

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.



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 spittering 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

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." 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,"

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," Lanpheresaidaboutgraphicdesigner

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snow from two lanes at a time.

According to MnDOT, nearly 400 motor-

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 handicap 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

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- especially if snow is cleared - make their lives easier.

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"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

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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 Rosedell 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 highspeed 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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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

Blue Mound Quilters will meet for their Christmas party at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at the Luverne Pizza Ranch. Bring your finished challenge project in a brown bag.

Springwater Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the home of clerk Teresa Kramer.

Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Contact Dianne Karlstad at 507-530-3307 with questions.

Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the township hall.

Lady Luverne Red Hats will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Sterling's for lunch followed by bingo at the Veterans Home. RSVP for lunch by Tuesday, Dec. 6, to Connie at 507-283-8470.

Sanford Luverne Pink Ladies will meet at noon Monday, Dec. 12, for a potluck meal and business meeting in the Blue Mound Room at the hospital.

Rock County VFW Post 2757 will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Herreid Military Building.

American Legion Post 123 and Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Post home for their regular meeting and a Christmas potluck. Bring a dish to pass.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Steen Reformed Church. Contact Robert for more information 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 the Buffalo Ridge Meeting Room (lower level) 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. 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.

Salvation Army seeks bell ringers

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers to man the red kettle at Glen's Food Center in December.

Every dollar collected in Rock County stays here and benefits organizations like Southwest Youth Services and disadvantaged children in the school system. Contact Suanne Ohme at 507-283-4914 or 507-920-0053.

Carnegie hosts Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees at the Carnegie Cultural Center is now open for the community's enjoyment from 5-7 p.m. Thursdays and from 1-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Doors will not be open on Christmas Eve day.

'Polar Express' at Palace Dec. 1

The free Bank Nite movie, "Polar Express," rated G, will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 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.

Tracy Animal Rescue at Bomgaars



Lori Sorenson photo/1201 lacf grant recipients

Grant recipients for 2016 from the Luverne Area Community Foundation attended a "Celebration of Philanthropy" Monday night in Sterling's, where LACF donors and supporters were also recognized. Grant recipients for 2016 include front row, from left: Tyler Decesare (Boy Scouts Troop #0032), Betty Mann (Rock County Historical Society), Marie Atkinson-Smeins (Luverne Public Schools), Heidi Sehr (Blue Mound Area Theatre), second row: Debbie Mitchell (Discovery Time Pre-school), Janine Papik (Luverne Street Music), Tammy Johnson (City of Hardwick), Janelle Lafrentz (H-BC Choir director), Jane Beers (Ryleigh Beers recipient, Magnolia Juniors 4-H), Gina Decesare (Boy Scouts Troop #0032), third row: Joe Schomacker (Good Samaritan Society-Mary Jane Brown Home), Tom Rolfs, Dr. Norma Walks (Sanford Luverne), Lisa Dinger (Luverne Child Guide and Bookin' Buddies), David Van Batavia (Luverne Fire Department and Blue Mound Ice Arena), Harlan VandeKieft (Rock County Ambulance), Emily Crabtree (executive director LACF), back: Adam Kinsinger and Lee Sells (Rock County Ag Society). Not pictured are Rhonda Lorang (Lutheran Social Services/Senior Dining), Lisa Nath (Big Buddies of Rock County), Lois Leenderts (H-BC school nurse), and Phil Paquette (Luverne school nurse). The Foundation awarded \$65,500 in grants in 2016.

Luverne Area Community Foundation releases Fall 2016 grant awards

The Luverne Area Community Foundation announced its Fall 2016 grant awards in the amount of \$31,362.

Health Care Grants

•Good Samaritan Mary Jane Brown Home, Parkinson's Support Group, \$2,500 •Sanford Luverne, support for new ambulance garage structure, \$20,000.

Community General Fund Grants

•Beaver Creek Elementary Music Department, classroom instruments, \$600. •Luverne Public School, Courage Retreat for middle school students, \$675 •Rock County Historical Society,

laptop and projector for education programs, \$700.

•Blue Mound Area Theatre, updated

holiday backdrop for stage, \$3,897.

•Discovery Time/ECFE, wooden chairs for added pre-school classroom, \$1,490.

•Rock County Ag Society, public wood carving demonstration at the fair, \$1,000.

•Big Buddies of Rock County, holiday mentor gathering, \$500.

Twice yearly the Luverne Area Community Foundation invites applications that will enhance the quality of life in the following areas:

•Arts and humanities

•Community and civic affairs Social and economic growth •Environment

•Support programs for people from youth to senior citizens

•Health and Wellness

Not-for-profit organizations (either singly or as a consortium), government agencies, academic and research institutions located within the Luverne Area (Rock County) are among the organizations eligible to request support from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

Deadline for 2017 spring cycle is March 30. Applications are on the website at www.luvacf.org.

Questions can be directed to Emily Crabtree, Executive Director LACF, 507-220-2424 or stop in at the office 102 E Main St. Luverne.

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"You have to park at the the needs of wheelchair users Another factor for difficult storm's timing complicated that normal cooperation to keep downtown accessible.

The Tracy Area Animal Rescue will be at Bomgaars in Luverne from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Come and meet some animals looking for their forever home.

Adrian Library Open House Dec. 7

The Adrian Library will host its annual Holiday Open House from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. They will be serving cookies and cider.

Community Education

Luverne Community Education will offer the following classes and activities. Call 283-4724 to register.

Hockey 101 for all ages is Dec. 5 for anyone who wants to learn more about hockey to better enjoy this fast-paced game. Fee is \$10.

Learn how to manage your risks at **Retire Wisely** on Dec. 7. Class is offered at noon and 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$5.

Keep your car insurance discount in effect by attending Defensive Driving Refresher Class on Dec. 14. Fee is \$20 prepaid.

corner and go half a block to get anywhere," Darwin said. "Why can't they leave two spots in the middle of the block?"

He said it would also be helpful if those mid-block parking spaces had curb cutouts for wheelchair ramps.

Heartland Express drivers have also noticed difficulties for wheelchair users.

"We have to go to the corners, or stop in the middle of the street and try to unload between cars," said Darcy Raddle, who drives and dispatches for the Rock County public bus service.

"And then you still have to get over the curb."

Raddle said she recognizestheimportanceofbalancing

and business.

"You can't have it wheelchair accessible all the way down the block, because you have to have curbs and you have to have parking for businesses," she said.

City Administrator John Call agreed. "We need the curbs for water flow, and you'd have to have a pretty wide stretch to make it work in the middle of the block," he said.

Complicating the Nov. 18 snow event was what he described as a "perfect storm" for difficult street clearing.

For one thing, accumulations started mid morning after people were at work and their vehicles were parked in the way.

street clearing was the fact that snow was wet and heavy, which created hard-packed buildup where plow blades couldn't reach.

"It was a mess," Call said. "It was really wet and really heavy."

He said it's possible that some downtown sidewalks were shoveled Saturday after the city crews had cleared the street Friday night.

