidents, 2 funeral escorts, 13 traffic stops, 17 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 3 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 7 log/alarm sheets, 1 drug court test, 1 money escort, and issued 8 purchase/carry permits and 22 burn permits.



Mavis Fodness photos/0302 Eagles

Instead of migrating farther north, bald eagles may be choosing to stay in southwest Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Last week along U.S. Highway 75 a mile north of Luverne, an eagle pair was seen feeding on deer carcasses. The larger of the birds is the female, according to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources officials.

Eagles come home to roost in Rock County

By Mavis Fodness

Instead of migrating north through Rock County, bald eagles may decide to stay, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Rock County is currently not included on the DNR's bald eagle range map because the eagles have not been spotted in the area during June and July, the typical nesting season.

However, the large white-headed birds are nesting in nearby counties.

"That's the trend," said Wendy Krueger, the DNR area wildlife supervisor in Marshall. "We have a few more (reports) that they are staying to nest."

Both the bald eagle and its close cousin, the golden eagle, migrate through the southwest portion of the state, generally on their way to the

Great Lakes region. While the golden eagle has chosen to continue the migration, the bald eagle is staying in the area longer.

The eagles are primarily fish eaters. "They need open water for fishing," Krueger said.

However, eagles do feed off the deer carcasses that are prevalent locally, she added.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates 27,000 bald eagles live in the state.

Twin Cities eagle biologist Margaret Rheude said it's hard to determine the eagle numbers until nests are built, generally when the birds are 5 or 6 years old.

Young eagles in Rock County could be scoping out future nest locations.

"No records of nests doesn't mean they are not there," Rheude said.

Eagle nests have been spotted in Lincoln, Lyon, Murray and Jackson counties with two nests located in Lyon County, Iowa.

Typically eagles build multiple nests in a location and return to one or the other in subsequent years.

The nests get quite large due to additional building materials each year, she said.

Any nest reports or questions about eagles can be directed to the USFWS at midwesteagle@fws.gov.

Nationally the bald eagle is no longer an endangered or threatened species. They were removed from that list in 2007. Instead they are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Luverne couple charged in Taco John's theft/continued from 1A

it was thrown in the garbage accidentally by someone.

The couple also had accused other employees of theft with missing money days.

The owners asked that law enforcement accompany them to the restaurant to confront the Wrights about the missing money.

When they arrived at the restaurant, John indicated they were short \$3,000 from the previous weekend, which included \$400 of petty cash.

After the owners confronted them, Jake admitted to taking the money, and he and Amber were taken to the Law Enforcement Center to be interviewed under Miranda.

Jake reportedly admitted

he took the money to pay bills, including utilities, groceries and shoes for his kids, but he also admitted to extensive gambling at the casino in Larchwood, Iowa.

He admitted that he had been taking money from deposits for 18 months, but he believed that there was more money missing than what he and Amber had taken.

He blamed other employees for additional thefts, saying they stole \$8,000 to \$9,000. Jake denied having a drug problem but admitted he used marijuana. He denied that was the reason for the thefts despite what Ronald Christianson had believed.

When Amber was in-

terviewed she blamed other employees and further denied knowing that Jake was taking money.

She then admitted that she thought Jake had money taken from his paychecks to repay the stolen money used to pay bills and rent.

According to the court document, Amber continued denying ever taking any money but did agree that Jake had taken money and gone to the Casino to try to win enough money to pay back the Christiansons.

According to the Iowa gambling commission, players cards for both Jake and Amber Wright showed extensive gambling in the previous

six months — \$51,000 for Jake and \$9,500 for Amber.

Separate interviews with several employees resulted in similar stories — that the Wrights had access to the cash and were responsible for the thefts. Some knew of the Wrights taking money and paying it back, and they also reported two years or more that the managers hadn't counted down money at the end of the day like they're supposed to.

Bank records later showed missing money totaling \$31,280.51.

Both of the Wrights have been charged with felony theft and their first court appearance is set for March 20.

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Siblings find speech an experience worth sharing

Story and photo
by Mavis Fodness

Eight members of the Luverne Cardinal Speech Team have a closer bond to each other than to any of their other 56 teammates.

As siblings, the Fergusons, Jarchows, Oldres and Thorsons support, encourage and sometimes compete against each other at speech competitions.

High school speech is open to seventh- through 12th-grade students. All grades compete against one another in the 13 speech categories.

While none of the siblings compete directly against one another, Elise and Griffen Jarchow tease each other about the judges' scores.

"We like to compare scores," said Griffen, a seventh-grader, as he gives a big grin to his older sister, an eighth-grader, during last week's interview.

Who usually wins?

"Probably Elise," he admitted.

Speech is a new event for the Jarchow youngsters. While they participate in basketball together, they are not on the same team like they are in speech.

Elise competes in the dramatic duo category with partner Regan Feit while Griffen competes with partner Kyle Ferguson, also a seventh-grader.

Ferguson's sister, Julia, is a sophomore and competes in storytelling.

"I am glad he went out for the activity ... to get out of his box," Julia said of her younger brother. "I wish I started when I was in seventh grade."

His older sibling sparked his interest in the competitive activity and having a familiar face in the

All in the Family

Four pairs of siblings are members of the Luverne High School speech team. Kyle Ferguson (front, left) receives a noogie from sister Julia, and Gunnar Oldre is in a headlock from brother Knute (front right). Griffen Jarchow (middle) wants nothing to do with sister Elise, and Luke Thorson (back) gets a lift from older brother Dylan.



crowd is comforting, as ninth-grader Gunnar Oldre found in older brother Knute's wake.

Gunnar is often called "Little Knute" or "Little Oldre." "He has made a lot of connections," Gunnar said.

"He is so good."

Senior Knute Oldre is the reigning state discussion champion and has appeared at the event three times. Gunnar said Knute offers him speaking tips, makes

him practice and pushes him to be a better performer in humorous interpretation.

"I think he has a lot of talent in him ... a natural ability to communicate and an ability to do well if I force him," Knute said.

Luke Thorson, who competes in humorous interpretation, said he also felt the brotherly nudge.

"I am more of a funny guy," Luke said.

His older brother, Dylan, is a four-time state speech qualifier in extemporaneous speaking, a serious category, according to Luke.

While Dylan has offered some speaking tips, the senior looks at the extra time with his youngest brother as fun.

"I spend a lot of time with my brother at home," Dylan said. "I'm happy to spend time with him in a different arena."

That arena is often filled with a couple hundred students competing all at once.

"I have found the siblings to be extremely supportive of one another," said Caroline Thorson, LHS speech coach and mom to Dylan and Luke.

"I don't see them as being competitive with one another, rather, just like other members of the team, encouraging and complimentary of each other."

An added advantage to having a family member competing at the same team event is that one other person is remembering times, dates and deadlines, Thorson added.



Lori Sorenson photo/0302 drive tractors to school

All in a row for National FFA Week...

A dozen members of Luverne's FFA Chapter drove their tractors to school Wednesday, Feb. 22, during one of the special activities to observe National FFA Week. Pictured are (from left) Will Stegenga, Aleck Schoeneman, Payton Fick, Eli Bakken, Trey Baustian, Trevor Mente, Carson Ehde, Dylan Mente, Aric Meinerts, Cody Saker and Tyler Fick. Not pictured is Riley Baker. The students arranged themselves in order of their tractors, from left to right.

