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Nutty for nutcrackers

Luverne launches new identity for Winterfest weekend

By Lori Sorenson

A highlight of this weekend's Winterfest Celebration will be Luverne's first-ever nutcracker scavenger hunt.

There are over 100 participating locations with life-sized nutcrackers all over Luverne, and the challenge for scavenger hunters will be to visit each one to learn their proper names.

For example, Luverne Chamber Director Jane Wildung Lanphere said her office has a nutcracker named "Philo Hawes" in honor of Luverne's founder.

Hawes established a mail stop on the Rock River 150 years ago and named the city after his daughter, Eva Luverne.

Lanphere said they placed their Philo nutcracker at the City Public Works building near the power plant, which was the exact site of Hawes' early dugout.

"Philo" will be among more than 100 other nutcrackers to be designated on a scavenger hunt map for participants to use in their search for nutcracker names.

Entry forms will be available beginning Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Winterfest Craft Show, the Chamber office, or at the History Center, which features a 2,500-piece nutcracker display.

The nutcrackers, some of them rare and valuable, are part of the personal collection Betty Mann donated to the new History Center, which recently opened in the former Ford dealership on Main Street.

Lanphere said Mann's collection inspired the Winterfest nutcracker theme.

"We wanted to celebrate the fact that we have this wonderful nutcracker display at the History Center donated by Betty Mann," she said.

"The scavenger hunt is something different and unique for our community, and it's a wonderful opportunity to get people out and about."

She said she was pleased so many businesses and individuals supported the nutcracker theme. "And so many have such clever names," Lanphere said.

To match the unique names to their properly themed nutcrackers required original artwork at Quality Printing, which created most of the nutcrackers.

"Hayley did a wonderful job," Lanphere said about graphic designer

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Lori Sorenson photo/1201 tow plow

Minnesota Department of Transportation snowplow driver Mark Holtz, Magnolia, has been training to use the new doublesided "tow plow" on I-90. A tow plow is a 26-foot plow mounted on a trailer pulled by a tandem axle snowplow truck, the combination of which clears two lanes at a time.

'Tow plow' moves more snow, saves state money

Rock County is first in state to use two-way version of MnDOT tow plow; motorists urged to use extra caution behind plows, which take up entire two lanes

By Lori Sorenson

Snowplow driver Mark Holtz, Magnolia, won't say he's excited for the next winter storm, but he is looking forward to trying the new "tow plow" that he's been training to operate.

"I'm excited to see how it works," Holtz said Monday afternoon under dark clouds and spitting precipitation.

A tow plow is a 26-foot plow mounted on a trailer pulled by a tandem axle snowplow truck, which means the combined apparatus clears snow from two lanes at a time.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has only six in the state, and the newest one housed in Luverne is the first of its kind in Minnesota to have a blade on each side of the towed plow.

That means Holtz will have a choice as to which side he'll deploy his second plow.

"It's all about wind direction," he said. "We want the wind to pull the snow away from us to avoid the snow cloud behind us. That's what we want to get away from as fast as possible."

According to MnDOT, nearly 400 motor-

ists crash into snowplows each winter statewide because they get lost in the snow plume kicked up behind the plow blade.

"If we get a northwest wind and we're able to pull all the snow into the median, that's ideal," Holtz said.

The new tow plow in Luverne also has two 1,000-gallon brine tanks to dispense de-icer in the extra lane next to the plow truck.

"It just might be the best thing we've ever had,"

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First vocational education class offered next school year

Success of medical and health careers class could lead to future student choices

By Mavis Fodness

By 2020, state officials predict a shortage of health care and manufacturing workers, and local high school students are poised to fill that need.

Introduction to Medical and Health Careers will begin in the fall of 2017 at the Minnesota West Campus in Luverne.

The vocational technical class is open to students in Luverne, Adrian, Edgerton, Ellsworth, Hills-Beaver

Creek and Pipestone school districts.

Signup for the class will be early next year.

Talks began two years ago

Educators, businesses, community leaders and legislators collaborated to reinstate more career and technical training classes in high schools.

The first community meetings started in late 2014 and early 2015, fa-

cilitated by the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative in Marshall.

Retired businessman and former Rock County sheriff Ed Elbers led the charge.

Elbers and 14 others met Nov. 3 at the Minnesota West Campus in Luverne to announce the single class offering next fall.

"We need this for the kids," he said. Young people with career aspirations develop into better citizens

and are less likely to need social or community correction services, Elbers said.

Not all students go on to college

In the last 10 years, area high schools have offered a small selection of vocational education classes.

Budget cuts and lack of licensed teaching staff have whittled offerings

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Wheelchair users face challenges in snow

By Lori Sorenson

When snow piles up on sidewalks and curbs, it's difficult for able-bodied people to get around, let alone for those in a wheelchair.

For Darwin and Marge Jauert, rural Luverne, this was the case Saturday night, Nov. 19, when they came to town for the play at the Palace Theatre.

They parked in one of the handicapped parking spots on Estey Street near the Main Street corner, and Marge, who has MS, proceeded from there in her wheelchair.

Darwin said he struggled to help her navigate the wheels over the snow and ice-covered intersection to get to the theater front doors.

"You don't make much of it unless you deal with it every day," he said. "And we do."

He said he understands the impositions of Mother Nature, but 24 hours after the storm, he hoped for better.

"I wouldn't have thought much of it, had it been Friday night (the day of the storm), this was a whole day later," Darwin said.



Lori Sorenson photo/1201 wheelchair accessibility

Darwin and Marge Jauert, rural Luverne, say curb cutouts like this one — especially if snow is cleared — make their lives easier.

"It can't be just us; there have to be others in the same boat."

And he said it's not just the snow and ice that are problematic. He said

access downtown is difficult under any conditions.

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Work on track to connect county to high-speed Internet

Some already connected to test system

By Mavis Fodness

Six months after crews began working on the \$14 million broadband project in Rock County, 554 miles of fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) cable is buried and selected customers are testing the new service.

Bill Rolfs, who lives in Rosdell Township, is one of about 40 customers in the Jasper and Beaver Creek areas that has been using the high-speed service for more than a month.

"There have been no issues to report to date," said Rolfs, the network administrator with Pipestone Systems in Pipestone. "I am extremely pleased with the new Alliance service."

Rock County Broadband Alliance received a \$5 million grant from the state of Minnesota in

early 2015. The Alliance is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alliance Communications Cooperative, based in Garretson, South Dakota.

Alliance, along with Rock County, contributed funds to bring high-speed Internet service to the more than 1,300 residents who could not receive high-speed Internet at their residence or were underserved.

Rolfs lives in one of the underserved areas of Rock County.

He said FTTP's more reliable and direct connection has improved his online video and radio streaming from home.

"With the previous satellite service, heavy rains and snowfall would interfere with the television signal, causing blackouts and service interruptions. The (FTTP) Internet

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connection consistently performs well and is very reliable. I have found no times where the services are unavailable or slow," Rolfs said.

Connections to the rest of Rock County will be completed in stages, according to Alliance officials.

"We are currently doing four a day or 20 a week from now until Christmas," said Alliance's Andy Hulcher. "Then after Jan. 1 we will be doing about 12 installs per day until the project is completed in the late spring/early summer of 2017."

Weather played a part in placing the project 20 days behind schedule during the burying of the fiber-optic cables, but crews made up the lost days.

"The rock alone was a huge obstacle and was to me our major hurdle in the project," Hulcher said.

