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## Halverson sells condemned Sharkee's property for \$220,000

City offers more than appraised value in order to close deal; entire four-acre lot to be razed

By Lori Sorenson

Sharkee's owner Dave Halverson has agreed to sell his condemned property on Highway 75 to the city of Luverne for \$220,000.

The agreement comes after city officials initiated the process of acquiring the structure and lot through eminent domain.

The abandoned building—once a bar and restaurant—has for two years been in violation of health department and city codes and is considered a public nuisance and a hazard.

Councilwoman Esther Frakes said eminent domain is never the preferred method for addressing blight, but she said it was the only tool at the city's disposal in this case.

"In all my years on the council, this is the one thing that I got the most comments about," she said. "People wanted to know when we were going to do something about Sharkee's."

As part of the eminent domain process, the city ordered commercial appraisals, which arrived at an estimated value of \$135,000 on the bare lot. This price factored in the

demolition costs that would have been incurred.

That amount is based on three other Highway 75 properties — GrandStay, Herman Motors and Kozlowski—that had been redeveloped after demolition.

Mayor Pat Baustian said the city offered Halverson more than the appraised value in order to avoid increased legal costs that would be incurred with the condemnation process.

He explained that Halverson could order his own appraisal, and

if it's not within a certain percentage of what was offered for the property, the city could be liable for all legal fees associated with the sale.

"The council gave city staff marching orders to offer a bit more to have it wrapped up and done," Baustian said.

He also said it's important to focus on the property's potential value, not the eyesore that it is today.

"It's a huge highway frontage lot," Baustian said.

Sharkee's and the Mert's Repair property are both part of a tax increment financing district. The

city purchased Mert's Repair lot for \$160,000 to the east of Sharkee's and sold Marlin Kracht a new lot in the Industrial Park (for \$10,000) for his expansion.

The costs for acquisition and demolition of both lots—a total of four acres—will be recouped in the TIF amount, \$600,000.

What that means is whoever buys the bare lot will pay full taxes on the improved property, but the difference between the current tax amount and

City buys Sharkee's/see page 5A

## Gust sells grocery and gas station

Teals Market takes ownership Dec. 27; Gust to retire after 40 years as grocer

By Lori Sorenson

Glen's Food Center and Glen's Food and Gas have been sold to Teals Market, based out of Cold Spring, and Glen Gust has announced he'll retire.

"He's the hardest-working person I know, so this is well-deserved," Glen's general manager Sherri Thompson said Wednesday. "It will be an exciting transition for us."

Gust told the Star Herald Wednesday night that selling the store and retiring "was the hardest decision I've made in my life."

But he said the store is in good hands with the Teal family.

"They're rock solid," Gust said. "Everyone is going to be very happy with the new owners. I know they'll do well."

He said several other grocery businesses have courted him in recent years, but he was "fussy" about whom to sell to.

The new owners had to be community-minded and participate in the community, and they had to retain the Glen's employees and their programs and benefits.

"There's no doubt in my mind they'll carry on the Glen's traditions," Gust said about Teals Market.

The hard part, he said, will be adjusting to retirement after the fast-paced demands of running a grocery business.

"I went to the store at 2:45 this morning to meet the truck," Gust said. "I'll enjoy some time off, but I'm sure I'll miss all the excitement."

In a personal message in his recent store advertisement, Gust thanked his employees, customers and the community.

"I feel I've been blessed with 40-plus years here in Luverne," he said. "I've had the time of my life."

Nearly 90 people work for Glen's Food Center, and about a dozen are full-time. They will meet members of the Teal family at a reception Wednesday night, Dec. 7, in the Blue Mound Banquet Center.

Paperwork for the business agreement was signed Friday, and the store officially changes hands Dec. 27. "They've already been out here measuring for the sign," Thompson said.

She added that customers can figure on the same quality and service they had with Glen's, but they'll also see improvements from a recent switch to a different warehouse.

"We'll have access to a lot more product and we'll have a lot stronger buying power," Thompson said.

The new wholesaler, AWG, carries the Best Choice store brand instead

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Lori Sorenson photo/1208 Tracy animal rescue

Chad Kempema and his children, Logan (front), Hannah (left) and Grace, get acquainted with puppies from Tracy Area Animal Rescue Saturday morning at Bomgaars in Luverne. At far right is Adelyn Rodriguez and behind her is Luverne's Beth Capistran, who helped facilitate the meet and greet event. The organization brought the puppies and several other animals waiting to be adopted into their "forever homes." Organizers say the event resulted in several adoption inquiries and arrangements for adoption.

## Pets meet people Saturday; stolen puppy returned

By Lori Sorenson

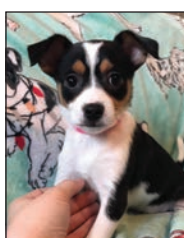
The festive gathering of pets and families Saturday morning turned somber after a puppy was stolen from the event at Bomgaars in Luverne.

Several people reported seeing a man in his 50s or 60s leaving the building with a puppy and driving away.

Luverne's Beth Capistran had helped to organize the "meet and greet" for Tracy Area Animal Rescue, and she immediately put out a plea on social media to help find the puppy.

"Please keep an eye out for it and let me know if you know who has it," Capistran shared on social media with a photo of "Holly," the puppy. "She is sick and needs medication. Please share so we can get her back with her siblings."

A \$400 reward was offered for her safe return, and on Monday, another message was posted after some reports of seeing the puppy and her abductor at a pet store in Sioux Falls.



Holly was turned in unharmed Monday.

"Yesterday we had put out a post asking whoever had it to just bring her to a vet or the Sioux Falls Humane Society—no questions asked," Capistran said Tuesday.

"A middle-aged man brought Holly to the Humane Society this morning saying 'someone had left it' on his step. We are thinking it is the individual that took it as he wouldn't fill out any paperwork."

She said the Rock County Sheriff's office contacted her Tuesday morning after Sioux Falls Animal Control called Luverne.

"We had informed them and they knew there was a police report done," Capistran said. "Of course I started bawling I was so happy."

She said she contacted a pet foster who lives in Sioux Falls and she retrieved Holly immediately.

"She looks good—smells like cigarettes—and needs to get started again on her meds right away," Capistran said. "Her siblings were very happy to see her as were all of us—best Christmas gift ever. I have prayed so hard and I know others were as well."

## Loopy's manager buys business, names it 'Four Seasons'



Mavis Fodness Photo/1208 Four Seasons Opening

New business owner Amy Kruger (left) is pictured with her daughter and part-time employee Courtney Kruger outside the former Loopy's Dollar Store in downtown Luverne. Kruger calls her business Four Seasons.

By Mavis Fodness

Former Loopy's Dollar Store manager Amy Kruger has opened her own business, Four Seasons, in the Loopy's location.

She purchased the store's inventory and has taken over the building lease on East Main Street in Luverne.

She managed Loopy's for 16 years for Pipestone's Gary and Tom Ploeger, who announced earlier this year they were closing their stores including the one in Luverne.

With Kruger's purchase of the Luverne business inventory official Dec. 1, Loopy's became Four Seasons under Kruger's ownership.

"It's been crazy," she admitted. "I have a lot of ideas but I need to liquidate all the Loopy's merchandise first."

The needed cash flow will allow Kruger to replace the former dollar store items that hadn't changed in years to Kruger's own vision of a store.

While she said she would like to continue the mercantile-like feeling of the former business, she's not interested in continuing the dollar store name or reputation.

As owner she will have full control over what is offered for sale, but Kruger said she would like help from customers.

"What is it that brought you into the store? I can see if I can get it for you," Kruger said.

In addition to home décor, Four Seasons offers a changing greeting card selection and expanded selection of party supplies.

While she will carry some cleaning supplies, the inventory won't be as large as it is now.

She said pet supplies won't be replaced once gone, because they are among the items that didn't sell well.

"We won't sell food," Kruger said.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Meetings

**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.

**Tourist Club** will meet for a potluck at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the home of Lorraine Olson.

**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 a meeting and a Christmas potluck. Bring a dish to pass.

**Battle Plain Township Board** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the home of Greg Talsma.

**Vienna Township** meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Kenneth Community Center.

### Santa Claus Day Dec. 10 in Hardwick

The Hardwick Community Club is conducting its annual Santa Claus Day Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Hardwick Legion Hall. Events will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and include children's crafts and cookie decorating. Pictures with Santa will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. All activities are free.

### 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.

### Choir concert Dec. 9

The Luverne Middle School and High School choirs will perform a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the high school gymnasium. Admission is donation of a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation for the Food Shelf. Activity passes will also be accepted.

### Blood Drive at H-BC Dec. 9

H-BC High School will host a community blood drive from 7:30 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. To reserve a time, call 962-3240 or email l.leenderts@isd671.net.

### Children's Fair Dec. 12

The Rock County Children's Fair will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Luverne Elementary School Commons. The free event for children from birth to 5 years of age features interactive booths and Mr. Twister twisting balloons. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photos.

### Cattle Feeder Days Dec. 14

Sheri Bundy and Sean Montgomery of Corn Belt Livestock Services will speak about feedlot assessments and the impact of feedlot environments on cattle at the 2016 Cattle Feeder Days at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne. Pre-register online at [z.umn.edu/CFD2016](http://z.umn.edu/CFD2016) for \$25 (\$15 for additional persons from same family) or at the event for \$30. Cost includes meal and all educational materials. Call 320-235-0726 ext 2009 or email [nmkenney@umn.edu](mailto:nmkenney@umn.edu).

### Monthly Food Ministry Dec. 15

The Monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Luverne Senior Center. If you're having trouble putting food on the table, come for fresh produce, bread and meat. Children will be asked to wait outside. Call Gloria at 283-4366 with questions.

### Band concert Dec. 15

Luverne Middle School and High School bands will perform their winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in the high school gym. Admission is a donation (money or product) to the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf.

### Sign up for basketball tourney Jan. 28

Luverne Community Education is sponsoring an invitational basketball tournament Saturday, Jan. 28, for both boys' and girls' fifth- and sixth-grade basketball teams. Format guarantees each team at least two games. Teams can register at [www.isd2184.net](http://www.isd2184.net) under Community Education or call 507-283-4724. Cost is \$125 per team, and payment must accompany registration.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1208 Barck Avenue Speed

The Rensinks' front yard on Barck Avenue has no sidewalk and the traveling lane of traffic is next to their curb, since no parking is allowed on that side of the street. This raises a safety concern for their 3- and 1-year-old girls. Pictured (from left) are Luke, Charlotte, Mila and Emily. The Rensinks' third child is due in March. Emily Rensink recently brought the safety concern to officials.

## Barck Ave. residents petition for slower traffic

### Safety concerns prompt return of 30 mph speed zone signs

By Mavis Fodness

On an average day, 1,700 vehicles travel Luverne's Barck Avenue.

The residential street is the emergency route from Highway 75 to Blue Mound Avenue, and that means no stop signs for the entire seven blocks through town.

The 30 mph speed limit signs were removed during a road resurfacing project in 2014, and restriping eliminated parking on the street's south side.

The signs were recently

put back in response to residents' concerns of vehicle speeds on Barck Avenue.

Emily Rensink and her husband, Luke, moved from Brandon, South Dakota, to Luverne in June 2015.

While their Barck Avenue home provides adequate space for their soon-to-be family of five, outdoor space is lacking.

"We have no backyard," the stay-at-home mom said.

The Rensinks' small front yard is adjacent to Barck Avenue with no sidewalk or

on-street parking to provide a buffer between the children playing on the lawn and vehicles whizzing by on the street.

"People really didn't see them (the children) when they drove by," she said. "They were driving faster than I, as a mother, felt comfortable with."

Rensink noticed other children playing in front yards along Barck Avenue, including a day care. She also saw children walking to school, coming from side streets and using Barck Avenue's north side sidewalk to reach one of

two pedestrian lights to safely cross Highway 75 to the school campus.

Conversations with neighbors revealed a mutual concern about pedestrian safety.

Thirty-two residents on Barck Avenue signed a petition written by Rensink acknowledging fast traffic through their neighborhood.

Rensink shared her concerns and presented the signed petition at "Coffee With

Barck speed/see page 3A

## Pilgrim's Pride buys GNP; deal to close early in 2017

By Lori Ehde

Gold'n Plump has been purchased by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, headquartered in Greeley, Colorado.

According to an announcement Tuesday, Pilgrim's Pride intends to pay \$350 million in cash for GNP Co., which produces Gold'n Plump and Just Bare chicken, based in St. Cloud.

It's not yet clear what the deal will mean for the plant in Luverne or the other GNP plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the 1,700 GNP employees. It's the second time in three years Gold'n Plump has been sold.