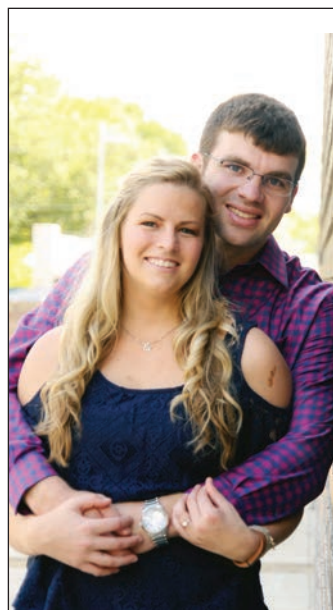
ENGAGEMENT

Cliff and Tammi Altman, Lismore, and Kevin and Nancy Lonneman, Adrian, announce the engagement of their children Kelsey Altman and Andrew Lonneman.

Kelsey is a 2010 graduate of Adrian High School and a 2016 graduate of Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska, with a bachelor's degree in health science. She currently works as a CVOR surgical technologist for Northwest Health in Springdale, Arkansas.

Andrew is a 2011 graduate of Adrian High School and a 2015 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter with a bachelor's degree in public accounting. He is currently employed as an accounting supervisor with Cargill Meat Solutions in Springdale, Arkansas.

They are planning a July 15,



Kelsey Altman and Andrew Lonneman

2017, wedding at St. Anthony Church in Lismore.

1925: Moonshine confiscated south of Luverne

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on October 9, 1925:

BOYS FIND AND POLICEMAN CONFISCATED "MOONSHINE"

Bootleggers' Filling Station Discovered in Clump of Willows in Hay Field South of Town.

What is presumed to have been a "bootlegger's filling station" went out of business Sunday Evening when Night Policeman Wm. Linville swooped down upon a clump of willows on the L. B. LaDue eighty, two miles south of town, and confiscated two two-gallon jugs filled with moonshine.

The officer brought the contraband goods to Luverne and it has since been reposing in the vault at the city hall. Just who the booze belonged to is



BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president
Rock County Historical Society

a moot question and city hall habitués are unanimous in the conclusion that the owner is not at all likely to call and prove his right to possession.

This LaDue eighty is mainly hay land situated between the Doon tracks and the Ashcreek state road and aside from several hay stacks, about the only thing that obstructs one's view is a few straggling willows. It was in a bunch of these that the booze was first found Sunday afternoon by Harlan Smith and Jacob Salverson.

The boys had been hunting in that vicinity, came upon the two jugs and ascertaining their contents, removed them to another patch of willows and came to Luverne and notified Policeman Linville shortly after the supper hour. Mr. Linville conferred with Chief of Police Connell and also attempted to communicate with Sheriff Wiggins, but Mr. Wiggins was out of town. Upon Mr. Connell's advice, he promptly went to the place where the jugs had been hidden and brought them to town.

In the opinion of police officers, the jugs were kept there by some bootleggers who used the willows for store house purposes and found it convenient to go there from time to time and fill bottles of popular size for the retail trade in this city. At any rate the contents of the two jugs found had not been utilized for this purpose, for both were full to the neck.

Persons who claim to be good judges of whiskey who have gotten a "whiff" of the contents of the jugs, give it as their opinion that the liquid is powerful stuff and that it possesses a certain odor or twang that might indicate that the manufacturer was not a novice.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iw.net.

CELEBRATIONS

Births

A girl, Molly Jo, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces, 19.7 inches long, was born Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, to Michael and Melissa Einck, Wilmont, at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

She joins a sister, Mari. Grandparents are Jim and Kris Weidert, Lismore, and Ron and Janelle Einck, Iona. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Mary Weidert, Lismore, and Bess Lingen, Tyler.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, March 6: Tater-tot hotdish, green beans, peaches, bread, pudding.

Program: Senior meeting; fill backpacks with Janice.

Tuesday, March 7: Pork chop, sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables, bread, scalloped apples.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Luverne Eagles Club.

Wednesday, March 8: Meatloaf with ketchup, au gratin potatoes, creamed corn, bread, mandarin oranges.

Program: Bruce Dys-

the; Two-buck Wednesday HOMEMEALS.

Thursday, March 9: Oven-crispy chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, bread, poke cake.

Friday, March 10: Meaty beef stew with carrots and potatoes, cole slaw, biscuit, cheesecake.

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Cardinal speech team claims first place in Adrian

Despite the week's menacing weather forcing the cancellation of Luverne's first Junior High meet on Feb. 23, the varsity Cardinal speech team competed at the Adrian Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 25, taking home a first-place team trophy.

Thirty-eight members of the team competed in three rounds of competition in 13 categories with at least one student in each category.

The following students received individual honors on Saturday:

Creative expression: Cameron Wessels, blue ribbon.

Discussion: Samantha Ykema, first; Alexa Chesley, fifth; Melanie Rittenhouse, blue.

Duo interpretation: Ashton Krueger and Kayla Rud, fourth; Rozilyn Oye and Lauren VerSteeg, blue.

Extemporaneous reading: Nicole Hoogland, third; Courtney Wendland, sixth; Sophia Lanoue, blue.

Extemporaneous speaking: Dylan Thorson, first; Shane Berning, second; Chance Tunnissen,

fifth.

Great speeches: Rylee Anderson, sixth.

Humorous interpretation: Gunnar Oldre, fourth.

Original oratory: Lindsey Roemeling, fifth.

Poetry: Adriana Gonzalez, fifth; Naomi Ring, blue.

Prose: Sage VerSteeg, fifth.

Storytelling: Jonah Louwagie, first; Julia Ferguson, third; Xavier Carbonneau and Sophia Lanoue, blue.

Luverne will host its home tournament Saturday. It is open to the public.

The three rounds begin at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. with awards in the high school auditorium at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Coach Caroline Thorson is pleased with the number of students participating in speech this year, resulting in at least one entry in each category.

"That is really a bonus for our team, to have competitors in each category," Thorson said.

"It makes us not only a well-rounded team but also



Submitted Photo

A first-place team finish resulted Saturday when 23 Luverne students received awards at the Adrian Speech Invitational. Students earning awards included (front row, from left) Melanie Rittenhouse, Sophia Lanoue, Lauren VerSteeg, Rozilyn Oye, Rylee Anderson, Ashton Krueger, Kayla Rud, (second row) Courtney Wendland, Nicole Hoogland, Xavier Carbonneau, Alexa Chesley, Julia Ferguson, Lindsey Roemeling, Sage VerSteeg, Chance Tunnissen, (back row) Adriana Gonzalez, Shane Berning, Gunnar Oldre, Jonah Louwagie, Dylan Thorson, Naomi Ring, Cameron Wessels and Samantha Ykema.

a very competitive team. "Coach Folkestad and I do our best to marry the

students' interests and what we see as their strengths and personalities.

"Ultimately, however, the student needs to enjoy the category he or she is in,"

she added. "If it's not a good fit, we help them make the change."

OBITUARY

Tim Christensen

Tim David Christensen, 52, Luverne, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017, in his home.

