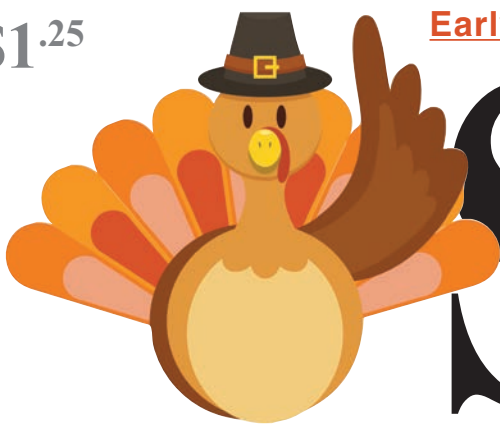




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## County sets records for absentee ballots cast

By Lori Sorenson

Rock County's voter participation is often in the 90 percent range, so there wasn't record turnout at local polls. This year 93.65 percent of eligible voters participated, compared with the 2012 record of 94.44 percent. There wasn't even a record set for new voters registered this year — 630 compared to 730 in 2012.

The real story this year was the record number of absentee ballots.

"We were swamped — and that's a good thing," said Rock County Auditor Treasurer Ashley Kurtz.

This year 13 of Rock County's 24 precincts voted exclusively by mail ballot (they have no polling place), compared to only five precincts in 2014.

"We sent out 1,300 ballots, but we also had huge turnout in the courthouse polling place," Kurtz said.

Specifically, 646 additional absentee ballots were cast at the courthouse after early voting started Sept. 23 with Minnesota's "no excuse" absentee voting.

And Kurtz said about 200 of those arrived in the week prior to election, which put a bit of a strain on her new staff.

"It's not that it didn't go well," she said. "I commend my staff for being new and taking it on. We were out of there by 11:30 on election night, and that's super awesome."

She also commended Rock County's other precincts for being on the ball.

"The election judges are doing what they need to do," she said. "They came in with all their sheets filled out and everything balanced. That really speeds things up on our end."

Kurtz also said the early absentee rush, while stressful, also created a smoother election night process.

Record absentee ballots/see 8A



Mavis Fodness Photo/1117 Girls on the Run

Members of the Luverne girls' hockey team lead the celebratory 5K run of the Girls on the Run program Tuesday, Nov. 8. Fifteen girls from grades 3 through 5 participated in the 10-week program that focuses on building confidence through running.

## Girls on the Run program builds confidence, joy of exercise in local preteens

By Mavis Fodness

The smiling, glistening faces last week told stories of good health and confidence as the 10-week Girls on the Run program ended with a fun run around the Luverne Schools campus.

"It was a great program that offers our girls an opportunity to challenge themselves to do something that they thought was impossible," said school social worker Stacy Schepel, who coordinated the program.

"Our hope is that they will build on their experience and repeat it throughout their lifetimes as they encounter new challenges."

Sixteen girls in grades 3 through 5 met twice a week learning life skills through various interactive lessons and running games.

Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, according to the Girls on the Run International website. Facilitators encourage lifelong health and fitness and build confidence through accomplishment.

At each session's conclusion the girls and their running buddies complete a 5k run.

This year the Girls on the Run participants ran with members of the Luverne girls' hockey team.

The celebration run took place Nov. 8 in preparation for Sunday's 5K event in Sioux Falls with other Girls on the Run participants.

*"Our hope is that they will build on their experience and repeat it throughout their lifetimes as they encounter new challenges."*

— Stacy Schepel,  
school social worker



Mavis Fodness Photo/1117 Girls on the Run

Regan Mehlhaff (from left), Emma Deutsch, Alexis Henrichs (back), Paige Sandbulte and Rylee Olson show their enthusiasm during the 5K run.



Chantel Connell photo/1117 fire waynes body shop

Luverne Fire Department members work to put out the fire at Wayne's Auto Body on West Hatting Street in Luverne Sunday. Sparks from a welder are the suspected cause of the blaze.

## Sunday fire damages Wayne's Auto Body

By Lori Sorenson

Wayne's Auto Body on West Hatting Street, Luverne, sustained heavy damage Sunday from a fire that destroyed most of the roof and gutted the interior.

According to Luverne Fire Chief David Van Batavia, it will be up to the owners and insurers whether the structure will be salvaged.

He said investigators are still working on it, but the cause appears to have been sparks from a welding project when owner Joel Johnson was working alone in the shop.

"We haven't pinpointed a cause yet, but that's our guess right now," Van Batavia said.

He said Johnson ran to Bomgaars to call 911 around 4 p.m., and fire crews returned to the scene

twice after that to extinguish flames that reignited.

Van Batavia said the fire got trapped in the roof rafters, making it difficult to keep tabs on it.

"There were three or four additions to the building with a flat roof and pitched roof," he said.

"So the fire got up in between those structures.

In addition to the structural damage and loss of interior valuables, there were several customer vehicles in the shop being worked on that were also damaged. Roughly 30 firefighters were working at the scene, and the Rock County Sheriff's Office assisted with traffic control.

Johnson and his wife, Maggie, have owned the building and business since they bought the business from Wayne Walgrave in 2010.

They live in Brandon, South Dakota.

## Secretary of State stops in Luverne on 87-county tour

By Lori Sorenson

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon stopped in Luverne Tuesday afternoon on the final leg of his 2016 87-county tour.

Simon met with the Luverne Chamber representatives about what his office is doing to help small business owners and entrepreneurs, and he also shared highlights from the 2016 election.

He said Minnesota's voter turnout at nearly 75 percent is likely one of the top, if not the top, in the nation. Simon said more Minnesotans than ever before registered to vote before Election Day — 3,269,260.

In 2016 alone, a record-breaking 350,224 Minnesotans took advantage of the online voter registration system. And on Oct. 17 — in just a single day — 67,235 Minnesotans registered online.

Finally, more Minnesotans than ever



Mavis Fodness Photo/1117 sec state

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon greets Lorna Bryan (right) at the Luverne Chamber office with his assistant Daniella Filardo.

before cast their ballots early by voting absentee. Preliminary numbers indicate over 674,000 Minnesotans voted early in 2016. That compares with 267,464 early voters in 2014 and 235,808 in 2012.

## Final election results tallied

By Lori Sorenson

While the nation was glued to the presidential election Tuesday night, Rock County voters also fulfilled their duties selecting leaders in local races.

Following are the official local results from the Nov. 8 election that filtered in after the Nov. 10 Star Herald went to press on election night.

**Rock County Board**

Gary Overgaard, rural Magnolia, will be the new commissioner for **District 1**

**County Board**, which will be vacated by Ken Hoime when he retires at the end of the year. Overgaard beat Mike Davis, rural Luverne, with more than 65 percent of the votes, 502-269.

Greg Burger defeated Darrel Van Aartsen 507-456 for **District 3 County Board**. That seat is currently held by Ron Boyenga, rural Ellsworth, who lost a card draw to break a tie with Van Aartsen for second place in the primary election.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Meetings

**Blue Mound Cemetery Association** will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in the home of Ray and Elaine Hansen, Luverne.

**MS Support Group** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Southwest Health and Human Services in Luverne. All persons with MS, family and friends are invited. Call 283-2069 or 283-2964

**Lady Luverne Red Hats** will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the Howling Dog in Luverne and for bingo at the Minnesota Veterans Home. RSVP to Connie at 283-8470 by Tuesday, Nov. 15. (Note the change of date for Veterans Day.)

**Caregivers Support Group** will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the conference room at Mary Jane Brown GSS for those dealing with caregiving and resources available.

**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.

Christmas Child boxes available

Operation Christmas Child boxes have arrived in Luverne. Anyone wishing to send gifts to underprivileged children can pick one up at American Reformed Church south entrance where there will be more information about how to support a child for Christmas. **Collection week is Nov. 14-21.** Donors are encouraged to pay shipping online and track boxes to a specific country at [samaritanpurse.org](http://samaritanpurse.org). Call 605-413-9676 or 507-227-1722.

‘Standing Strong in Rock County’

The 2016 Red Arrow drive is still underway with \$23,142 received so far toward the \$50,000 goal. Contributions are accepted at Rock County Red Arrow, PO Box 895, Luverne, MN 56156, or drop it off at First Farmers and Merchants.

‘Fantasticks’ at Palace

The Green Earth Players are performing the Broadway musical, “The Fantasticks,” at the Palace Theatre in Luverne again this weekend. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, and Saturday, Nov. 19, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. Tickets are available at the theatre or by calling the box office at 507-283-4439.

Monthly Food Ministry Nov. 17

The monthly Food Ministry, sponsored by New Life Celebration Church, will be from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 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.

Harry Potter Trivia and movie Nov. 17, 18

The Rock County Library will host a Harry Potter Trivia night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. Teams must register to compete. Call 449-5040. A screening of “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. No signup is necessary for the film.

Festival of Trees begins Nov. 17

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 Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve Day.

Lake Benton author at library Nov. 22

Lake Benton author Jeanine Fricke will be at the Rock County Community Library in Luverne from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, for a book signing. Fricke will read a passage from her book, “Into the Dark Forest.”