In 2013 one of the country's largest hog producers, the Maschhoffs LLC, based in Illinois, purchased Gold'n Plump from the founding Helgeson family for an undisclosed price.

Pilgrim's Pride is the second-largest chicken producer in the world with plants and prepared-foods facilities in 12 states, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

The company's primary distribution is through retailers and foodservice distributors. Pilgrim's majority owner



Gold'n Plump employees process chicken products in this 2001 Star Herald file photo. The Luverne plant currently employs 230 people, according to GNP officials.

is JBS S.A., based in Brazil, the world's largest meat processor by sales.

### Background

When IBP (Iowa Beef Processors) left Luverne in January 1998, it employed 370 people, and its closing signaled a low point in morale for Luverne economic development.

But Gold'n Plump offered

new hope later that same year.

The company immediately spent \$2 million remodeling the former IBP plant and started operating with 120 employees.

At one point, Gold'n Plump in Luverne employed more than 250 people with an annual payroll exceeding \$6 million.

But in 2003 local employment dipped below 100

when the company relocated its deboning process from Luverne to Cold Spring, taking 140 employees with it.

Since that time, the number has risen to 230 team members, according to GNP spokesperson Lexann Reischl.

The proposed transaction will likely close during the first quarter of 2017 subject to regulatory review and approval and closing conditions.



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# District proceeds with long-range facilities study

Listening sessions start in January

By Mavis Fodness

A Sioux Falls educational design company will work with Luverne Public School officials on the district's comprehensive facilities plan.

Under the proposal, Foster, Jacobs and Johnson Inc., will start work on the plan in January at a cost of \$23,320.

For the past four months board members have discussed the district's next steps after it retires a \$12.5 million bond levy by this time next year.

The bond, which garnered about \$950,000 annually in local property taxes, was used to build the elementary school.

The independent study is the first step in the planning process, which relies heavily on listening sessions to gather information.

"Our listening sessions provide a structured, holistic process for defining needs and priorities while building consensus quickly and efficiently," the proposal stated.

FJJ analyzes four key areas before solutions are offered. The key areas are space, facility and education needs as well as community and stakeholder desires.

From January through March FJJ personnel will conduct six listening/feedback sessions with both district staff and community members. They will also collect demographic and financial data.

From April through May, they'll analyze, develop options and offer financial solutions by conducting four additional feedback sessions.

In May and June, four more community and stakeholder feedback sessions will be conducted in the final plan.

Board members would have final plan approval.

A proposal was also received from InGensa Inc. from Plymouth to develop a long-range facilities plan for \$40,000.

In other action at the Nov. 22 meeting the board approved:

- the district's "World's Best Workforce 2015-2016" report, which is available on the school website, isd2184.net.

- Adam Geraets as seventh-grade boys' basketball coach.

- Ingrid Gonzalez's request for 20 hours field experience with Deb Ward, special education teacher.

## Teals buys Glen's from page 1A

of Shurfine and Shurfresh, and some Best Choice products, such as milk, are already on Glen's shelves.

"We're excited for this opportunity," said Andrea Teal, great-granddaughter of George and Pearl Teal who opened the first store in Cass Lake in 1942.

"I've known Glen a long time through the grocers' association, and Luverne is the type of town that fits where we do business. We prefer smaller towns where we can best serve our communities."

Glen's will become the 12th Teals Market under the Teal family. There are Teals Market stores in Albany, Cass Lake, Cold Spring, Isle, Mi-

laca, Paynesville and Spicer in Minnesota, two stores in North Dakota — Gwinner and Lisbon, and one in South Dakota, Sisseton. One store, in Lake City, operates under the name Fiesta Foods.

In all, the Teals stores employ more than 800 people.

"We are committed to serving the customers and communities that we are located in," the Teal family writes on their website, tealmarket.com.

"Our continued goal is to provide a friendly atmosphere, knowledgeable employees, quality products, and competitive prices."

An open house at the Luverne store will be announced.

## Four Seasons from page 1A

However, she will continue to stock the popular maple cookies.

Also continuing are the four part-time employees, but Kruger knows she will have to watch her bottom line as she grows the business.

She expects to introduce new items beginning early next year but anticipates

taking four to six months to liquidate all of her current inventory.

Changes to the store's own décor may take longer to finish, but she has ready help through her husband, Wayne, who owns a construction business.

"It is a big, but hopefully smooth, transition," Kruger said.

## Barck speed limit from page 2A

a Cop," a community outreach service conducted in October by Sheriff Evan Verbrugge.

Verbrugge said after his discussion with Rensink he spent several days at varying times observing traffic and documenting speeds, and his data revealed the average speed was 28 mph.

He also discovered 1 out of every 10 drivers were exceeding the speed limit by at least 5 mph.

Posting of the 30 mph signs was completed as a reminder to drivers of the speed limit, Verbrugge said.

Rensink also talked with city and county officials about lowering the speed limit or erecting "Children At Play" signs.

Because Barck Avenue is a county roadway, a study would need to be conducted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation personnel with local officials accept-

ing their recommendations, which residents may not agree with, Verbrugge said.

Officials agreed the first step was to replace the 30 mph signs.

"We do have concerns for kids' safety — before and after school — and using that path," Verbrugge said. "Drivers need to pay attention to their speed and surroundings."

The speed limit signs were posted in mid-November with attached fluorescent orange flags.

Rensink said she appreciates the efforts of the city and county officials along with the sheriff's office in looking at possible safety hazards.

She said she's satisfied with the 30 mph speed limit reminders.

"It's not a huge deal," Rensink said, adding she frequents the pocket and city parks. "It just disappointing we can't use our front yard."



Mavis Fodness photos/1208 Mitten Making

Twila Walker (left) and Linda Brady hold mittens handmade from used sweaters. The St. John Lutheran Church quilting committee donates the mittens and their quilts to stores that support mission work. In Luverne the mittens are available at Redeemed Remnants on Main Street. Below is a tub of mittens ready for delivery to Redeemed Remnants, Luverne.

## St. John Lutheran quilters turn to mittens

By Mavis Fodness

The Mother Goose nursery rhyme, "Three Little Kittens, They Lost Their Mittens," came to mind as Twila Walker aptly cut out a mitten pattern last week at St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne.

The hand warmers are donated to Redeemed Remnants, a Luverne secondhand store that supports the mission of ATLAS for Life.

In the nursery rhyme the three little kittens lost, found, soiled and washed their mittens.

Walker and other quilt committee members find, wash and sew their mittens, making dozens each year along with quilts that are also donated to missions.

Thirty-seven mittens were made in 2015, according to the group's logbook. For this year that amount has almost doubled to 58 mittens ready for donation.

Committee member Linda Brady said mittens are made from unwanted sweaters and coats.

"We are probably recycling something that would have ended up in a landfill anyway," she said.

Brady printed a basic mitten pattern from the Internet and organized the first class on how to make mittens, a task she has since stopped because she couldn't cut the patterns just right.

"I ended up with two left hands," Brady admitted. "It was a beautiful sweater but I never did get a right mitten."

Walker has a natural eye for positioning patterns to maximize every scrap for the assembly of a matched set of mittens.

"Twila has been my star pupil," Brady said.

Walker's sewing abilities came from her mother, Betty Elbers, and she honed the skill during her years as a Rock County 4-H member.

She has found enjoyment in tak-



ing an ugly sweater and making a nice pair of mittens.

"It's really relaxing," Walker admitted. "It's my 'me' time."

The majority of her creations are completed during the winter weather off-season from her job with W&N Construction.

However, the search for the appropriate sweater material happens year-round. Not all sweaters make good mittens, the women cautioned.

"Blended wool is the best — 100 percent tends to shrink," Walker said. "Cashmere makes the softest."

All sweaters are washed prior to the cutting process.

Inside each of the mittens is a fleece liner.

"It's like making two pairs of mittens," Brady said. "One fits inside the other."

Some mittens include decorative buttons that hold the mitten cuffs together. Many of the buttons come from



the sweaters themselves. "Sometimes we will pay 50 cents for a sweater just for the buttons," Brady added.

Members of the evening sewing group are also experimenting using sweaters to make Christmas stockings, purses and throw blankets, which may end up as mission donations also.

"One thing leads to another," Brady said.

St. John Lutheran Church's quilting committee began in the mid-1970s. The evening sewing group was added in 2010 to accommodate members who work during the day. The group meets twice a month.

At left, Linda Brady places her hands on the newly cut "thumbs" for a pair of mittens. Above, a pattern is pinned and ready for cutting out of an old wool-blend sweater.



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## Oh Christmas Tree

### Toddler girls see adventure in holiday ornaments

I'm kind of a Christmas tree snob.

You know — the sort of person who has to have every decoration in exactly the right place.

The small ornaments go at the top. The larger ones at the bottom. Each year requires a color theme. Mismatched bulbs are not allowed. The key to a really beautiful tree is to weave the lights into the branches toward the center.

Decorating a proper tree is not for the faint of heart.

Over the years, while other families were sipping cocoa and putting up their trees, listening to Christmas music, laughing and reminiscing about each ornament, I was chastising my children.

"Oh no, Honey. Not there. That bulb is larger so it should go lower on the tree. ... "But not there — that's too low."

My husband didn't even make an attempt to help.

Eventually the children would all drift out of the room and I would be left to decorate my (perfect) tree by myself.

Last week I broke down and actually allowed my 28- and 22-year-old daughters to touch the ornaments and place them on the tree. I preplanned the placement, though.

This year's colors are silver, blue and purple. The lights are white. Once I bought a set of colored LED lights from Sam's Club. When I plugged them in, my living room looked liked Vegas, so those lights have been relegated to the yard.



## THE NORTHVIEW

By Brenda Winter, Columnist

### ... the tree became a giant game of 'what happens if?'

This year's tree with the white lights and cool-toned decorations is, once again, perfect.

Well, it was perfect. Enter the toddler girls.

At Christmas last year the girls were five and six months old, so the tree was of no interest to them.

At their current ages of seventeen and eighteen months, the tree has become a giant game of "what happens if?"

"What happens if I pull on this?"

"What happens if I crawl under here?"

"What happens if I chew on this?" (Not kidding. One bulb has been eaten. No ER visit was required.)

After about an hour of "what happens if," all the formerly perfectly placed ornaments were moved to the top one third of the tree and I stared at my 2016 Christmas tree.

The lights were right. The colors were right. The ornaments were right. And the placement?

Was perfect.

Merry Christmas, toddler girls.

## ALICE arrives in Luverne

### GUEST EDITORIAL

By Craig Oftedah  
Luverne Public Schools Superintendent

Who is ALICE?  
A new student perhaps? A robot? The housekeeper from "The Brady Bunch"?

Some of those answers may be correct depending on the context of the question.

When it comes to the Luverne Public Schools, ALICE is the newest best practice in school safety involving how to deal with crisis situations, including possible intruders or active shooters.

ALICE stands for:

- A - Alert
- L - Lockdown
- I - Inform
- C - Counter
- E - Evacuate

Luverne Public Schools is incorporating ALICE throughout the district.

Luverne was fortunate to have presentations completed by Rock County Sheriff Evan Verbrugge and his staff on two occasions.

The district's most recent information came from Windom Public Schools Superintendent Wayne Wormstadt and their school's resource officer Dana Wallace and instructional coach Kathryn Ralston.

The Windom School District has been working on using ALICE for the past three years.

Their visit to Luverne was to learn what Windom has done to train their entire staff and the student body.

From the local training I received some good feedback.

"The hour was really good. We need to do this in Luverne. I have some great ideas on how to help keep our students and staff safe," shared paraprofessional Sharon Boltjes.

The staff was given great ideas on various techniques that the Windom staff uses with students in all grade levels.

As with all things, the training and thinking continues to evolve with ALICE.

The key is to get started, be diligent, and continue to discuss and train.

"Student and staff safety is priority one," said Elementary Principal Stacy Gillette. "There is nothing more important than creating and having a safe learning environment for our children and staff."

"By empowering all the people within the building, we have the ability to save ourselves and others in the case of an emergency."

"In today's world, we have to be prepared for anything and everything!"

The Luverne Schools look forward to making ALICE an opportunity to create a better-prepared staff and student body.



## Grandson's gift request raises call for help

With Christmas shopping in full swing, I am quickly being made aware of how out of touch I am with what grandsons ages 13, 10 and 7 want for Christmas.

One would think buying the boys clothes would be the easy path to take. It didn't take long to discover this wasn't going to be easy.

What size they wear is the easy part. Finding out things like favorite sport, favorite team, favorite player, favorite color, and most important, what brand name of apparel they want makes buying clothes darn near impossible.

So let's move on to something I know even less about — that would be video games.

I was put in charge of surfing the Web for something called Halo 5 for a PlayStation 4 (PS4) something or other.