A memorial service was Saturday, Feb. 25, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial of cremains was in the Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.



Tim was born Oct. 9, 1964, to Dwayne and Becky (Skattum) Christensen in Luverne. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1983. In 1987 he received a degree in business from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education from Mankato State University in 1996. In 2004 he earned his master's degree in education technology from Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. He also completed his sixth-year Administrative Certification from St. Cloud State University in 2004.

Tim married Pam Eidahl on June 28, 1986, at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne. After their marriage, the couple lived in Waukon, Iowa, before moving back to Luverne. In 1989 they moved to Albert Lea, where Tim worked at But-Rite Oil. They moved to Claremont when Tim started working at Federated Insurance in Owatonna. In the spring of 1992 they moved to Luverne, and Tim began working at Berkley Information Services. He received his education degree from Mankato State University in 1996 and began teaching fourth grade at the Luverne Elementary School in the fall of 1997. He also coached ninth grade baseball and basketball. In 2005 he was hired as the principal at Russell-Tyler-Ruthon Schools. Tim became the principal and athletic director at the Adrian High School in 2007. He loved trucking with his parents and hauling cattle. He also worked road construction with his brother Todd and children Stephanie and Matthew.

He was a member of

Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne where he served as head usher and on the finance committee. Tim was an avid sports fan. He loved attending his children's games and coaching their softball, baseball and hockey teams. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, running, golfing and watching the Minnesota Vikings. Tim was part of the Minnesota First Five, Teacher Mentor program and a member of the Luverne Baseball Association. He was the Sub-Section 10, Region 3A Athletic Director of the Year in 2012-13. Tim was awarded the Crystal Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2001. He was an umpire and referee for Luverne Community Education. Most recently Tim served on the MSHSL Region 3A Representative Assembly Delegate and Region 3A Co-Chair Committee member. He was a member of MASSP and NASSP. He served on multiple school and district-wide committees.

Tim is survived by his wife, Pam Christensen, Luverne; three children, Stephanie (Tim Connell) Christensen, Luverne, Matthew Christensen, Chongxian, Gansu, China, and Cody Christensen, Eden Prairie; his mother, Becky Christensen, Luverne; a brother, Todd (Mary) Christensen, Luverne; two sisters, Amy (Barry) Cowell, Luverne, and Sue (Chad) VerSteeg, Luverne; his father-in-law, Konrad (Javonne) Eidahl, Emmons; two brothers-in-law, Kyle (Carol) Eidahl, Tallahassee, Florida, and David (Lynn) Eidahl, Delano; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dwayne; two infant brothers, Mike and Pat; his mother-in-law, Barbara Eidahl; a brother-in-law, Mark Eidahl; a cousin, Nathan Skattum; and his grandparents, Lester and Jo Christensen and Orlando and Edith Skattum.

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DEATH NOTICE

Wilbert Weis

Wilbert Daniel Weis Jr., 66, Luverne, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne. A time of fellowship will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. A private burial of cremains will be at a later date.

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REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2007)

Sticks and stones are taking the form of electronic bullying, and it's showing up on Luverne students' computers and cell phones.

Superintendent Gary Fisher said Luverne School District's student handbook addresses student bullying, but the said districts statewide are encouraged to make sure those policies address electronic bullying specifically.

"We've had some of these things happening, not just on the Internet, but texting on cell phones, too," Fisher said.

25 years ago (1992)

"Links of Love" is coming back.

It will be a book of ideas and activities for families with young children created by the staff and families of the Parent-Child Chain Early Childhood Family Education program.

The first edition was created in 1981. The ECFE program in Luverne started in 1979 and needed money. The spiral-bound, paperback book was the answer to that need, said Karen Willers, ECFE Director for Luverne-Magnolia and Hills-Beaver Creek.

50 years ago (1967)

Six Rock county couples, some of them with their children, took part in a snowmobile caravan which made a weekend trip to Sioux Falls Saturday.

The local snowmobile enthusiasts joined members of the

Penguin Club, a group of snowmobile owners from Worthington and Fulda, who arrived here at noon, and enjoyed a noon lunch at the V.F.W. club here. Forty-seven persons were served.

The trip from here to Sioux Falls totaled 48 miles. Take-off time was between 1:30 and 2 p.m. They arrived in Sioux Falls at 6 p.m.

75 years ago (1942)

The days when the Luverne four and six cylinder motor cars, manufactured by the Luverne Automobile company, of which F.A. Leicher was the president, were at the height of their popularity were recalled in a nostalgic article by Walton Streightiff in the Minneapolis Times early this week.

The article recalled the cars in use in 1912, and a reproduction of an advertisement of the Luverne cars was included. The Luverne auto firm is now engaged in manufacturing firetrucks.

100 years ago (1917)

A one hundred-mile roller skating race between Worthington and Luverne young men and women will be held next Thursday, March 8th, at the Luverne opera house skating rink by Manager O.L. Hayden.

The race will start promptly at 12 o'clock noon, and under rules agreed upon the race must be completed within twelve hours. \$15.00 will be awarded as first, second and third prizes, and it is understood that in addition to these prizes a side purse of \$50 has been put up.



Mavis Fodness Photo/0302 Winter Returns

Winter returns to area

Sisters Valeria Cazares and Jasmine Lomeli (at right from left) and Noemi Cazares (above) took advantage of the ice and snow that returned to the area Thursday and Friday to do some sledding on their day off Friday from school. Luverne Public School officials made the decision to call off school due to the icy road conditions and strong winds. Classes cancelled in November and January will be made up May 30 and 31. Last week's snow day will be made up June 1.



SCHOOL NEWS

Marshall named to U of M dean's list

Ethan Marshall, a sophomore in the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, has been named to the Fall 2016 dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a 3.66 GPA with a minimum of 12 graded credits.

Marshall is the son of Eugene and Janet Marshall, Luverne.



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cility on Luverne Street was built. The 1903 structure was then used as a mental health facility.

New 1957 building replaces 1903 structure

Work on the "new" hospital started early in the spring of 1956 and was completed in June 1957.

Total cost for the hospital and equipment was \$270,072.

The hospital dimensions were 137 feet from east to west, and 127.8 feet north to south. The patient capacity was 24 beds in 12 patient rooms.

The hospital touted emergency, delivery, sur-

gery and X-ray rooms, and laboratory, nursery and sterilizing room.

1964 addition

The new hospital, with its modern facilities, was used so extensively by the community that by 1960, the hospital board met with the City Council to

discuss an addition.

Luverne voters approved a bond issue, and by 1962, a new addition was started on the east side of the hospital. By 1964 patients were moved from the old wing to the new, and the old one was remodeled.

The 11,630-square-foot addition, including remodeling, cost \$350,000. With the improvements, Luverne Community Hospital was classed as a 38-bed facility.

All patient rooms were air-conditioned and electrically heated with individual toilet facilities.

Dr. Darrel Siebert joined the Luverne staff in 1965, shortly after the renovations were complete and he said he appreciated the town's progressive approach to its hospital.

"I realized it wasn't the doctors who built the hospital and made the improvements, it was

the community, and it's something we need to continue doing," Siebert said in a Star Herald feature story about the hospital's 40th anniversary.

"That's how we're going to keep a medical facility here."