Tree of Lights names due Nov. 23

Sanford Luverne Hospice is accepting names for lights on a tree in honor or in remembrance of loved ones. Names (young or old, well or ill, living or deceased) do not need to be affiliated with hospice. Forms are at area churches or [www.sanfordluverne.org](http://www.sanfordluverne.org). Names received by Nov. 23 will be read at the tree-lighting ceremonies. Call 283-1805.

DeLight-Ful 5K set for Nov. 26

A 5K race will begin at the Luverne Area Aquatics and Fitness Center at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, followed by a post race party at the Blue Mound Banquet Center. Race day registration and check-in will begin at 5:50 p.m., and there will be a dance featuring the Casey Muessigmann Band starting at 8:30 p.m. Online registration is \$20, and race-day registration is \$25. Visit [www.allsportscentral.com](http://www.allsportscentral.com) for more information, or contact Dave Duffy at 507-920-3345 or [dduffy@rconnect.com](mailto:dduffy@rconnect.com).

Students earn prize money for patriotic essays

By Lori Sorenson

Two Rock County students were honored for their writing skills at Friday night’s Veterans Day Banquet in Luverne.

Middle school student Danette Leenderts and high school student Jo-Hannah Ladd, both in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District, wrote winning essays for the VFW scholarship competition, which recognizes excellence in original writing about patriotism and democracy.

Leenderts’ essay in the Patriot’s Pen category (for grades 6-8) won first place among local students, and she received \$100 for her entry, written under the 2016 theme, “The America I Believe In.”

Ladd’s essay in the Voice of Democracy category (for grades 9-12) won first place among local students, and she received \$100 for her entry written under the 2016 theme, “My Responsibility to America.”

Luverne’s Buck Underwood, Rock County VFW Commander, publicly recognized Leenderts and Ladd at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day program at the Blue Mound Banquet Center in Luverne where their parents, Dave and Dawn Leenderts and Jim and Sherri Ladd, were also recognized.

The top three place winners in each division are:

**Patriot’s Pen**  
First Place – Danette Leenderts, H-BC (seventh grade)  
Second Place – Samantha Moser, H-BC (seventh grade)  
Third Place – MacKenzie Voss, H-BC (seventh grade)  
Second and third place writers received \$75 and \$50 respectively. The first-place student writers will advance in VFW essay competition and were invited to read their essays to audience members Friday night at the Banquet Center. Excerpts are as follows:

**Voice Of Democracy**  
First Place – Jo-Hannah Ladd, H-BC (ninth grade)  
Second Place – Kristen Ziegler, Luverne High School (12th grade)  
Third Place – Emilie Bartels, LHS (11th grade)



Lori Sorenson photo/1117 veterans day essays  
Buck Underwood presents first-place certificates and \$100 prize money to Jo-Hannah Ladd and Danette Leenderts, local winners of the Voices of Democracy and Patriot’s Pen essay contests through the VFW. Full reprints of their essays are online at [www.star-herald.com](http://www.star-herald.com)

**“The America I Believe In,” by Danette Leenderts**  
*The America I believe in is free. We can worship any God that we want. You can be Jewish, you can be Muslim, and you can also be Christian. You can worship any God and you won’t get punished. You can worship*

*at any time and at any place without being punished. You can be any skin color, have any name, and have any job you want and you won’t be punished. ...*  
*The America I believe in is brave. Our soldiers fought for our freedom, and won independence for our country. The soldiers go overseas to help other countries in their own wars. ... The U.S. tries to bring peace to other countries who are in wars. We go out of our way to bring joy to someone other than ourselves.*  
*... The America I believe in is proud. ... We need to stand up for the pledge ... We need to celebrate our country’s Independence. We all need to love each other equally no matter what.*

**“My Responsibility to America,” by Jo-Hannah Ladd**  
*As an American citizen, staying informed about the issues affecting my commu-*

*nity, state, and country is a key responsibility. Staying informed in my community can start by simply reading the local newspaper. ... As a U.S. citizen, it is my responsibility to be educated on the issues facing the country.*  
*It is my responsibility to be familiar with the constitutional rights that are guaranteed to each and every citizen. Therefore, I am going to respect the choices and beliefs of others around me. I will also present my opinions in a respectful manner.*  
*Honoring my country doesn’t mean I have to join the military. Honoring my country can be standing up for what is right and showing respect to my nation.*  
*My overall responsibility to America is to be a true citizen ... who respects laws, respects others, stays informed about issues, supports the constitution, and honors the country I love so much.*

Ambulance garage may be built closer to hospital

By Mavis Fodness

A year from now Rock County’s two ambulances will be housed in a new garage, according to a Sanford Luverne capital improvement plan.

Hospital CEO Tammy Loosbrock, ambulance director Harlan Vande Kieft and hospital board member Curt Bloemendaal appeared at the Nov. 8 County Board meeting. Currently the ambulances are kept in a garage on North Spring Street, more than a dozen blocks from the hospital on the north end of town.

The new structure is estimated to cost \$300,000, and hospital representatives are seeking funding. At the county meeting they asked commissioners to pledge \$50,000 over the next three years.

“It’s going to take everyone rolling up their sleeves to try to get this accomplished so we can keep the safety of the community in our best interest,” Loosbrock said.

In the past eight years ambulance calls climbed from 620 per year to 900 calls anticipated for 2016.

Increased calls — now



Submitted graphic  
Sanford Hospital in Luverne has proposed building a new Rock County Ambulance garage east of the hospital on Sioux Valley Drive. Pictured is an architect’s rendering of what the large facility could look like when finished in the fall of 2017.

averaging nearly three times a day — mean more frequent sirens and emergency traffic in the residential neighborhood on North Spring.

“As ambulance rigs have gotten bigger over time, it gets harder to fit those in (the current garage),” Loosbrock added.

The county began Rock County Ambulance in 1928 and operated the service until

Sanford took over in the 1990s.

The new garage facility would be located east of the current hospital on property the hospital already owns.

The current garage is located on the east side of the former hospital, which now houses the Luverne City Hall, so the city owns the garage and leases it to the ambulance service.

Loosbrock said the proj-

ect to build a new two-stall garage with a shower/bathroom facility and storage area has already received two sources of funding and she is applying for three community grants.

County commissioners postponed a funding decision until next month when the final levy is determined.

Rock County appropriates \$15,000 to the ambulance service each year.



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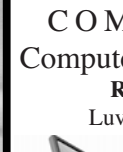
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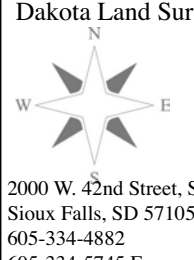


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# Schools observe American Education Week this week, Nov. 13-19

## Rust is Teacher of Year, Aanenson is Friend of Education

By Mavis Fodness

On Monday Luverne Elementary instructor Cathy Rust became Luverne Education Association's 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Rust has been an elementary teacher for 37 years, first in Magnolia and then in Luverne when the district merged with Luverne in the early 1980s. She taught second grade for many years and is currently teaching kindergarten.

Last year's Teacher of the Year Theresa Graff made Monday's announcement at a gathering of teachers and staff.

"The nomination letters have included some of the following character traits: kind, compassionate to both colleagues and students, having a calming presence, willing to share teaching techniques and materials used in the classroom, comforting to students and colleagues, funny, inclusive, a team player, willing to try new things, strives to make sure all students learn, and that they feel involved in their learning, even to the level of using 'magic and music' to teach the standards."

After the presentation Rust said she always wanted to be an elementary teacher and as a child would play school using her dolls as students.

Rust graduated from Luverne High School and attended college at the University of Minnesota Morris. She has never wavered in her desire to be an elementary teacher.

"I like little kids," she said. "I want them to leave (my classroom) with a love of school and a love of education."

As a mentor Rust advised teachers to have fun and enjoy the professional challenges.

Outside of the classroom she likes to read, go for walks and be with friends.

On a whim more than a decade ago, Rust purchased a bright red Volkswagon Beetle she drives to school every day.



Mavis Fodness Photo/1117 Teacher Friend Education 2017

Cathy Rust (left) and Dixie Aanenson were named 2017 Teacher of the Year and Friend of Education respectively Monday afternoon in the Luverne Elementary School Commons. Both graduated from Luverne in 1975.

With a large grin and a laugh she added, "Doesn't that look like a teacher car? It's cute."

Rust's selection marks the celebration of 50 years of the profession by the local union. The first Teacher of the Year was high school science teacher Gene Bendix in 1966. His widow, Arlene, who attended Monday's event, said, "He was very proud of that (the honor)."

The Jan. 13, 1966, Rock County Star Herald article explained that the award wasn't about who was the best teacher.

"The purpose is to select one teacher to symbolize and represent the many excellent

teachers in Luverne and Minnesota," the newspaper wrote at the time.

Like Bendix, Rust's name will be submitted to the state Teacher of the Year committee, which will recognize Teachers of Excellence and select a state Teacher of the Year. That person would then be eligible for national recognition.

### Dixie Aanenson is Friend of Education

Dixie Aanenson has touched the lives of students and teachers in Luverne schools for the past three decades.