"The Michels (Corporation) fiber installation crews did a fantastic job with all the rock in the county."

Rural residents have commended Michels and its subcontractors who buried the fiber up to the homes and businesses.

"I am extremely pleased with the new Alliance service."

— Bill Rolfs,
rural Jasper, an early test subject for the new broadband

Commissioners have shared many of the compliments at recent meetings and were pleasantly surprised at the very few complaints as crews crisscrossed the county.

"That's pretty good," said County Administrator Kyle Oldre. "We hit just about every mile of the county."

Hulcher said those residents who signed up for the FTTP service earlier this year will receive letters when installations begin in their areas.

"Installation crews then meet customers at their homes at the scheduled times and connect the services," he said.

Alliance is taking requests from customers who did not sign up for FTTP in 2015 and 2016. Their phone number is (605) 594-3411.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1201 Stone Presentation

'Click Away From Chaos' helps students polish character

Luverne seniors address middle school students Tuesday, Nov. 22, at an assembly for "Click Away From Chaos." The seniors showed a video and explained instances where clicking away from offensive images on the Internet shows good character. The seniors, along with organizer Phil Olson from Sioux Falls, also presented a similar message to fourth- and fifth-graders. The five will present their message to community leaders at a February 2017 meeting.

Below, Luverne senior Hailey Franken talks about her plans after high school Tuesday, Nov. 22, along with fellow seniors (from left) Logan Stratton, Knute Oldre and Bergin Flom, at the Nov. 22 assembly in the high school auditorium.

Below right, Luverne Middle School students TaJauhn Hipkins (left) and Damon Susie show the polished stones they received after the assembly. Elementary and middle school students received polished stones that they were encouraged to carry in their pockets for the next two weeks. The stones are to remind students that actions taken on social media can help polish their character or leave them rough around the edges. Local sponsors of the program included Luverne Area Chamber, Papik Motors, Main Street Financial and Minnwest Bank.



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down to the areas of agriculture, business, industrial technology and career and consumer science. Very few high schools have all those options, according to a recent survey of area high schools.

"We are trying to grow something we sadly let slip away," said Tom Hoff, the SWCSC facilitator.

Data presented at previous meetings show the need for courses whose primary goal is to prepare students for college.

Vocational education develops marketable skills by the time a student graduates from high school. State data shows 28 percent of high school students choose to enter the workforce immediately after high school.

Similarly businesses are looking for these workers.

Pilot program paves way

The Minnesota Department of Education is funding a pilot project that could influence how the local vocational education class is operated.

Granite Falls' Minnesota West Campus will offer the first collaborative Introduction to Medical and Health Careers class in January among partnering school districts in central Minnesota.

"We found out we can't go back to the old days where every school has their own career and technical education. The best way to grow is a collaborative effort," Hoff said at the Nov. 3 meeting in Luverne.

Granite Falls will use a "flipped classroom" concept where lectures and lessons would take place outside the two days a week the students meet at the college. Meeting days would be reserved for hands-on instruction, he said.

Other days would involve students in job shadowing, internships or in interactive classroom settings, although plans are still being worked

out, Hoff added.

The class is open to 25 students from the partnering schools with each district paying a per pupil tuition fee to cover the instructor and material costs.

Hoff said its success and expansion will depend on the pilot program as well as continued local school support.

"We are hoping we can hold enough of these cluster of schools together to make this happen," Hoff said. "We feel we are making progress — just not as fast as we want."

Student survey indicates vocational interest

If results from a recent survey of local high school students are any indication, career and technical education will be making a comeback in southwest Minnesota.

The SWCSC survey asked 845 ninth- through 12th-grade students in Luverne, Adrian, Edgerton, Ellsworth, Hills-Beaver Creek and Pipestone their likeliness to enroll in a hands-on vocational exploration class.

They chose one of four responses to each of the 15 vocational education fields. Response choices were definitely yes, maybe, not likely or never.

Medical and health careers garnered the most interest with more than a third (278 responses) of the student body indicating "definitely yes" to enrolling in the class. An additional 217 students indicated possible interest.

Even the career with the lowest interest (alternative energy) attracted 46 students definitely interested and 156 maybe interested.

As a collaborative effort, vocational options would have to start small in order to address finding qualified instructors, transportation and meeting locations for the classes.

Rock County Library hosts Harry Potter's 'Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry'

By Mavis Fodness

Fans of author J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter character gathered recently at the Rock County Community Library for an evening of everything Hogwarts.

Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is one of the main locales for Rowling's seven books and eight subsequent movies.

The library transformed its basement into the school for wizards complete with floating candles and delectable treats including mandrakes, which are shaped like human beings.

"It was a great night," said library director Serena Gutnik. "It was such a huge success."

If numbers alone measured success, 53 adults, teenagers and children attended the event. Many chose to attend in costume, which was optional for all participants.



Acceptance letters to attend the school were sent to all of those who signed up for the event, much like in the story of Harry Potter.

In the library's version, its elevator was transformed

into train platform 9 3/4, which took the new students to the transformed basement. Each participant chose one of Hogwarts' four houses to play the trivia games.

Gutnik said plans began

this summer for the Harry Potter Trivia Night with trivia questions coming from a library director in New York.

Questions based on the books as well as the movies ranged from geographical locations to spells and potions to timeline Harry Potter happenings. The activity introduced community residents to more of the library's offerings.

The activity was also multi-generational - mixing grandparents with college students and children and parents.

The next trivia night is already in the works, based on the mid-1980s television show "Golden Girls."

The event will take place early next year, Gutnik said.

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Grocery store discounts put math-challenged Dutch girl in bargain-hunting quandary

Because I grew up the daughter of an English teacher, I'm blessed with a firm grasp of the English language and my grammar is (mostly) flawless.



ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

... we "left-brain" leaners flounder in the world of numbers.

It's come in handy for things like school term papers, scholarship essays, job resumes and, of course, my career in news writing and editing.

But if you buy into the "left-brain, right-brain" theory of intellectual biology, you know that effective communicators often struggle with simple math.

We can compose a story problem with perfect sentence structure; just don't ask us to solve the problem without scratch paper.

So, as easy as it is to communicate, we "left-brain" leaners flounder in the world of numbers.

Just ask my Music Boosters friends.

I'll volunteer in any capacity for any fundraiser — bake cookies, unload a truck, supervise students and perform many other tasks.

But you won't see me making change at the concessions counter. Breaking a \$50 bill for a \$7.63 purchase puts me in a cold sweat.

Not because I can't do it, but because it requires concentration and accuracy in a distracting social setting among friends (who are quick to tease me about my poor math).

And so we left-brainers survive in life communicating our way out of tight spots. For bachelor's degrees we take statistics, logic or even geography (which requires calculating distances) to satisfy the math requirements of our liberal arts education.

We compensate with statements like, "Journalists don't need to know all the answers; we just need to know where to find them." That skill used

to mean something before the days of Google.

And we bring our calculators to difficult places like grocery stores where prices are often presented in trick questions.

In the produce aisle, for example, you never know how much a single apple costs because apples are sold by the pound. Which makes sense, I suppose, because some apples are larger and heavier than others.

But colored peppers are sold in singles, even though their sizes vary greatly.

What really puts me in a tailsip, though, is the beverage aisle, where there are 2-liter bottles, six-packs of 20-ounce bottles and 12-packs of cans, along with 8-packs of smaller plastic bottles.