This would mean snow would have been piled in curbs and possibly on intersection ramps without anotherround of city plows coming by to clear it.

In most cases, he said city staff or property owners would have addressed the snowy intersection, but the

"It's a two-way street for the city and property owners to keep snow and ice clear," Call said.

"It's a good reminder for everyone."

Darwin and Marge said they, too, understand accessibility can't always be 100 percent, but they hope the public as a whole considers wheelchair accessibility as the winter season is just getting started.

"It's just the little things that matter," Darwin said.

"I used to complain about why all the good spots were always the handicap spots; now I know."



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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 meetcustomersattheirhomes 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.



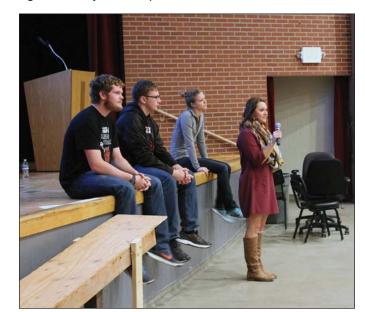
Mavis Fodness Photo/1201 Stone Presentation

'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.



Rock County Library hosts Harry Potter's

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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 Depart-

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 process — 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.

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

Granite Falls' Minnesota WestCampuswillofferthefirst 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," Hoffsaid 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 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.

'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 9¾, 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.







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.

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 "leftbrain, 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 state-

ON SECOND THOUGHT

By Lori Sorenson, editor

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

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

tailspin, 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

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

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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.



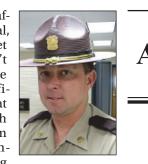
ments like, "Journalists don't need to know all the answers; we just need to know where to find them." That skill used

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

ED FISCHER

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 "acci-



dent" in news articles and other media. I see both terms used and I personally know that there is some intentionality about this.

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" **ASK A TROOPER**

By Sgt. Troy Christianson, **Minnesota State Patrol**

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.

 Deputyreported 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.

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 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 checkonit, 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.

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 exboyfriend 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, $and issued 10 \, purchase/carry$



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 Sasker 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 Wentzelis 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 MSUSocialWorkDepartment.

"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. 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

•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 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.

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.

she had a person making suicidal threats.

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

Friday, December 2nd

We will re-open: Monday, December 5th

For your convenience, our Luverne Highway 75 and Beaver Creek locations will be open during normal hours on Friday, December 2nd.



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permits and 3 burn permits.

Wentzel received his so-High School.



Star Herald COMMUNITY

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

CELEBRATIONS

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on

1904: Stores close two hours early



CLOSE AT 6 HEREAFTER

January 8, 1904:

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.

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 ChrisZylstra, will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Hills Le-

gion 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.

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. I. 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 Ветту

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@ iw.net.



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.



First quarter honor rolls released by Luverne, Hills-Beaver Creek schools

Luverne High School A Honor Roll

Seniors: Arham Ahanaf, Griffin Ahrendt, Mariah Aukes, Madison Crabtree, Ariel DeBeer, Jeremiah Dooyema, Marissa Fick, Bergin Flom, Jenica Haas, Marisol Hartshorn, Hanna Honerman, Makayla Huisman, Zayna Hustoft, Christopher Jelken, Taylor Kern, Katlyn Kracht, Ashton Krueger, Emma Mumme, Shelbie Nath, Knute Oldre, Hailey Remme, Kathryn Renken, Kayla Rud, Madison Schandelmeier, Karli Schilling, Carly Serie, Courtney Siebenahler, Logan Stratton, Erin Suelter, Dylan Thorson, Danielle Watts-Boll, SierraWieneke, TannerWiese, Brandon Winter, Samantha Ykema, Linda Zheng, Kristen Ziegler.

Juniors: Madelyn Aleman, Hans Bakken, Emilie Bartels, Jarod Berndt, Anthony Cavazos, Alexis Ferrell, Anika Gust, Alexis Henrichs, Janae Kopp, Timothy Lingen, Aric Meinerts, Jaxon Nelson, Samantha Pierce, Michael Rahm, Mark Robinson, Megan Rogers, Sierra Schmuck, Cade Ver Steeg, Emma Verbrugge, Benjamin Wagner, Mckenna Westphal.

Sophomores: Nicole

Luverne Middle School **A Honor Roll**

Eighth Grade: Zachary Ahrendt, Kaitlyn Anderson, Peter Baustian, Ethan Beyer, Brody Bonnett, Annaliese Braucht, Xavier Carbonneau, Seno Chanthalangsy, Rachel DenHerder, Dillon Englert, Regan Feit, Dyllon Gehrke, Josephine Golla, Rahma Hassan, Ellie Hodgen, Benjamin Jarchow, Elise Jarchow, Elisabeth Kelm, Shelby Kracht, Destiny Matthiesen, John Miller, Autumn Nath, Rozilyn Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Genevieve Rolfs, Jayson Rops, Hunter Sandbulte, Paige Sandbulte, Brynn Thier, Solveig Tofteland, Lauren Ver Steeg, Cade Wenninger, Leah

Aanenson, GretaAhrendt, Jadyn Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Carter Baumberger, Shane Berning, Likki Chanthalangsy, Carissa Cunningham, Jedidiah Dooyema, Julia Ferguson, Gabrielle Ferrell, Jackson Golla, Quinn Graber, Jacinda Hustoft, Luke Jarchow, Brianna Jonas, Derek Lundgren, Faith Mounce, William Mumme, Rylee Olson, Joel Ortiz, Nathan Overgaard, Mackenzie Petersen, Lindsey Roemeling, Riley Severtson, Jade Smith, Emilie Staeffler, McCall Stegenga, Grace Sweeney, Melissa Teal, Courtney Wendland, Mikayla Wiederhoeft, Austin Winter, Jenna Zewiske, Matthew Ziegler.

Freshmen: Dalwa Alinizi, Isaiah Bartels, Tacey Baustian, Sydney Biever, Quinn Buss, Alexa Chesley, Anita Cole-Kraty, Colby Crabtree, Graham Cunningham, Hannah Ehlers, Madigan Flom, Meagan Hansen, Zayda Holmgren, Nicole Hoogland, Anna Huisman, Amelia Jarchow, Kacie Kracht, Sophia Lanoue, Jonah Louwagie, Reka Meinerts, Meghan Mollberg, Gunnar Oldre, Melanie Rittenhouse, Nicholas Rogers, Ainsley Rysdam, Matthew Sehr, Jacob Von Tersch, Austin Watts-Boll, Jordan Winter.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Riley Baker, Aidan

Wynia, Gracie Zewiske.