For her dedication to students and to education, her co-

workers have selected her as the 2017 Friend of Education.

Aanenson, a paraprofessional, was perfect for the honor, according to those who nominated her.

"When she is in the room, the love shines. She is so kind and loving to all students," one colleague wrote.

"She is always with her students ... sitting on the floor reading books, helping build towers, praising their creations and cleaning up the messes they make while creating."

Aanenson has worked with preschool students in Luverne since she began as a paraprofessional in 1985, and no one knows Aanenson better than retired preschool teacher Jane Gropel.

"I, as the lead teacher, so appreciated her daily help and ability to know and help carry out my planned daily classroom activities," Gropel shared in an email. "She made each day run so smoothly for both the children and myself."

Aanenson is quick to point out it's not just the students that make her job enjoyable.

"I really work with a nice group of people," she said. "At the end of day I hope events go smoothly for the teacher and students to make their day better."

Aanenson (Dixie Cooksley) is a Luverne High School graduate. She and her husband, Al, have two children and four grandchildren. Two grandchildren have attended preschool with their grandmother as paraprofessional.

"It's just fun. You get to play with them, read to them and play some more," Aanenson said.

Co-workers shared comments about Aanenson.

"She welcomes everyone with a smile. Dixie cares for all the kids as her own."

"Our school is so lucky to have had her working for us for so many years."



Submitted Photo

Sandra Wieneke (left) and Lindsey Bonnett were selected as Adrian's Friend of Education and Teacher of the Year respectively.

## Luverne grad selected as Adrian Teacher of the Year

By Mavis Fodness

Luverne graduate Lindsey (Nelson) Bonnett was honored as part of American Education Week in Adrian where she was selected as Teacher of the Year.

"Lindsey has been a great mentor to me," said Ann Thier, a fellow science teacher in Adrian.

"Her enthusiasm for what she does is amazing. She goes above and beyond what is expected to find new and interesting ways to get students involved in their learning."

Thier added that Bonnett is a leader in technology, incorporating it into her classroom, and she works hard to make sure students learn to their full potential.

Bonnett is the district's middle/high school science teacher.

### Sandra Wieneke named Friend of Education

Sandra Wieneke is Adrian Friend of Education.

In their comments, the nominators had this to share about Wieneke.

"Sandra has been a substitute in our district for many years and she always goes above and beyond. She leaves excellent notes, corrects papers and is always early and stays late."

Last year Wieneke stepped into the long-term Title 1 substitute position.

"She really dug into the computer program (that she didn't have to) to make it more successful for kids. Sandra has been a wonderful asset to our schools and students for many years."

## Sign up for SHARE assistance by Nov. 28

The Rock County SHARE program will distribute groceries, clothing and toys to Rock County residents in need from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Luverne National Guard Armory at 309 S. Freeman Avenue.

Those wishing to receive from the program must apply by Monday, Nov. 28.

SHARE supporters

should note that the program will not be accepting donations of used items at this time.

To support SHARE, mail tax-deductible donations to: SHARE PO Box 792 Luverne, MN 56156

For more information contact Luverne's Molly Golla at 507-227-9282 or visit [www.facebook.com/SHARERockCounty](http://www.facebook.com/SHARERockCounty).

## Grassroots support gathers for 'Grow Our Own'

By Mavis Fodness

After 30 years of nurturing rural economic development, the Southwest Initiative Foundation is celebrating three decades by offering communities resources to grow their own workforce.

SWIF's "Grow Our Own" summit will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. The daylong event features Robert Putnam and how to reach out to today's youth.

Putnam's research indicates during the last 25 years an "opportunity gap" has emerged where kids can no longer just work hard to make their lives better than their parents' lives.

For the next decade, SWIF wants to reduce poverty in southwest Minnesota, where one in six kids are affected.

SWIF board member and retired judge Tim Connell of Luverne is spearheading the call for local

residents to attend the Dec. 15 summit and get involved in a Luverne initiative to connect kids with opportunities.

"We want to find people to share the vision and find a solution to this," Connell said.

The "Grow Our Own" effort incentivizes the 18 counties in its service area to empower youth as the future employees, entrepreneurs, community leaders, homeowners, volunteers

and taxpayers.

"We need many people involved to move this work forward," said Karen Grasmann, SWIF spokesperson.

Registration for the "Grow Our Own" summit can be completed at the foundation's website: [swifoundation.org](http://swifoundation.org). There is a \$20 charge for lunch and refreshments.

For more information about the event, contact Tim Connell at 507-227-3530.

## State Park to close during youth deer hunt Nov. 19 and 20

During a special hunt to prevent overpopulation of deer and protect resources on Nov. 19 and 20, Blue Mounds State Park will close to all except youth hunters who were drawn in the special permitted hunt.

Visitors are welcome to return to the park on Nov. 21.

Hunts also will take place at other Minnesota state parks and recreation areas this fall, and access to the parks will vary.

Some will remain open to all visitors, some will have

limited public access, and some will be open only to hunters with special permits.

The deadlines have passed for youth and adults to apply for a special permit to participate in the hunts, which include regular firearms, muzzleloader and archery options.

"An overpopulation of deer can be hard on the natural resources at the parks, so we allow occasional hunts as a way to protect the trees and native plant communities," said Ed Quinn, natural

resource program supervisor for the DNR's Division of Parks and Trails.

"We do our best to minimize the disruption to park visitors, but in some cases safety concerns require us to close — or partially close — the parks where these hunts take place."

The DNR thanks visitors for their patience and understanding during the hunts.

For a list of parks that are open, partially open or closed during the 2016

hunting season, visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/hunting.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/hunting.html) or contact the DNR Information Center at [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us) or 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Details on which areas of each park will be affected by the special deer hunts can also be found in the "Visitor Alert" boxes on the individual park Web pages at [www.mndnr.gov](http://www.mndnr.gov).



**Darlene Gybers**

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**Luverne Area Youth Wrestling**

The Luverne Youth Wrestling Club is looking for boys and girls grades Pre K-6th grade. Wrestling gives our boys and girls a satisfying feeling that they are able to work hard, improve their skills, face challenges, and overcome them.

\*Sign up for all ages will be  
**Thursday, NOVEMBER 17**  
**6:30 pm** located in the small gym of the high school

There will be a parents meeting at 7:00 pm following registrations.

\*Registration Fee: \$40 for 1, \$30 for 2nd wrestler, and no more than \$90 per family. Registration includes T-shirt and home tournament registrations.

\*Practice start date is Monday November 21st. Practices will be Mondays and Thursdays 6:00-7:00 pm for grades Pre K- 2nd, and 7:00-8:00 pm for 3rd-6th grade.

Please Contact any of the following for more information or questions!  
Coach Lance Ripka (507)-363-3418  
Club President Aaron Altman (507)-227-7736  
Club Vice President Jenni Hawes (507)-215-1931



## ‘Drive-by’ raking makes Saturday extra special

I had one, actually a couple, of those “you know you live in a small town when...” moments recently.

I came home from work one day a couple of weeks ago to find my entire backyard completely free of leaves.

This was significant because, when I left for work that morning, my backyard was completely covered in leaves. Not one blade of grass was visible.

I have a very large tree in my backyard and every year I wait until all the leaves have fallen before tackling the major job.

I had planned to spend most of that Saturday raking until the surprise of the green grass. While I actually kind of like raking, I liked the idea of a now free Saturday even more.

My first thought was that one of my retired neighbors had decided to spend the nice day helping me out while testing just how big of a job his John Deere riding lawn tractor could really handle.

You know you live in a small town when your neighbor removes inches of leaves from your yard without you even asking.

The next day I went next door to thank my neighbor. His response surprised me.

“I didn’t do it. Some big group came and did the whole thing today,” he said. “There was a bunch of them and it didn’t take long.”

You know you live in a small town when strangers come and rake your lawn without leaving a note or a bill.

Of course his answer made me quite curious.



### IN OTHER WORDS

By Jason Berghorst, reporter

What large group of people were out raking random lawns in Luverne on a school day? It was an odd deal, but a good deal and my lawn was clear, so I was willing to live with the unknown.

But I live in a small town and most mysteries in small towns don’t last for long.

Fast forward a week. I was reading through last week’s Star Herald when I got another surprise.

Right there on page 8A was a large picture of people raking my backyard, along with a short story explaining that they were students from Southwestern Youth Services in Magnolia participating in their Community Service Day.

You know you live in a small town when you find out which strangers raked your backyard in the local newspaper.

When I thanked Paula Lamert, one of the SYS teachers, she informed me I was one of the “drive bys” the group raked that day in addition to the lawns on their list.

These were random lawns they raked to show the students, many of whom are from inner-city neighborhoods, what it means to be part of a caring, giving community that does good things for others without expecting to be paid or recognized.

Thanks to the staff at SYS, these young men have a better understanding of how you know you live in a small town.

## Wondering what to be thankful for this year? We’re putting teachers on our list

This week, Nov. 14-18, is American Education Week. It’s a time for schools nationwide and their communities to observe the role of public education in shaping the success of future generations.

In Rock County, this is the time we honor a Teacher of the Year and Friend of Education (see page 3A).