Well, it didn't take long for me to find what I was looking for and at a price my wife couldn't believe. Come to find out what I was about to order was completely the wrong thing. So I am no longer in charge of finding that PlayStation doo-hickey thing. By the way, that is just fine with me. I am all about shopping the old-fashioned way — in a store.

Just when I thought this Christmas shopping thing was



## FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By Rick Peterson, General Manager  
Tollefson Publishing

beyond my pay grade, we got our middle grandson's wish list. As a middle child myself, it's good to know the middle kid is still the sensible one.

At the top of his Christmas list (and keep in mind he is 10) is a ceiling fan for his bedroom. Not sure how Santa in going to get that up by Christmas, but I bet middle grandson has a ceiling fan before long.

Grandson number three isn't far behind as far as the sensible wish list goes. He, or maybe his mother, wants a drying rack for his hockey gear made out of PVC pipe.

Not so sure Santa is going to have time during this very busy time of the year to get this done by Christmas. Maybe some local elves would be willing to help Grandpa Santa construct this contraption

(See model picture at right.)



## Trooper recommends all vehicle windows be clear before driving

**Question:** The other day at an intersection I noticed a car with the windows so frosted up that the driver had to roll down a window to check for cars coming from my side. What is the law on frosted windows?

**Answer:** When I received this question, my initial thoughts were of a fatal pedestrian crash that I had been called to. I was the crash reconstructionist at an incident where an elderly woman walking across a busy intersection on her way to church was struck by a driver who was late for work. He didn't see the woman in the roadway, consequently striking and killing her. The driver had not scraped his windshield properly thus had limited visibility.

Minnesota Statute 169.71 subdivision 3 states; "No person shall drive any motor vehicle with the windshield or front side windows covered with steam or frost to such an extent as to prevent proper vision."

While the statute does not mention rear windows I highly recommend that all windows be cleared. Too many people remove the snow from the windows but leave it piled high on the engine hood. If all of the snow and ice is not properly removed, it can be blown from the vehicle when highway speeds are reached. Snow and ice can also be sucked into the fresh air intake of your vehicle (normally located near



## ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol

the bottom of the front windshield) usually resulting in moisture fog on the inside of your windows and windshield. To ensure proper visibility, be sure to clear all snow and ice from your vehicle. Taking the proper steps could help you avoid a crash.

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, Minnesota 55901-5848, or reach him at Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.

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## ON THE RECORD

### Dispatch report

Nov. 25

•Deputy arrested man for DWI and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported someone took some personal property from their porch three times.

•Nobles County requested we keep an eye out for an older gray four-door car. They met a lady in Adrian to buy a phone. They grabbed the phone and took off. The lady jumped in the window but couldn't stop them.

•Complainant reported his ex wife is not answering him, and he wants to make sure the visitation is going to happen. The weather here was bad, and he insisted that she come unless all the roads were closed.

•Lyon County, Iowa, transferred a call of high speed driver on I-90. Static and hard to hear. Transferred to Patrol.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported a red Ford pickup on the dam side of Redbird Field hot-rod and bogging in mud holes. Last seen on Warren Street.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about rental property issues in Hills.

•Trooper stopped a vehicle and arrested man for a domestic. Man was taken to jail.

•Complainant reported that someone is trying to purchase items in his name.

•Complainant reported some people have been targeting her daughter on Facebook.

•Complainant reported that she just witnessed a possible drug deal.

•Complainant reported that she just cut herself and wanted us to find her husband. She was told we would page the ambulance, but she refused. Her husband came home to take her to Sioux Falls.

•Complainant reported his soon-to-be ex wife who does not reside at location let herself in his home and will not leave.

•Complainant reported a domestic. Male party also called to advise complainant is intoxicated, and he just wants to take his children to his mother's house.

•Deputies arrested a man on a probation violation and took him to jail.

•Deputies arrested a female for DWI and took her to jail.

Nov. 26

•Deputies arrested woman on a probation violation and took her to jail.

•Deputies arrested subject for domestic assault and took him to jail.

•Complainant reported a loud party on the 700 block of North Spring Street. Deputy heard no noise upon approach to the location but spoke with a male party outside the residence. The male was advised that there had been a complaint of noise, and male said he would pass that along to the people inside.

•Complainant reported people going in and out of a house that complainant knows is being foreclosed on. Complainant suspects that it is the previous owners trying to retrieve property.

•Complainant requested deputy present while he tells his daughter's friend he is not welcome at her house.

•Complainant reported subject sent message via Facebook in violation of harassment order.

•Complainant reported subject sent her a Facebook message in violation of harassment order.

•Complainant reported fire coming from a silo but not sure if it was on fire or a burn inside the silo. Approximately 8 1/2 miles west of Luverne on County Road 5. Deputy was unable to locate any fire.

•Complainant reported his car got keyed last night while at a friend's house.

•Complainant called 911 to find out what fire and ambulance district was for someone's residence. This is not an emergency call.

Nov. 27

•Complainant reported that he was possibly having some heart issues and just wanted the location of the nearest hospital. Dispatch gave him directions to Sanford Luverne.

•Complainant called 911 and was somewhere downtown and needed directions to the

hospital because her sister had been shot a couple of months ago and suddenly wasn't doing well.

•Complainant reported a box in the middle of the intersection. Deputy advised when he arrived at location the box was gone.

•Complainant reported fire alarm at location. Paged Luverne Fire Department.

Nov. 28

•Complainant reported suspicious vehicle parked on the 400 block of North East Park Street.

•Complainant reported that someone tried to get into their patio door at about 12:15 a.m. Just wanted us notified.

•Complainant from the railroad reported there is an orange SUV parked on their right of way at 41st Street and 50th Avenue. Vehicle moved by owner.

•Complainant requested to speak to a deputy about getting an order to keep subject away.

•Complainant reported her kids are being exposed to porn at their dad's house, and Human Services won't do anything about it.

•Complainant requested a welfare check on her dad. She is there, and he is now answering the door. Called back. He just drove in.

•Metro reported woman lost a boat on the side of the interstate. Her roof rack failed. She is going to go back for it. Gave to Patrol.

•Lifeline reported a fall detected. Unable to make contact with subject. Contacted neighbor. They are listed as her key holder. They will check on her. He reported she must have rolled over on her button. She is OK.

Nov. 29

•Complainant reported that she was in Pipestone County, and there were two vehicles having a problem getting going on the ice. Transferred her call to Pipestone County.

Nov. 30

•Complainant reported a break-in on the 700 block of North Cedar Street. Dispatched deputies, and a trooper also helped look for subject.

•Complainant reported a break in on the 800 block of North Spring Street.

•Complainant reported someone attempted to get into his garage on the 100 block of East Dodge Street, but it was locked.

•Complainant reported an open garage on the 200 block of East Adams Street and possible burglary.

•Complainant reported a possible burglary on the 600 block of North Cedar Street. It does not appear that anything is missing.

•Complainant reported that there are footprints and tire tracks in her driveway this morning on the 200 block of East Dodge Street. Complainant believes they are possibly related to the break-ins in the area.

•Complainant reported a shopping cart from Dollar General has been left outside on the 600 block of North McKenzie Street. Contacted Dollar General.

•Complainant reported that someone has a flat tire on I-90 eastbound mile marker two. It's off the roadway, but he requested that a deputy check it out. Deputy advised tow was there upon arrival.

•Complainant requested help in locating plane that didn't cancel a flight plan and should be sitting at the Luverne airport. Deputy found the plane. Tower was notified.

•Complainant reported that someone attempted to get in her garage door on the 700 block of North Freeman Avenue, and they broke the handle.

•Complainant reported he had a television stolen from his home on the 700 block of North McKenzie Street.

•Complainant reported he saw a strange vehicle sitting on the 400 block of East Oakland with a loud exhaust. Someone walked across his lawn and got into the vehicle, and they took off.

•Complainant reported she found a black Huffy bike in her back yard. She would like someone to pick it up. It is back by her deck.

•Complainant reported a

vehicle was screwing around on his property, and he has the kids doing it and their keys. Vehicle was towed.

•Complainant reported a gas drive-off at location. Complainant and person working believe subject may have forgotten to pay. Deputy advised subject, and he got it paid.

•Deputies conducted search at location. Owner was contacted to unlock door.

•Reserved for predatory offender registration.

•Complainant reported a suspicious person in a gray hooded sweatshirt walking south on the sidewalk on the 600 block of North McKenzie Street. Complainant reported that the person has walked by location several times. Complainant is concerned with the burglaries that have happened in the area lately.

•Complainant reported there was an abandoned vehicle a mile to a mile and a half west of Luverne on I-90. Complainant exited the interstate at location and saw a man walking and assumed he was the driver of the vehicle. Notified State Patrol.

Dec. 1

•Complainant reported she was taking her recycling out and found a wallet.

•Complainant reported a woman was trying to pull a scam on him.

•Lyon County, Iowa, sheriff's office reported they received a call of a gray Ford pickup driving approximately 30 mph but all over the road coming into Minnesota on County Road 3.

•Complainant reported people shooting south of the railroad tracks.

•Complainant reported a backpack in her garbage bin on the 100 block of East Dodge Street.

•Complainant requested a deputy go to location with her to get her child from her sister. The child is supposed to be with the grandmother in Adrian.

•Complainant was flagged down for some debris. Complainant located drivers' licenses and checkbooks among other things.

In addition, officers responded to 3 motor vehicle accidents, 4 deer accidents, 1 vehicle in ditch, 1 funeral escort, 5 traffic stops, 14 ambulance runs, 7 animal complaints, 1 false alarm, 4 unfounded 911 calls, 1 driver's license check, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 drug court tests and 7 purchase/carry permits.



Lori Sorenson photo/1208 condemned house

City of Luverne public works employees remove debris from the basement of the old yellow house at the corner of Highway 75 and Lincoln Street Friday afternoon. In all, they removed 9 1/2 tons of garbage and household items from the condemned house.

## City crews prepare to demolish blight

By Lori Sorenson

City of Luverne public works employees removed 9 1/2 tons of garbage and household items from the house at the corner of Highway 75 and Lincoln Street last week.

The city recently purchased the century-old house from Marja Ramage, Townsend, Georgia, for \$40,000 after more than a year of condemnation proceedings.

The house will soon be demolished along with the former Culligan building next door to the south.

The city purchased that building from Luverne's Randy Saker for \$55,000, and the Culligan business relocated to the former Palace Video building on West Main Street.

Henning Construction will demolish both buildings for roughly \$35,000, and the entire lot will be prepared for future development.

Skie Anderson lives next door to the Ramage property on Lincoln Street and said her view to the west will change dramatically.

While the crews were removing garbage from the moldy basement Friday, she confessed she probably won't miss the old house.

"My cat will probably miss it," she said, noting that the back door of the house was always open.

She said her cat and other neighborhood creatures would come and go from the house as they pleased.

## City buys Sharkee's/continued from page 1A

the new tax amount will pay down the \$600,000 TIF debt.

After the TIF expires in 25 years, local governments will benefit from taxes paid on the full value of the developed lots.

Baustian said the city's immediate goal is to demolish the Sharkee's and Mert's Repair buildings and prepare the bare lot for future development.

In particular, city planners have specified that they would prefer to have a general mix of retail and possibly a mixed use residential development.

Baustian said there have been several inquiries, but the city is not in negotiation with a particular developer at this time.

According to the pur-

chase agreement, which will be finalized at the Dec. 13 City Council meeting, Halverson has until Jan. 31 to remove belongings from the Sharkee's building.

### China Inn building not part of Sharkee's-Mert's TIF

According to Baustian the China Inn property owner, who lives in Mankato, is not part of the current TIF arrangement with Mert's and Sharkee's.

But he did say that it's possible the China Inn owner may have been approached by a possible developer about the restaurant being part of a new structure.

"If anything is happening with China Inn, we're not part of those discussions," Baustian said.

### Sharkee's background

In April of 2014 Sharkee's closed due to health code violations, mainly basement sewage backup, and on May 26, 2014, the building suffered damage from a fire reportedly set by arsonists.

The arson remains under investigation but is essentially a cold case.

Halverson's insurance carrier, Auto Owners, denied payment on the fire claim, alleging that "someone close to" Halverson — a former employee — had been implicated in the arson.

That individual had been questioned and no criminal charges were filed, so Halverson sued his insurance company several months ago, and that legal action was recently settled.



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Annabelle Frakes of Luverne looks at the city of Kenneth's tree and its decorations.



A car key decorated as a snowman was created by Rock County Opportunities Inc. clients and hangs on the RCO tree at the Carnegie. The item is for sale and comes with the tag "We can do more than you can imagine."