Seventh Grade: Rylee

Anderson, Trista Baustian,

ReghanBork, SethBose, Kendall

Buss, Pierce Cunningham, Kyle

Ferguson, Elise Ferrell, Trygve

Gangestad, Kester Grimm,

Hamza Hassan, Kayetlin

Huiskes, Olivia Huisman,

Griffen Jarchow, Tenley Nelson,

Chase Overgaard, Kristin Rud,

Jonathan Saarloos, Madeleine

Schmuck, Cheyenne Schutz,

CaseySehr, HopeThorson, Luke

Thorson, Chance Tunnissen,

Brooklynn Ver Steeg, Olivia

Bergman, Emma Beyer,

Parker Carbonneau, Phoebe

DeBates, Elizabeth Grimm,

Jocelyn Hart, Camden Hoven,

Camden Janiszeski, Anja

Christian Mother's Group and

Sixth Grade: Ross

Wieneke.

Bartels, Layne Curtis, Tianna Doppenberg, Kaden Ericson, Hailey Franken, Madison Frankenhoff, Isaac Gillette, Damaris Gonzalez, Autumn Hamann, Jenae Hamann, Molly Hansen, Jake Henckel, Matthew Hup, Matthew Keller, Jesse Kontz, Jackson Kracht, Sydney Maciej, Solomon Nielsen, Thomas Norman, Connor Peterson, Annabell Petronek, Brianna Pilarcik, Damian Reese, Andrew Reisch, Carter Riphagen, DouglasRozeboom, Kammon Sawtelle, Matthew Schmuck, Dalton Schoeneman, Kristoffer Severtson, Adam Somnis, Itzel Soto Guerrero, Bethany Starling, Candace Swenson, Natasha Thone, Betania Topete, Thomas Wiebe.

Juniors: Trey Baustian, Layne Benson, Andrew Bierman, Ashlee Boltjes, Gracie Bosch, Madilyn Dinger, Isabella Donohue, Tierra Egan-Heck, James Erickson. Kathryn Fick, Tyler Fick, Derek Fodness, David Froderman, Joseph Guy, Zane Holmgren, Brianna Huether, Kasyn Kruse, Courtney Meeker, Dylan Mente, Alexander Nelson, Tucker Oeltjenbruns, Rachel Oftedahl, Jocilyn Oye, Tyler Reisdorfer, Jayden Renken, Trey Roberts, Michaella Sandbulte, CodySasker, Ethan

Jarchow, Isabella Lanoue,

Reese Louwagie, Lacey

Morseman, Ethan Nath, Carly

Olson, Logan Ommen, Henry

Ramstorf, Ava Vortherms,

Christina Wagner, Elizabeth

Aanenson, Cooper Arends,

Rebecca Austin, Hunter

Baker, Anna Boltjes, Jasmine

Broomfield, Bailey Cowell,

Ethan Curtiss, Tyricia Davis,

Marshall DeHaven, Justin

Dohlmann, Isaac Eidem,

Sophia Eisma, Cassie

Flanagan, Luis Gomez Mellin,

Mia Halverson, Trevor

Halverson, Emma Hinz,

Katarina Horn, Gretchen

Jacobsma, Kameron Keene,

Eighth Grade: Russell

B Honor Roll

Wagner.

Thorson, Daniel Tofteland, Hope Van Meeteren, Hannah Ver Steeg.

Sophomores: Brookelynn Brust, James Chanthalangsy, Carson Davis, Zoe DeBates, Dalton DeSollar, Lillian Donohue, Autumn Emery, Zachary Evans, Adriana Gonzalez, Tia Hadler, Jake Haugen, Abraham Hernandez, Halle Hough, Brayden Jacobsma, Matthew Jelken, Michelle Kramer, Ty Lindemann, Josiah Luethje, Zachery Luke, Trevor Mente, Kaylie Ossefoort, Aliah Pilarcik, Madison Reisdorfer, Naomi Ring, Justyce Ripka, Benjamin Serie, Grace Steensma, William Stegenga, Eric Thorson, Evan Ushijima, Sage Ver Steeg, Cameron Wessels.

Freshmen: Claire Baustian, Justice Brandt, Brody DeBates, Jacqueline Diaz, Carson Ehde, Sara Ernst, Jonah Friedrichsen, Madison Gebauer, Kynzie Hamann, Alexandra Hartman, Gracie Hudson, Ivy Hudson, Sydne Johnson, Jaden Knips, Carter Loosbrock, Kaitlyn McDowell, Gabrielle Miller, Alyssa Nattress, Nathan Nekali, Samantha Niessink, Tyler Roberts, Henry Rolling, Colton Schutz, Isabel Smeins, Cole Stoltenberg, Mallory Thorson, Brayden Tofteland, Andrew Wagner, Sydney Wicks, Meghan Witte.

Camron Kopp, Anthony

Kramer, Hailey Kruger, Kaden

Lampron-DeSollar, Alex Mann,

Nathan Meeker, Jose Mendez

Garcia, Samantha Natte, Brodi

Oakley, Katlin Petronek, Sadie

Reisdorfer, William Rysdam,

Crystal Sayavong, Savannah

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Seventh Grade: Hunter

McKenzie VanGrootheest.

H-BC schools A Honor Roll

Seniors: Alyssa Allen, Emma Baker, Riley Boese, Jed Burgers, Ashley Esselink, Dylan Forshey, Mekayla Kolbrek, Kirsten Kooistra, Courtney Kruger, Haley Leuthold, Logan Leuthold, ZacharyScholten, AveryVan Roekel, Isaiah Vis.

Juniors: Trenton Bass, Grace Holthaus, Angela Martinyuk, Olivia Richards, Kourtney Rozeboom, Paige Tilstra, Jacob Wingert.

Sophomores: Caitlyn Allen, Grace Bundesen, Sidney Fick, Seth Glidewell, Mary-Frances Ladd, Garrett Raymon, Josie Scholten, Bailey Swan.

Freshmen: Josie Bartels, Whitney Elbers, Aleigha Glidewell, Easton Harnack, Larinda Kellenberger, Larissa Kruid, Jo-Hannah Ladd, Kailey Rozeboom.

Eighth Grade: Annie Bos, Thomas Dysthe, Hannah Fick, Abby Knobloch, Allison Larock, Taryn Rauk, Lauren Tatge, Jacey Vanden Hoek, Austin Wilhelmi.

Seventh Grade: Austin Allen, Oliver Deelstra, Taylor Durst, Troy Durst, Kenadie Fick, Weston Kellenberger, Ethan Kruger, Danette Leenderts, Samantha Moser,

Sam Emery, Blake Frahm,

Jordan Friedrichsen, Alexis Froderman, Daniella Gacke, Hunter Gaffaney, Morgan Gonnerman, Jacob Hansen, Jaden Hoag, Isabelle Hoiland, Hans Hoven, Burke Johnson, Zachary Kruse, Drake Matherne, Matthew McClure, Justin Mente, Shelby Monroe, Cody Mounce, Mary Opitz, Eli Radtke, Ethan Rahm, Silvia Reccuero, Braydon Ripka, Ethan Roemeling, Christopher Rosin, Ashton Sandbulte, Grace Sandbulte, Lacey Sasker, Alenya Sayavong, Jack Schlosser, Colin Schoeneman. Mitchell Schomacker, Joseph Schoneman, Brenn Siebenahler, Jacey Smith, Macie Swenson, Levi Thielbar, Luke Thielbar, Brielle Watters,

Tara Paulsen, Liam Raymon, Tess Van Maanen.