This year our Luverne Education Association is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of this time-honored tradition, and the Star Herald is proud to have been with them every year, sharing stories about the brightest and best among our educators.

In honor of the 50 years of Teachers of the Year and the 2016 American Education Week, the Star Herald began searching for the names of the 50 honorees to share with our readers.

We can’t speak personally for each of them, but we can say with confidence that we are blessed with talented and sincere teachers and this list reflects a long history of excellence in education.

Congratulations, honored teachers, and congratulations to the hundreds of students you’ve touched through the years.

### A partial listing of Luverne Teachers of the Year

Gene Bendix  
Ethel Remme

Gordon Gits  
Hermine Dykhous  
Charles Weinman  
Gregg Gropel  
Larry Nelson  
Elmer Menage  
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Mike Wenninger  
Angela Ahrendt  
Greg Antoine  
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## Different driving violations depend on behavior

**Question:** What is the difference between careless or reckless driving? What about “exhibition driving”?

**Answer:** In general, the difference between reckless and careless is that “reckless” is generally “intentional” or the driver “should know” that the driving behavior could injure or kill someone. Here’s more detail on how they differ:

**Reckless driving** - This involves a motorist who’s aware of and disregards the risk that their driving behavior may result in harm to another or another’s property. That’s considered misdemeanor reckless driving, and if the behavior results in great bodily harm or death to another person, it’s then gross misdemeanor reckless driving.

A driver shall not race any vehicle on any street or highway. Any person who willfully compares or contests relative speeds is guilty of racing, which constitutes reckless driving. It doesn’t matter whether or not the speed is over the speed limit.

**Careless driving** - This involves a motorist who carelessly or heedlessly operates or halts any vehicle upon any street or highway that disregards the rights of others, or endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person. This includes endangering



themselves or their passengers. This is considered misdemeanor careless driving.

**Exhibition driving** - Minnesota does not have an “exhibition driving” law. “Exhibition driving” is usually listed as an ordinance within cities, counties, townships, etc. In general, the difference between state law and an ordinance is that a state law is passed by your state government and is effective statewide. Ordinances are “laws” passed by the local government — city council, county commissioners, etc. — and only in effect within that border.

I’ve usually seen most “exhibition driving” ordinances state: “Unreasonable acceleration of a motor vehicle or acceleration without apparent reason and accomplished in

such a manner as to cause squealing or screeching sounds by the tires, or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires of the said vehicle, or both.”

These do not apply to an emergency vehicle responding to call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator. They also don’t apply to any raceway, racing facility, or other public event sanctioned by the appropriate governmental authority.

*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.*

### ASK A TROOPER

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol

### VOICE OF OUR READERS

#### *Ohme: Volunteer as a bell ringer*

##### To the Editor:

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the great abundance of God’s creation and the blessings we all take for granted. This is also a time of preparation for the Salvation Army’s giving season. Once again volunteer bell ringers are needed to man the red kettle that will appear at Glen’s Food Center in December.

This is a great opportunity for your business or organization to contribute volunteer hours that give back to your community and those in need. Every dollar col-

lected in Rock County stays here and benefits organizations like Southwest Youth Services, disadvantaged children within our school systems, and individuals that need emergency services throughout the winter.

We owe many thanks to Glen Gust for providing a warm shelter for our bell ringers. Also look for our smaller kettles at Shopko and Glen’s Gas. Please contact Suanne Ohme if you are able to help out at 507-920-0053, or 507-283-4914.

**Suanne Ohme Coordinator  
Rock County Kettle**

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ON THE RECORD

Dispatch report

**Nov. 4**  
•Complainant reported that on his way to work there was a lady running on Highway 75 near Casey's. Unknown description other than she was wearing all black. Requested that in the future, if we see her, that we ask her to please wear brighter clothes or a flashing light.  
•Complainant reported that she left home and went to Sioux Falls. When she got home they noticed that her front plate was missing. Complainant called back and said they found it in the car wash.  
•Complainant reported that there is a stop sign and another sign down across from the flower shop. Possibly hit by farm equipment. City was contacted.  
•Complainant reported that they had a student that did not show up for school.  
•Complainant reported they got a call from someone who said his name was John, and he was cutting himself. They did not have a last name or location. Found out who the subject was, and his name was not John, and he was not cutting himself. He said he didn't call, yet his phone was used.  
•Deputy cited subject for exhibition driving and no insurance.  
•Complainant reported he has tried to call four locksmiths and can't get anyone to open his vehicle.  
•Complainant reported she was speaking to subject and the phone went dead. She would like a welfare check. Contacted sister. No key. Unable to contact her sons. Deputies made entry. She was there and needed assistance. Deputies helped her out.  
•Complainant reported

man is trespassing on their land. He parked his semitrailer on his driveway and walked over and started yelling at them. He drove off while on the phone.  
**Nov. 5**  
•Complainant reported man drove past his house twice very slowly and watched complainant leave and then he pulled up. Complainant went around the block to find him in garage looking around. He's an older guy about 60, thin, gray, reluctant to talk. Then asks about if there was a sale in town somewhere.  
•Complainant reported he was assaulted by his roommate on Thursday. He moved out yesterday and doesn't have an address right now. He will stop in to speak to a deputy.  
•State Patrol is in a high-speed chase. Requested help from deputy. Chase ended in a field near County Road 15 and County Road 9. Three people were taken to jail.  
•Complainant reported her 14-year-old brother didn't come home on the bus Friday. He has a girlfriend that lives in Magnolia. Called phone number and left voice mail. No answer and no voice mail available. Deputy contacted him, and he is trying to get a ride home.  
•Dispatch received 911 hang-up from subject. Called and spoke to them and there appears to be no signs of distress.  
•Complainant reported a large group of people yelling on the 100 block of North Freeman Avenue.  
**Nov. 6**  
•Complainant reported a vehicle in ditch at location. Paged ambulance for driver injury. Driver is intoxicated. Deputy took subject into

custody at 4:04 a.m., and took him to jail.  
•Complainant found a black LG phone at location and brought it to Rock County Sheriff's Office.  
•Complainant reported his dad drug him out of the house. He rode his bike to the Rock County Sheriff's Office and was holding his arm and crying.  
•Complainant reported they are missing a blue dirt bike with a black seat.  
•Complainant reported someone cut his screens, broke out windows, and he is missing some merchandise. It looks like someone tried to break open a shed with a crow bar.  
•Deputy arrested female for third degree DWI and child endangerment. She was taken to jail.  
•Patrol requested a deputy check for a deer that was hit by a car on I-90 mile marker 14. They have taken care of the report.  
**Nov. 7**  
•Deputy requested a tow for a vehicle with out-of-date registration on North Lindale Street. Dispatch contacted G&S. Vehicle towed to impound.  
•Complainant reported someone broke the mirror off his vehicle. No other damage to vehicle.  
•Complainant reported a male with a blanket wrapped around him walking on the side of the road on I-90 by Beaver Creek. Transferred to State Patrol.  
•Trooper called to advise of a male who is walking trying to get to Pennsylvania unless we want to take him as far as Nobles County. Deputy will take subject to the rest stop by Adrian. Nobles County was

advised.  
•Complainant reported stalled vehicle occupied off roadway on Highway 23 westbound mile marker 11. Transferred to State Patrol.  
•Complainant requested extra patrol on South Donaldson Street during detour for speed and vehicles passing.  
•Complainant reported a vehicle that ran a bus stop arm.  
•Complainant called earlier to inquire if subject had a warrant and requested to speak to the sheriff because protection order is expired. Complainant was advised subject does have a warrant out of Rock County.  
•Complainant requested deputy escort her to her ex-husband's house to return a gun to him.  
**Nov. 8**  
•Complainant reported that there was an older woman walking westbound down the ramp at Luverne. She only has a light jacket on. Complainant is concerned the woman is lost or confused. Deputy made contact with the woman at mile marker 11 1/2 and gave her a ride to South Dakota rest area.  
•Complainant reported a person that is off their meds and has high anxiety.  
•Complainant reported a water line spraying water for at least the last hour.  
•Complainant reported a vehicle passed him probably going about 100 mph on I-90. Transferred to State Patrol.  
•Complainant reported vehicles speeding down Donaldson Street. Deputies were advised to do extra patrol in the area.  
•Complainant reported a truck with a bar hanging on the back and complainant almost hit the bar because the

truck has no lights indicating it is sticking out of the truck. Complainant was concerned for the safety of other vehicles traveling behind the truck. The truck turned off at a hog barn east of Hardwick.  
**Nov. 9**  
•Complainant reported cars and trucks are going way too fast around the detour.  
•Complainant reported they have a dog bite victim in the emergency room.  
•Complainant reported someone found a ring in the Grace Lutheran Church parking lot. To claim it they can call the church and describe it.  
•Complainant reported her four- and six-year-old daughters are missing. A neighbor told her they were out selling fudge. Deputy located them at the courthouse.  
**Nov. 10**  
•Complainant requested to speak to deputy regarding thefts that have been occurring. Will come to speak with deputy.  
•Complainant reported three kids were dropped off at school and left before first hour. They were at the library. One was brought back and two took off.  
•Complainant reported a lady walked onto his yard. She said she got out of a white Dodge Caliber to walk her dog,

and her friend took off with her car. She can't find her dog either. Signed vehicle as stolen. Black lab is also missing.  
•Dispatch received a 911 call from a resident at the nursing home. He said someone came in and trashed his room, but he didn't want to talk to the workers about it. He said he would handle it internally. Called the nursing home to check on him.  
•Complainant reported he has some land posted and there are trespassers. Transferred to patrol for the game warden.  
•Complainant reported a verbal domestic.  
•Complainant reported vehicle with a possible drunk driver. Would like our deputies to keep a look out for it.  
•Dispatcher received a 911 call with voices in the background, then a hang-up. Called number back. Child was playing with phone. No emergency services needed.  
In addition, officers responded to 4 motor vehicle accidents, 3 deer accidents, 1 transport, 4 funeral escorts, 8 traffic stops, 21 ambulance runs, 3 paper services, 11 animal complaints, 2 fingerprint requests, 7 log/alarm sheets, 3 money escorts, and issued 10 purchase/carry permits and 3 burn permits.