1991 addition

Since the 1964 improvements, changes in medical practice necessitated further changes in the hospital.

With less emphasis on surgery, hospital stays had shortened, and emphasis switched to physical therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, lab work and X-ray services.

In a Star Herald story at that time, Mayor Bill Weber was quoted as saying, "Unless we meet the changing needs of people being served by this facility, we will eventually have the problems other rural hospitals are facing."

In 1990, the hospital board approved floor plans for a \$1.5-million expansion project.

The most obvious change to the building was the new entrance and lobby. It was moved east and features an open courtyard with steps and a long ramp.

Inside, the business offices were expanded and centralized near the front of the building.

Radiology was expanded in the northwest corner of the building. The second operating room was fully equipped, doctors and families were provided more space to meet in private, and two birthing rooms allow patients to deliver without changing rooms.

Progressive thinking

Drs. Wrede Vogel and Gregory Kuiper joined LCH shortly after its renovation. Kuiper said the facility wasn't the main reason he came to Luverne, but he said it played a role in his decision.

"The biggest factors for our move were the quality of the medical group that was already here and the type of community Luverne is," Kuiper said in a 1991 hospital publication.

"It's encouraging to see a hospital with a vision for the future; the renovation is a part of that. I think Luverne has a little more insight than a lot of other communities."

In that same publication, Mayor Weber said, "For many years, the hospital has been a hidden asset in Luverne as far as overall importance to the community. We draw a lot of people into Luverne for health care services; that has some benefits to the community as a whole."

New hospital on north side of town

The new Sioux Valley Hospital and Clinic broke ground on Sept. 2, 2004, in a former soybean field north of the Veterans Addition along North Highway 75.

With each development of the \$17.8 million complex, it was hard to miss the point that the project was a promising sign for Luverne's future economic success.

After months of construction and years of planning, the 93,000-square-foot campus opened July 17, 2005, then as Sioux Valley Luverne Medical Center.

The \$18 million facility on the north edge of Luverne prompted the paving of 131st Street and the development of the new Manfred Heights housing addition.

The hospital construction was a bright spot in Luverne's economic history, and it led to other opportunities as well.

Minnesota West Community and Technical College moved into the former Luverne hospital. On Sept. 15, 2006, the city, college and then-Sioux Valley revealed plans for the "Luverne Education Center for Health Careers."

The learning center now boasts more than 200 students and offers allied health programs in Medical Assisting, Medical Laboratory Technician, Phlebotomy, Surgical Technology and Radiologic Technology. The need for employees in the health care industry has increased attendance at the Luverne Center more than 60 percent in the past year.

Related to that project, Luverne City Hall moved its offices to that renovated building as well, to alleviate cramped space issues it was facing.



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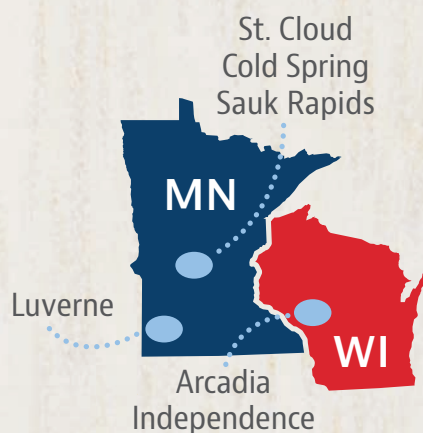
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Luverne's Solomon Nielsen won four matches to capture his first section title in Redwood Falls over the weekend.

Adrian's Gyberg repeats as individual qualifier

By John Rittenhouse

An Adrian High School senior punched his ticket to the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Championships Saturday in Jackson.

Dylan Gyberg, who won the 195-pound title at the Section 3A Individual Tournament last season, repeated as champion of the weight class during Saturday's version of the event staged at Jackson County Central High School.

Gyberg won three consecutive matches to capture the section crown and advance to state tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

The first round of Class A individual competition begins at 9 a.m. Friday.

Gyberg experienced little trouble in defending his section title in Jackson.

He advanced to the championship match by recording pins against JCC's Lee Drahota (44 seconds) and Pipestone's Jamison Vanderwal (1:12).

The AHS veteran topped Canby's Evan Stoks 9-2 in the championship match.

Gyberg takes a 19-4 record into the state tournament.

The 2016-17 season came to an end for nine other Dragons who competed in Jackson.

Finishing fifth in their respective weight classes were



Dylan Gyberg

Logan Taylor (20-9), Tylor Hix (3-18), Mitchell Wagner (13-18) and Scot Edwards (17-9).

Taylor went 2-2 at 106, Hix 2-2 at 120, Wagner 1-2 at 220 and Edwards 0-2 at 285.

Chandler Combs (16-20), Logan Sherer (7-14) and Beau Bullerman (14-19) placed sixth in their respective weight classes.

Combs went 1-3 at 126, Sherer 1-3 at 132 and Bullerman 0-3 at 170.

Preston Nelson (20-9) went 0-2 without placing in the top six at 120, while Marshall Taylor (8-22) went 0-2 without placing in the top six at 145.

Trio of Cardinals advance to Minnesota Class AA event

By John Rittenhouse

Luverne High School senior Solomon Nielsen earned his third consecutive trip to the Minnesota State Class AA Wrestling Championships over the weekend.

This year Nielsen will have some company.

Nielsen, sophomore Zach Luke and eighth-grader Hunter Baker all qualified for the state meet at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul during the Section 3AA Individual Wrestling Tournament in Redwood Falls Friday and Saturday.

With three Cardinals moving on, LHS offers its most representation since 2000, when seven grapplers qualified for the state classic.

Nielsen, who placed fourth at 152 pounds at state in 2015 and second at 160 last year, will receive the opportunity to add to what already has been an outstanding LHS career.

He became the first Cardinal to place at multiple state tournaments last season, and he became Luverne's all-time leader in career wins in early February.

Nielsen advanced to his first two state tournaments as a section runner-up, but he will carry the tag of section champion into this year's event after winning four consecutive matches to claim the 170-pound title.

Nielsen posted a win by



Star Herald file photo

Sophomore Zach Luke placed second at 220 pounds during the section tournament in Redwood Falls over the weekend.



Star Herald file photo

Eighth-grader Hunter Baker placed second at 106 pounds at the section meet in Redwood Falls over the weekend.

technical fall over Redwood-River Valley's Adam Bommers-

back in the opening round, he pinned Quad County's

Stephan Countryman in 28 seconds during the quarterfinals, and he prevailed by technical fall over Dawson-Boyd-Lac qui Parle Valley's Colton Struxness in the semifinals.

Nielsen received a strong challenge from Wabasso-Red Rock Central's Nick Altermat in the championship match, but the LHS standout registered a takedown in overtime to pull out a 9-7 win.

Baker and Luke placed second at 106 and 220 respectively in the Section 3AA competition.

Baker registered pins over New Ulm's Jackson Bode (4:39) and Worthington's Erik Artiga (3:54) to reach the title tilt.

Fairmont-Martin County West's Jaxon Rohman pinned Baker at 1:38 of the championship match.

Luke advanced to the final at 220 with pins over F-MCC's Theo Krumholz (2:50) and Marshall's Jaiden Bahr (4:26).