Mavis Fodness Photos/1208 Festival of Trees

The Carnegie Minstrel's tree received some extra admiration Friday afternoon from Festival of Tree viewers (from left) Bonnie Moeller, Marcia Moeller and Evelyn Reyne. Trees are on display at the Carnegie Center and will be on display through the end of the month. Viewing hours are Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. At left, "Faith" is written on the angel hanging from the Sanford Luverne Hospital Pink Ladies decorated pink tree.

## Tree brings light to FireFly program at Veterans Home

By Mavis Fodness

The Winterfest Festival of Trees display at the Carnegie Center features one tree intended to bring light to dementia residents at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

Lorraine Stoel's Christmas tree, called "Granny Squares," is covered with dozens of crocheted creations in various sizes. As a tree topper, she used skeins of yarn.

Her choice of decorations was meant to bring attention to the new FireFly program at the Veterans Home.

"Once I heard about the program, I had to make a tree out of it," Stoel said.

FireFly's purpose is to

engage residents in the home's special care unit, especially residents with dementia, a topic close to Stoel's heart, as her late father suffered with the disease.

"I was told they needed 'hundreds' of them (granny squares)," she said. "I have brought them 300 and more to go. Others are also sharing their talents."

So far, the local FireFly program has collected 1,200 granny squares, according to activity director Shirley Conner. And they will accept more, she said.

Residents sort by color, stack by size, and

"Granny Squares" was the theme of Lorraine Stoel's decorated tree in recognition of the Minnesota Veterans Home FireFly program.



talk about the crochet squares, poker chips or nuts and bolts, which are part of about 15 different items used.

"Our big goal is to have them connect with

each other, because you lose that with this dementia process," Conner said. Dementia patients retreat inward and the use of different objects like the granny squares pulls them

outward.

"You get a lot of laughter, and laughter releases endorphins in the brain that make you happy and content," she said.

Staff is continuing to receive training about the FireFly Project from Erin Bonitto of Gemini Consulting, St. Cloud. The project was launched as a pilot project in 2014 at the Veterans Home in Silver Bay.

FireFly approaches activity directing from a different angle other than having the director doing all the talking.

"We fly in, get them going and then leave," Conner said. "If we see they are not engaging, we fly back in."

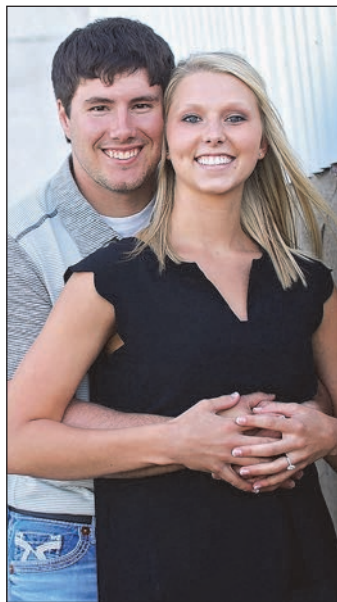
## ENGAGEMENT

Tim Hieronimus, Adrian, and Brad and Amy Petersen, Luverne, announce the engagement of their children Hunter Hieronimus and Derek Petersen, both of Luverne. The bride's mother is the late Jackalynne Hieronimus.

Hunter graduated from Adrian High School in 2012 and from Minnesota West Community and Technical College in 2014. She currently works as a dental assistant at Today's Family Dentistry in Brandon, South Dakota.

Derek graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota, in 2014. He is an agronomist at CHS Eastern Farmers in Magnolia.

The couple is planning an April 8, 2017, wedding at Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.



Hunter Hieronimus and Derek Petersen

## 1925: Legion Post 123 hosts popular dance with Minneapolis band

The following appeared in the Rock County Herald on May 22, 1925:

**LEGION DANCE TO BE BIG ATTRACTION NEXT TUESDAY**

**Celebrated Bob Brose Strand Band to Furnish Music for Event at Luverne Armory**

Dell-Hogan Post 123 will give another one of its decidedly popular dances next Tuesday evening, May 26th, at the Armory in this city. For this occasion Bob Brose's celebrated Minneapolis Strand Band has been secured to furnish music.

This orchestra is headed by Bob Brose, who is a saxophonist, cornetist, and



## BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president Rock County Historical Society

violinist, as well as being an excellent director. Among the other members of the organization, Cliff Man-

derscheid, who is featured at the piano, is probably the best known. There are eight musicians in all, many of whom have been with the leading orchestras of the United States.

The band has just finished an engagement of two solid years at the Strand theatre, Minneapolis, where it played daily, being the only dance orchestra in the twin cities ever featured in a theatre for any such length of time.

They also played two seasons at the Minikhada club, one season at the new Lafayette club, six months at the Calhoun theatre, known in Minneapolis as the "ball-room beautiful," have been in vaudeville at various times, and have always received the very highest praise from the

press and from the public.

By special permission of the Finkelstein & Ruben Theatrical Enterprises, this orchestra is playing a very limited road engagement of four weeks, after which they have an opportunity to go into vaudeville for a short time, before filling a twelve weeks' summer engagement at a well known Michigan Lake resort.

As of late, dancing will start at nine o'clock and will continue until one a.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend this dance.

*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 manmade@iw.net.*

## LUVERNE-ADRIAN FFA CHAPTER NEWS

### FFA Ag Mechanics team headed to state event

Three members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter team will compete next April at the Minnesota State FFA Convention.

Kris Severtson, JJ Dooyema and Tanner Wiese recently placed fifth out of 12 teams at the Region 6 Ag Mechanics Contest at Minnesota West Campus in Pipestone.

Severtson placed sixth overall individually and Dooyema was seventh.

### Horse judging team places eighth at regional contest

Four Luverne-Adrian FFA'ers participated in the Region 6 Horse Judging Career Development Event in Fairmont Oct. 6.

The team of Cody Saker, Ainsley Rysdam, Cody Saker

and Anna Huisman placed eighth out of 14 teams.

Westphal was ninth overall individually.

### Members attend National FFA Convention

Four members of the Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 89<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention and Expo Oct. 18-21.

Attending were Cody Saker, Aric Meinerts, Tyler Moss and Jared Jose along with chapter adviser Dennis Moritz.

On the trip to the convention, the group toured Fair Oaks Dairy in northwest Indiana along with educational tours of a swine and an agronomy and plant science educational centers. At the convention the group

attended the opening ceremonies, the career show, PBR rodeo, and fourth-general session.

### Corn drive complete; raised money for Camp Courage

The Luverne-Adrian FFA Chapter conducted their annual corn drive Oct. 28 for Camp Courage and Camp Friendship near the Twin Cities.

The FFA'ers collected 1,191 bushels of corn and cash donations totaling \$700.

FFA'ers participating included Tyler Reisdorfer, Tommy Norman, Jeffrey Cauwels, Trey Baustian, Tyler Fick, Eli Bakken, JJ Dooyema, Payton Fick, Kris Severtson, Jared Jose, Will Natte, Cody Saker and Ethan Thorson

## CELEBRATIONS

### Card Showers

**Marcus (Mike) and Viola Uithoven** will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 18. Greetings may be sent to them at 3403 E. Main Site #2406 Mesa, AZ 85213-8695.

**Annie Kramer** will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, Dec. 16. Greetings may be sent to her at 3008 Aspen Blvd E #404, Brandon, SD 57005.

### Open Houses

**Dave Swanson** will celebrate his retirement from 32 years of service as supervisor for Martin Township with a party at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Martin Township Hall, 598 51<sup>st</sup> St.

**Dale Swenson** will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Luverne Senior Citizens Center. Greetings may be sent to him at 704 N. Spring, Luverne, MN 56156.

## MENU

**Monday, Dec. 12:** Baked chicken, baked potato, squash, bread, sherbet.

Program: 1 p.m. Pinochle.

**Tuesday, Dec. 13:** Sausage egg bake, oven-baked potatoes, fruit cocktail, coffee cake, pumpkin custard.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Continental Western.

**Wednesday, Dec. 14:** Chili, pears, cheese sandwich, bun, apple brown betty.

Program: 1 p.m. Making Cards with Alyce.

**Thursday, Dec. 15:** Barbecue meatballs, mashed potatoes, beets, bread, lemon sponge cake.

Program: New Life Food Giveaway.

**Friday, Dec. 16:** Ham boiled dinner with cabbage, potatoes and carrots, fruit salad, breadstick, bar.

Program: Birthday Party Band plays.

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.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2006)

A local committee is putting together a variety of activities that will prelude and accompany the PBS documentary on World War II, which in part will feature Luverne.

"It occurred to us that we really haven't done enough to honor our World War II veterans," said Ben Vander Kooi, who is president of the Blue Mound Area Theatre.

The Palace will also host musicals, a play, a radio show and other things throughout the year that have World War II themes.

### 25 years ago (1991)

Luverne artists Jerome Deuschle and Chris Nowatski will have a joint exhibit in the Art Gallery of the Fine Arts Building at Worthington Community College. ...

Deuschle will display pastel drawings and Nowatski will exhibit raku pottery. ...

"It's an opportunity for both of us to get some more exposure," Deuschle said.

### 50 years ago (1966)

A total of \$75 reward is being offered by Koop VerMeer and Rock County Sheriff Neil Roberts for information leading to the arrest and conviction of parties involved in cutting open snow fence corn cribs over the past week end.

Vandals struck at four Luverne farms and maybe more Sunday night, cutting corn cribbing and spilling stored corn at farms in an area northeast of Luverne and north of Magnolia.

At the Ver Meer farm one crib was cut in two places about four feet off the ground, spilling some of the stored corn. The corn was located in a field where cattle were grazing. Had it not been for a neighbor alerting Ver Meer, much of the feed might have been damaged or eaten by the cattle.

At the Sam Keizer farm a one tier crib was reported cut. Keizer farms southwest of Kenneth.

### 75 years ago (1941)

In order to help solve the problem of shortages caused by national defense, a general program for putting all farm machinery in first class operating order during the slack winter months was outlined at a meeting of the Rock county U.S.D.A. Defense board and implement dealers and repairmen in the county court room Thursday evening of last week.

"With a program calling for an increase of 10 to 15 per cent of many of our farm products for 1942, there is little question," declared R.C. Juhl, county defense board chairman, "that good machinery will play an important part in doing what the farmers of America are being called upon to do."

### 100 years ago (1916)

The blowing of the one o'clock whistle at the municipal power house Friday afternoon caused two teams, both owned by Wm. Boldt, of Mound township, to become unmanageable and run away. The teams were at the Brown elevator near the power house, where Mr. Boldt was hauling oats. Mr. Boldt had just dumped his load in the elevator pit, and the other load, in charge of his son, Will, aged 14, was just leaving the scales for the elevator, when the steam blast sounded. The teams met near the approach to the elevator. Mr. Boldt's rig colliding with the wagon loaded with grain with such force as to upset the load.

## Tree of Lights ceremony greeted by warmer temps

By Mavis Fodness

Temperatures were a little warmer this year for the 50 people who attended the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Tree of Lights ceremony Thursday night, Dec. 1, in Luverne.

Unlike the mid-teens of last year's event, temperatures Thursday night were in the low 30s for the outdoor gathering, according to organizer Helen Saum.

This is the second year Luverne's event has been at the Flag Park on the corner of Highway 75 and Main Street.

After music and a brief reading, volunteers stood in the shadow of a 14-foot balsam fir decorated with hundreds of colored lights — each in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Each of the 289 names was read aloud during the ceremony.

The Tree of Lights, which will remain lit through the holidays, is a fundraiser for the Sanford hospice program in



Mavis Fodness Photo/1208 Tree of Lights 2016

About 50 people participated in the Sanford Luverne Hospice 21<sup>st</sup> annual Tree of Lights ceremony Thursday evening, Dec. 1. This is the second year the hospice staff has chosen Flag Park at the corner of Highway 75 and Main Street for the tree-lighting event.

Luverne, Edgerton, Adrian and Hills.

A similar lighting ceremony took place indoors

in Edgerton where 64 names were read.

Adrian Tree of Lights will be at 6:30 Thursday, Dec.

8, at the Adrian Fire Hall.

Hills Tree of Lights will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Tuff Village.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### Midwest Fire's VP receives 40 Under 40 award

Darcie Johnson was recently honored with Prairie Business Magazine's 40 Under 40 Award.

Johnson is vice president of accounting and business manager for Midwest Fire Equipment and Repair Co. of Luverne.

She has worked for Midwest Fire for three years and prior to that for Luverne Truck and Equipment in Brandon, South Dakota.

The award recognizes the top business professionals under the age of 40 in the Dakotas and western Minnesota.

The nominated list is



Darcie Johnson

comprised of entrepreneurs, industry experts, executives and nonprofit and community leaders. About 150 nominees vie for the annual honor based on their professional achievements and community service.

The selected 40 are honored in the magazine's De-

ember issue.