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## 'Off Their Rockers'



Chantel Connell Photos

### Elementary students perform songs popular during the 1950s and 1960s

More than 200 third- and fourth-graders filled the Luverne Elementary gym Friday afternoon with a celebration of '50s and '60s pop music.

"Off Their Rockers" featured songs ranging from "Old Time Rock and Roll" to "Blue Suede Shoes" to "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay." The students dressed as residents in a nursing home or in '50s and '60s garb.

Beth Capistran and Shirlee Gilmore directed the program.

**Above:** Alexis Hultgren, Greta McClure and Ellie Dawkins. **Right:** Morgan Kracht and Ella Schmuck

**Below left:** (front row from left) Gabi Nath-Huls, Madi Schepel, Jayden Dass, Aaliyah Xaysongkham, Jessika Tunnissen, Ella Schmuck, Addyson Mann, Hadley Vanderburg, Julia Beyer, Ashlie Gonzalez, (second row) Morgan McTigue, Maria Rops, Makinzee Mulvihill-Turner, Camryn Aukes, Chloe Takahashi and Kaitlin Conger. **Below right:** Landen Frey, Jace Rozeboom, Sam Hinz and Maddox Domagala.



### CELEBRATIONS

#### Open House

**Darlene Gyberg** will celebrate her retirement and birthday with a gathering of friends beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the Kenneth Bar in Kenneth.

### SENIOR MENU

#### Senior Citizens

**Monday, Nov. 21:** Creamy vegetable soup, turkey sandwich, fruit cup, crackers, cookie.

**Millie Steece's birthday Tuesday, Nov. 22:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas, dinner roll, bread pudding.

Program: Two-buck Tuesday sponsored by Exchange State Bank

**Wednesday, Nov. 23:** Liver or pepper steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, bread, fruit crisp.

Program: 10 a.m. Recycle cards with Neva

**Thursday, Nov. 24:** closed

**Friday, Nov. 25:** closed  
Senior Dining offers well-balanced and affordable meals in a community atmosphere.

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

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Baker to serve as ambassador

Hallie Baker, Steen, has been selected as a student ambassador at Ridgewater College in Willmar.

Ambassadors work with Ridgewater's admissions department to represent the college at admissions events throughout the year. Their primary role is to provide campus tours to prospective students and families.

Baker is enrolled in the veterinary technology program at Ridgewater College.

## 1871: Rock County was one township

*The following appeared in an 1886 atlas:*

#### ORGANIZATION OF TOWNSHIPS

Until the 15th of February, 1871, the whole county was in reality one township, although they had not elected any township officers, except a justice of the peace. At a meeting of the board of county commissioners, however, held on that day, there was one township created and a few days later a second was set off, and authority given for organization. Philo Hawes presented to the board a petition for the organization of Luverne Township which was granted. At that time the township embraced, in addition to its present boundaries, the west half of Magnolia, and all of Mound. On the 18th day of February, 1871, a petition was presented which was granted, organizing the township of Grant, which included



### BITS BY BETTY

By Betty Mann, president,  
Rock County Historical Society

the present towns of Clinton and Kanaranzi.

The petition which requested the organization of Luverne Township, was dated February 15, 1871, and signed by the following named: E. N. Darling, Ed. McKenzie, P. J. Kniss, William Blaisdell, G. W. Daniels, Horace Plum, L. A. Daniels, Philo Hawes, William Greer, John Jones, H. Sawyer, J. C. Phelps, G. Webber, S. Wilcox, S. D. Gregory, and C. C. Jones.

The petition for the organization of Grant Township bore the date of October 11, 1871, and was signed by L. B.

McCollum, F. S. Mason, John McCollum, John H. Ferguson, M. C. Smith, W. F. Brown, J. H. Loomis, O. P. Steen, Thomas Hadvedt, D. MacNabb, Ben. Evens, Erick Evens, C. C. Berge, and A. E. Estey.

On the 27th of May, 1871, a petition was presented and granted, asking that the boundaries of the township of Luverne be changed so as to embrace all of the county north of the present townships of Kanaranzi, Clinton, and Martin. This petition was signed by J. F. Shoemaker, P. J. Kniss, E. S. Gregory, G. W. Daniels, P. F. Kelley, L. A. Daniels, L. McDermott, James Kel-

ley, Horace Plum, P. Hawes, John Ryan, Ed McKenzie, J. C. Gregory and Stephen Wilcox.

There is no record of the organization of the township of Clinton, but it must have been accomplished, and the name changed from Grant to Clinton during the summer of 1871, for, on the 11th of October of that year a petition was presented, asking that the "boundaries of the town of Clinton be changed." The petition was granted, and Clinton Township was made to include Kanaranzi, Clinton, and Martin.

This article will continue next week with the rest of the townships.

*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.*



Ryan and Alyssa Hoff

### Stegenga, Hoff wed in Luverne

Alyssa Stegenga and Ryan Hoff were married Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne.

Parents of the bride are Brett and Wendy Stegenga, Luverne. Parents of the groom are Roger and Lisa Hoff, Steen. Pastor Jason Cunningham officiated the ceremony, and Barb Antoine was organist.

The bride's maid of honor was her sister, McCall Stegenga. Bridesmaids were Nicole Hoff, Bobbie Cowell, Britton Dyer, Ashley Siebenahler and Abby Lynn. The bride's personal attendants were Paige Paquette, Carlyn Short and Caitlin Slaba. The flower girl was Eilley Brehmer.

The best man was Jeremy Hoff. Groomsmen were Blake Stegenga, Derek Petersen,

Trever Stoffel, Landon Gacke and Mitchell Lynn. The ring bearer was Callum Cowell. Ushers were Cody Rolfes, Logan Reuman, Stetson Gath and Caleb Wagenaar.

A wedding reception followed the ceremony in Brandon, South Dakota.

Alyssa graduated from Luverne High School in 2010. She currently attends South Dakota State University in Brookings, where she is enrolled in the college of pharmacy. She will graduate in May 2017.

Ryan graduated from Luverne High School in 2010 and from South Dakota State University, Brookings, in 2014. He currently works as an agronomist for R&S Seed Sales. They live in Luverne.

### Boy Scouts troop headed to Manitoba, Canada

By Lori Sorenson

The Luverne/Adrian Boy Scouts Troop 32 received a grant from the Luverne Area Community Foundation.

The local troop will use the funds for their summer 2017 Northern Tier High Adventure experience in which they'll spend a week in the most rugged and remote region of Manitoba, Canada.

The Boy Scouts will enter the wilderness via a 25-minute floatplane ride to a canoe cache in the heart of the combined 2.5 million

acres of Atikaki Provincial Park and Woodland Caribou Provincial Park.

It's an area paddled by only a handful of canoeists each year.

The LACF's goal is to build endowments through community giving to support needs in the community.

Grants like the one awarded to the Boy Scouts are intended to improve the quality of life for Luverne and the residents of Rock County.



Luverne/Adrian Boy Scouts Troop 32 includes (from left) Beau Loosbrock, Brody Loosbrock, Tyler deCesare, Mason Wenzel, Assistant Scoutmaster Rob Wenzel, volunteer Dean Wenzel, Assistant Scoutmaster Les Madison, Blake Madison and Adam Somnis, friend of a Scout. They're pictured at the February fishing derby at The Lake in Luverne where the troop volunteered to help.

## REMEMBER WHEN

### 10 years ago (2006)

•The Luverne City Council formally received word that the Minnesota Historical Society awarded a state grant of \$100,000 for restoration work in the Palace Theatre. ...  
Most of the money will go toward new seating.  
BMAT President Ben Vander Kooi said at the Tuesday council meeting, “We’re very excited about this project, and it will be done in time for the Ken Burns documentary premiere Sept. 5, 2007.”

### 25 years ago (1991)

•For people who can’t get insured by private companies, the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association, also known as the state pool, offers an alternative.  
But many people don’t even know it exists.  
Shirley Top, an agent with Catnach Insurance of Luverne, said a six-month Minnesota resident who has been denied by a private agency or who can’t get insurance can get into the state’s

insurance pool.