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Justice Dunn, Hunter Harvey, Erik Honken, JasmineLingen, AutumnOlson.

<u>Juniors</u>: Dean Fuerstenberg, Megan Gehrke, Brandon Gray, Halle Hoekstra, Dawson Leenderts, Courtney Page, Dylon Taubert, Dylan Tieszen, Makayla Wilhelmi, Avery Wysong.

Sophomores: Amber Bos, Nicholas Kiers, Luke Larock, Preston Wilhelmi.

Freshmen: Joslyn Birger, Sadie Fuerstenberg, Jax Wysong.

Eighth Grade: Chase Bosch, Jessup Dunn, Erika Dysthe, Calvin Erickson, Ethan Gray, Ashlee Kelderman, Tory Knobloch, Emilee Kodet, AbbigailOlson, Shayla Rainford, Jacob Sheppard, Joshua Swenson, Brandon Taubert, Gavin Wy song, Zander Wy song.

Seventh Grade: Jacob Axness, Cole Baker, Ty Bundesen, Sean Elbers, Leeanna Gaugler, Andrew Harris, Carter Hartz, Josephyne Klosterbuer, Nathan Kruid, Drew Leenderts, Dallas Page, Max Scholten, Aliyah Stoltenberg, Conner Vande Voort, Mackenzie Voss, Mason Wilhelmi.

Mia Wenzel, Dawson Wicks.

Sixth Grade: Gannon Ahrendt, Justis Ahrendt, Abigail Anderson, Josie Anderson, Brady Bork, Zachary DeBoer, Reyna DeSollar, Marcus Feit, Egypt Forrest, Sarah Gehrke, Yoselyn Gonzalez Quintana, Lauren Hansen, Jadyn Hart, Kaleb Hein, Tori Hemme, Grace Ingebretsen, Katharine Kelm, Tiana Lais, Jocelynn Mann, Antoni Mendez Velasco, Priscilla Muehr, Mallory Nelson, Isabella Oye, Gavin Reisch, Joseph Remme, Alyia Renken, Averill Sehr, Riley Sneller, Ryenn Stegenga, Carsen Tofteland, Myles Trimble, Kamryn Van Batavia, Daylin Velasques, Cedar Viessman, Mallory Von Tersch, Ryan Vos.

DEATH NOTICE

OBITUARIES

Mary Schweiss

Mary "Kay" Catherine Schweiss, 77, Fairfax, died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, at the Sleepy Eye Medical

Center in Sleepy Eye. Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, Nov. 25, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Fairfax with interment at the church cem-

eterv

Mary Hager was born Jan. 1, 1939, to Logan and Anastasia (Templin) Hagerin Mankato. She was baptized as an infant and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth, both at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Clair. She received her primary education at country school in St. Clair and was a 1957 graduate of the St. Clair High School. She then attended Commercial College in Mankato for two years. Kay was employed as a secretary for the city of Mankato.

On Feb. 3, 1959, Kay married Francis Schweiss at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Clair. After their marriage the couple farmed in rural Fairfax. She was employed at John Carey Law Office and later at Jackpot Junction.

Kay was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Fairfax and taught CCD. She was a member of the

St. Ann's Aid. She was active in starting the church's cookbook, 'Not By Bread Alone." She was the record keeper for the Fairfax Fire Department.

Kay enjoyed flower gardening, playing organ, dancing, shopping, cake decorating,

knitting, crafting and eating out. Kay was also an avid reader and loved listening to old-time and country western music. She was a good cook and baker and won a number of awards for her cakes.

Kay is survived by her husband, Francis Schweiss, Fairfax; her children, Denise (Jim) Brandel, Luverne, and Rita (Randy) Tiffany, Milan; her grandchildren, Daniel (Megan)Brandel, MaryFrances Brandel, Bethany Brandel, Emily (Sheldon) Swan, Adam Tiffany, MaryCatherine (Kerry) Hlebain; her siblings, Thomas Hager, Mankato, Michael (Patricia) Hager, Good Thunder, Diane Schweiss, Hector, and Rita (Ted) Wolfe, Mankato; nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister-in-law, Helen Hager; and a brother-inlaw, Raymond Schweiss.

Arrangements were by Hauser-Hantge Funeral Chapel of Fairfax, www.hantge.com. $(1201 \, \text{F})$

MAPLEWOOD NOTICE The fall clean up has been completed and families are free to put out winter decorations on their loved ones' graves after November 1. You will have to remove all decorations by

April 1 to get ready for spring maintenance.

Dennis Gyberg

Dennis James Gyberg, 64,

Luverne, died Saturday. Nov. 26, 2016. at Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

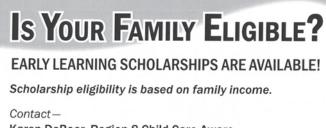
A private memorial service will be held. Burial will be in the Memory Gardens Cemetery near Luverne at a later date.

Dennis Gyberg

was born Aug. 14, 1952, to Knute and Mabel Gyberg in Luverne. He attended school in Luverne and graduated from Luverne High School in 1970. He attended Jackson Vocational School in Jackson. After working in the Jackson area, Dennis returned to Luverne in 1976 where he farmed.

He married Kathleen (nee Mack) on Aug. 18, 1984, at the Blue Mound Church near Luverne.

In addition to farming, Dennis enjoyed camping, restoring classic cars, buildingthree-wheelers and riding motorcycles. He was known for striking up a conversation withwhoeverhappened to be standing next to him.



Karen DeBoer, Region 8 Child Care Aware Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council, Inc. 1106 3rd Avenue, PO Box 787 Worthington, MN 56187

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Dennis Schadwinkel

Dennis Schadwinkel, Luverne, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, at his home.

Arrangements are pending with Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne, www.dingmannandsons.com.

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Obituary Policy

The Rock County Star Herald strives to publish obituaries that pay tribute to the lives of the deceased. Our policy is to summerize the education, professional history, places of

residence, immediate family, achievements, hobbies and community involvement

for your loved one. Please indicate, when sending an obituary, if you would like it

to be placed in the paper as an edited piece according to our newspaper format for \$49 OR if you would like it to run as submitted for \$149. Either choice of obituary includes a photo and will be published in the Rock County Star Herald print edition as well as online at www.star-heald.com. Death notices will continue to run at no charge.

Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund Grant and Scholarship Opportunity

The Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund supports local projects and initiatives through grants, donations, gifts or contributions, related to the areas of environmental, biodiversity, amateur athletics, arts and cultural activities, education, health and wellness, disadvantaged individuals, community infrastructure improvements and community capital assets in the communities connected to the townships of Rose Dell, Denver and Springwater including the City of Hardwick in Minnesota and deemed eligible by the Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund Board of Directors.