"I was astonished to make the list," Johnson, 36, said in a company press release. "I attribute my success to having a supportive family and mentors."

Johnson and her family live in Valley Springs.

### Sanford Luverne recognized for excellence in safety

Sanford Luverne Medical Center has been recognized by the Minnesota Hospital Association for superior performance in patient safety as part of its Hospital Engagement Network 2.0.

The MHA Hospital Engagement Network 2.0 is working to reduce hospital-

acquired conditions by 40 percent and readmissions by 20 percent. Sanford Tracy Medical Center and Sanford Wheaton Medical Center also received MHA recognition.

Sanford Health's three facilities are among 16 hospitals recognized by MHA.

"Patient safety is always a top concern for Sanford Health," said Jesse Tischer, executive vice president for the Sanford Health Network. "This recognition from the MHA validates our commitment and the efforts of our employees."

For more information about Minnesota hospitals' initiatives, go to [www.mnhospitals.org/patient-safety](http://www.mnhospitals.org/patient-safety).

## OBITUARIES

### Dennis Schadwinkel

Dennis Ray Schadwinkel, 73, Luverne, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, at his home.

A funeral was Friday, Dec. 2, at the United Methodist Church in Luverne. Burial followed in the Maplewood Cemetery.

Dennis was born July 9, 1944, to Raymond and Christena (Solma) Schadwinkel in Luverne. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1963. Denny served his country in the Minnesota National Guard.

Denny lived in Luverne all of his life. He sold insurance for Combined Insurance before working at various gas stations in Luverne including



Amoco and Mobil. Denny later operated the Kerr-McGee station. He worked at Herman Motors for several years before he began working at Manley Tires. After he retired, Denny worked part time at Glen's Food Center.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Luverne; Pheasants Forever; Ducks Unlimited; the Luverne American Legion; the Luverne VFW; and the Luverne Lions Club, where he served as president in 1995 and received the Melvin Jones Award. Denny was an avid duck and pheasant hunter. He enjoyed working on cars and watching Sprint

### Jennie Nieuwboer

Jennie Nieuwboer, 94, Luverne, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne.

A funeral was Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne. Burial followed at Maplewood Cemetery in Luverne.

Jennie Veld was born July 2, 1922, to Sabo and Tillie (Broesder) Veld on the family farm and grew up in the Chandler and Edgerton area where she attended country school.

She married Henry Nieuwboer on June 10, 1944, in Folk Polk, Louisiana, while Henry was serving in the military and before he was deployed to Europe during World War II. When Henry returned, they lived most of their married life in Kenneth. In the early years of marriage, she worked for the Gardner Grocery Store



candling eggs. But for the most part, she was a stay-at-home mom and helped Henry with the trucking business.

Jennie was a member of the Hardwick American Legion Auxiliary and the Magnolia High School Mothers Club.

In 1996 Henry and Jennie moved into an apartment in Luverne. Henry died June 11, 2003, and shortly thereafter Jennie moved to the Centennial Apartments where she enjoyed their activities. She also volunteered cutting squares at the Senior Citizens Center, serving coffee at the Veterans Home, helping with bingo at the Mary Jane Brown Home, and playing bingo at the Luverne American Legion.

In February of 2013, Jennie became a resident of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Luverne

Car races. He was a huge NASCAR and Minnesota Vikings fan.

Denny is survived by his son, Todd Schadwinkel, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; a sister, Barbara (Don) Westerbur, Jasper; two nephews, Bryce and Weston Matthiesen; four nieces, Deb Fredricks, Bridgette Benz, Kayla Swensen and Melissa Moore Somnis; and many great-nieces and great-nephews, including Nicki Hilt and Nomi Lorenzen.

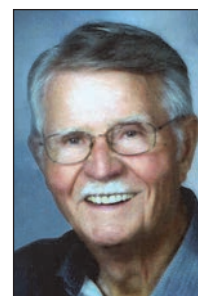
He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Rick Schnepf; and a sister, Connie Swensen.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.dingmannandsons.com](http://www.dingmannandsons.com).

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### John Mouw

John William Mouw, 86, a short course at the University of Minnesota for poultry disease. He worked hard and anticipated the needs of his customers. He hatched over a million baby chicks annually. In 1988 his sons purchased part of the business. John still handled the poultry end of the business



and started selling Garst Seed Corn, which earned him Most Valuable Salesman in 1988 and 1989.

John and Lillian loved to travel and visited 49 of the 50 states. During retirement years, John and Lillian wintered for over 30 years in Arizona. John enjoyed breeding and showing Purebred Arabian horses and fishing and golfing. He was a gifted singer, even recording his own CDs. He cherished time spent with his grandchildren.

John was a member of Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Leota. He served on the Leota Water Board, Leota Civic Board, and the Leota Christian School Board. He was a member of the American Egg

Board. John was a passionate advocate for Citizens for Educational Freedom (CEF) which helped solicit funds for private schools.

He is survived by his children, Cheryl (Milo) Feikema, Leota, Bradford (Linda) Mouw, Leota, Lucinda (Dan) Blom, Fairview, Tennessee, and Wm. Michael (Lori) Mouw, Leota; nine grandchildren, Lindsay (Bryce) Rieck, Crystal (Boe) Kelley, Ashtin (Cory) Roebuck, Jena (Jim) Ver Steeg, Erin (Kenny) Gradert, Jared Mouw, Chloe Blom (fiancé Clete Philyaw), Britney (Heath) Van Wyhe and Brooke Mouw (fiancé Dominic Nibbelink); three great-grandchildren, Aiden and Logan Ver Steeg, and Quinn Rieck; and his siblings, LaVonne Hulstein, Gordon (Elaine) Mouw, and Patricia (Stan) Prins, all of Leota.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; his grandson, Erik Blom; and his brother-in-law, Gary Hulstein.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, [www.hartquistfuneral.com](http://www.hartquistfuneral.com).

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The Holiday Season is a time of tradition and remembrance. It is a time for families to share memories and create new ones. For a family like yours, that has experienced the loss of a loved one during this past year; the Holidays can be a difficult time. To help you with this special season we would like to invite you to our annual:

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# Winterfest 2016

Lori Sorenson Photos/1208 Winterfest 2016

Young Kallista Van Grootheest (above) wasn't sure how to feel about her first encounter with Santa and Mrs. Claus (Rodger and Dianne Ossenfort) Saturday during Luverne's Winterfest Celebration. She posed with her parents, Matt and Katie Van Grootheest for the photo session conducted by Jim Juhl and Myhre Studio as a fundraiser for the Rock County Emergency Food Shelf. **At right** is a shot of the Winterfest Craft Show in the Luverne Cardinal Gym, and **at far right** is Sophia Remme with one of the puppet puppies that were popular items at the event. **Below:** Puppeteer Jim Oliver of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, drew outbursts of laughter from his audience at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne Friday during his presentation of "Trouble at Santa's Toy Shop." Among the more than 50 attending the program were (from left) Raleigh VanDyke, Ross Loosbrock, (back) Karleigh Vis, Liam Wolthuizen, Max Fick, Cora Mesman, adult Bryana Thorson, Tage Moss, Braeden Fick, James Lindsey, Jayden DeKam and Dylan Brands. Far right: Santa garnered the loudest laughs when he expected an elephant sound would come from pulling an elephant's trunk. Instead the pull resulted in a "moo" coming from the puppet.



Mavis Fodness Photos/1208 Library Jim Oliver

**Right:** A full-sized Santa (aka Bruce Olson) capped off Friday's puppet performance with an appearance and a promise to visit homes in three weeks. Each child was given a candy cane as a reminder to be on his or her best behavior until Christmas.

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Luverne senior Bergin Flom sails over the vault during her event-winning effort against St. James Friday in Luverne.

## Gymnasts overwhelm St. James

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne gymnastics team turned in a commanding performance during its 2016-17 season and home debut Friday against St. James.

With LHS athletes winning all four individual titles and securing the top four positions in the individual event standings at meet's end, the stage was set for a convincing 131-104.325 victory over the Saints.

The night was a big one for

Shelbie Nath, who won the beam (8.8) and floor (8.375) titles along with placing second in the all-around standings with 32.625 points.

Madison Schandelmeier won the all-around (33.025) and bars (7.8) titles as well as sharing second place with teammate Courtney Siebenahler on the floor (8.15s), placing second on the vault (8.95) and third on the beam (8.125). Siebenahler also placed

second on the bars (7.625) and fourth on the vault (8.55).

Senior Bergin Flom won the vault crown with her 9.0 and placed third all-around (31.8) and fourth on the beam (7.8), bars (7.3) and floor (7.7).

Luverne's Samantha Pierce placed second on the beam and third on the vault with respective 8.475 and 8.775 tallies, while Meghan Witte finished third on the bars with a 7.425. Here is a look at all of Lu-

verne's individual scores during Friday's win.

The Cardinals compete in Windom Saturday.

**Vault:** B.Flom, 9.0; Schandelmeier, 8.95; Pierce, 8.775; Siebenahler, 8.55; Nath, 8.5.  
**Beam:** Nath, 8.8; Pierce, 8.475; Schandelmeier, 8.125; B.Flom, 7.8; Madigan Flom, 7.15.  
**Bars:** Schandelmeier, 7.8; Siebenahler, 7.625; Witte, 7.425; B.Flom, 7.3; Nath, 6.95.  
**Floor:** Nath, 8.375; Schandelmeier, 8.15; Siebenahler, 8.15; B.Flom, 7.7; Pierce, 7.1.



John Rittenhouse photo/1208 le gb 13

Luverne junior Rachel Otedahl releases a shot over a pair of Ellsworth defenders during a Nov. 29 game in Luverne.

## Cardinals double up Ellsworth in debut

By John Rittenhouse

Two girls' basketball teams from the Star Herald coverage area opened the season playing each other Nov. 29 in Luverne.

The LHS Cardinals entertained the Ellsworth Panthers in the season debut for both squads.

The night belonged to Luverne, which outscored EHS in both halves of a game that ended with the Cards doubling (62-31) the Panthers' scoring output.

Ellsworth led 4-2 when Si-

erra Smith converted a field goal early in the first half, and the score was knotted at seven when Lizzie Chapa drained a shot at 11:05 mark.

Luverne countered with a 12-0 run consisting of three-point shots from Joci Oye and Jadynd Anderson and a pair of three-point plays from Kami Sawtelle to open a 19-7 cushion at the 9:35 mark.

Ellsworth trimmed the difference to eight points (20-12) when Morgan Dreesen scored.

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## Boys open season with three victories

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne boys' hockey team opened the 2016-17 season by reeling off three consecutive victories.

The Cardinals rolled to an eight-goal win in Fairmont Nov. 29 before besting St. Peter-Le Sueur-Henderson-Tri-City United by three goals in their home opener Friday.

Luverne traveled to Orono Saturday and knocked off the state-ranked Spartans by one goal.

The 3-0 Cards host Redwood Valley Thursday.

**LHS 3, Orono 2**

The Cardinals registered their biggest victory in two seasons when they edged the Spartans by one goal in Orono Saturday.

Orono entered the game as the state's eighth-ranked Class A team, but the Cardinals handed the Spartans their second setback in three outings on their home ice.

Orono did sport a commanding 42-17 advantage in shots on goal in the game.

LHS senior goalie Kaden Ericson was up to the task. Ericson stopped 40 of the 42 shots he faced in the game.

After the teams netted one goal each in the first and second periods, Luverne produced the game-winner in the third.

Senior Jesse Reed scored 2:50 into the final stanza to give the Cards a 3-2 edge they wouldn't relinquish.

Orono's David Burns opened the scoring with a power-play



John Rittenhouse photo/1208 lbh 6

Luverne senior defenseman Chris Jelken advances the puck into the offensive zone during Friday's home opener against SP-L-H-TCU. The Cards posted a 6-3 win over the Bulldogs.

goal 6:54 into the first period, but Luverne's Tyler Reisdorfer tied the game when he netted a power-play goal with 22 seconds left in the period.

Ben Serie gave LHS a 2-1 edge with a goal 7:35 into the second period before Dane Korsi tied the game with 1:42 left in the stanza.

Kasyn Kruse received assists for all three of Luverne's goals.

Chris Jelken, Trey Roberts and Serie kicked in one assist

each.

**LHS 6, SP-L-H-TCU 3**

The Cardinals opened their home schedule Friday by securing a three-goal victory over the Bulldogs at the Blue Mound Ice Arena.

Luverne scored three unanswered goals in the game's first period and matched SP-L-H-TCU's scoring output in the final three periods to secure the victory.

Declan Beers and Kruse netted two goals each to lead an LHS offense that outshot the Bulldogs 34-14 in the contest.