### 50 years ago (1966)

•Mrs. N.W. (Eleanor) Boysen is apparently the new Rock County Clerk of Court.  
She won out over opposing candidate James Bagbey by two votes after the recount board and District Judge Charles Flinn reviewed the issue. ...  
Originally the canvassing board had certified 2,226 votes for each candidate. To break the tie an official recount had to be held.

### 75 years ago (1941)

•“One of the most extensive production programs ever planned in this county” is expected to be launched next Wednesday at 10 a.m., when men and women representing every township in Rock county will meet in the court room in Luverne, according to an announcement made this week by County Agent

J. Kenneth King. They will hear H.R. Saarlans, extension dairyman, outline improvements in care and feeding designed to get more milk per cow during the next few months.

### 100 years ago (1916)

•Entering Ed. Baker’s home on Fletcher street while Mr. and Mrs. Baker were attending a theatre Sunday night, a sneak thief secured a swag of value in excess of \$25 and made his get-away.  
The articles taken included a new quilt, plush robe, a pair of woolen bed blankets and a part of a suit of men’s clothing. The thief had apparently intended to take the whole suit, but in his haste to leave the house dropped the trousers and did not discover the fact. ...  
Chief of Police Connel was notified of the robbery, but up to date the officers have been unable to get any definite clue as to the identity of the culprit. It is believed that it was done by local talent, and that the guilty party was familiar with Mr. Baker’s custom of not locking up his home.

## OBITUARIES

### Elaine Oldre Jensen

Elaine Geraldine Burmeister Oldre Jensen passed into paradise on Nov. 4, 2016. (Luke 23:43).  
She was born June 19, 1927, in Pipestone, Minnesota. She had an older brother, Richard, a younger brother, Wayne, and younger twin sisters, Darlene and Arlene. As the eldest girl in the family she worked hard, both farming and with the household chores.

She married at age 19 to Oscar Oldre while he was serving in the military during World War II. Her first two children were born while she was a military wife and the next two while farming in Luverne. In the middle 1950s the family moved to Minneapolis, and it wasn’t long before the family was farming on some rented acreage located at the intersection of 36th Avenue North and Hwy 169 (then County Road 18). When the farm was sold for development, they relocated nearby, where Elaine started a new career selling Avon.

Elaine spent about 10 years as single parent and the Avon income became the main source of support. She worked hard visiting her customers in the morning, afternoon, and evening. She was one of the top Avon sales ladies in the country. In spite of her hectic work schedule she never missed one of her boys’ many sporting events.

Elaine was raised as a good Minnesota Lutheran and faithfully made sure all her children were confirmed in the Lutheran church. Later she confessed that something was missing. She wrote in her Memories book about growing up with memorized prayers said at mealtime and bedtime. She commented, “After praying one day at mealtime, I was confronted by a son about being a Lutheran because I was born a Lutheran. It gave me some ‘food for thought’ and I realized I did not really know that much about what the Bible said.”

When her boys were mostly grown, she decided to do something about her lack of Bible knowledge and her faith that had withered due to the pressures of raising and supporting her four boys. She organized a Bible study with another lady from church,

which to her dismay ended up at her home with her leading it. Fortunately, she found another resource to help out, a Christian Singles Fellowship group organized by the Greater Minneapolis Association of Evangelicals (GMAE). It was there she met her second husband, Peter Jensen.

Together Peter and Elaine were involved in various ministries. They were the first house parents in a halfway house for ex-convicts called Damascus Way, a ministry of GMAE. With Peter’s encouragement Elaine took a distance learning Bible course from Moody Bible Institute. This helped her get a job with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGAE). There she worked in various positions over 20 years including responding to letters from frequent letter writers to Billy Graham. Her letters were carefully reviewed but they were always signed, “Billy.” When the Billy Graham Association moved from Minneapolis to North Carolina, she decided it was time to take the severance package, and Elaine retired in her 70s.

Elaine modeled and taught her boys a strong work ethic. She put the needs of others ahead of her own. She sacrificed for her boys and had compassion toward and ministered to people who were going through hard times. She sent a lot of birthday cards and they were always inscribed with a special Bible verse and loving comment. She cared about people, not material things.

She will be missed by her friends and family, but we rejoice with her as we know she looked forward to the day when she would go to her heavenly home.

She is survived by her sisters Darlene Johnson, Brooklyn Park, and Arlene Mann, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; her four sons and their wives, Eldon (Valerie) Oldre, Fort Myers, Florida, Randy (Bonnie) Oldre, Minneapolis, Dallas (Debbie) Oldre, Bloomington, and Clifford (Carla) Oldre, Maple Grove; her grandchildren, Eric and Elizabeth (and their mother Carolyn Oldre), Vince, Christian, Brad, Brook, Tim and Jonathan; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapel of Robbinsdale, www.gearty-delmore.com.

(1117 V)

### James Boecker

James Paul Boecker, 69, Adrian, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at his home.

A memorial mass was Saturday, Nov. 12, at the St. Adrian Catholic Church in Adrian. Burial of cremains was in the St. Adrian Cemetery.

James Boecker was born July 10, 1947, in Slayton, to William F. and Anthonette G. (Hebbelman) Boecker. He attended St. Adrian Grade School and graduated from St. Adrian High School. Jim then attended Technical Drafting School in St. Louis Park. He worked at Honeywell in Minneapolis

before moving to Adrian in the early 1980s.

He maintained a detailed genealogy history of the Boecker family. He even traced the family back to Germany for multiple generations.

Jim is survived by two brothers, William (Sandra) Boecker, Arlington, and John Boecker, Lakeville; and six nephews, William, David, Douglas, Mark, Robert and Thomas Boecker.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, www.dingmannandsons.com.

(1117 F)

### Dale Halsne

Dale Earl Halsne, 51, Ruthton, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016.

A funeral was Monday, Nov. 14, at Peace Lutheran Church in Ruthton. Burial followed in the Holland Cemetery in Holland.

Dale Halsne was born March 20, 1965, to Richard and Jean Halsne in Tyler. He was raised on a farm near Ruthton. He attended school in Ruthton and graduated from high school in 1983. After completing his education, he farmed with his father and worked at Bayliner in Pipestone.

On June 13, 1987, he married Kris Hammer at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Flandreau, South Dakota. After the birth of their daughter Megan in 1988, the family moved to Bemidji. While living there, Dale worked for Exhaust Pros which he managed for about four years. In 1995 the family moved back to the Ruthton area and he worked for SK&D Construction for 21 years. In 2000 they purchased their home in Ruthton and have lived there ever since.

Dale attended Peace Lutheran Church in Ruthton.

### Marvin Lorang

Marvin Nicholas Lorang, 79, Lismore, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, Nov. 14, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial with full military honors provided by the Lismore American Legion Post #636 was in the St. Anthony Cemetery in Lismore.

Marvin Lorang was born Dec. 2, 1936, to John Jr. and Frances (Erdman) Lorang in Lismore. Marv graduated from St. Anthony Catholic High School in 1955. He served his country in the United States Air Force from December 1956 to December 1962.

Marv married Ruth Ann Hendel on Aug. 10, 1963, in Adrian. The couple lived in Minneapolis where Marv attended Northwest Television and Electronics Institute (now Dunwoody), graduating in 1964. Later the couple moved to Lismore. Marv worked at L & S Electric in Luverne from 1964 until 1967.

He then owned and operated Marv’s TV and Appliance from 1967 to 1979 and also drove school bus. Marv then began working at Farmers Union Co-op Oil in Lismore in 1978, retiring in 1998. Upon retirement, he maintained roads for Lismore Township from 1998 to 2010.

Marv was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Lismore,

Dale was a homebody. He was a hard worker, but he played hard, too. He loved his family and friends and enjoyed making plans with them, whether it was to have a bonfire or grill. His grandchildren meant the world to him.

Dale is survived by his wife, Kris, Ruthton; one daughter, Megan (Shawn) Obr, Yankton, South Dakota; two grandchildren, Jakobi Halsne and Drayden Obr; his parents, Jean (Bill) Alderson, Ruthton, and Richard Halsne of Tyler; his father- and mother-in-law, Norman and Marion Hammer, Flandreau; seven siblings, Randy (Judy) Halsne, Joliet, Illinois, David Halsne, Woodstock, Lori Halsne, Luverne, Scott Alderson, Holland, Brenda (Dave) Kellen, Woodstock, Todd (Jenny) Alderson, Lake Benton, and Shelly Gylling, Holland; a brother-in-law, Brian (Tam-mie) Hammer, Flandreau; and many nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by an infant son, Justin Dale Halsne, and his grandparents.

Arrangements were by Hartquist Funeral Home of Pipestone, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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the Knights of Columbus where

he served as Grand Knight, the Lismore American Legion Post #636, the Lismore Fire & Rescue, and was a firearm safety instructor for many years. Marv enjoyed the annual family deer hunting trip to Wyoming, carrying on the family tradition for more than 50 years. He also enjoyed storytelling, reading the newspaper, pickup rides through the countryside with Sally, teaching kids to water ski, fishing, traveling and attending his grandchildren’s events. Marv earned the nickname “MacGyver” for his love of tinkering and his ability to fix anything.