Who can apply for a grant? If your non-profit organization is located within the footprint of the Prairie Rose Wind Farm (townships listed above) you are probably eligible to receive grants from the PR Community Fund.

Who can apply for a scholarship: Applicants must meet two of the following four criteria

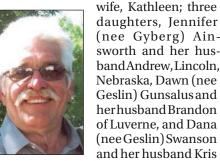
- 1. Be a resident of Rose Dell, Denver, or Springwater townships, the City of Hardwick or the portion of Jasper located in Rock County, Minnesota. 2. Be a landowner or a child of a landowner in Rose Dell, Denver or Spring-
- water Townships, the City of Hardwick or the portion of Jasper located in Rock County, Minnesota 3. Be a graduate of a local high school.
- 4. Non-traditional students must reside in Rose Dell, Denver or Springwater Townships, The City of Hardwick or the portion of Jasper that is located in Rock County, Minnesota.

Grant & scholarship recipients are determined by the Board of Directors of the Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund.

Applications can be obtained from on the Luverne Area Chamber website at www.luvernechamber.com or by emailing Tammy Johnson, Board President, at tammyvanbatavia@frontiernet.net

Applications must be received by January 7, 2017 to be considered eligible for awards.

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(nee Gyberg) Ainsworth and her husbandAndrew.Lincoln. Nebraska, Dawn (nee Geslin) Gunsalus and

Mabel Gyberg; two brothers, Stanley Gyberg and his wife Irene of Brandon, South Dakota,

herhusband Brandon of Luverne, and Dana (nee Geslin) Swanson and her husband Kris of Luverne; his mother,

Dennis is survived by his

and Norman Gyberg and his wife Darlene of Magnolia; nine grandchildren, Harrison Ainsworth. Samuel Ainsworth and Eli Ainsworth, Lindsay (Tyson) Weber, Alison (Tony) Willers, Tyler Brands, Katelyn (Mark) VanAartsen, Codie (Cristina) Swanson and Jordin Swanson;

and three great-grandchildren. Dennis was preceded in death by his father and a brother,

Steven Gyberg. Memorials are preferred to Sanford Luverne Hospice Cottage.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com. $(1201 \, \text{F})$

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 wellplaced strobe lights, but he knows motorists aren't used to snow plows 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'showitbreaksdown: 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 axel 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 trailered 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/1201Free 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 specificallytovisitastatepark 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 Daythe average person consumes around 4,500 calories, ac-



Mavis Fodness Photo/1201Free 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.

cording 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.



students received financial aid





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Nutcrackers at Winterfest/continued from page 1A

She said participants

On Dec. 24 the Chamber

can play alone or enter with

a group of friends or family.

will draw from the entries

with the correct names, and

six winners will each receive

a \$50 Chamber gift

Winterfest week-

puppets at library

Celebration starts

Friday morning

with a puppet show

and story hour with

Jim Oliver at 10

a.m. at the Rock

County Commu-

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and beer tasting at

Blue Mound Liquor

from 5-8 p.m. and

a cribbage tourna-

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Other events

nity Library.

The Winterfest

end starts with

card.

in a window."

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 to 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

le or Eagles Club. S a t u r d a y'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 5x7inch 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 showtakesplace 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

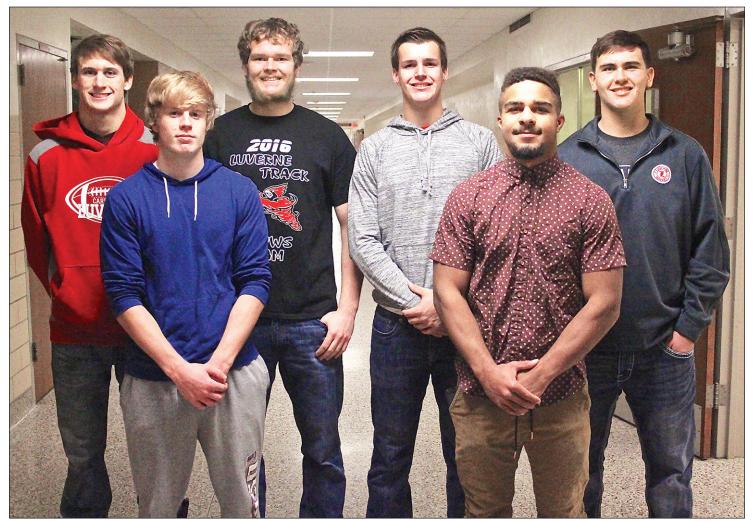
at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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.

Star Herald SPORTS



John Rittenhouse photo/1201 lfb

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 Darrius 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 Josephson 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 Stuven 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 Tvinnereim, 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) andAlan Mills (of Sioux Rapids, 10th in 23:38) and South DakotaentryAmyTrip(ofBrandon, 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 Eitreim (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 Schreader (59th in 36:23.

BOWLING CLIPBOARD

Monday Night League 11-14

Games won: Rock Vet Clinic, 3; Luverne Lanes, 1 High Scratch Game: Zach Runia,

214: Pat Weerheim, 156: Marie Opheim, 149. High Scratch Series: Zach Runia,

576; Pat Weerheim, 416; Marie Opheim 408

Team High Scratch Game: Rock Vet Clinic, 607 Team High Scratch Series: Rock

Vet Clinic 1668. Team High Handicap Game: Rock

Vet Clinic, 763. Team High Handicap Series: Rock Vet Clinic, 2136

Thursday Night Bowling League

11-17 Games won: Billy Goats, 4; The Troublemakers, 4; Mark's Electric, 3; Kruser's Bruisers, 1; PD's Bar Flies, 0.

High Scratch Game: Jeff Runia, 240; Chris Nelson, 203; Billy Debates, 194. High Scratch Series: Dave Nelson

564; Jeff Runia, 563; Chris Nelson, 553. Team High Scratch Game: Billy Goats, 680; Kruser's Bruisers, 625; PD's Bar Flies, 560

Team High Scratch Series: Billy Goats, 1846; PD's Bar Flies, 1618;

Kruser's Bruisers, 1574. Team High Handicap Game: Billy Goats, 855; Kruser's Bruisers, 853; PD's Bar Flies, 781

Team High Handicap Series: Billy Goats, 2371; PD's Bar Flies, 2281; Kruser's Bruisers, 2258.

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 Ridgewater 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-Henderon-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 overtimes 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 Conference 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 Ione 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.



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

FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

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 defensemen Carly Serie, Regan Feit and Brynn 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 con-

fidence 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 confident, 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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Star Herald HURCH

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

Thursday, Dec. 1: Noon-3 p.m. Fun Day Potluck. Saturday, Dec. 3: 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Dec. 4: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. St. Mary Potluck. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine. 6 p.m. LCF. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Monday, Dec. 5: 7 5:30 p.m. St. Mary FC. 7 p.m. ECCW. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. LCCW; Cub Scouts. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 3:30 and 7 p.m. Faith Formation. 5:30 p.m. St. Catherine Mass. Thursday, Dec. 8: 2:15 p.m. Mary Jane Brown Birthday Party. 2:30 p.m. Tuff Mass. 4 p.m. Veterans Home Mass. 7 p.m. St. Mary Mass.