Beers opened the scoring 7:12 into the game, while Reed and Kruse netted unassisted goals in the final 7:20 of the first period to give the hosts a 3-0 cushion.

SP-L-H-TCU's Danny McCabe registered the first goal of

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## Wrestlers place second at Flandreau Invitational

By John Rittenhouse

The Luverne wrestling team turned in a strong showing to open the season Saturday in Flandreau, South Dakota.

Competing in the eight-squad Flandreau Invitational, three Cardinals won individual titles and LHS placed second in the team standings at event's end.

Luverne compiled 146 points, placing second to Elk Point-Jefferson (153 points) in the chase for a team title.

The day did feature Hunter Baker, Solomon Nielsen and Zach Luke claiming individual titles for LHS.

Baker pinned Howard's Lane Miller in 4:51 before winning decisions from unattached wrestler Eli Olson (8-4) and Madison's Truman Stoller at 106 pounds.

Nielsen pinned Sioux Valley's Chance Goodfellow (1:06) and EP-J's Logan Donelan (1:24) to win the 170-pound title.

Luke pinned SV's Caden Koerlin 53 seconds into overtime and secured a 7-4 victory over Flandreau's Austin Johnson to claim the 220-pound crown.

Four Cards reached their respective title matches before falling.

Tucker Oeltjenbruns

pinned Madison's A.J. Peters in 46 seconds and handed Flandreau's Martin Ruelas a 6-3 setback before being pinned by SV's Aaron Elijah in the 126-pound title tilt.

Riley Baker recorded pins over Howard's Paul Winker (4:38) and Deuel's Jackson Stoltenburg (2:44) before being pinned by Madison's Nolan Johnson in the finals at 132.

Will Natta pinned SV's Jamison Stein in 36 seconds to reach the finals at 145, where he lost a 1-0 decision to EP-J's Ethan Marx.

Jake Haugen posted pins over unattached wrestler

Spencer Monroe (32 seconds) and SV's Alec Bultje (53 seconds) before falling 10-4 to Flandreau's Dylan Rice in the 160-pound championship.

Luverne's Jed Dooyema placed third at 138 with a 2-1 record.

Zach Bradley (0-2 at 113), Justyce Ripka (1-2 at 120), Matt Hup (0-2 at 152), Matt Schmuck (0-2 at 182) and Jonathan Diaz (0-2 at 182) competed without placing.

Luverne competes at a triangular in Worthington Thursday before wrestling at the annual Pizza Ranch Invitational in Jackson Saturday.



John Rittenhouse photo/1208 lbh 7

Luverne junior forward Declan Beers netted a pair of goals during Friday's home win over SP-L-H-TCU.

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the second period at the 13:57 mark, but the Cards gained some energy after killing a five-minute major penalty without allowing a shot on goal as the period progressed.

Beers netted an unassisted tally shortly after the penalty expired and Kruse recorded a power-play goal 27 seconds later to up the lead to 5-1.

The Bulldogs received a goal from Hunter Wilmes with seven seconds left in the second period and Isaac Westphal recorded a power-play goal with 9:47 remaining in the third stanza to make it a 5-3 difference.

Luverne's Mark Sterrett gave the Cards an insurance goal with 6:30 left to play that capped the scoring.

Gaige Nath, Andrew Reisch and Serie charted one assist each for LHS.

Luverne's Daniel Tofteland stopped 11 of the 14 shots he faced in net

#### LHS 10, Fairmont 2

The Cardinals got off to a strong start by rolling to an eight-goal win during their season debut in Fairmont Nov. 29.

Luverne received two goals each from Nick Harder, Kruse and Beers and outshot the hosts 40-14 during the lopsided victory.

The Cards scored four un-

answered goals in the first period and the first six goals of the night to gain control of the contest early.

Harder opened the scoring 1:52 into the game and added an unassisted tally during the first period.

Coy Gonnerman recorded a power-play goal and Nath chipped in an unassisted tally to cap Luverne's four-goal first period with 1:03 remaining.

Beers scored his first goal 4:10 into the second period before Serie registered a power-play tally with 5:55 remaining in the period to make it 6-0.

Fairmont's Tom Havnen netted a goal with one second left in the second period and Bryan Karp scored 47 seconds into the third stanza to trim the difference to four (6-2) before Luverne reeled off four consecutive goals to ice the win.

Kruse scored twice, including one unassisted tally, in a span of 15 seconds to make it an 8-2 difference with 13:36 left to play.

Beers capped his two-goal effort 1:11 later and Reed netted the final tally of the game with 8:27 remaining.

Harder led the Cards with four assists, while Gonnerman and Reed chipped in two assists each.

Ericson made 12 saves in goal for LHS.

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drained a field goal with 6:00 left in the opening half.

Luverne, however, put together a 12-3 run capped by a layup from Oye with 50 seconds left that gave the hosts a 17-point cushion (32-15) before they settled with a 33-17 lead at the intermission.

LHS opened the second half by going on a 19-4 run ending with a field goal from Hailey Remme at 9:12 that upped the lead to 31 points (52-21).

Ellsworth closed the gap to 23 points (52-29) when Ashlyn Meester hit a shot with 8:25 remaining, but LHS outscored the Panthers 10-2 the rest of the night to win by 31.

Sawtelle led the Cardinals with 21 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Remme (nine rebounds), Gracie Bosch (five rebounds), Rachel Oftedahl (five rebounds), Oye (five assists and four steals), Anderson (four assists and three steals) and Mackenzie Petersen (four assists) also made key contributions to the cause.

Meester and Hannah Kramer netted eight points each to lead the Panthers, while Smith collected six caroms.



John Rittenhouse photo/1208 le gb 12

Luverne's Kami Sawtelle ignores the pressure applied by Ellsworth's Hannah Kramer (1) to net two of her game-high 21 points during a girls' basketball game played in Luverne Nov. 29.

**Box score**  
**Ellsworth**  
 Kramer 1 1 3-6 8, L.Chapa 3 0 0-0 6, Mulder 0 0 1-2 1, M.Dreesen 1 0 0-0 2, K.Chapa 0 0 2-2 2, Meester 1 0 6-8 8, D.Dreesen 1 0 0-2 2, Smith 1 0 0-1 2.  
**Luverne**

**VerSteeg 0 1 2-25, Remme 200-04, Oye 1 2 0-0 8, Anderson 0 2 0-2 6, Thorson 1 0 0-0 2, Sawtelle 8 0 5-5 21, Bosch 0 2 1-2 7, Oftedahl 2 0 1-3 5, Sweeney 1 0 0-0 2, Staeffler 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 1 0 0-0 2, Ferrell 0 0 0-0 0, Hadler 0 0 0-0 0, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0.**

**Team statistics**  
**Ellsworth:** nine of 42 field goals (21 percent), 12 of 21 free throws (57 percent), 18 rebounds, 23 turnovers.  
**Luverne:** 23 of 57 field goals (40 percent), nine of 14 free throws (64 percent), 33 rebounds, 19 turnovers.

## H-BC girls split games with Fulda, West Lyon

By John Rittenhouse

The Hills-Beaver Creek girls' basketball team opened the 2016-17 season by playing a pair of games over the weekend.

The Patriots posted a 19-point win in Fulda Friday before falling by three points in overtime to West Lyon Saturday near Larchwood, Iowa.

H-BC plays Southwest Christian in Edgerton Thursday.

#### WL 66, H-BC 63

The Patriots came up on the short end of a three-point decision during a hard-fought overtime game Saturday at West Lyon.

The home-standing Lions played well early and sported a 32-28 lead at halftime.

H-BC battled back in the second half to knot the score when Meghan Gehrke canned a field goal as time expired in regulation play.

The Lions managed to regroup in overtime to outscore the Patriots by three points to secure the win.

Grace Bundesen (25 points) and Sidney Fick (17 points and eight rebounds) played well in defeat for H-BC.

Kourtney Rozeboom collected eight caroms for the Patriots, while Jasmine Lingen grabbed six rebounds and passed for three assists.

**Box score**  
**Tilstra 0 0 0-0, Spath 0 0 0-0, Kolbrek 0 0 0-0, Lingen 1 2 0-0 8, Fick 2 2 7-11 17, Bundesen 8 1 6-10 25, Van Roekel 2 0 3-4 7, Gehrke 1 0 0-0 2, Rozeboom 2 0 0-0 4.**

**Team statistics**  
**H-BC:** 21 of 55 field goals (38 percent), 16 of 25 free throws (64 percent), 32 rebounds, 20 turnovers.

#### H-BC 72, Fulda 53

The Patriots opened the season by posting a convincing victory in Fulda Friday.

H-BC sported a 34-22 lead after 18 minutes of play and outscored Fulda 38-31 in the second half to prevail by 29 points.

Avery Van Roekel (18 points, six rebounds and three as-

sists), Fick (17 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals), Bundesen (11 points and 10 rebounds) and Rozeboom (10 points and six rebounds) played key roles in the victory for H-BC.

Lingen added six rebounds and three steals to the winning cause, while Madison Spath chipped in three assists.

**Box score**  
**Tilstra 1 0 1-2 3, Spath 0 0 2-22, Kolbrek 0 0 2-2 2, Lingen 2 1 0-1 7, Fick 6 1 2-6 17, Bundesen 4 1 0-0 11, Van Roekel 4 0 10-13 18, Gehrke 1 0 0-0 2, Rozeboom 5 0 0-0 10.**

**Team statistics**  
**H-BC:** 16 of 69 field goals (38 percent), 17 of 26 free throws (65 percent), 41 rebounds, 22 turnovers.

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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](http://www.luvernechamber.com) or by emailing Tammy Johnson, Board President, at [tammy.vanbatavia@frontiernet.net](mailto:tammy.vanbatavia@frontiernet.net).

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

**WINTER SENIOR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

**Courtney Siebenahler**  
**Sport:** Gymnastics  
**Parents:** John and Amanda Siebenahler  
**Favorite Subject:** Biology  
**Extra Curricular Activities:** Gymnastics, Track & Field, Choir  
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**Future Plans:** Go to college at MSU-Mankato

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# Female wrestlers take mat for Luverne, AHS

Saturday will go down in history as a special day for the two wrestling programs from the Star Herald coverage area.



## FROM THE SIDELINES

By John Rittenhouse, sports editor

Not only did the Luverne and Adrian squads open the season at different South Dakota tournaments that day. They did so by placing female wrestlers on the mat for varsity competition for the first time in the history of both programs.

Luverne's Justyce Ripka and Adrian's Rebekah Walton are facing different situations as members of their respective programs, but both athletes made a positive impact on the mat over the weekend.

Ripka, who competed at 120 pounds for LHS in Flandreau, didn't follow a direct course to her varsity debut.

Although she did compete in Luverne's youth programs in the past, the LHS sophomore served as the team's manager last winter.

"She asked me if she could wrestle this season after our banquet last year," said Cardinal coach Tony Johnson.

"I said, 'Sure you can.'"

Ripka received the opportunity to wrestle on Saturday, filling in at 120 pounds for an LHS athlete who was unable to compete over the weekend.

Ripka took advantage of the situation by going 1-2 for the day, with her victory coming by fall against Flandreau's Damon Bugier.

"She was down 6-4 and started the third period on top," Johnson said.

"She aggressively put a Half Nelson on the kid and flipped him on his back. It didn't take her too long to pin him once he was on his back."

Based on what he has seen in practice and on Saturday, Johnson said he wouldn't hesitate to put

Ripka back on the mat in the future.

"She is a tough kid who can hang right with the guys she wrestles with in practice. She works hard, she is a great practice partner and gets along great with everyone in the practice room. It's a long season, and I think there's a good chance we'll need her to help us out again this year," Johnson said.

Walton transferred to the Adrian School District last year and decided to join the wrestling program this season.

Unlike Ripka, Walton didn't have past wrestling experience before joining the AHS program.

After losing 10 seniors from the 2015-16 team, Nelson said Walton's arrival on the scene couldn't have been timed any better.

"With our lack of numbers and the situation we are in right now, I'm taking in all comers," said AHS coach Gregg Nelson.

"Rebekah is raw in terms of experience, so she still is adjusting to how we run our practices and is working on the basic wrestling moves. She is working hard and is trying to get better, which is all we can ask of her as coaches."

The effort Walton has put in paid off in Dell Rapids Saturday, where she went 1-2 at 182 pounds.

Her win came by fall as she pinned Parker's Geoff Dunkelberger.

"I didn't get to see her pin because they had two mats in the gym and another mat in a different area, but one of the assistants saw it," Nelson said.

"With the way our numbers are this year, I think she will be wrestling on the varsity pretty consistently this season."

# H-BC Patriot boys fall to Knights, Lions

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Hills-Beaver Creek boys' basketball team took a pair of setbacks in the first week of the 2016-17 season.