Marv is survived by his wife, Ruth Lorang, Lismore; five children, Thomas (Molly) Lorang, Morton, Kevin (Yigliola) Lorang, Minneapolis, Susan (Todd) Roerig, Sioux City, Iowa; Lynn (Shawn) Dearey, Durango, Colorado; and Jean (Ivan) Vargas, Dell Rapids, South Dakota; 12 grandchildren; and his in-laws Irma Lorang, Joan Wolf, Lyle Healy, Jim and Phyllis Hendel, Judy Hendel and Leo Hendel..

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Mary Vargas; a brother, Davey Lee Lorang; a special uncle and aunt, Homer and Esther Looan; and his in-laws Roman Wolf, Donna Healy, Robert Hendel and Joni Hendel.

Arrangements were by Dingmann Funeral Home of Adrian, www.dingmannandsons.com.

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### Jerome Untiedt

Jerome “Jerry” Allen Untiedt, 68, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016.

A funeral was Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Calvary Chapel in Kennesaw, Georgia.

He was born in St. Paul on Jan. 13, 1948 to Edna Leister. At the age of six months, Jerry was adopted by Lloyd and Harriet (Mulder) Untiedt of Luverne.

Jerry was a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and worked in the telephone communications field. He married Gloria VanDerAarde in 1969 and they had three children.

He later moved to Melbourne, Florida, and began his own online training company. He married Susan (Hough Fieg) in 2000.

Jerry had many hobbies and interests, including music,

woodworking, cooking and hiking. In 2011 he was inducted into the South Dakota Rock’n’ Roll Hall of Fame.

Jerry suffered a debilitating stroke in 2009 and was diagnosed with Lewy Bodies dementia in 2012.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Susan; his son Steven Untiedt, daughter-in-law Jayme, grandson Wyatt, his daughters Caroline Ruz-zamenti and Jennifer Untiedt and their mother, Gloria VanDerAarde; step-daughter Laura Fieg Kasibante (Chief Kasibante), step-son Brian Fieg (Emily Davenport), five stepgrandchildren, and several cousins, half-brothers and half-sisters.

Arrangements were by Georgia Funeral Care of Acworth, Georgia, www.georgiafuneralcare.com.

(1117 F)

### Steven Heck

Steven Roger Heck, 71, Luverne, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, at his home.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne. Burial with military honors will be in St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery in Luverne. Visitation will be from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Dingmann Funeral Home in Luverne and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Steven Heck was born May 11, 1945, to Merrill and Pauline (Johnson) Heck in Denver, Colorado. He graduated from Luverne High School in 1963. He served his country in the Minnesota National Guard.

Steve married Sandy Hatt-ing on Sept. 24, 1966, at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Luverne. The couple lived in Luverne. Steve worked as a Design Engineer at Luverne Truck Equipment in Brandon, South Dakota.

Steve was a member of

St. John Lutheran Church in Luverne, where he served as a money counter for many years. In addition to spending time with his family and grandchildren, he loved to ride his Harley Davidson Heritage Softail Classic.

He was a member of the Sioux Falls HOG Chapter and enjoyed attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally every August in the Black Hills.

Steve is survived by his wife, Sandy Heck, Luverne; four children, Kimberly (Mike) Monmaney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Kristine (Chad Gruis) Heck, Luverne; Kirby (Wendy) Heck, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Corey Heck, Luverne; eight grandchildren, Arielle (Dustin Modder), Stephen, Taylor, Tierra, Jordan, Riley, Kennedy, and Skylar; and a great-granddaughter, Madison.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents.

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

(1117 F)

## DEATH NOTICE

### Maynard Lafrenz

Maynard R. Lafrenz, 70, Slayton, formerly of Luverne, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016, at the Golden Living Center in Slayton.

Arrangements are pending at Hartquist Funeral Home of Luverne, www.hartquistfuneral.com.

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# Hardwick uses smoke to find underground leaks

By Mavis Fodness

Hardwick city officials want to find out why its sanitary sewer system is delivering more clean water than expected to its two wastewater lagoons located east of town.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, a two-man crew with DGR Engineering out of Rapids, Iowa, spent the morning using smoke to find cracks, breaks or auxiliary connections in the sewer lines that allow rain water to enter the sewer system in large quantities.

“We really want to find something because they know they have a problem,” said DGR’s Colin Johnsen, who performed Thursday’s smoke tests with partner Justin Blauwet.

Verlyn Van Batavia, the city of Hardwick’s wastewater superintendent, is working with Minnesota Pollution Control officials to find the source of the excessive water in the lagoons.

Hardwick is permitted for 30,000 gallons of wastewater per day to flow to its lagoons. However, after weather events,



Mavis Fodness Photo/1117 Hardwick Smoke Test

Hardwick’s maintenance superintendent Dave Heldt (on knees, center) and Keith Toering (far right) clean the rim of the manhole Thursday, Nov. 10, for DGR Engineering workers Justin Blauwet (far left) and Colin Johnsen, who hold the smoke machine that fits over the manhole opening. The smoke machine helps find leaks into the sanitary sewer system.

that flow climbs up to 59,000 gallons a day.

Van Batavia said the current lagoon system provides 180 days storage but the excess clean water entering the system is causing the lagoons to fill faster than they should in the six-month timeframe.

system but not in the volumes that are being recorded as going to the lagoons.

Thursday’s test was to locate new water sources and make repairs to prevent the water from entering the sewer system.

The smoke test involved removing manhole covers and placing a fan over the opening.

A smoke stick is lit and placed next to the fan to blow the smoke into the sewer pipes. The smoke will leak to the surface of the ground through any uncapped or cracked lines that have been allowing excess water into the system.

During the process, workers walk a two-block radius looking for white plumes rising from the ground. These areas are then documented.

The smoke testing system is the least expensive way to search for the water entering the system.

If no leaks are found, Van Batavia said the city might have to turn to another system to search out the reason for the excessive amount of clean water in the sewer system.

# Third time’s a charm; Sunday liquor passes in Luverne

By Lori Sorenson

Luverne voters answered “yes” to the question of allowing on-sale liquor on Sundays.

The measure passed 1,473-885 with 62 percent favoring the proposal.

City officials had speculated this might be the year Sunday liquor is approved in Luverne, since it failed by a narrow margin last time the question was on the ballot.

In 2008 Luverne voters rejected Sunday liquor sales 1,232-1,180. That year it was requested by Dave Halverson for Sharkee’s.

In 2004, 60 percent of Luverne voters said “no” to the question of allowing on-sale liquor on Sundays. That year it was requested by Dan Wedin and Mark Zimmer, owners of Howling Dog.

This year the question was posed on the general election ballot at the request of Brian Sterling of Sterling’s Café & Grille.

According to state law, a city may issue a Sunday liquor license only if authorized to do so by the voters.

In August Luverne City Council members agreed to put the question on the ballot.

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

With the voters authorizing the city to issue Sunday liquor licenses, the city can put its own restrictions on the terms of the licensure.

## Record absentee ballots/ continued from page 1A

“You can open those ballots starting seven days prior to election and put them in the machine,” she said.

“You can’t see the results, but it saves a lot of time on election night.”

She said the City of Steen has already decided to use mail ballots, and several others are considering it, most due to economics.

The mail ballot precincts bear the cost of printing, postage and court-house processing, but it’s still cheaper than providing a polling place with four trained election judges for each primary and general election.

Plus, Rock County precincts are using aging voting machines that cost \$5,000 apiece to replace.

“Our machines are 10 years old and they’re starting to show their age,” Kurtz said. “I know 10 years doesn’t sound that long, but in terms of computers, that’s pretty old.”

She said the current machines date back to 2006 when electronic ballot counting was first mandated.

At that time they were purchased with grant dol-

lars, and the county has paid for maintenance through the years.

But replacement machines would likely be paid for locally, which is part of the reason several more Rock County precincts may close their polling stations and use mail ballots.

Knowing that, and learning what she did about absentee voting this year, Kurtz said she and her staff are already communicating with their association about ways to improve the process for the next election.

Primarily, that will mean properly staffing her office for the early voters. “It took us a whole day just to open ballots,” Kurtz said. “And we still need to get our other work done.”

On a side note, she said absentee voters did a much better job getting their ballots turned in on time last week.

“There were only three that arrived late,” she said.

That compares with 44 late ones in the primary election. “We used neon pink paper to encourage people to turn their ballots in on time,” she said about reminders enclosed with mail ballots.

## Final Rock County election results tallied in Rock County/ continued from page 1A

He campaigned as a write-in candidate, and there were 66 write-in votes cast.

Uncontested county candidates are Jody Reisch for re-election to the **District 5 County Board** seat, and Eugene Cragoe, Roger Hoff and Dave Esselink as **Soil and Water Supervisors** in District 1, 3 and 4 respectively.

### City of Luverne

Daniel Nath beat Larry Lanphere by a vote of 864-474 for Luverne City Council **Ward 1** seat currently held by Esther Frakes, who did not seek re-election.

