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Community Update

Meetings

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

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

Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Contact Dianne

Karlstad at 507-530-3307 with questions. Beaver Creek Township will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the township hall.

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

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

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

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

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

Salvation Army seeks bell ringers

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers to $man \, the \, red \, kettle \, at \, Glen's \, Food \, Center \, in \, December. \, If you \, are$ able to help, contact Suanne at 507-283-4914 or 507-920-0053.

Santa Claus Day Dec. 10 in Hardwick

The Hardwick Community Club Santa Claus Day will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Hardwick Legion Hall with 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

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

Tracy Animal Rescue at Bomgaars Dec. 3

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

Adrian Library Open House Dec. 7

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

Choir concert Dec. 9

The Luverne Middle School and High School choirs will perform a holiday cancert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the high school gymnasium. Please bring a non perishable food item.

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. on Monday, Dec. 12, in the Luverne Elementary School Commons. The free event features Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Community Education

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

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

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

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

Community Education is sponsoring an invitational basketball tournament on Jan. 28 for both boys and girls 5th and 6th grade. Call 283-4724 or get a form at www.isd2184.net

Discovery Time Preschool has openings in the Tuesday/ Thursday afternoon class. Register now. Call 283-4724.

Coming this week in the Rock County Star Herald



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Season begins

Two girls' basketball teams from the Star Herald coverage area opened the 2016-17 season by squaring off in Luverne Tuesday. Luverne entertained Ellsworth for a game the Cardinals won by a 62-31 tally. Read about that contest along with competitions of all 13 varsity teams from the area in next week's Star Herald.





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Unlimited potential describes this two story home with a detached three stal garage. Remodeling has been started it just needs your finishing touches Hardwood floors and 8ft ceilings, ir the formal dining and living room kitchen remodeling was started i 2009 with new custom cabinetry, sink and counter tops. All but 3 windows have been replaced, along with a newer roof and vinyl siding. The upper level boasts three generous sized bedrooms with hardwood floors, updated full bath with the added convenience of your laundry room being on the same level as your bedrooms Bonus area, add additional living space in the walk up attic area, use as a play area, office or additional bedrooms, the options are endless Call your favorite agent today!







This could be your new home. The home was originally built as a 2 bed-room ranch style. In 1965 there was an addition of a 3rd bedroom, attached garage, dining room and additional lower level storage space. The main level of this home consists of a kitchen with birch cabinetry, cedar Lined entry closets, a formal dining room with buil in cupboards on the south side and a breakfast bar looking into the kitchen full bath on the main and 2 bedrooms which have beautiful hardwood floors under the carpeting. The upper level (above garage) features a large master suite with 1/2 bath and east wall o closet and storage space, with a built in Vanity. The lower level has a potentia bedroom area, family room and laundry room with separate shower. The exterior

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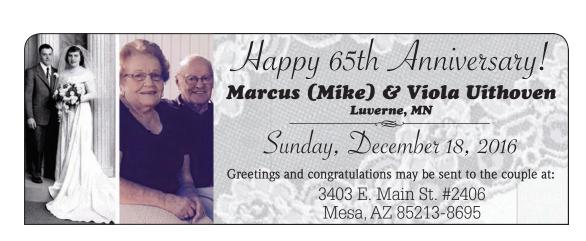
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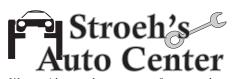
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The Prairie Rose Minnesota Community Fund supports local projects and initiatives through grants, donations, gifts or contributions, related to the areas of environmental, biodiversity, amateur athletics, arts and cultural activities, education, health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

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

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

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

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

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Saturday, December 10 **Hardwick Legion Hall**

Children's Crafts 2-4 p.m.

Decorate Christmas Cookies (donated by the Green Lantern) 2-4 p.m.

Pictures with Santa 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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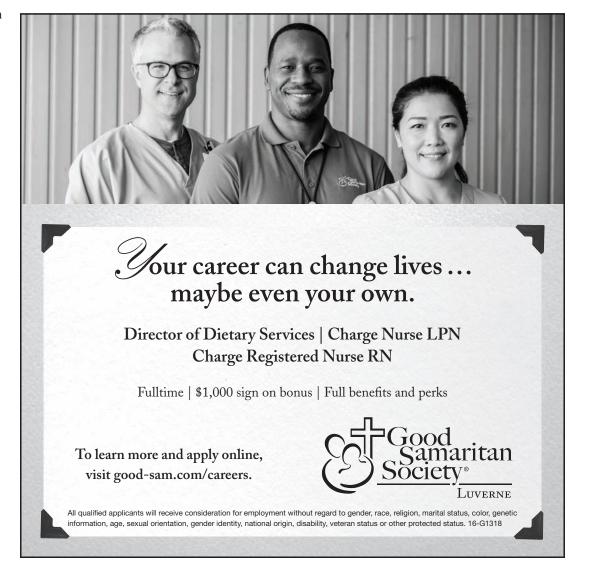
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> Nursing Assistant: Parkview Manor has openings for parttime nursing aides with benefits to include: health insurance, public retirement plan, and holiday pay. New wages \$11.90/ hr. or more with experience. \$2000 scholarships available for students. Will provide training or pay for experience. Contact Darnell Krull, 308 Sherman Ave. Ellsworth, MN 56129 or call 507-967-2388.

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