H-BC dropped a 17-point decision to Russell-Tyler-Ruthton in its home opener Thursday before falling by 35 points to West Lyon Saturday near Larchwood, Iowa.

H-BC hosts Heron Lake-Okabena Tuesday.

**WL 82, H-BC 47**  
H-BC lost its second consecutive game when the Patriots challenged the Lions near Larchwood Saturday.

The Lions canned 51 percent of their field goals and outscored H-BC in both halves during a 35-point victory.

WL shot the ball well early to open a 48-23 lead in the first half.

When the Lions outscored the Patriots 33-24 in the second half, their 35-point victory was complete.

Zach Scholten played a strong game for H-BC by scoring 19 points, grabbing seven rebounds and blocking four shots.

Josh Kueter snared a team-high eight rebounds, while Isaiah Vis and Trenton Bass charted five and four assists respectively.

**Box score**  
Scholten 8 1 0-0 19, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Vis 2 0 1-2 5, Burgers 1 1 0-0 5, Wilhelmi 1 2 0-0 8, Bass 1 0 0-0 2, Kueter 1 0 1-4 3, Forshey 0 0 3-4 3, Taubert 1 0 0-0 2.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 19 of 49 field goals (39 percent), five of 10 free throws (50 percent), 32 rebounds, 18 turnovers.  
WL: 28 of 55 field goals (51 percent), 21 of 30 free throws (70 percent), 26 rebounds, 11 turnovers.

**R-T-R 62, H-BC 45**  
The Patriots came up on the short end of a 17-point decision when they opened the season against the Knights in Hills Thursday.

In what was a sluggish performance by the hosts, H-BC was limited to 23 percent shooting from the floor, turned the ball over 27 times and was outrebounded by a 30-20 margin in the contest.

The Patriots did sport a 2-0 lead when Scholten registered the first field goal of the game, but R-T-R countered by scoring seven consecutive



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H-BC senior Dylan Forshey splits a pair of R-T-R defenders to put up a first-half shot during Thursday's boys' basketball game in Hills. R-T-R handed H-BC a 62-45 setback.

points as a part of a 23-4 run that left the Knights sporting a 17-point (23-6) cushion at the 8:35 mark of the first half.

H-BC put together a 14-6 run of its own ending with a pair of free throws from Kueter with 3:14 remaining to make it a 29-20 game, but that proved to be as close as the Patriots would come to catching R-T-R the rest of the night.

The Knights extended their lead to 11 points (35-24) at the intermission and scored seven of the first nine points

of the second half to increase the lead to 16 points (42-26) 2:44 into the stanza.

R-T-R maintained a lead that ranged between 12 and 16 points over the next eight minutes and extended the difference to 21 points (55-34) with 4:42 left to play.

H-BC did trim the difference to 16 points (56-40) when Preston Wilhelmi nailed a three-point shot with 3:07 remaining, but the Patriots fell by 17 points at game's end.

Wilhelmi tossed in 18 points

to lead the Patriots, while Scholten blocked five shots.

Kueter and Dylan Forshey grabbed four rebounds each for the hosts.

**Box score**  
Scholten 3 0 3-4 9, Leuthold 0 0 0-0 0, Vis 1 0 0-0 2, Burgers 0 1 2-2 5, Leenders 0 0 0-0 0, Wilhelmi 1 3 7-9 18, Bass 1 0 2-2 4, Kueter 1 0 2-2 4, Forshey 0 0 3-4 3.

**Team statistics**  
H-BC: 11 of 47 field goals (23 percent), 19 of 28 free throws (68 percent), 20 rebounds, 27 turnovers.  
R-T-R: 22 of 70 field goals (31 percent), 18 of 33 free throws (55 percent), 30 rebounds, 18 turnovers.

# SWC Eagles rout Cards

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Luverne boys' basketball team experienced a rocky start to the 2016-17 season when it challenged Southwest Christian in Edgerton Friday.

The home-standing Eagles dominated play in the first 18 minutes to open a 29-8 cushion at halftime.

LHS displayed more offensive punch in the second half, but SWC outscored the Cards 37-27 in the stanza to nail down a 66-35 victory.

Cole Claussen tossed in 14 points to lead the Cards in scoring. Luverne plays Martin County West in Sherburn Saturday.

**Box score**  
Robinson 0 1 0-0 3, Lundgren 0 0 0-0 0, Bierman 0 0 0-0 0, Rahm 0 0 0-0 0, Claussen 7 0 0-0 14, Curtis 3 0 0-0 6, Jacobsma 0 0 1-2 1, Siebenahler 2 0 1-1 5, Wagner 1 0 0-0 2, Eitrem 1 0 0-0 2, Haugom 1 0 0-1 2.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 16 of 42 field goals (38 percent), two of four free throws (50 percent), 11 turnovers.  
SWC: 26 of 44 field goals (59 percent), nine of 13 free throws (69 percent), two turnovers.

# Gyberg, Edwards lead Adrian in Dell Rapids

**By John Rittenhouse**  
The Adrian wrestling team opened the 2016-17 season by placing fifth at the Top of the Rock Tournament Saturday in Dell Rapids, South Dakota.

Competing in an eight-team field, the Dragons compiled 122 points during the event.

Beresford won the team title with 186 points.

Dylan Gyberg and Scot Edwards led the Dragons to their fifth-place finish by placing first and second in their respective weight classes.

Gyberg pinned Beresford's Ethan Reed in 1:52 and edged Wabasso-Red Rock Central's Trent Rus to place first at 195.

Edwards pinned Beresford's Trent Rus (59 seconds) and W-RRC's Kyle Jacobsen (54 seconds) before falling 8-6 to Dakota Valley's Ryan Parker in the title match at 285.

Logan Taylor (4-1 at 106), Beau Bullerman (4-1 at 170) and Mitchell Wagner (2-1 at 220) placed third for AHS.

Chandler Combs placed fourth at 132 with a 1-2 record. Brandon Combs (1-2 at 113), Brent Hokeness (0-2 at 120), Logan Shearer (1-2 at 126), Marshall Taylor (0-2 at 152) and Rebekah Walton (1-2 at 182) competed without placing.

Adrian wrestles Thursday in Parkston, South Dakota before competing at the annual JCC Pizza Ranch Invitational set for Saturday at Jackson County Central High School.

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Lexi Henrichs gave the Cards a 2-1 edge with an assist going to Aukes with 9:30 remaining in the period, but the Eagles knotted the score at two when Molly Boyum scored 56 seconds later.

Crabtree capped a two-goal effort and Aukes produced her third assist of the game when the Cards regained the lead (3-2) with 8:17 remaining in the contest.

Aukes added an insurance goal with 57 seconds left to play with an assist going to Carly Serie.

Luverne sported an advantage in shots on goal (33-20) for the first time this season when the game was complete.

Bartels made 18 saves in net for LHS.

**LHS 4, Fairmont 3**  
The Cardinals notched their first win of the season when they edged Fairmont by one goal in Fairmont Nov. 29.

Aukes recorded a hattrick in

the game's first period to give the Cards a 3-0 cushion, but Fairmont didn't let LHS walk away with an easy victory.

A power-play goal by Myah Lytle at the 7:39 mark of the second period trimmed the difference to two goals (3-1) before Mackenzie Householdier tied the game by registering a power-play goal and a short-handed tally in the first 1:27 of the third period.

Luverne answered the challenge with 12:13 remaining in the contest when Henrichs netted what proved to be an unassisted game-winning goal.

Aukes netted a pair of unassisted goals in the first 11:15 of the opening period before completing her hat trick with 2:26 remaining in the stanza after being set up by Rylee Olson and Serie.

Fairmont sported a 36-29 advantage in shots on goal over the Cards, who received a 33-save effort from Bartels.

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# Panthers serve up Palm's first victory

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Ellsworth girls' basketball team delivered first-year coach Mike Palm his initial victory Friday in Ellsworth.

Entertaining Westbrook-Walnut Grove for their home opener, the Panthers battled the Chargers to a draw at 21 during the game's first half.

EHS took control of the game in the second half when the Panthers outscored W-WG 25-17 to secure a 46-38 victory.

Devin Dreesen led the Panthers with 14 points and eight rebounds during the game, while Hannah Kramer chipped in 12 points.

Sierra Smith (seven rebounds), Ashlyn Meester (three steals and three assists) and Lizzie Chapa (four assists) also made key contributions to the winning effort.



Palm

The 1-1 Panthers play in Okabena Thursday.

**Box score**  
Kramer 2 2-2 12, L.Chapa 0 0 3-4 3, K.Chapa 0 1 0-0 3, Meester 3 0 2-4 8, Dreesen 6 0 2-6 14, Smith 3 0 0-0 6.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 17 of 63 field goals (27 percent), nine of 16 free throws (56 percent), 24 rebounds, eight turnovers.

# Adrian boys rally to upend Knights

**By John Rittenhouse**

A second-half rally by the Adrian boys' basketball team turned its 2016-17 season debut into a successful outing Saturday.

Taking on Russell-Tyler-Ruthon on the Knights' home court in Tyler, the Dragons found themselves facing a 33-29 deficit at the intermission.

Adrian turned things around in the second half by shooting 61 percent from the field and outscoring the Knights 37-24 to post a 66-57 victory.

Zach Hendel (21 points and nine rebounds), Mitchell Lonneman (13 points and nine rebounds) and Ryan Wieneke (11 points and five assists) led the Dragons to victory.

Jacob Stamer added five rebounds and three assists to the winning cause, while Zach Bierman chipped in three assists.

The Dragons play in Ellsworth Friday.

**Box score**  
Stamer 2 0 0-0 4, Serrao 2 0 4-6 8, Bierman 1 0 0-0 2, White 1 0 0-0 2, Wieneke 3 0 5-10 11, N.Lonneman 2 0 1-2 5, Hendel 9 0 3-6 21, M.Lonneman 5 1 0-0 13.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 26 of 46 field goals (57 percent), 13 of 24 free throws (54 percent), 36 rebounds, 25 turnovers.  
R-T-R: 18 of 62 field goals (29 percent), 18 of 32 free throws (56 percent), 22 rebounds, nine turnovers.

# Adrian girls break even during weekend clashes

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Adrian girls' basketball team opened the 2016-17 season by splitting games over the weekend.

The Dragons nipped Heron Lake-Okabena Friday in Adrian before losing by five points against Russell-Tyler-Ruthon Saturday in Tyler.

Adrian hosts Mountain Lake Area Friday.

**R-T-R 47, Adrian 42**

The Dragons received their first setback of the season when they challenged the Knights in Tyler Saturday.

The teams battled to a 23 draw in the first 18 minutes of play, but R-T-R used a 24-19

scoring edge in the second half to clinch a five-point victory.

Paige Bullerman (14 points, six rebounds and four steals) and Moriah Bullerman (10 points and six rebounds) played strong games for AHS.

Miah Kunkel added 11 rebounds and three steals to Adrian's cause, while Alexis Kemper snatched five rebounds.

**Box score**  
Kemper 1 1 0-0 5, H.Bullerman 0 0 3-3 3, M.Bullerman 2 0 6-10 10, Balster 1 0 0-0 2, Kunkel 2 0 2-3 6, Christians 0 0 0-0 0, Slater 1 0 0-0 2, P.Bullerman 4 0 6-10 14.

**Team statistics**  
Adrian: 12 of 50 field goals (24 percent), 17 of 27 free throws (63 percent), 36 rebounds, 31 turnovers.

# LQPV spoils Ellsworth's home opener

**By John Rittenhouse**

The Ellsworth boys' basketball team opened play for the 2016-17 season by hosting Lac qui Parle Valley for a non-conference clash Saturday.

After a competitive first 13:15 of the game that featured two lead changes and two deadlocks, the visiting Cardinals put everything together to win the game handily.

LQPV outscored EHS 48-18 in the game's final 22:45 to secure a 68-37 victory.

It didn't look like the game would end with a 31-point difference early in the contest.

Zach Buntjer gave EHS a 2-0 lead with a field goal and the Panthers led 4-3 when Brandon Kramer drained a two at the 15:17 mark of the first half.

The Cardinals countered with a 5-0 run to open an 8-4 cushion only to have EHS knot the score at eight when Kramer converted a field goal at 13:47.

A 5-0 spurt by LQPV was countered by a five-point surge ending with Kramer sinking two free throws to knot the score at 13 at 10:43.

The Cards scored the next seven points to open a 20-13 advantage, but the Panthers trimmed the difference to three (20-17) when Buntjer registered a field goal at the 4:45 mark of the first half.

The rest of the opening half belonged to LQPV, which went on an 11-2 run to sport a 31-19 advantage at the break.

The situation didn't get any better for the Panthers in the second half.