So, the math problem that got me last week was: What's the better deal — the three 12-packs of 12-ounce cans for \$10, a 20-pack of 12-ounce cans for \$4.99, four 6-packs of 24-ounce bottles for \$10 or three 8-packs of 12-ounce bottles for \$9?

The easy answer? Don't drink pop; it's bad for you.

But if you must, perhaps with a cocktail, and if you're Dutch like I am, it might pay to do the math before you stock up.

If nothing else, for the mere satisfaction of finding the answer without help from Google.

Polished stones are not for throwing but polishing social media use

Parents may have found polished stones in their students' pockets last week.

The thumb-sized rocks came in various shades of blue, green, yellow and red. They were shiny, smooth and a reminder of the message Luverne and Hills-Beaver Creek fourth- through eighth-graders heard during last week's "Click Away from Chaos" assemblies.

At each of the assemblies four local senior students made the presentation along with Sioux Falls facilitator Philip Olson.

The students presented ways the underclassmen could polish their character in our social media world.

They were told to "click away" from adult images on the Internet with a reminder there are plenty of good images to view and share.

The older students also talked about not writing statements they wouldn't tell a person face-to-face. They gave examples of appropriate statements to be shared with friends and family.

Polished stones were given to the elementary and middle school students as a reminder to strive to

make decisions that help polish their character instead of making decisions that could leave them rough around the edges.

Students were encouraged to keep the stones in their pockets for two weeks.

The stone's smooth, polished feel reminds them to steer away from inappropriate websites or the posting of personal messages on social media sites that may roughen their character. Character may come into question if potential employers or college admissions representatives viewed the personal posts.

These are messages the students have heard from adults, but educators have found younger students listen differently when their local peers share the do's and don'ts of social media and the Internet.

We, as adults, can learn a lot from the Polished Stone Project.

Sometimes we also become too involved with social media and need to step away.

Instead of throwing away the rocks found in the jeans pockets or rolling around in the washer, parents should ask their students about the rocks.

Parents should ask their students to explain what they learned and why they want to keep their stones (character) polished.

Young and old alike can take that message to heart as we use social media. Think about your posts, and phrase sentences that won't inflict animosity toward another person or hurt another person's feelings.

Also point out others' inappropriate use of social media, and by all means, don't pass along or share those sharp messages.

Most of all, let's keep our stones polished.



Preferred term is 'crash' when referring to driving errors

Q: As a traffic safety official, I am very upset that people don't realize that there is some significance as to what is going on with using the term "crash" as compared to using the word "accident" in news articles and other media. I see both terms used and I personally know that there is some intentionality about this.



ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, Minnesota State Patrol

I know that you use the word crash for a reason, so can you do an article about this issue so that we can get everyone on the same page?

A: This issue stems from a court trial over a decade ago that involved the intentional ramming of a police vehicle, which resulted in the death of a police officer. During the trial, an attorney mentioned that the incident was referred to by police in their reports as an "accident." It also was reported by police on an "accident"

report form, thus it was argued that the incident was not intentional and charges should be dismissed.

Since that time, traffic safety officials in the state have been educating citizens regarding the difference between the words "crash" and "accident." We know that human driving error causes the vast majority of crashes and are therefore preventable. Since these crashes are not accidents, we must use the correct term to define them.

Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) program officials and local traffic safety coalitions have worked on this issue in all regions of the state. This

effort continues at the Department of Public Safety, in particular the Office of Traffic Safety. Spokespersons at the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) also use the term "crash."

Although we continue to emphasize the word "crash," the media frequently refers to them as accidents. This may be primarily due to the fact that they have grown up hearing crashes called "car accidents." If everyone gets into the habit of using the word "crash" instead of "accident," we will all be on the same page regarding this traffic safety term.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

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

Biren: We can do more to prevent teen tobacco use

To the Editor:

Like my colleagues around the state, I was ecstatic to learn that the smoking rate among teenagers is falling to record low levels, according to the Minnesota Student Survey results.

However, this great news from the Minnesota Student Survey is tempered by some very serious findings that we need to address head on. First, while the teen smoking rates have fallen to new lows of 8 percent of 11th-graders, this still means tens of thousands of Minnesota kids regularly smoke cigarettes.

Second, the tobacco industry's ploy of using menthol, fruit and candy-flavored products to appeal to young people is working. The survey found that 35 percent of teen tobacco users use menthol and 40 percent use some other flavor, like grape, cotton candy or pineapple.

Third, the use of e-cigarettes is extremely widespread. Nearly one in five high school juniors report using an e-cigarette in the past 30 days. We don't know the long-term health effects of e-cigarettes. We do know that the aerosol they emit has been shown to contain heavy metals, formaldehyde and other carcinogens. And it contains nicotine, which is highly addictive and dangerous to teen brain development.

We can do more to prevent teens from using tobacco products and we need to do it. Steps proven to work include keeping tobacco prices high, raising the age to purchase tobacco, and restricting the sale of flavored products.

You can find out more about ways to foster a smoke-free generation at smokefreegenmn.org.

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

Nov. 18

•Complainant reported horrible living conditions and other things going on. Children were taken from the home and an order for protection is in place.

•Complainant reported that there were three little Asian or Indian girls, ages eight, six and younger, standing outside the house just north of the Armory. They are lost. Deputy went to location and will give them a ride home.

•Complainant reported a possible sex offense that occurred while subject was living in Luverne.

•Complainant reported his father was being mean to him, and he wanted to leave. Requested a deputy come.

•Deputy reported a couple of vehicles stuck in the lane of traffic on Highway 270. Trying to push them out.

•Complainant reported her car is stuck in the road on 141st Street and 40th Avenue. Her husband is going to try and get it out.

•Complainant reported his ex is not following the divorce decree.

•Complainant reported problems with a lady she and her husband live with. She is staying in Luverne currently.

•Patrol requested assistance with traffic while semis are towed out of the ditch on I-90 mile marker 11 westbound.

•Complainant requested a walk through the halls. There is the smell of weed.

•Complainant wants to be anonymous but believes that the underage bartender is drinking while on duty.

Nov. 19

•Deputy stopped to assist stalled motorist.

•Deputy requested a county truck to come and sand the hill at County Road 7 just off Highway 75. There is a semi having trouble going up. The semi will be at the elevator in Hardwick. Highway Department was contacted and would send the closest truck.

•Complainant reported water coming out of the street. Contacted on call person for the city who said they are going to leave it until Monday, as per the supervisor.

•Complainant reported snowmobiles are driving down the sidewalk, and she would hate to see a kid get hit. Also thinks signs need to be at each end of the street. Advised to call the city about the signs.

•Complainant reported his roommate sent him a text and said he was moving to be with his dad who is sick. Complainant called neighbor and asked her to go check the house, and he is missing a lot of money. Will stop when he is home from work. Called back. He is home and would like a deputy to stop by.

•Complainant reported a dark blue minivan parked on the 200 block of East Main

Street. The van is not running, has been there about 10 minutes, has a car seat in it, windows are dark, so she can't see if there is a baby or a doll in the car seat.

•Patrol requested a deputy for traffic control at location while someone changes a tire on I-90 mile marker 15.

•Complainant called 911 to ask if these big farm loads could be out after dark. Transferred to Patrol.

•Complainant reported a driving complaint on I-90. Transferred to Patrol.

•Complainant said she is tired of snowmobiles running across her boulevard on East Warren Street.