D-B-LQPV's Cole Bungarden pinned Luke in 2:00 during the title tilt.

Nielsen (34-0), Baker (28-10) and Luke (15-13) wrestle in the opening round of Class AA individual competition at 11 a.m. Friday.

Jeremiah Dooyema made a bid to advance to state by compiling a 3-2 record at 152 pounds.

Dooyema, however, lost a

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Vikings eliminate LHS girls from section field Saturday in Minnesota

By John Rittenhouse

The 2016-17 basketball season came to an end for the Luverne girls Saturday in Minnesota.

Luverne, the sixth seed for the South Section 3AA Tournament, took on No. 3 Minnesota in a quarterfinal-round clash.

The home-standing Vikings walked away with a convincing 72-39 victory.

Minnesota gained control of the contest by opening a 42-20 lead in the first half.

When the Vikings outscored the Cards 30-19 in the second half, their 33-point victory was complete.

Senior Kami Sawtelle

turned in a 12-point, nine-rebound effort for the Cardinals, while classmates Hailey Remme and Zayna Hustoft collected six rebounds each.

Gracie Bosch pumped in 10 points for Luverne, which ends the season with a 10-15 record.

Box score
Schmuck 1 0 1-2 3, Remme 1 0 0-0 2, Oye 0 1 2-2 5, Anderson 0 1 2-2 5, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2, Sawtelle 3 1 3-5 12, Bosch 2 2 0-0 10, Oftedahl 0 0 0-0 0, Staeffler 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 0 0 0-0 0, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0, Hadler 0 0 0-0 0, Hustoft 1 0 0-5 2.

Team statistics
Luverne: 13 of 48 field goals (27 percent), eight of 22 free throws (36 percent), 35 rebounds, 17 turnovers.



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Hills-Beaver Creek senior guard Jasmine Lingen scored seven points during Saturday's win over Fulda in Worthington.

Patriots pull away from Fulda in quarterfinals

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek Patriots overcame a sluggish start to win a quarterfinal round game of the South Section 3A Girls' Basketball Tournament Saturday in Worthington.

H-BC, the tournament's third seed, trailed No. 6 Fulda by eight points 11 minutes into the game.

The Patriots found their footing the rest of the way and went on to outscore the Raiders 55-26 over the game's final 25 minutes to secure a 68-47 victory.

The win sent the 20-5 Patriots back to Worthington Tuesday (Feb. 28), where they took

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Boys advance to 3A title game with wins

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' team reached the championship game of the Section 3A Hockey Tournament for the fourth consecutive season by passing their first two postseason tests.

The top-seeded Cardinals posted a five-goal win over No. 8 Windom during Saturday's quarterfinals at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

LHS topped No. 5 Hutchinson by two goals during Monday's semifinals at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

Luverne took a 12-game winning streak and a 21-5-1 record into Wednesday's (March 1) championship game in St. Peter.

LHS 4, Hutchinson 2

The Cardinals overcame a stiff challenge by the Tigers to prevail by two goals during Monday's semifinals in St. Peter.

Hutchinson, the tournament's fifth seed, sported a 1-0 lead 17:32 into the game.

Luverne answered the challenge by outscoring the Tigers 4-1 over the final 32:35 to earn a berth in the title tilt.

The Tigers drew first blood in the contest when Peyton Jasken scored the first of two power-play goals for Hutchinson during the contest.

Jasken's goal came 32 seconds into the second period, but Hutchinson's 1-0 lead



John Rittenhouse photo/0302 lbh 14

Luverne sophomore forward Mark Sterrett lifts the puck into the pads of Windom goalie Peter Ignaszewski during Saturday's Section 3A Tournament game at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

didn't last long.

Luverne's Nick Harder registered an unassisted tally 53 seconds later to knot the score at one.

The score remained tied with 52 seconds remaining in the

second period, when Ben Serie netted his first of two goals.

Trey Roberts received an assist for the goal, which gave the Cards a 2-1 edge heading into the third period.

Serie upped the lead to 3-1

when he recorded his second goal of the night with 11:35 remaining in the third period after being set up by Jesse Reed.

Luverne maintained its two-

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John Rittenhouse photo/0302 lbb 2

Luverne's Derek Lundgren scored seven points and charted three assists during a 77-70 home win over Minneota Monday.

Cardinal boys cap 7-17 regular season

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' basketball team finished a 7-17 regular season by hosting the Minneota Vikings for a game Monday in Luverne.

The Cardinals and Vikings exchanged runs most of the night, but it was Luverne that came out on the winning end of a 77-70 decision.

The score was knotted at four early in the first half when LHS went on a 7-0 run ending with a three-point shot from Andrew Bierman at 15:07 that gave the Cards an 11-4 cushion.

Minneota, however, countered with an 11-4 surge to knot the score at 15 with 12:41 remaining.

Luverne scored the next five points as a part of a 16-6 run that left the Cards sporting a 31-21 advantage when Cole Claussen buried a jump shot at 6:19.

LHS extended the lead to 12 points (41-29) when Mark Robinson buried a three-point shot with 4:48 left, but the Vikings trimmed the difference to 10 points (44-34) before the first half was complete.

Riley Siebenahler sank a pair of free throws 59 seconds into the section half to up the lead to 14 points (48-34) before Minneota made things interesting.

The Vikings went on a 16-5 run over the next 9:43 to trim the difference to three points (53-50) with 7:18 left to play.

Luverne answered the challenge by igniting an 18-11 surge that left the Cards sporting a 71-61 advantage when Layne Curtis drained a pair of free throws with 1:43 remaining.

Minneota did close the margin to five points twice in the game's final minute, but LHS prevailed by seven at game's end.

Claussen (22 points and six rebounds), Siebenahler (16 points, 11 rebounds and six assists) and Curtis (13 points, five assists and four steals) paced LHS offensively.

Derek Lundgren added three assists to the winning cause.

Luverne, which has won its last two games, opens the South Section 3AA Tournament Saturday in Pipestone.

The sixth-seeded Cardinals take on the third-seeded Arrows at 7 p.m.

Box score
Robinson 0 2 2-2 8, Lundgren 0 1 4-8 7, Claussen 8 0 6-6 22, Curtis 3 1 4-7 13, Bierman 1 2 0-0 8, Siebenahler 3 1 7-8 16, Haugom 1 0 1-2 3.

Team statistics
Luverne: 23 of 57 field goals (40 percent), 24 of 35 free throws (69 percent), 26 rebounds, 14 turnovers.
Minneota: 26 of 62 field goals (42 percent), nine of 12 free throws (75 percent), 27 rebounds, 12 turnovers.



Solomon Nielsen

Sport: Wrestling
Position: 170
Parents: Stacy Nielsen
Favorite Subject: Accounting
Extra Curricular Activities: Baseball, Weightlifting
Future Plans: Wrestle in college



Layne Curtis

Sport: Basketball
Position: Point Guard
Parents: Jim and Michelle Curtis
Favorite Subject: Math
Extra Curricular Activities: Lifting and hanging out with my friends
Future Plans: Go to SDSU or MSU for Mechanical or Electrical Engineering



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on No. 2 Southwest Christian in the semifinals.

H-BC sported a pair of three-point leads early in the game before Fulda bounced back to knot the score at eight.