After LQPV scored the first five points of the stanza to up the lead to 36-19, EHS did trim the difference to 13 points (36-23) when Carter Boyenga converted a field goal at 13:13.

The Cardinals, however, proceeded to outscore EHS 32-14 the rest of the half to prevail by 31 points.

Kramer and Buntjer netted 14 and 10 points respectively for the Panthers, who received



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Ellsworth sophomore post Brandon Kramer draws a foul in the paint during Saturday's home game against LQPV. Kramer tossed in 14 points during a 68-37 loss.

a six-rebound effort from Jared Leuthold.

Ellsworth hosts Adrian Friday.

**Box score**  
N.Kruse 1 0 0-0 2, Wallenberg 0 0 0-1 0, Leuthold 1 1 0-0 5, B.Kramer 6 0 2-5 14, Buntjer 2 1 3-4 10, Curtis 0 0 0-0 0, K.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, S.Boltjes 0 0 0-0 0, S.Kramer 0 1 0-0 3, Boyenga 1 0 1-2

3, Jansma 0 0 0-0 0, T.Kruse 0 0 0-0 0.

**Team statistics**  
Ellsworth: 14 of 33 field goals (42 percent), six of 12 free throws (50 percent), 20 rebounds, 21 turnovers.

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

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Luverne	2-1-1
Fairmont	1-1
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Worthington	0-3

### BSC boys' hockey

Luverne	2-0
RWV	2-0
Marshall	1-0
Waseca	1-1
SP-L-H-TCU	1-1
Windom	1-1
New ilm	0-0
Fairmont	0-2
Worthington	0-2

## E-Gals roll over LHS

**By John Rittenhouse**

A rough second half led the Luverne girls' basketball team to its first defeat of the season Thursday in Edgerton.

Two days after posting a 31-point home win over Ellsworth to open the campaign, the Cardinals traveled to Southwest Christian to mix it up with the E-Gals.

LHS played well during a first half that ended with SWC sporting a 33-27 advantage, but the E-Gals outscored the Cards 49-17 in the second half to secure an 82-44 victory.

Joci Oye canned four of seven field-goal attempts and

led the Cards in scoring with 11 points.

Hailey Remme paced the 1-1 Cards with three rebounds.

The Cardinals play Martin County West in Sherburn Saturday.

**Box score**  
VerSteeg 1 0 0-0 2, Schmuck 3 0 2-9 8, Remme 2 1 0-1 7, Oye 4 1 0-2 11, Anderson 0 0 0-0 0, Sawtelle 3 1 0-0 9, Oftedal 0 0 1-2 1, Bosch 0 0 0-0 0, Petersen 1 1 1-2 6, Hustoft 0 0 0-0 0.

**Team statistics**  
Luverne: 17 of 31 field goals (55 percent), four of 16 free throws (25 percent), 15 rebounds, 21 turnovers.  
SWC: 34 of 43 field goals (79 percent), 12 of 17 free throws (71 percent), 11 rebounds, three turnovers.

## BOWLING CLIPBOARD

### Monday Night League

11-28  
Games won: Rock Vet Clinic, 4; Luverne Lanes, 0  
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High Scratch Series: Pat Weerheim, 493; Brandon Kurrasch Jr., 484; Evie Kephart, 428.

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### Thursday Night Bowling League

### 12-01

Games won: Billy Goats, 4; Mark's Electric, 3; PD's Bar Flies, 1; Kruser's Bruisers, 0; The Troublemakers, 0.  
High Scratch Game: Billy Debates, 213; Landon Runia, 191; Kevin Blom, 187.  
High Scratch Series: Billy Debates, 574; Landon Runia, 496; Dave Nelson, 494.  
Team High Scratch Game: Billy Goats, 675; The Troublemakers, 587;

### Mark's Electric, 558.

Team High Scratch Series: Billy Goats, 1894; The Troublemakers, 1751; Mark's Electric, 1629.  
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Thursday, Dec. 8: 2 p.m. GLCW Musical Program — All are welcome. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. Friday, Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 10: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Dec. 11: 8:15 a.m. Worship; Radio broadcast. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship and Sunday School program. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth dance at Grand Prairie Event Center for ages four to fifth grade. 7-9 p.m. Youth dance at Grand Prairie Event Center for grades 6-12.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
720 N. Kniss Ave., Luverne  
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pastoralmquist67@yahoo.com  
Andrew Palmquist, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 8: Noon Ladies Aid Christmas party. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship with Communion. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 3:45 p.m. Catechism Class. 6 p.m. Soup supper. 7 p.m. Advent Vespers. 7:45 p.m. Catechism Class. Thursday, Dec. 15: 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home.

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

Friday, Dec. 9: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall reserved. Saturday, Dec. 10: 9-10:30 a.m. Christmas program practice. 8 p.m. Union Gospel Mission. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 7 p.m. Junior and Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Dec. 13: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. Noon Rebecca Circle. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. 7 p.m. Consistory meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 5:30 p.m. Midweek Meal. 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs and YEL. 6:45 p.m. Rachel Circle. 7 p.m. Magnify Praise Team. 8:15 p.m. Choir.

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

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

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne

Ph. 283-4787; email: firstpc@iw.net — www.fcpluverne.com50

Sunday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. Monday, Dec. 12: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Dec. 13: 5:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 3:15 p.m. Youth Club. 6 p.m. Bells; Confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir.

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

Thursday, Dec. 8: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf. Saturday, Dec. 10: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 10:05 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 11 a.m. Come as you are Service. 6 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. Monday, Dec. 12: 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 6:30 p.m. F.U.E.L. and Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Thursday, Dec. 15: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf.

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

Ph. 283-2316, Dial-A-Devotion Ph. 283-4005

email: stjoh@iw.net — www.stjohnlutheranluverne.org  
Thursday, 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. Friday, Dec. 9: 6-7 p.m. Senior Choir. Saturday, Dec. 10: 5:30 p.m. Senior Choir Christmas Cantata; worship with Holy Communion. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Senior Choir Christmas Cantata; worship with Communion. 10:15-11:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas rehearsal. 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study. 11:30-11:45 a.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal. Monday, Dec. 12: 2 p.m. Communion in Brandon. 3 p.m. Communion in Sioux Falls. 7:30 p.m. Men's Club. Tuesday, Dec. 13: 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. 2:15 p.m. Communion in Hills. 6 p.m. Mom's Night Out. 7 p.m. Guild. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 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; High School Bible Study; KFC and Catechism. 7:40 p.m. Caroling at Mary Jane Brown Home. Thursday, Dec. 15: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions.

**Living Rock Church**  
500 E. Main St., Luverne

Ph. 449-0057; www.livingrockswmn.org

Billy Skaggs, Pastor

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

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

Ph. 449-6522; email: newlifecel@iw.net

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick

Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheranhardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 8: 3:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Dec. 9: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Dec. 10: 2-4 p.m. Hardwick Santa Claus Days. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship. 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice. Monday, Dec. 12: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Dec. 13: 6:30 p.m. Elders meeting. 7:45 p.m. Church Council meeting. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 6 p.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Advent Worship Service. Thursday, Dec. 15: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

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

igtwlb@WOW.net

Bill Bates, Pastor

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship; 10 a.m. Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

**First Lutheran Church**

300 Maple St., Valley Springs, S.D.

Ph. (605) 757-6662

Friday, Dec. 9: 1:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study at Palisade Lutheran. Sunday, Dec. 11: 10:30 a.m. Joint Parish Worship at Palisade Lutheran with Christmas Cantata. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 7 p.m. Confirmation; Choir practice.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.

Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Friday, Dec. 9: Advent Bible Study. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Joint Parish Worship with Christmas Cantata. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 7 p.m. Confirmation at First Lutheran.

**First Presbyterian Church**

201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek

Ph. (507) 673-2428 — lori.1stpc@centurylink.net

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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. Deborah Circle — Third Wednesday of the month.

## Miraculous outcome

One of my favorite miracles in the Bible is the story of Jesus paying taxes. Peter was asked by the collectors of the two-drachma tax if Jesus paid that tax. Jesus explained to Peter how the sons are free, but then continued, "However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for Me and for yourself." Matthew 17:27 ESV



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By Martha Fick, Good Samaritan, Mission Effectiveness

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Loving Lord, we give to You our ups and downs, our struggles and mistakes. We trust that You alone can make the outcome of our lives beautiful. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Jesus didn't tell Peter exactly where to go to find the fish or what time of the day. He just knew that wherever Peter fished along the seashore, at whatever time of day, the fish would be there, and the coin would be in its mouth.

The outcome of this story isn't about Peter finding the right spot at the right time, but rather about his trust and obedience.

**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

Thursday, Dec. 8: 6:30 p.m. Hospice Tree Lighting in Adrian. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Adrian Sunday School sings. 10:30 a.m. Magnolia Sunday School Christmas program. Potluck follows. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 6 p.m. Adrian Sunday School Program with light supper to follow.

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave., Steen

Ph. 855-2336

Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Worship. Sunday School follows. 6:30 p.m. RCYF.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer

112 N. Main St., Hills

Ph. 962-3270

e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Friday, Dec. 9: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Cantata. Sunday, Dec. 11: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel; Christmas Program practice. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Night. Tuesday, Dec. 13: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Dec. 14: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. Circles at Village. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation students and mentors. 7:30 p.m. Grades 9-12 Youth Night.

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

Office Ph. 962-3254

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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 27

**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: December 30, 2004  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$142,929.73  
MORTGAGOR(S): Michael A. Blank and Jane M. Blank, Husband and Wife  
MORTGAGEE: Beneficial Loan and Thrift Co.  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Beneficial Loan and Thrift Co.  
SERVICER: BENEFICIAL LOAN AND THRIFT CO  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed January 3, 2005, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 160515  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:  
Lots (Seven) 7, Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve in Block Fourteen (14) in the Original Plat to the City of Beaver Creek  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 210 S 1st Street, Beaver Creek, MN 56116  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 13-0080-000  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$167,827.84

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 27, 2017, 10:00am  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

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 27, 2017, or the next business day if July 27, 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 REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: December 1, 2016  
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## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Oct. 27

**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: July 2, 2009  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$54,863.43  
MORTGAGOR(S): Jacob Ely Wright and Amber Rae Wright, a married couple  
MORTGAGEE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.  
SERVICER: CitiFinancial Services, Inc.  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed July 7, 2009, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 171680  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The North Fifty-eight (N. 58) feet of Lot Three (3) in Block Two (2) in Kniss Park Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 120 Donaldson St S, Luverne, MN 56156  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0852-000  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$82,100.08

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: October 27, 2016, 10:00am  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156

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 April 27, 2017, or the next business day if April 27, 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 REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: September 1, 2016

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**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR**  
**NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

The above referenced sale scheduled for October 27, 2016, at 10:00 am, has been postponed to November 29, 2016, at 10:00 am, and will be held at West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156, said County and State.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by May 29, 2017. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

Dated: October 24, 2016.  
CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

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**NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

The above referenced sale scheduled for November 29, 2016, at 10:00 AM, has been postponed to February 27, 2017, at 10:00 AM, and will be held at sheriff's main address West Side Sheriff Dept, Front Step, Luverne, MN 56156.

Unless the mortgage is reinstated under Minnesota Statute 580.30 or the property is redeemed under Minnesota Statute 580.23 the property must be vacated by August 27, 2017. If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the date to vacate will be the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

**THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

Dated: December 1, 2016.  
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Help Wanted: Part-time Direct Support Professional (Overnight Position) in Luverne, MN. Every other weekend 11:00 AM on Saturday to 12:00 pm on Sunday with paid sleep time. Individual hired must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, enjoy caring for and training others to meet their highest potential in their home and community setting. Training necessary will be provided. Additional hours also available if interested. For more information contact 605-530-4440. (12.8-12.25)

**EMPLOYMENT**

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**HELP WANTED**

**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR  
ROCK COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Equipment Operator in the Rock County Highway Department until December 14, 2016 at 5:00 pm. Must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent and the ability to obtain a MN Class "A" commercial driver's license within six months. Must also possess a combination equivalent to 2-4 years experience in the operation and service of a variety of heavy and light highway maintenance, construction, or related equipment. Applicants are required to participate in county's random drug and alcohol testing program and are required to successfully complete a pre-employment drug and alcohol test. The position will be full time, benefit eligible, with a beginning hourly wage range of \$16.35-\$17.38.

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# Christmas Coloring Contest



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## RULES

1. Contest is open to children ages 4 through 9.
  2. Color the picture below with paints, markers, crayons or colored pencils.
  3. Decision of judges is final.
- ALL entries must be returned to the Star Herald office no later than NOON ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.  
Please return your colored entry to the Star Herald office rolled or flat - DO NOT FOLD.**



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PARENTS' NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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