•Deputy found an open door. Checked inside. Nothing amiss, so door was secured.

•Complainant reported he is having car issues and parked his white Buick Park Avenue by the little chapel on Highway 75. He will come and get it tomorrow. It is not a hazard.

•Complainant reported that five young girls were just at the apartments and had no business there. He believed them to be minors. He walked them out to the corner, and they went past the bowling alley and kept going. One possibly lives in the house just west of the library parking lot.

•Complainant reported that someone left a wallet in their store. Given to deputy who attempted to contact owner but had no luck. He will try again. It's at the Rock County Sheriff's Office dispatch.

Nov. 20

•Deputy stopped a vehicle that had driven behind the school with three underage kids in it at 1:30 a.m. Escorted all three home and talked with parents. This is their only warning.

•Complainant reported that man violated restraining order by sending things via mail to a family member.

•Complainant reported that man violated restraining order by sending her an email.

•Complainant reported man contacted her friend by Facebook in reference to her in violation of the restraining order.

Nov. 21

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle on Rock River Drive. Subject was intoxicated and said she was checking out the scenery. Subject's driver's license is revoked.

•Complainant reported someone stole her credit card number.

•Complainant reported subject wrote a bad check to Glen's Food Center on Oct. 9 for \$51.74.

•Complainant reported subject wrote a bad check to Glen's Food Center on Oct. 11 for \$28.74.

•Complainant reported she had a person making suicidal threats.

•Complainant reported a knife on the road in front of a driveway with blood on it. Complainant called back and said the resident at location came home and claimed the knife.

•Complainant reported a house fire at Adrian. Transferred to Nobles County.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported no emergency but wanted to speak with a cop. Transferred her to Nobles County.

•Complainant requested assistance with a patient in the emergency room. Deputy transported subject to Avera Behavioral Health.

•Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle on the 400 block of West Crawford Street. Two people are walking up to houses with flashlights. Complainant is concerned with the break-ins lately. Deputy reported vehicle is delivering Christmas trees for the Boy Scouts.

Nov. 22

•Deputy stopped at a disabled vehicle on the side of the road at Highway 270 and County Road 11 and changed subject's tire.

•Dispatcher received a 911 call from a phone with nothing but static on the line. No one was there. Contacted owners who were going to check on it, but they said it was for a fax machine that wasn't even there.

•Complainant reported the theft of an Amazon package from his apartment building. May have been left by the mailboxes and possibly taken by someone in the building.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy regarding a possible future domestic situation. The other parties involved are from Sioux Falls.

•Complainant reported that he was at the sales barn and had a juvenile in his custody. He wanted a deputy to come as soon as possible. Deputy cited juvenile for careless driving and took him home to speak with his mom.

Nov. 23

•Deputy received a report of a vehicle on the shoulder at I-90 westbound mile marker 9. It is unoccupied and locked. Advised State Patrol.

•Complainant reported

she was just thrown out of the house, and her boyfriend is cutting up her clothes. Boyfriend took off but was stopped by a deputy, and complainant was taken to a safe location to get away from him.

•Complainant requested a deputy help him retrieve some of his personal property from his ex girlfriend.

•Deputy reported a vehicle and trailer with a flat tire on County Road 4 west of County Road 11. Contacted owner and they are working on it.

•Complainant reported a pickup that is smoking going through town.

•Dispatcher received static 911 call from a cell phone. Called back and everything is OK.

•Complainant reported a car parked on the wrong side of the road. Also the residents have couches on the lawn and should live in an apartment. Advised to contact the city concerning the couches. Said he called it in last night. Vehicle is parked illegally, but they are going to move it, as per deputy.

Nov. 24

•Deputy assisted an intoxicated person in returning to his residence.

•Complainant requested deputy for combative patient in the emergency room.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on her mother. Deputy reported her phone battery is dead and won't charge. Notified complainant.

•Complainant reported her ex boyfriend has visitation with the kids and won't return them. He lives somewhere in South Dakota.

•Complainant reported lights on in a building apartment that is supposed to be unoccupied. As per deputies on scene building is clear and all is OK.

In addition, officers responded to 5 motor vehicle accidents, 2 deer accidents, 10 vehicles in ditch, 6 traffic stops, 2 parking violations, 20 ambulance runs, 1 paper service, 2 animal complaints, 6 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests, 3 money escorts, and issued 10 purchase/carry permits and 3 burn permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/1201 culligan demo

Out with the old ...

City workers clear old appliances, furniture and debris out of the former Culligan building on North Highway 75 near Main Street Wednesday, Nov. 23, to prepare it for demolition. The city purchased the building from Randy Saker earlier this year for the purpose of clearing blight and encouraging new development. The dilapidated house to the north of the Culligan building is also scheduled for demolition. The Culligan offices moved to Main Street into the former Palace Video building, and the Ramage house, as it's known, has been vacant for a number of years.



Submitted photo

Minnesota State University alumni Janine Brady (left) and Dave Wentzel (right) are pictured with Minnesota Congressman Tim Walz (center) at the Honors Day 2016 for the Department of Social Work on Nov. 18 in Mankato.

Wentzel honored at MSU

Luverne native Dave Wentzel is the Minnesota State University, Mankato, Department of Social Work Outstanding New Social Worker for 2016.

He was honored Nov. 18 for his use of social work skills to meet the needs of veterans in Minnesota, according to David Beimers, associate professor and chairman of the MSU Social Work Department.

"Dave is a strong advocate, whether working for policy and legislative changes or taking action to remove obstacles that veterans and their families face on a daily basis," said Beimers, also a Luverne native. Wentzel received his so-

cial work degree in 2013 from MSU, completing much of the coursework online while he was deployed with his National Guard unit, the 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Division.

Following his graduation, Wentzel worked for Congressman Tim Walz for two years as a constituent advocate primarily assisting veterans in southern Minnesota.

Wentzel works as the associate executive director of the Minnesota Disabled American Veterans Foundation in St. Paul. He is the son of Nancy and Kent Davis, Luverne, and a 2003 graduate of Luverne High School.

Due to construction, the Luverne Downtown location will be closed on:

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Beaded bracelets inspire middle school students to sparkle locally, worldwide



Mavis Fodness Photo/1201Rafiki Bracelets

Luverne Middle School students Brodi Oakley (left) and Mia Wenzel hold Rafiki bracelets, a fundraising project currently underway by the Middle School Student Council.

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne seventh-grader Mia Wenzel knows the \$10 beaded bracelet she purchased two months ago had a positive impact on an African family.

She and 24 other student council members and two adults attended the WE Day conference in late September.

WE Day in the Twin Cities Excel Center celebrates youth making a difference in the local and global communities.

"My mind just exploded," Wenzel said about the conference. "I can do so many things that can have an impact — and I am just in middle school."

The student council members said they were drawn to the "We Are Rafikis" project after watching a pair of Kenyan warriors at the conference.

Once home, the Luverne students did their own research and concluded selling the Rafiki (Swahili for friend) bracelets would have a positive global impact.

"I know a lot of people in Kenya are starving," said eighth-grader and council member Brodi Oakley.

She purchased a green Rafiki bracelet after the warriors' presentation, knowing her money helped provide food for a Kenyan family.

Oakley said food is one of five pillars talked about at the conference and central to service learning.

Bracelets can be purchased for \$10 each through Dec. 8

Each child needs five pillars in their lives in order to break the cycle of poverty within their families. The other pillars are education, health, opportunity and water.