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

Sunday, Dec. 4:9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Dec. 5: 9 a.m. PERK UP. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour.

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

Thursday, Dec. 1:6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 4: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service with Communion. 6 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Leuthold Bridal Shower at FBC. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 6:55 p.m. Awana. Thursday, Dec. 8: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 6 p.m. Senior Focus Christmas Dinner. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

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

Ron Nichols, Pastor; Cole McCormick, Interim Pastor Thursday, Dec. 1: 8:30 a.m. - noon only MIA for December. 1:30 p.m. Endowment. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Dec. 2: 9 a.m. Sort and label envelopes. 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 3: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Dec. 4:8:15 a.m. Noisy Sunday. Worship with Communion; Radio broadcast. Cookie sales after first service. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion and first-grade Milestone.

Bethany Lutheran Church 720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne Ph. 507-283-4571 or 507-449-0291 or 605-215-9834 pastorpalmquist67@yahoo.com Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 11:30 a.m. Rebekah Circle at Pizza Ranch. 3:45 p.m. Catechism class. 6 p.m. Soup supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. 7:45 p.m. Catechism class. Thursday, Dec. 8: Noon Ladies Aid Christmas party.

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

Thursday, Dec. 1: 6:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out. Friday, Dec. 2: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bile Study. Saturday, Dec. 3: 9-10:30 a.m. Christmas program practice. 1:30 p.m. Christmas caroling. Sunday, Dec. 4:9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Junior and Senior RCYF. Monday, Dec. 5: 6 p.m. Esther Circle. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Ridder Team meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 5:30 p.m. Midweek meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs/YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8:15 p.m. Choir.

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church 302 Central Lane, Luverne Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50 Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Dec. 5:

5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells; Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir.

St. John Lutheran Church 803 N. Cedar St., Luverne Ph. 283-2316. Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005 email: stjohn@iw.net - www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org

Thursday, Dec. 1: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:45 a.m. Ministerial Association. 11:45 a.m. Women's Society Christmas luncheon. Saturday, Dec. 3: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 4:9 a.m. Worship. 10:15-11:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas rehearsal. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 11:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal. 4 p.m. Junior LYF. Monday, Dec. 5: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Holland. 7 p.m. Elders meeting. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 1 and 6:30 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 7:9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 6 p.m. Advent Worship. 6:40 p.m. Supper. 7 p.m. Senior Choir; KFC/Catechism; High School Bible Study. 8 p.m. Kingdom Builders. Thursday, Dec. 8: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 1 p.m. Parkinson's Support Group. 1:30 p.m. Communion at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Communion at Poplar Creek. 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

Living Rock Church 500 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org **Billy Skaggs, Pastor**

Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Worship; Kids Rock Children's Ministry. 6 p.m. Youth Ministry. Life groups meet throughout the week.

New Life Celebration Church 211 E. Main St., Luverne Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecelebration@gmail.com

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship in the lower level meeting room of the Creeger building. Every third Thursday: 5 p.m. Food give-away. Bible Study groups meet at various times and days.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 305 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com - www.zionlutheranhardwick.com

Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 1: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 2: Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 4:30 p.m. Congregational Christmas party. Monday, Dec. 5: 9 a.m. Circuit Pastors meeting at Holland. 1 p.m. Quilting. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Advent Worship Service. 7:45 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, Dec. 8: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3.

Ben Clare United Methodist Church 26762 Ben Clare Ave., Valley Springs, S.D. iatwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

First Lutheran Church 300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D. Ph. (605) 757-6662

for all ages

Friday, Dec. 2: 1:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Dec. 4:9 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir practice.

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

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net Thursday, Dec. 1: 7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Friday, Dec. 2: 1:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study. Sunday, Dec. 4: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

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

Stop, listen, hear the angels sing

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" is a classic Christmas song. Edmund Sears wrote the poem on a cold December day in 1849. He was deeply concerned about the state of the world around him. There was much upheaval and many tensions. Sears himself had just recently emerged from a time of ill health brought on by over work at his previous parish. It was December and the days were getting shorter.

Yet, Sears felt he had a duty to offer a word of hope. His thoughts turned to the Christmas Gospel in Luke 2: the announcement of the angels to the shepherds about a Savior born and peace and good will. "Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King!"

The poem Sears wrote would become a beloved Christmas song. Sears wrote five verses. People have frequently sung only four, with the middle verse often omitted: Yet with the woes of sin and strife/The world has suffered long;/Beneath the angel strain have rolled/ Two thousand years of wrong;/And man, at war with man, hears not/The love-song which they bring;/O hush the noise, ye men of strife/And hear the angels sing.

The poem is about the song the angels sing. We are called to stop, listen, and hear. "O hush the noise and hear the angels sing" is almost an echo of Psalm 46: "Be still and know that I am God ... " Will we hear the song this year? The angels are singing, but yet the world has a hard time hearing. The constancy of noise, conflict and sin keep the song from being heard. "The woes of sin and strife" have continued. So, what

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By Pastor Jason Cunningham, First Presbyterian Church, Luverne

can we do?

1. Take time to listen. The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He died and rose again. We sometimes have a hard time hearing the message of peace, goodwill, born unto you a Savior. As Christmas nears, take time to hear God's Word and especially the Christmas message of Luke 2.

2. Make peace in our own lives if there is a place of strife. We can be easily overwhelmed, but take a step where you can. The song and message of Christmas is one of reconciliation and bringing together. Find a way to be a peacemaker.

3. Believe the message of Christmas has power today. Every year in December you hear tales about choirs going into Malls or other public places looking like ordinary shoppers. Suddenly, they will start singing a Christmas song or, most often, the "Hallelujah" chorus. They bring the true message and joy of Christmas into a season where there is much hustle, bustle, frustration, and "scrooginess." The song can be heard!

"The grace of God has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior. Christ Jesus. who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:10)

Thursday, Dec. 1: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf. Saturday, Dec. 3: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Dec. 4: 10:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens Celebration Service. 11:30 a.m. All-church potluck. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 5: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Wednesday, Dec. 5: 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, Dec. 8: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf.