The Raiders put together a 13-5 run to open a 21-13 advantage with 7:21 remaining in the opening stanza, but the Patriots answered the challenge.

A 15-7 run ending with a three-point shot from H-BC's Jasmine Lingen knotted the score at the 2:49 mark of the half.

The Raiders regained the lead at 32-28 with 2:13 left, but back-to-back three-point shots from Mekayla Kolbrek gave the Patriots a 35-34 edge at the intermission.

H-BC scored the first five points of the second half and the Patriots led by seven (43-36) when Grace Bundesen drained one free throw at the 14:03 mark.

Fulda battled back to trim the difference to three points (47-44) with 8:44 left to play.

The Raiders, however, were limited to three points the rest of the night.

H-BC closed the game with a 21-3 run ending with Whitney Elbers sinking a pair of charity shots with 1:33 left to complete a 21-point victory.

Bundesen (17 points and nine rebounds), Sidney Fick (16 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots) and Avery Van Roekel (13 points and three assists) led H-BC offensively in the game.



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Hills-Beaver Creek senior Avery Van Roekel weaves her way through a trio of Fulda defenders to score two of her 13 points during Saturday's tournament victory in Worthington.

Madison Spath (five rebounds and three assists) and Lingen (four assists) also made key contributions for the Patriots.

Box score
Bos 0 0 0-0 0, Tilstra 0 0 0-0 0, Spath 1 0 0-0 2, Kolbrek 0 2 0-0 6, Lingen 2 1 0-0 7, Fick 6 1 1-1 16, Bundesen 2 2 7-12 17, Swan 0 0 0-0 0, Elbers 0 0 2-2 2, Van Roekel 6 0 1-1 13, Rozeboom 2 0 1-4 5.

Team statistics
H-BC: 25 of 58 field goals (43 percent), 12 of 20 free throws (60 percent), 37 rebounds, 13 turnovers.
Fulda: 15 of 66 field goals (23 percent), 13 of 20 free throws (65 percent), 28 rebounds, 10 turnovers.

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goal advantage with 48 seconds remaining in the game, when Hutchinson's Jake Mraz netted a power-play tally.

LHS junior Tyler Reisdorfer settled the issue when he capped the scoring with 19 seconds left by registering an empty-net goal.

Luverne sported a 39-22 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

Kaden Ericson stopped 20 of the 22 shots he faced in net.

LHS 5, Windom 0

The Cardinals opened Section 3A play by posting a five-goal victory over the Eagles at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne, which sported a commanding 75-18 advantage in shots on goal in the game, scored three first-period goals and never lost control of the contest the rest of the night.

Five different Cardinals registered goals in the game, while Ericson turned in an 18-save shutout in goal.

LHS gained the upper hand early as Roberts (an unassisted tally) and Mark Sterrett scored one goal each in the first 2:47 of the game.

Coy Gonnerman made it a 3-0 game when he capped the scoring in the first period with



John Rittenhouse photo/0302 lbb 16

Luverne junior forward Nick Harder battles for the puck with a pair of Windom defenders during Saturday's Section 3A Boys' Hockey Tournament quarterfinal at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

5:35 remaining.

The Cardinals proceeded to add single goals in the second and third periods to ice the win. Serie made it a 4-0 game with

5:15 left in the second period and Gaige Nath capped the scoring with 1:23 remaining in the third period.

Chris Jelken led the winners

with two assists.

Serie, Gonnerman, Reed and Andrew Reisch contributed one assist each to the winning cause.

Panthers bow out of South Section 3A event Thursday night

By John Rittenhouse

The 2016-17 girls' basketball season came to an end for the Ellsworth Panthers Thursday in Slayton.

Ellsworth, the ninth-seeded team in the South Section 3A Tournament, took on No. 8 Murray County Central in an

opening-round game of the annual event.

The home-standing Rebels got off to a good start in a game that started at 3:30 p.m. due to an impending snowstorm and withstood a late challenge from the Panthers to advance to the quarterfinals.

Ellsworth ends the season with a 3-22 record.

MCC played well early to open a 32-18 advantage at halftime.

The Panthers rallied to outscore the Rebels 32-22 in the second half, but EHS fell 54-50 at game's end.

Devin Dreesen (19 points, six rebounds and three steals) and Sierra Smith (19 points

and eight rebounds) played impressive games for EHS.

Kallie Chapa and Morgan Dreesen charted seven and four assists respectively for the Panthers, while Ashlyn Meester chipped in five rebounds.

Box score
M. Dreesen 2 0 2-2 6, K. Chapa 0 1 0-0 3, Meester 1 0 1-2 3, D. Dreesen 8 1 0-1 19, Smith 6 1 4-5 19.

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10-9 decision to New Ulm's Tanner Stark in a true second-place match, leaving the LHS senior with a third-place finish that ended his 23-12 season.

Luverne's Tucker Oeltjenbruns (24-16) placed third at 126 with a 3-1 record, while Riley Baker (21-17) placed

fifth at 132 with a 3-2 mark.

Matt Hup (3-18) went 1-2 without placing sixth or better at the section event.

Also not placing sixth or better are Justyce Ripka (1-22) and Jed Dooyema (10-21), who went 0-2 at 120 and 138 respectively.

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Adrian's Kaitlyn Christians turned in a 14-point, 11-rebound performance during Saturday's 58-35 victory over Edgerton during a Section 3A Girls' Basketball Tournament quarterfinal-round game in Worthington.

Adrian girls roll past Edgerton with strong second half

By John Rittenhouse

A big second half propelled the Adrian Dragons into the semifinal round of the South Section 3A Girls' Basketball Tournament.

The fifth-seeded Dragons, who defeated No. 4 Edgerton twice during the regular season, met the Flying Dutchmen for a third time during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington.

The game was knotted at 24 after 18 minutes of play, but the Dragons outscored Edgerton 34-11 in the second half to post a 58-35 victory.

The win sent the 11-13 Dragons to the semifinals Tuesday (Feb. 28), where they took on top-seeded Red Rock Central.

It looked like it might be Edgerton's day early in the first half. After Adrian's Mikayla Jeffers buried a three-point shot at the 14:44 mark of the first half to open the scoring in the

game, the Flying Dutchmen put together a 10-2 run to sport a 10-5 cushion with 10:45 left in the stanza.

Adrian battled back to knot the score at 10 and 13, but Edgerton countered with an 11-4 surge to open a seven-point lead (24-17) with less than five minutes remaining.

The Dragons responded to the challenge by ending the half with a 7-0 run capped when Jeffers drained a pair of free throws with 24 seconds left to knot the score at 24.

The teams exchanged field goals early in the second half, and the score was tied at 28.

Adrian took over the contest at that point.

The Dragons put together a 25-2 run that gave them a 53-30 lead when Lexi Slater sank one free throw with 4:30 left to play.

Both teams scored five points in the final four minutes,

leaving the Dragons with a 23-point conquest at game's end.

Moriah Bullerman (15 points and seven rebounds), Jeffers (14 points) and Kaitlyn Christians (14 points and 11 rebounds) carried the load offensively for Adrian.

Hannah Bullerman (seven assists and six rebounds), Slater (eight rebounds) and Paige Bullerman (nine rebounds) also played strong games for the winners.