Wenzel purchased a Rafiki bracelet supporting water. Her support supplied a Kenyan family with 30 days of reliable water source to drink, bathe and cook.

She wears the bracelet of tiny blue beads almost every day as a reminder.

"It reminds me that I helped a kid," she said. "It was just one month but I bet it made a big impact in his life."

On the back of each Rafiki package is a code for the WE.org website to track the donation's impact.

As the student council conducts the in-school fundraiser, they are also able to expand the fundraiser to the Luverne community due to the free shipping option.

For \$10 community members can choose one of 17 different bracelet designs supporting a pillar.

The pillars are separated according to color: blue supports water, red supports health, green supports food, purple supports opportunity and tan supports education.

Order forms can be found

on the Luverne Middle School's Facebook page. Checks to LMS and the order form can be dropped off at the middle/high school office.

Deadline for ordering is Thursday, Dec. 8. Orders may take three weeks to arrive.

The rafiki bracelets are made out of 48-inch stretchy cord thread and the colorful glass beads. They are assembled by Kenyan artisans and can also be worn as a necklace, anklet bracelet or headband.

Half of the \$10 cost goes directly to a Kenyan family and the other half goes toward the LMS WE Act campaign.

This year the students chose to donate money toward health care for residents in Haiti.

Last year the students focused on the education pillar for Haitian children.

For more information contact student council adviser Becky Rahm at LMS, 507-283-4491, or by email b.rahm@isd2184.org.

Earlier this year the council's We Act campaign conducted a local food drive, challenging the Pipestone middle school students to donate food to their local food shelves.

The friendly competition raised more than 1,000 items between the Luverne and Pipestone food banks.

"They were very much appreciated," Rahm shared on the LMS Facebook page.

REMEMBER WHEN

10 years ago (2006)

•Bill and Nancy Frakes offered to open their home to the public as part of Winterfest activities. The Frakes live in and are restoring and remodeling the former Manitou Hotel on Main Street and Freeman Avenue.

The Frakes are friends with the Braa family and their late patriarch, Charlie, who was well-known for his love of Christmas trees and decorating for the holidays. He decorated the courthouse and his home with great enthusiasm. Braa also started the tradition in 1993 of the Carnegie Cultural Center hosting Christmas at the Carnegie, during which trees fill the historic former library.

25 years ago (1991)

•Bryan and Bonnie Green are the new owners of Myhre Studio in Luverne.

While they may be the new people on the block, they're excited about becoming part of Myhre's almost 100 years of history on Luverne's Main Street. ...

Until recently, the Greens farmed near Morgan with Bryan's father and two brothers. Photography, which Bryan calls a lifelong hobby, was a part-time job. The Greens had a studio in a building on their farm and photographed weddings and other events.

50 years ago (1966)

•Miss Leah Frakes, Magnolia, won the \$25 grand prize in the Star Herald's 1966 football contest. Miss Frakes, who was urged by a nephew to enter the contest, made 150 correct predictions out of a possible 208 in eight weeks, or 72.2 percent. In determining the grand prize winners, each contestant's eight best weekly predictions were considered. ...

Miss Frakes said she and her nephew, Mike Frakes, usually discussed each week's contest and possible game outcomes. She said she also kept records of the week to week play by each of the teams that usually were included in the contest.

75 years ago (1941)

•Capt. Geo. W. Fried, who has been stationed at Kodiak, Alaska, for the past several months, returned to Luverne Tuesday evening from Fort Lewis, Washington, where he had been relieved from the active military service and transferred to the inactive list because of the War Department's recently adopted policy establishing age limits for officers in the several grades. Capt. Fried is 46 years of age and the maximum age limit for captains serving with troops is set at 42 years.

Officers placed in the inactive group are subject to recall to the service in case of a major emergency.

100 years ago (1916)

•To have their car turn turtle and to be held prisoners under it for fifteen or twenty minutes was the rather harrowing experience of B.F. Woodrow and Miss Eunice late Wednesday afternoon of last week while returning from Pipestone, where Miss Woodrow teaches school.

The accident happened about three and a half miles northwest of Hardwick. Mr. Woodrow was traveling at about fifteen miles an hour, when the car struck a bump or a rut in the road. The resultant jolt jarred one of his hands from the steering wheel and the hand struck the throttle, thereby greatly increasing the speed of the car as it swerved to one side straight for the ditch.

CELEBRATIONS

Open Houses

Jane Baker-Bosch will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Reformed Church of Steen. Greetings may be sent to her at 119 S. Main, Steen, MN 56173.

Bridal Showers

A come-and-go bridal shower for **Meghan Leuthold**, bride-to-be of **Chris Zylstra**, will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Hills Legion Hall.

SENIOR MENU

Monday, Dec. 5: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, bread, pineapple.

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Honey mustard chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, green bean casserole, bread, cake.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Luverne Silo.

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Lasagna, California blend vegetables, peaches, garlic bread, cookie.

Thursday, Dec. 8: Barbecue pork loin, mashed potatoes, cream cabbage, dinner roll, fruit crisp.

Friday, Dec. 9: Fish with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, pie.

Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere. Bring a friend or make new ones.

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

1904: Stores close two hours early

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on January 8, 1904:



CLOSE AT 6 HEREAFTER

Committee From the Improvement League Secures Merchants' Signatures to Agreement

The proprietors of twelve stores in this village signed an agreement Tuesday to close their places of business at 6 o'clock every day, Saturday evenings excepted. The agreement will go into effect next Monday. Under this arrangement made some time ago 8 o'clock has been the usual closing hour.

The Improvement League took up the matter of earlier closing and a committee was appointed to wait on the merchants. Mrs. E. A. Brown, Mrs. J. A. Kennicott and Mrs. G. C. Huntington called on the business men with the result that the following signatures were secured: Nelson Bros., The Handy Grocery, T. E. Jones, F. J. Kennedy, J. W. Gerber, E. O. Krook, Brownell Bros., Graaf Bros., Axel Berg, I. I. Smith, E. B. Burleigh and Hawes & Houg.

BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

The agreement signed by the merchants above named is to continue in effect until April 1, but it is suggested that at that time the agreement will be renewed. The barbers already have an early closing arrangement.

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

Mann welcomes correspondence sent to mannmade@iu.net.

Grandparents join preschoolers for playtime



Lori Sorenson photos/1201 ECFE grandparent Leah Arndt and her grandpa, Red Arndt, enjoy the soft, sparkly purple play dough in the ECFE room at Luverne Community Education.

Grandparents and special adults were invited to Luverne Community Education Tuesday morning, Nov. 22, for a memorable morning of activities and projects with their grandchildren ages 2 to 5. The morning included unstructured playtime with toys, books, dolls, play dough and other attractions, and concluded with a tea party. In the end, grandparents left with new insights and ideas to make grandparenting even more enjoyable.

Below: Keegan Hector presents his grandma, Tammy Hector, with a fresh batch of purple play dough muffins with sparkles.



Tow plows/continued from 1A

said Holtz, who hasn't yet had a chance to try it out on actual snow accumulations. "But it's something that we'll have to wait until we use it to see."

With all the extra electronics involved, merely hooking it up to send it out is a big job, let alone driving down the road with a blade deployed.

That's why he's spent several weeks training to use it, and he's now training another driver to be his backup tow-plow driver.

"The only thing that scares me is how the motoring public will respond," Holtz said, referring to his new, two-lane width.