> **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer 112 N. Main St., Hills Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Dec. 4: 9 a.m. Communion at Tuff Chapel; Christmas Program practice. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Dec. 6: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 7: 9 a.m. Quilting. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Circle of Hope. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

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

Steen Reformed Church 112 W. Church Ave., Steen Ph. 855-2336 Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows Worship. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

Hills United Reformed Church 410 S. Central Ave., Hills Office Ph. 962-3254 hillsurc@alliancecom.net Alan Camarigg, Pastor Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

Magnolia United Methodist Church 501 E. Luverne St., Magnolia Church Ph. 283-9698: cell 227-7821 adrmagumc@frontiernet.net - www.adrianmagnoliaumc.com Kristi Franken, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 4: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday Dec. 7: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Luverne adopts Ordinance No. 350

ORDINANCE NO. 350, THIRD SERIES AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 5.40. LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED, SEC. 5.43. HOURS AND DAYS OF LIQUOR SALES AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE CITY CODE CHAPTER 5 AND SECTION 5.99 WHICH. AMONG OTHER THINGS. **CONTAIN PENALTY PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, a City Election, for the City of Luverne, State of Minnesota, was held on November 8, 2016 in conjunction with the state general election;

WHEREAS, a special election was also called and held in and for the City of Luverne, State of Minnesota on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in conjunction with the state general election, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

CITY QUESTION 1 (LUVERNE)

QUESTION TO ALLOW ISSUANCE OF SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSES TO ELLIGIBLE LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

Shall the Luverne City Council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?

YES NO

WHEREAS, a Special Canvassing Board meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Luverne on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 where the City of Luverne ballot question to allow issuance of Sunday liquor licenses to eligible liquor establishments was certified as passed.

THE CITY OF LUVERNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION. 1. That Section 5.40 of the Luverne City Code is hereby amended to read as follows

SECTION. 2. That Section SEC. 5.40. LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIRED. of the Luverne City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Subd. 4. Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor Licenses. The city may issue Sunday on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses only to a restaurant, club, or hotel which has a seating capacity of at least 30 persons, which holds an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, and which serves liquor only in conjunction with the service of food.

SECTION. 3. That Section SEC. 5.43. HOURS AND DAYS OF LIQUOR SALES. of the Luverne City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 5.43. HOURS AND DAYS OF LIQUOR SALES. No sale of liquor shall be made between the hours of 2:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock A.M. on any weekday, Monday through Saturday, inclusive, nor on any Sunday between the hours of 2:00 o'clock A.M. and 10:00 o'clock A.M.

SECTION 4. City Code Section 5.99, Violating a Misdemeanor or Petty Misdemeanor shall be hereby adopted by reference.

SECTION 5. This ordinance takes full force and effect seven (7) days after its publication.

> /s/ Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor /s/ John M. Call, City Administrator (12-01)

Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 9

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 3, 2014

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$97,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Ben Steensma and Larae Steensma, spouses married to each other

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 1000312-0001222600-4

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wintrust Mortgage, a division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A. SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 4, 2014, Rock County Recorder,

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on July 9, 2017, or the next business day if July 9, 2017 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE RE-DUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUC-TION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: November 2, 2016 Nationstar Mortgage LLC Assignee of Mortgagee SHAPIRO & ZIELKE, LLP ΒY

Lawrence P. Zielke - 152559 Diane F. Mach - 273788 Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778 Randolph W. Dawdy - 2160X Gary J. Evers - 0134764 Tracy J. Halliday - 034610X Attorneys for Mortgagee 12550 West Frontage Road, Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 831-4060 THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR Tiffany Larson

Legal Assistant Shapiro & Zielke, LLP 12550 West Frontage Rd., Suite 200 Burnsville, MN 55337 952-831-4060 ext. 3141 Office 847-954-4800 Fax tlarson@LOGS.com www.zielkeattorneys.com

(11-10,11-17,11-24,12-1,12-8,12-15)

Rock County Commissioners meet Nov.8

Herreid Board Room

9:00 A.M. November 08, 2016

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

Motion by Boyenga, seconded Thompson, to approve the November 08, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Reisch, to approve the October 18, 2016 County Board minutes, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Thompson, to approve the consent agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

1. 2017 NACO dues - \$450.00

Brent Hoffman, Rural Water Systems Manager, presented information of a recent training seminar he attended sponsored by the Government Training Services as part of the 2016 Land Use Training & Education Program; the training was regarding ground water and waste management laws.

The County Board also discussed correspondence from the MNDNR informing the Rock County of their intent to hook up to the rural water system, however have not secured any funding for the project. The County Board directed the Administrator to draft a letter to our legislators with a cc to the Governor's office and DNR requesting support for the DNR project in getting treated water to the Blue Mound State Park.

Shelia Steinhoff, Extension Office Manager, introduced new employee Chelsey Asche, 4-H Coordinator; the County Board wished her well with new position with Rock County.

trator led a discussion regarding the replacement of the Rescue The Adm

is in January 2017.

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

<u>Claims over \$2,000:</u>		
BARGEN INC	51,900.00	
BUTLER MACHINERY CO	6,891.68	
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC	5,877.00	
EMERGENCY AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	3,495.59	
FLEET SERVICES DIVISION-ADMIN FMR	5,134.33	
LAKE SUPERIOR COLLEGE	3,075.00	
LUVERNE/CITY OF	32,059.78	
NELSON AUTO CENTER	26,346.39	
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR	9,521.00	
SHORT-ELLIOTT-HENDRICKSON, INC	3,598.44	
TOLLEFSON PUBLISHING	2,110.50	
114 payments less than \$2,000	41,656.04	
TOTAL	191,665.75	

The County Board was in receipt of the Fund Balance report; also reported that penalty notices for the October collection have been distributed and that the office is currently receiving the November tax collection. Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, to pay the claims as presented, declared carried on a voice vote.

The County Board briefly discussed the Plum Creek Library joint powers agreement; item was tabled until the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the County Board, meeting was declared adjourned.

(12-01)

LPRW assessment hearing Dec. 28

IN DISTRICT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Subject Matter: 14 Other Civil Court File No.42-CV-06-1150 Judge Leland Bush

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF LYON In the Matter of LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM,

Petitioner NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System ("LPRW") has filed a Petition at the Lyon County, Minnesota District Court, which requests that the real estate owned by all individuals and businesses who connected to LPRW in 2016, and who have not fully paid for the connection to LPRW, be assessed for all remaining costs to connect to LPRW.

A hearing on this Petition is going to occur in the courtroom at the Lyon County Government Center, which is located at 607 West Main Street, Marshall Minnesota 56258 on December 28, 2016 at 1:15 p.m.

Written or oral objections will be considered at the hearing.

The proposed assessment rolls are on file with the County Auditors of Lac Qui Parle County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Murray County, Nobles County, Pipestone County, Redwood County, Rock County, and Yellow Medicine County.

The area proposed to be assessed consists of every parcel of land benefited by the connection to LPRW, and which was previously petitioned for improvement by the owners of said parcel of land.

The assessments will be made without regard to acreage or frontage on the water mains or branches of the water system. No assessment will be made upon land, which has not been made the subject of a petition or has not been designated and requested to be served by the owner.