Box score
Zebe 0 0 2-2 2, H.Bullerman 2 0 0-0 4, M.Bullerman 3 2 3-5 15, Balster 0 0 0-0 0, Nelson 0 0 0-0 0, Christians 3 2 2-4 14, Lonneman 0 0 0-0 0, Jeffers 0 4 2-2 14, Grussing 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 2 0 1-2 5, Heidebrink 0 0 0-0 0, P.Bullerman 1 0 2-6 4.

Team statistics
Adrian: 20 of 51 field goals (39 percent), 12 of 21 free throws (57 percent), 45 rebounds, 18 turnovers.
Edgerton: 11 of 58 field goals (19 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), 30 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

Dragon boys split games with Edgerton, MLA

By John Rittenhouse

The Adrian boys' basketball team wrapped up a 15-9 regular season by splitting two games.

The Dragons edged Mountain Lake Area by one point in Adrian Saturday before falling by nine points at Edgerton Public School Monday.

Adrian received the third seed for the South Section 3A Tournament.

The Dragons play No. 6 Murray County Central during Saturday's quarterfinals in Worthington at 4 p.m.

Edgerton 61, Adrian 52

A sluggish offensive performance plagued the Dragons during a nine-point loss in Edgerton Monday.

Adrian was limited to 32 percent shooting from the field



Adrian senior Mitchell Lonneman scored 16 points during Monday's loss at EHS.

and was outscored in both halves of the game.

The Flying Dutchmen played well early and opened a 27-19 halftime advantage.

Adrian picked up the pace offensively in the second half, but Edgerton sported a 34-33 scoring advantage in the stanza.

Mitchell Lonneman (16 points and six rebounds) and Tristan White (14 points) led Adrian offensively.

Jacob Stamer, Zach Bierman and Ryan Wieneke grabbed five rebounds each for the Dragons.

Box score
Stamer 0 3 0-2 9, Serrao 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 0 0-1 0, White 1 3 3-5 14, Wieneke 0 3 0-0 9, Hendl 2 0 0-0 4, Werkman 0 0 0-0 0, M.Lonneman 6 0 4-6 16.

Team statistics
Adrian: 18 of 56 field goals (32 percent),

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Remembrance gestures display class of Dragon Nation

I'm somewhat ashamed to admit this.

After pulling into a parking space outside Adrian High School Feb. 21, I became overwhelmed with apprehension.

My reluctance had nothing to do with covering the Ellsworth-Adrian boys' basketball game that was about to take place inside the building.

It had everything to do with the Friday night before, Feb. 17, which, as it turns out, was the last time I would have interaction with Tim Christensen.

As I'm sure everyone knows by now, he passed away unexpectedly between my last two visits to AHS.

Considering he was a man I got to know long before he started to work as an activities director and principal for District 511, I was absolutely stunned and saddened upon learning of his passing on that fateful Sunday.

I received the privilege to get to know Tim better by having sons of the same age who shared a lot of the same interests, so our paths crossed many times over the years.

With each conversation we shared, I gained more admiration and respect for a man who was always one phone call away from helping with any favors I needed concerning AHS athletics.

That's why I was glad to see him prior to the Feb. 17 boys' basketball game



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

against Red Rock Central in Adrian.

Smiles crossed both of our faces as we made eye contact when I was making my way across the gymnasium to his location.

The smiles remained in place as we continued what became the ritual we shared of exchanging barbs and fun-filled insults that made us both feel more at ease rather than uncomfortable.

What I didn't know was that would be the last give-and-take conversation we would share, which may explain why I was a little apprehensive when approaching the school building for the EHS game four days later.

There would be no give-and-take with Tim Christensen that night, but I immediately felt at ease, thanks to a gesture offered by the AHS boys' basketball players.

I couldn't help but notice all them were donning wristbands with the initials T.C. clearly evident as they went through their pre-game warm-up.

Tim Christianson may not have been in the building, but he certainly was there in spirit.

"Our senior boys came up with the idea to wear those wristbands," said Blake Miller, Adrian's head coach.

"They wanted to honor him. Tim was very much involved in their lives and Adrian athletics overall.

He had me text him after every game to let him know how we did. He was very much interested in AHS athletics, and I could definitely tell there was a piece missing all of last week."

Along with the boys, Adrian's girls' basketball players honored Christensen by wearing specially designed T-shirts prior to their playoff game in Worthington Saturday.

The members of the AHS wrestling team paid a special visit to the Christensen home in Luverne Thursday, where they spent some time with Tim's wife, Pam, and the Christensen kids (Stephanie, Matt and Cody) on Thursday.

It was a combination of all those heartfelt gestures delivered by the athletes from Dragon Nation that made me feel a little embarrassed about the apprehension I experienced upon approaching the school building Feb. 21.

We all lost a friend way too early, and no one made me see it more clearly than AHS senior guard Tristan White.

I noticed White had something written on a piece of athletic tape that was placed on the back of his warm-up shirt.

When I got a little closer, I could read the message: R.I.P. T.C.

For the lack of better words, I echo that sentiment.

LHS seniors grace BSC roster

By John Rittenhouse

Two senior members of the Luverne High School girls' hockey program raked in post-season honors from Big South Conference officials Thursday.

LHS forwards Mariah Aukes and Madison Crabtree grace the roster of the 2016-17 All-Big South Conference Girls' Hockey Team.

A total of 13 players made the all-league squad.

New Ulm and Marshall landed three all-conference selections each.

New Ulm juniors Ali Beltz, Dani Weiss and Karlie Ries made the team, as did Marshall juniors Courtney Mauch and Rachel VanKeulen and sophomore Sydney Mauch.

Waseca matched LHS by securing two all-conference selections.

Junior Riley Brown and freshman Jayde Pederson represent the Blue Jays on



Crabtree



Aukes

the roster.

Fairmont senior Taylor Ness, St. Peter-Le Sueur-Henderson-Tri-City United senior Anna Amos and Windom junior Molly Boyum round out the all-league squad.

Seven players drew honorable mention recognition from league officials.

New Ulm sophomore Ashtyn Wiltscheck and freshman Ally Steffensmeier, SP-L-H-TCU junior Emma Doherty-Bohn and sophomore Ashley Pudwill, Windom junior Emily Steen and sophomore Anna Volk and Fairmont senior Myah Lytle are the honorable mention selections.

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Rock County seeks sealed proposals by March 31

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
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BIDS CLOSE AT 11:00 A.M. MARCH 31, 2017
LIVERNE, MINNESOTA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Rock County Highway Department at Luverne, Minnesota until 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 31, 2017.

READ CAREFULLY THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WAGE RATES AS CONTAINED IN THE PROVISIONS, AS THEY WILL AFFECT THIS PROJECT.

Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must comply with the ****Special Equal Employment Opportunity 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 on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Construction of Bridge 67570, a 127' Concrete Slab Span. The project is located 1 Mile South of Interstate 90 on CSAH 17 over The Beaver Creek.