Standing in the MnDOT parking lot in Luverne, he pointed out that the new equipment has several well-placed strobe lights, but he knows motorists aren't used to snowplows using two lanes at a time.

When asked what he'd like the motoring public to know about the new system, Holtz said, "Be careful. Once we get out there it will be a whole different world."

MnDOT acquired its first tow plow in 2007 in the Metro area. Since then they've been deployed in Rochester, St. Cloud and Duluth, and most recently Luverne.

A tow plow essentially does the work of an additional plow truck driver, so the equipment is helping to fill an operational shortage of snowplow trucks statewide.

State officials say the tow plow doesn't equally replace a fully outfitted tandem axle snowplow truck, but they estimate the state saves \$38,000 in operational costs per year per tow plow.

Here's how it breaks down: Each tow plow costs \$128,000 but it costs \$19 less

A new tow plow costs \$128,000, but the annual savings from one tow plow is \$38,000, compared with a traditional tandem axle snowplow on 2,000 lane miles traveled.

per lane mile to run a tow plow than an additional plow truck.

A standard tandem axle snowplow truck costs \$22 per lane mile to operate, versus just \$3 per lane mile for a trailer tow plow.

This factors in maintenance, fuel, capital costs, labor, etc. An identical amount of de-icing material is applied by the traditional option, so material costs are not factored into this comparison.

This said, the annual savings from one tow plow is \$38,000, (based on 2,000 lane miles traveled).

Considering 13 tow plows in the state, the annual savings is \$490,000.

Operators do point out, however, that tow plows cannot be used for every weather event.

They are not effective for certain conditions, including when there's less than one inch of snow, when compaction is occurring and during transitions from freezing rain to snow.

"I'd much rather have snow this time of year than rain, because we all know what happens when it freezes on the road," Holtz said.

South Dakota transportation officials are reportedly also considering tow plows over the state border.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1201 Free Park Day

Mild weather conditions greeted visitors Friday at Blue Mounds State Park where 70 vehicles took advantage of the free admission as an alternative to spending the entire day shopping the Black Friday sales. Enjoying the mild temperatures were (from left) Alex Ketchpaw, Nancy Cameron, Julie Leibold and Jim Leibold.

Black Friday free pass popular at Blue Mounds

By Mavis Fodness

Looking for bison instead of shopping for gifts was the preferred activity for the Leibold and Ketchpaw families during Black Friday.

Entrance fees to all 76 Minnesota state parks were waived the day after Thanksgiving to encourage people to spend more time outdoors and with family.

The day after Thanksgiving is the first day of traditional holiday shopping, which draws huge crowds to special store offers.

Nancy Cameron and Jim Leibold traveled from the Twin Cities and spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law in Brookings.

The foursome headed outdoors the following day specifically to visit a state park for free. This year the group chose the Blue Mounds State Park to view the bison.

"It's not something we get to see every day," said daughter Julie Leibold, adding "It's a great day to be outside."

Temperatures Friday were mild, in the mid-30s, with sunny skies and light winds.

Seventy vehicles entered the park north of Luverne for the \$5 per vehicle fee waiver, according to park official Tom Sawtelle.

"This time of year we might get 15 on a Friday," he said.

This is the second year Minnesota has offered a free day pass to its state parks.

On Thanksgiving Day the average person consumes around 4,500 calories, ac-



Mavis Fodness Photo/1201 Free Park Day

Alex Ketchpaw and Julie Leibold from Brookings maneuver through snow Friday afternoon at Blue Mounds State Park as Leibold's parents, Jim Leibold and Nancy Cameron, Minneapolis, look for bison on the observation tower. The foursome took advantage of Free Park Friday, when admission to any of Minnesota's state parks was free.

According to the governor's office. A brisk walk can burn about 300 calories in one hour.

Research shows that spending time outdoors benefits children and adults,

including improving mood, enhancing creative thinking and problem solving, promoting a conservation ethic and improving physical fitness.

Nutcrackers at Winterfest/continued from page 1A

Hayley Koeritz, who drew many of the designs by hand.

Annie Opitz said the nutcrackers required a team effort at their print shop, from cutting out and priming the plywood nutcrackers to designing and printing the wraps to applying and laminating the finish.

"It was definitely a big job," Opitz said.

There's no cost to participate in the nutcracker scavenger hunt, and forms can be downloaded from the Chamber's website at luvernechamber.com (in addition to picking them up during Winterfest).

All scavenger hunt forms must be turned in to the History Center by Dec. 23 with the names of the nutcrackers filled in for each of the identified locations on the map.

"All you have to do is drive or walk around to the locations and write down the name," Lanphere said.

"All nutcrackers in the contest will be able to be seen 24/7 as they will be outside or

in a window."

She said participants can play alone or enter with a group of friends or family.

On Dec. 24 the Chamber will draw from the entries with the correct names, and six winners will each receive a \$50 Chamber gift card.

Winterfest weekend starts with puppets at library

The Winterfest Celebration starts Friday morning with a puppet show and story hour with Jim Oliver at 10 a.m. at the Rock County Community Library.

Other events Friday include wine and beer tasting at Blue Mound Liquor from 5-8 p.m. and a cribbage tournament beginning at 7 p.m. at the Luverne Eagles Club.

Saturday's events will include the Winterfest Arts and Crafts show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Luverne Elementary Commons and Cardinal Gym. Admission is \$3, with no cost for children 12 and under.

During the arts and crafts show, 4-H will sponsor Santa's Workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the elementary commons. Children can make projects as well as shop with "Elves" to find gifts for their parents and family.

Another event in the elementary school commons will be Pictures with Santa by Myhre Studio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 for a 5x7-inch photo, and proceeds go to Rock County SHARE.

Visitors to the arts and

crafts show will also be able to pick up the map and registration form to participate in the Nutcracker Scavenger Hunt. The contest is open from Dec. 3-23, and six winners will receive \$50 Chamber gift cards. Maps and registration forms are also available at the Luverne Chamber.

The Rock County Sno Masters event with a swap meet, membership drive and snowmobile show takes place at the Howling Dog starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. A group snowmobile ride that day will depend on the weather.

The Hinkly House will host a Christmas Open House from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, and Luverne Street Music will perform "Sounds of Christmas" at the Historic Palace Theatre at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday evening the Blue Mound Liquor Store will again host beer and wine tasting from 5-8 p.m., and the Luverne Eagles Club will host a steak fry from 6-9 p.m. Businesses will also be open extended hours with holiday specials for a hometown Christmas shopping experience.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, the Palace Theatre will show a free Hallmark movie, "Northpole open for Christmas," sponsored by VAST Broadband.

For details about Winterfest events, find the full schedule at www.luvernechamber.com, or call 888-283-4061.



The Chamber nutcracker is named "Philo Hawes" for Luverne's founder.

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Six members of the Luverne High School football program received postseason honors last week. They are (from left) Jeremiah Dooyema, Kasyn Kruse, Logan Stratton, Chris Jelken, Solomon Nielsen and Cade VerSteeg.

Six Cardinals pick up postseason football awards

By John Rittenhouse

Six members of the Luverne High School football team collected postseason honors last week.

Four Cardinal players made the 2016 South Central District White Division All-District Football team and two more Cardinals drew honorable mention recognition.

Senior Logan Stratton made the All-District squad and collected two more honors.

Stratton was named the White Division's Offensive Lineman of the Year and made the All-State Academic squad.