Dated: November 23, 2016

Karen Bierman **District Court Administrator** By: Caroline Munson Deputy Court Administrator

This instrument drafted by: Ronald J. Schramel/Kristi L. Meyeraan Attorney for Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Atty. Reg. No. 254757 Atty. Reg. No. 389722 Schramel Law Office 906 Fourth Avenue - PO Box 505

as Document Number 184931

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 4 in Block 6 in Tri-State Addition to the City of Luverne PROPERTY ADDRESS: 700 Traveling Hail Circle, Luverne, MN 56156 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-1396-000 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF

THE NOTICE: \$87.650.31

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 9, 2017, 10:00am

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

Star E911 router and the collaborative effort between Nobles, Pipestone, Lyon and Redwood in developing a shared solution. Rock County's share of the replacement is \$118,822.14 and is an eligible E911 expense; motion by Thompson, seconded by Hoime, to approve the expenditure of \$118,822.14 and remit the first half payment of \$59,411.07 and remit the second half payment when due in 2017, declared carried on a voice vote.

Tammy Loosbrock, Luverne Sanford Hospital Administrator along with Harlan Vande Kieft presented information regarding a new ambulance building project as the current building has become too small and its location is in a residential area. The proposed cost for the new building project is \$300,000 and is currently launching a fundraising campaign; they requested \$50,000 from the county spread out over the course of 3-years. The current appropriate is \$15,000 per year. After discussion, action was tabled and deferred to the Budget Committee.

The County Board discussed a recap of the AMC District VIII meeting; highlights of discussion were: potential legislation for Soil and Water to become their own levy authority, Rock County's fiber project, the extension of MN Department of Revenue ACA accreditation has been extended and the BSWR final maps deadline

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Minnesota Department of Education		Division of Sc 1500 Highw Roseville, MN	vay 36 West	DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR FY 2016 AND FY 2017					ED-00110-39
GENERAL INFORMATION: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.									
District Name: Luverne Public Schools								District Number:	#2184
FUND		016 BEGINNING ND BALANCES	FY 2016 ACTUAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2016 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2016 ACTU FUND BALANCES		FY 2017 BUDGET REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2017 BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2017 PROJECTED FUND BALANCES
General Fund/Restricted	\$	851,315	\$ 614,911	\$ 925,310	\$ 540,	916	\$ 615,708	\$ 827,876	\$ 328,748
General Fund/Other	\$	7,223,317	\$ 12,417,737	\$ 12,193,374	\$ 7,447,	681	\$ 12,106,666	\$ 12,395,462	\$ 7,158,885
Food Service Fund	\$	90,413	\$ 626,466	\$ 572,994	\$ 143,	885	\$ 599,353	\$ 607,726	\$ 135,512
Community Service Fund	\$	65,234	\$ 466,502	\$ 434,027	\$ 97,	709	\$ 422,307	\$ 479,743	\$ 40,273
Building Construction Fund	\$	-	\$-	\$-	\$	- !	\$-	\$-	\$-
Debt Service Fund	\$	211,218	\$ 1,032,733	\$ 1,033,074	\$ 210,	877	\$ 1,032,123	\$ 1,033,074	\$ 209,926
Trust Fund	\$	489,335	\$ 49,127	\$ 33,017	\$ 505,	445	\$ 53,850	\$ 56,885	\$ 502,410
Internal Service Fund	\$	-			\$	-			\$-
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$	-	\$-	\$-	\$	- !	\$-	\$ -	\$-
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$	-	\$-	\$-	\$	- !	\$-	\$-	\$-
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$	-	\$-	\$-	\$	- 9	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$	8,930,832	\$ 15,207,477	\$ 15,191,796	\$ 8,946,	513	\$ 14,830,007	\$ 15,400,766	\$ 8,375,754
LONG-TERM DEBT	\$	-		CURRENT STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT PER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 123B.81					
Outstanding July 1, 2015	\$	2,780,000		AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DEFICIT, IF ANY, IN EXCESS OF 2.5% OF				\$	_
Plus: New Issues	\$	-		EXPENDITURES 06/30/2016				Ŷ	_
Less: Redemeed Issues	\$	965,000							
Outstanding June 30, 2016	\$	1,815,000		COST PER STUDENT - AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM) 06/30/2016					
SHORT-TERM DEBT				TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			\$ 12,391,485.43		
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$	-		FY 2016 TOTAL ADM SERVED + TUITIONED OUT ADM + ADJUSTED EXTENDED ADM			1,221.64		
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	ther Short-Term Indebtedness \$ - FY 2016 OPERATING COST PER ADM				\$	10,143.32			
			The complete budg	et may be inspected upo	n request to the sup	erinte	ndent.		

Comments:

General Restricted Funds include: Staff Development, Deferred Maintenance, Health & Safety, Operating Capital and Safe Schools Funds. General Funds/Other include: C &C, Severance, OPEB, Transportation, Assigned for SpecificProjects and Unassigned Fund Balances. 2016-2017 is the adopted Preliminary Budget. Website: www.isd2184.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 policies 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 VerSteeg 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 Janiszeski, preschool teacher. Motion unanimously carried.

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

otion 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.

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(12.1-12.18)

Adrian Public School is in need of substitute teachers. Please complete our district application and submit to the address below. Please include a copy of your Minnesota Teacher's license with your application. If you have a 4-year degree in any field from an accredited university and would like to become a substitute teacher, please contact Russ Lofthus at 507-483-2225 or Tim Christensen at 507-483-2232 for more information on this process (12.1-12.18)



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(11.17-12.3)





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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 Janiszeski 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

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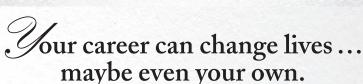


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Cunningham (12.1-12.4)

What a nice party we had to celebrate our 50 years of marriage! Our kids did a WON-DERFUL job of transforming the machine shed into a fantastic place to greet many good friends and relatives. Thanks to all who came, to those who have sent greetings, and to our kids and families who made it a wonderful celebration.

> Bakken (12.1-12.4)

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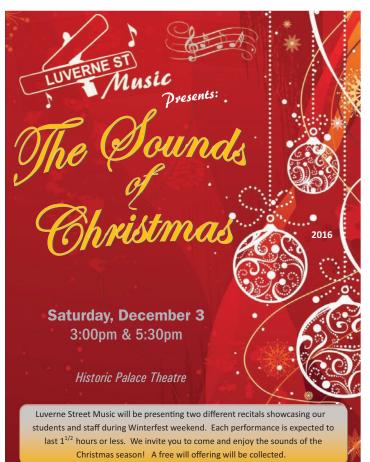
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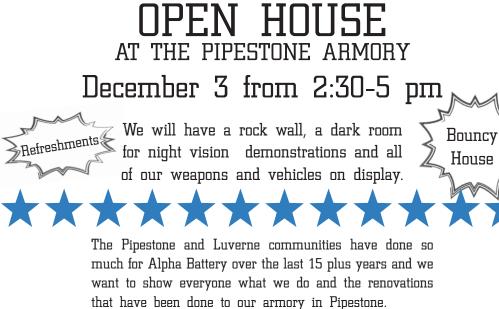
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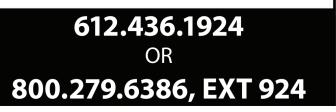
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