The major items of work are: 87 Cu. Yd. Structural Concrete; 4,547 Sq. Ft. of Bridge Slab Concrete; 258 Lin. Ft. of Type F Railing Concrete; 143 Sq. Yds. Bridge Approach Panels; 72,490 Pounds of Reinforcement Bars (Epoxy Coated); 372 Cu. Yd. Random Riprap (Class III); 420 Lin. Ft. 12" - C-I-P Piling 2 - 12" C-I-P Test Piles 80 Ft. Long; 560 Lin. Ft. 16" - C-I-P Piling; 2 - 16" C-I-P Test Piles 80 Ft. Long; and 574 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. Questions may be directed to the office of the Rock County Highway Engineer, 1120 North Blue Mound Avenue, P.O. Box 808, Luverne, Minnesota 56156-0808 / (507)283-5010.

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.A.P. 067-617-011"**

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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Mark R. Sehr, P.E.
Rock County Highway Engineer
(03-02, 03-09, 03-16)

ISD #2184 School Board meets Jan. 16

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2184, ROCK COUNTY, LIVERNE, MINNESOTA.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on January 26, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Tim Jarchow, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Stacy Gillette, Kris Natte, and Mavis Fodness – Rock County Star Herald.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Hartman, second by Sehr, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Administrative reports were given.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the December 15, 2016, school board minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Chairperson Baustian administered the Oath of Office to Colleen Deutsch, Tim Jarchow, and Shelley Sandbulte. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to maintain the same school board officers as follows: Chairperson – Baustian; Vice-Chairperson – Bosch; Clerk – Sandbulte; and, Treasurer – Hartman. Motion unanimously carried.

A proposed committee assignment list was reviewed. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve the committee assignments. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager, Marlene Mann, reviewed the school district bills. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,321,227.91. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of December 31, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the Resolution Directing the Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefore. This is an annual resolution. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl presented two draft options for 2017-18 school calendars. Board members were asked to please let him know their thoughts on both calendars over the next few weeks. A final decision on a calendar will be made at the February 23, 2017, school board meeting.

The school board conducted the first reading of Policy 513 – Student Promotion, Retention and Program Design. We are required to have this policy as part of the World's Best Workforce program. The second reading of this policy will be at the February 23, 2017, school board meeting.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the 2016-17 Revised Revenue Budget with the school board. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the revised revenue budget in the amount of \$15,272,993. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the State of Minnesota Pay Equity Compliance Report. We are required to complete this report every three years. The Luverne School District is in compliance. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the report as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Oftedahl and Business Manager Mann presented a request to raise the two-hour food service worker pay from \$10.50 to \$11.50 per hour. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to set the two-hour food service rate of pay at \$11.50 per hour. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Bosch, to approve the Custodial Seniority List as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the Paraprofessional/Food Service/Administrative Assistant seniority list as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the Alternative School seniority list as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Sehr, second by Bosch, to approve the ECFE/School Readiness/Discovery Time seniority list as presented. Motion unanimously carried. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the Preliminary Licensed Staff seniority list as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve the hiring of Tiffany Veal as special education teacher effective January 23, 2017, for a salary of \$18,464.40. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sandbulte, to approve the hiring of Caitlin Altman as a paraprofessional effective January 3, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Bosch, to approve a long-term leave of absence request from Stacy Olson, paraprofessional, from January 30-July 31, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Brooke Walgrave as long-term substitute paraprofessional for Stacy Olson's position beginning January 30, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve a request for maternity leave from Amy VonHoltum, Elementary teacher, beginning approximately April 23 through May 26, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

There were no committee reports given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed. Motion made by Bosch, second by Deutsch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: January 26, 2017

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(03-02)

Rock County Commissioners meet Dec. 13

Herreid Board Room 5:00 P.M.
Rock County Courthouse December 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chair Reisch with all Commissioners present; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to approve the December 13, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Thompson, seconded by Williamson, to approve the November 22, 2016 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Mark Sehr, Engineer, presented Resolution No. 34-16, a bridge prioritized bridge replacement listing for 2017-2019; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator stated that he and the Engineer will be attending a City of Magnolia Council meeting in January to discuss details of dynamic speed signage.

The Administrator informed the County Board that Alliance Communications will be attending the December 27th County Board meeting and will give a project update.

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

Claims over \$2,000:

AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC	2,536.95
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C & B OPERATIONS LLC	5,157.50
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	6,323.77
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	6,812.39
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	2,816.96
EXPRESSWAY-LIVERNE	4,201.95
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	4,147.00
GRAHAM TIRE-WORTHINGTON	2,257.80
HENNING CONSTRUCTION, INC	45,355.52
JAYCOX	2,440.05
LYON COUNTY LANDFILL	16,542.00
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	2,500.00
NOBLES COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER	19,367.00
REKER CONSTRUCTION & AGGREGATE LLC	6,350.00
SANDERS INC	3,777.40
SW MN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD	59,411.07
TOWMASTER	8,419.22
W & N CONSTRUCTION INC	2,245.34
128 Payment less than 2000	53,298.52
Final Total:	258,187.94

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the Fund Balance report which reflected the second half of tax settlement, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator led a discussion regarding IT equipment upgrades totaling \$38,116.59 to accommodate data storage issues in the Sheriff's Office and Land Records Office; expenditures will be paid from dedicated funds from Drug Forfeitures and Records Technology. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to approve the equipment upgrades and to pay the expenditures from Drug Forfeiture funds \$15,821.51 and Recorder Technology funds \$22,295.08, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator presented budget materials to be used at the Truth in Taxation meeting to be held following the County Board meeting, the budget information was based on the preliminary levy increase of 6.13%.

Attendees from the AMC Annual Conference presented an update of the conference; presented as information only.

The Administrator presented an update of a recent SWCD Liaison meeting stating that the Land Management Office will pursue the second half of funding and timeline extension from the state to complete flood repair work. The Liaison Committee also agreed to move the SWCD finance/accounting functions to the Auditor/Treasurer's office.

The Administrator informed the County Board of an initiative to update and digitize the county's flood map; the initiative is FEMA grant funded and will be coordinated by DNR.

The Administrator stated that a draft agreement for transit services between Rock County and United Community Action is awaiting a review from the County Attorney's office; upon his approval, the agreement will be presented to the County Board.

The Administrator stated that a tentative agreement has been reached for all three union contracts; a request for approval will be on the December 27th County Board agenda.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Williamson stated that he attended the following meetings: Rock County Opportunities, Soil and Water Conservation District, and Rock County Rural Water.

Commissioner Hoime stated that he attended the AMC Annual Conference where he was recognized for his years of service as a County Commissioner.

Commissioner Thompson stated that she attended the following meetings: AMC Annual Conference, Southwest Health and Human Services where an issue was brought to their attention regarding software issues for Eligibility Workers on the intake process.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he attended the following meetings: Soil and Water Conservation District, AMC Annual Conference and Union negotiations.

With no further business to come before the County Board, motion by Thompson, seconded by Boyenga, to declare the meeting adjourned.

(03-02)

Schadwinkel probate

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 67-PR-17-39

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ROCK

Estate of Dennis Schadwinkel,
Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 13, at 3:30 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 204 East Brown, Luverne, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Todd Schadwinkel, whose address is 822 N. Van Eps Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of the Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: February 15, 2017

BY THE COURT

/s/ Terry S. Vajgrt
Judge of District Court
/s/ Denise Brandel
Court Administrator

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