Seniors Solomon Nielsen and Chris Jelken join Stratton

on the All-District roster, as does junior Kasyn Kruse.

Senior Jeremiah Dooyema and junior Cade VerSteeg drew honorable mention awards.

A total of 29 players made an All-District squad that was led by Jackson County Central, which landed six roster spots.

Seniors Ryan Christopher, Matt Strom, Easton Bahr, Nico Feroni, Chris Gumto and Darius Johnson are the Huskies on the team.

Redwood Valley placed five players on the All-District roster.

Seniors James Pendleton, Bailey Sommers and Jared Lund and juniors Logan Jo-

sephson and Mitch Irlbeck grace the list for RWV.

Blue Earth Area matched LHS by securing four All-District selections.

Seniors Jared Armon, Logan Jahnke and Kaylan Legred and junior Zach Buseman are the Bucs on the roster.

Pipestone and Windom picked up three All-District selections.

Seniors Dylan McCormick and Brett Stuvan and junior Tyl Woelber are the Arrows on the list, while seniors Devin Homer and Jesse Pigman and junior Luke Gilbertson represent the Eagles.

St. James seniors Brady

Stevens and Rueben Suarez and Martin County West senior Carter Willie and junior Aaron Burmeister round out the roster.

Other players drawing honorable mention include BEA seniors Jesus Quintero and Chris Sanders, JCC juniors Ethan Lindley and Jacob Tvinereim, MCW senior Ethan Hurn and junior Cam Dreesen, Pipestone senior Logan Steenstra and junior Garret Ploeger, RWV senior Tucker Machart and junior Jacob Gould, St. James senior Sandin Skow and junior Austin Durheim and Windom juniors Dalton Smith and Wyatt Minion.

Jirele wins 5K Saturday

By John Rittenhouse

A Worthington man ran away with the overall title of the annual De-Light-Ful 5K Run Saturday in Luverne.

Matt Jirele led a pack of 62 runners by completing the course with a time of 18:01.

Six runners from the Star Herald coverage area completed the run among the top 10 finishers along with Jirele.

Adrian's Jordan Pater placed second in 19:22.

Darrin and Jase Pater, also from Adrian, finished fourth and eighth with respective 20:26 and 21:45 times.

Luverne's Ethan Marshall finished fifth with his 20:47 effort, while Lismore's Megan and Morgan Sauer placed sixth and seventh with respective 21:29 and 21:42 times.

Iowa runners Cole Rensink (of Boyden, third in 20:26) and Alan Mills (of Sioux Rapids, 10th in 23:38) and South Dakota entry Amy Trip (of Brandon, ninth in 23:19) round out the top 10 finishers.

Other Luverne men competing in the race include Lucas Peters (11th in 24:24), Mitchell Oehlerts (32nd in 27:46), Scott Nath (33rd in 27:59), Jason Phelps (40th in 30:09), John Schomacker (57th in 33:58) and Jarrod Sandbulte (60th in 36:24).

Other Luverne women competing in the race include Allison Eitrem (13th in 24:49), Shelbie Nath (23rd in 26:41), Marsha Fick (26th in 26:58), Paige Nath (29th in 27:17), Lori Nath (30th in 27:18), Heather Frahm (35th in 28:11), Bergin Flom (36th in 28:12), Summer Phelps (41st in 30:09), Melissa Sandbulte (43rd in 30:35), Peggy Nelson (47th in 31:11), Kristin Schomacker (48th in 31:21) and Wendy Peters (49th in 31:57).

Other entries from the Star Herald coverage area include Adrian's Jennifer Echternach (12th in 24:39), Adrian's Alissa Sauer (39th in 28:29) and Hardwick's Erin Schreder (59th in 36:23).

BOWLING CLIPBOARD

Monday Night League 11-14	11-17
Games won: Rock Vet Clinic, 3; Luverne Lanes, 1.	Games won: Billy Goats, 4; The Troublemakers, 4; Mark's Electric, 3; Kruser's Bruisers, 1; PD's Bar Files, 0.
High Scratch Game: Zach Runia, 214; Pat Weerheim, 156; Marie Opheim, 149.	High Scratch Game: Jeff Runia, 240; Chris Nelson, 203; Billy Debates, 194.
High Scratch Series: Zach Runia, 576; Pat Weerheim, 416; Marie Opheim, 408.	High Scratch Series: Dave Nelson, 564; Jeff Runia, 563; Chris Nelson, 553.
Team High Scratch Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 607.	Team High Scratch Game: Billy Goats, 680; Kruser's Bruisers, 625; PD's Bar Files, 560.
Team High Scratch Series: Rock Vet Clinic 1668.	Team High Scratch Series: Billy Goats, 1846; PD's Bar Files, 1618; Kruser's Bruisers, 1574.
Team High Handicap Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 763.	Team High Handicap Game: Billy Goats, 855; Kruser's Bruisers, 853; PD's Bar Files, 781.
Team High Handicap Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 2136.	Team High Handicap Series: Billy Goats, 2371; PD's Bar Files, 2281; Kruser's Bruisers, 2258.

Thursday Night Bowling League

SPORTS BRIEF

LHS grad listed

Nick Overgaard, a 2016 Luverne High School graduate, is playing college basketball in Willmar this season.

Overgaard is a freshman member of the 2016-17 Ridge-

water College Warriors men's basketball program.

Overgaard drew honorable mention from the Big South Conference coaches at the end of his senior season at LHS last winter.

Defending section hockey champs take loss, tie in season's first week

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne girls' hockey team opened the 2016-17 season by playing a pair of Big South Conference games last week.

The Cardinals dropped a two-goal decision in New Ulm to open the campaign Nov. 2. The Cards skated to a draw during their home opener against St. Peter-Le Sueur-Henderson-Tri-City United Friday.

Luverne, 0-1-1, skates in Windom Thursday.

LHS 1, SP-L-H-TCU 1

The Cardinals and the Bulldogs broke even during Luverne's home opener at the Blue Mound Ice Arena Friday.

Luverne scored its first goal of the season in the game's second period to gain a 1-0 advantage, but SP-L-H-TCU knotted the score at one in the final stanza and the score

remained deadlocked after the teams skated to a scoreless draw during an eight-minute overtime session.

Luverne gained a 1-0 edge when Madison Crabtree poked the puck off a rebound from a shot on goal by Mariah Aukes at the 10:23 mark of the second period.

The Bulldogs answered with 9:47 remaining in the third period, when Whitney Weick scored after being set up by Maggie Ringler.

The visitors sported a 48-33 advantage in shots on goal in the contest.

Emilie Bartels made 47 saves in goal for the Cards, while Jordan Keeley stopped 32 shots for the Bulldogs.

New Ulm 2, LHS 0

The Cardinals opened the 2016-17 season by taking on defending Big South Confer-

ence champion New Ulm on the Eagles' home ice Nov. 22.

New Ulm controlled play by outshooting Luverne 57-15 in the contest, but the Cardinals kept the game interesting by limiting the Eagles to a pair of goals during a 2-0 loss.

Both of New Ulm's goals came during even-strength situations.

Ali Beltz opened the scoring at the 10:55 mark of the first period after being set up by Molly Lauren Klein.

The teams skated to a scoreless draw in the second period before the Eagles registered an insurance goal in the final stanza.

Beltz scored her second goal of the game with 3:44 left to play with an assist going to Molly Scheid.

Bartels turned in a 55-save performance in the net for the Cards.



John Rittenhouse photo/1201 lgh 6

Luverne's Madison Crabtree leads an offensive rush during Friday's home hockey opener at the Blue Mound Ice Arena. Crabtree netted Luverne's lone tally during a 1-1 tie against SP-L-H-TCU.

Luverne girls are getting what they need from veteran goalie

It's too early to tell if the Luverne girls' hockey team can repeat as the Section 3A champion.



FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

LHS is a much different team from last winter, when the Cardinals featured a potent offense with a lot of explosive players who could put the puck in the net on a consistent basis.

Luverne probably won't be a high-scoring team in 2016-17, but I have a hunch the Cards will be in a position to win a lot of games because they have a solid goalie in junior Emilie Bartels.

Bartels was nothing short of spectacular when the

Cardinals opened the season by playing a pair of Big South Conference games last week, and LHS will be counting on more of the same throughout the year.

"Emilie is a key figure in our defense," said LHS assistant coach Tanner Skattum, a former goalie who has worked with Bartels the past three seasons.

"We lost a lot of our goal scorers last year, so we'll need to rely on our defense a lot more this year and Emilie is a big part of it."

Bartels has proven she is

up to the challenge at this point.

She made 55 saves during the season opener in New Ulm Nov. 22.

The Eagles are the defending BSC champions and outshot LHS 57-15 in a game that could have turned into a lopsided contest.

Bartels and defenseman Carly Serie, Regan Feit and Brynna Thier simply didn't let that happen.

LHS limited New Ulm to a pair of goals during a 2-0 loss.

Luverne was equally

impressive on defense during Friday's home opener against St. Peter-Le Sueur-Henderson-Tri-City United.

The Cardinals were outshot 48-33 in the game against the Bulldogs, but the contest didn't end in defeat.

Bartels made 47 saves in net to help LHS preserve a 1-1 deadlock.

"Emilie is a junior now and she is playing with a lot of confidence," Skattum said.

"I think a lot of it (the confidence she is displaying)

is carrying over from last year. She worked hard over the summer, attending two or three different camps. If she keeps on doing what she's doing now, it will be a key to our season."

What Bartels is doing right now is following Skattum's instruction.

Skattum wants his net-minder to control the rebounds off the shots she faces and cover up the puck when possible to limit second and third opportunities for opposing forwards.

"Along with being confi-

dent, Emilie is a lot more mature now," Skattum said.

"We've talked about her role on this team and she is filling it very well. If she can keep on controlling rebounds and covering the puck, she definitely will help us steal a couple of wins against the better teams we play this year."

If the Cards can steal enough wins this year to secure a good seed, I wouldn't be surprised to see them playing for the section title in late February.

A team doesn't need to score a lot of goals to be successful, especially when it plays stout defense and has a confident goalie in net.

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ISD #2184 School Board meets Oct. 27

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on October 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Dave Riphagen, Shelley Sandbulte, and Reva Sehr. Absent: Katie Baustian. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, Ryan Johnson, Stacy Gillette, Renee Guy, Tim Jarchow, and Brandon Winter.

Vice-Chairperson Bosch called the meeting to order. One correction to the agenda was noted: item 8.8.6 is for a volunteer wrestling coach not boys basketball coach. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented with the one noted correction. Motion unanimously carried.

Administrative reports were given.

Principals Ryan Johnson and Stacy Gillette gave a data presentation reviewing last year's testing scores with the school board members.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Riphagen, to approve the school board minutes of September 22 and October 14, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Business Manager Marlene Mann reviewed the district bills. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$1,304,612.84. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Sehr, to receive the Student Activity Report showing the balances as of September 30, 2016. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the second reading of Policy 906 - Community Notification of Predatory Offenders and Policy 904 - Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Nonschool Persons. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Hartman, to approve the contract with VerSteege Excavation for snow removal for the 2016-17 school year. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to approve an agreement with South Dakota State University College of Nursing to allow nursing students to gain clinical experience in our school district. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to set a special school board meeting for November 14 at 7:00 p.m. to canvass the school board election results. Motion unanimously carried.

School Psychologist Renee Guy presented information and caseload numbers for special education enrollment and staff. She requested an additional special education teacher be hired.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the addition of a special education teacher position. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve a request from South Dakota State University for nursing student Brandon Klein to complete 34 hours of clinical experience with Phil Paquette, school nurse. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to approve Shawn Kinsinger as volunteer play advisor. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to set November 7 and March 6 at 3:30 p.m. as Meet and Confer dates. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sehr, second by Sandbulte, to approve a request from Augustana University for Rebecca Tims to complete a student teaching experience with Lori Nath, second grade teacher, from April 3 to May 26, 2017. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sehr, to approve a request from Southwest Minnesota State University for Jessica DeKam to complete a 15 hour field experience lab with Angie Janiszski, preschool teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Deutsch, to approve Jeremy Kopp as volunteer wrestling coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Riphagen, to approve the hiring of Adam Ossefoort as Assistant Boys Hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to approve Matt Lais as volunteer Boys Hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Riphagen, to approve Paul Erickson as Boys Hockey volunteer coach. Member Sandbulte abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Tanner Skattum as Assistant Girls Hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve Lauren Gacke as volunteer Girls Hockey coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve the hiring of Christina Strassburg as Assistant Girls Basketball coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Deutsch, second by Sandbulte, to approve Maggie Siebenahler as volunteer Girls Basketball Coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Sehr, to approve the hiring of Jordan Kopp as Assistant Wrestling coach. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hartman, second by Deutsch, to approve a request from Southwest Minnesota State University for Benjamin Henning to complete a 15 hour field experience with Pete Janiszski and Becky Rahm, math teachers. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Sandbulte, second by Sehr, to approve a request from Southwest Minnesota State University for Olivia Weidert to complete a 15 hour field experience with Jen Radtke, special education teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

Vice-Chairperson Bosch noted that the school board has received Superintendent Oftedahl's Intent to Negotiate letter. It was noted that parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 3, 10 and 17. There were no committee reports given. The upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

Motion made by Riphagen, second by Sehr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: October 27, 2016

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(12-01)

ISD #2184 School Board special meeting Nov. 14

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

A special meeting of the Board of Education, ISD #2184, was held in the District Office on November 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present: Katie Baustian, Jodi Bosch, Colleen Deutsch, Eric Hartman, Dave Riphagen, Shelley Sandbulte and Reva Sehr. Also present: Craig Oftedahl, Marlene Mann, and Tim Jarchow.

Chairperson Baustian called the meeting to order. Motion made by Deutsch, second by Hartman, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Member Hartman moved for adoption of the following:

Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2184, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 8, 2016, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast at said election on the election of three (3) school board members for four (4) four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on December 31 next following the general election.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - SCHOOL DISTRICT 2184

CANDIDATE:	TOTAL:
Shelley Sandbulte	2329
Tim Jarchow	2465
Colleen Deutsch	2201
Kenny Rolling	1282
Write-in	35

3. Candidate Sandbulte, Candidate Jarchow, and Candidate Deutsch, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning January 1, 2017.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Bosch, and the following voted in favor thereof: Hartman, Deutsch, Sandbulte, Hartman, Sehr, Bosch, and Baustian; and the following voted against the same: none; whereas, the said Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion made by Bosch, second by Sandbulte, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Dated: November 14, 2016

Shelley Sandbulte, Clerk
(12-01)

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Jason and Annalisa Cunningham
(12.1-12.4)

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(12.1-12.4)

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