Patrick Baustian was re-elected (uncontested) as **Luverne mayor** and Lori Hallstrom was elected (uncontested) to **Ward 2 City Council** currently held by Eugene Marshall who did not seek re-election.

### Small cities

In **Hardwick** voters chose incumbent Janyce Baustian for mayor 55-22 over challenger Willy Baker.

Lowell Schelhaas and Richard Hubbling were elected uncontested to four-year seats that will be vacated by councilwomen Carey Teunissen and Crystal Swenson who did not file for re-election.

Tom Haas was elected uncontested for the two-year seat on the Hardwick City Council.

In **Beaver Creek** voters chose Jamie Dysthe for mayor 118-23 over challenger Cathy Schroeder.

When Mayor Carolyn DeBoer passed away Sept. 16, 2015, councilman Dysthe was appointed mayor, and Josh Boomgaarden was appointed to Dysthe’s council seat.

Beaver Creek councilman Alan Harnack was re-elected uncontested to another four-year term.

In **Jasper** Mayor Mike Baustian was re-elected uncontested.

Kim Lape (195) and Karen Damman (177) were elected to city council, beating Marty Hilfers who received 76 votes.

In **Magnolia** Mayor Dennis Madison was re-elected with 49 votes (there were 14 write-ins). Incumbent Mary Smook took 52 votes for council with Robert Somnis narrowly winning over Jeffery T. DeGroot 33-32 for the other open council seat. There were seven write-ins for Magnolia City Council.

In **Steen** Mayor Mel Van Batavia and councilmen

Marlin Elbers and Mark Kruger were re-elected with no challengers.

In **Kenneth** Mayor Del Gangestad and councilman David Groen were re-elected unchallenged, and Paul Tweet was elected uncontested to the seat that will be vacated by Nora Halverson who did not file.

In the city of **Hills**, Mayor Keith Elbers and councilman Brian Sandbulte were re-elected unchallenged, and Ross Metzger was elected unchallenged to the seat that will be vacated by Brad Berkhof, who did not file for re-election.

### Townships

**Battle Plain** Township clerk Mark VanderPol and supervisor Greg Talsma were elected unopposed.

**Denver** Township clerk Richard Hubbling and chairman Kyle Hemme were up for election. Hemme was re-elected, but no one filed for the clerk seat.

**Vienna** Township clerk Doug Eeten was elected clerk. Brian Jonas beat Larry Tweet for supervisor 60-36.

**Rose Dell** Township clerk Wayne Uilk and supervisor Elroy Deschepper did not seek re-election, and no

one filed for those seats.

**Martin** Township supervisor David Swanson’s seat was open and no one filed for that seat or for township clerk.

The Rock County townships of Springwater, Mound, Magnolia, Luverne, Beaver Creek, Clinton and Kanaranzi held elections in March.

### State and federal offices

At the state level, incumbent Bill Weber (R-Luverne), took 70.2 percent of the votes for **State Senate District 22** compared 29.72 percent by DFL challenger Brian Abrahamson, Luverne.

Incumbent Joe Schomacker (R-Luverne) took 71.98 percent of the votes for re-election to the **Minnesota House of Representatives District 22A**. Challenger Laura Woods of Luverne received 27.98 percent.

At the federal level, DFL incumbent Tim Walz took 50.34 percent of the votes to beat Republican challenger Jim Hagedorn (49.58 percent) for the **U.S. House District 1** seat.

More election information is available on the Minnesota Secretary of State website, [sos.state.mn.us](http://sos.state.mn.us).

## Voters fill 12 open school board seats in area districts

By Mavis Fodness

Voters in the four school districts within the Star Herald coverage area elected three people to their respective boards during last week’s general election.

In the **Luverne** district, challenger Tim Jarchow garnished the most votes with 2,465 or 29.66 percent. Voters also returned incumbents Shelley Sandbulte (2,329; 28.02) and Colleen Deutsch (2,201; 26.48) to the board. Challenger Kenny Rolling received 1,282 or 15.42 percent

of the vote. There were 35 write-in votes.

In a close race for the third open seat on the **Adrian** School Board, challenger Keith Sieve received 610 votes or 22.11 percent over incumbent Mark Lonneman (604; 21.89).

Incumbents Lisa Kruger (844; 30.59) and David Bullerman (686; 24.86) were returned to the board. The district also had 15 write-in votes for the open seats.

Three new faces will be on the **Hills-Beaver Creek**

school board with the election of challengers Tamara Rauk (682 votes or 24.71 percent), Blake Wysong (648; 23.48) and Tim Bosch (529; 19.17).

Incumbents Karin Moser and Amie Fick received 389 (14.09) and 335 (12.14) votes respectively in their unsuccessful bids to return to the board.

Challenger Kari Kueter received 169 votes or 6.12 percent. There were eight write-in votes.

**Ellsworth** will also send three new faces to its school board with challengers Lindsay Jenniges (342 votes; 27.10 percent), Rebecca Dreesen (319; 25.28) and Randy Buntjer (299; 23.69). Incumbent Jeff Boltjes received 289 votes (22.90). There were 13 write-in votes.

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## Family, friends influenced Siebenahler's military career

By Mavis Fodness

Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Justin Siebenahler, a Luverne High School graduate, shared his military experience Friday night as the Veterans Day keynote speaker at the Hardwick Memorial Hall.

Siebenahler is an active duty reservist in the U.S. Air Force 934<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron in Minneapolis. He became a reservist in 2004 after his service in the Air Force.

He said family and friends influenced his military career choice 16 years ago.

"Leading up to my high school graduation I was undecided on what I wanted to do with my life. I thought the military might be a good place for me," he said.

He admits he knew very little about the military's five branches. His experiences with the Army came while he was very young. "As a kid I played with military toys. I had GI-Joes, little green Army guys," he said.

His grandfathers, Leon Siebenahler and Bill DeBates, both served in the Army and both veterans attended Friday's event.

"My grandpa Bill DeBates always tried to impress his grandkids by trying on his old Army coat that was 10 sizes too small," Siebenahler reflected amid audience laughter. "Sorry, Grandpa."

Military recruiters introduced him to the Marines and Army National Guard, and a personal tour of Dover Air Force Base in Delaware led him to enlist in the Air Force.

Siebenahler recounted his steps through basic to security forces training to being stationed in North Dakota to being deployed to Saudi Arabia where he met a familiar face while standing guard in support of Operation Southern Watch.

"Pat Baustian approached me, shook my hand and we took a picture together," he said. "It still amazes me that two people from Luverne ended up in Saudi Arabia at the same time."

The 9-11 terror attacks occurred shortly after Siebenahler's return to the United States.

"The first thing my recruiter told



Mavis Fodness Photo/1117 Hardwick Veterans 2016  
Justin Siebenahler, a master sergeant with the U.S. Air Force Reserves in Minneapolis, shares stories of choosing a military career and resulting experiences Friday night in Hardwick.

me when I signed up was to not volunteer for anything," he said.

"Well, I was volunteering for anything and everything that was offered to us. I really wanted to get on the missions that were transporting the captured to Guantanamo Bay, but I was denied because I had just gotten back from overseas."

Earlier this year Siebenahler finally completed a prisoner transport mission. Instead of bringing prisoners to the Guantanamo Bay, however, he

was transferring them out of U.S. custody.

Siebenahler has also worked with the Secret Service in coordinating security for visiting dignitaries in Minnesota. He was promoted to master sergeant in 2015.

"Veterans often speak of camaraderie. I can honestly say that I have made friends with veterans from all over the country and world," he said.

"Camaraderie is evident here with all us veterans getting together for Veterans Day."



Lori Sorenson photo/1117 veterans day blomgren

Beaver Creek native Lt. Wade Blomgren spoke of his experiences in Camp Fallujah while deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Blomgren: 'There are a few things about deployment I'll never forget'

By Lori Sorenson

Beaver Creek native Lt. Wade Blomgren was the featured speaker at Friday's Veterans Day program in the Blue Mound Banquet Center, Luverne.

He spoke of his experiences in Camp Fallujah while deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom from April 2006 through July 2007.

Blomgren served with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 136th Infantry Regiment of the Minnesota National Guard, which he said was comprised largely of "farm kids" from the Midwest.

Blomgren led his platoon of mechanized infantrymen alongside the Marine Corps through some of the deadliest conflicts in Anbar province.

"It's really their story I'm telling," he said about his unit.

Among other things, he described the challenges of 140-degree heat inside armored vehicles, "trick of the day" roadside explosives and desperate living conditions of the Iraqi people.

"There are a few things about deployment I'll never forget," Blomgren said. "The things you see there are really alarming."

He said he's grateful he wasn't personally exposed to the fiercest of fighting, but he said he learned enough from those who were to know that returning home isn't as easy as it would seem.

"Going full-bore to just stopped ... it's really difficult," Blomgren said. "We have to realize the things they

dealt with every day ... It's unnatural when you send one of your buddies off in a body bag, and you can't tell which end is his head and which is his feet."

He said combat veterans often face their biggest challenges when they return home and attempt to reintegrate into civilian settings.

Blomgren also spoke of his respect for U.S. Marine Corp Col. George Bristol and "the love he had for his unit."

He quoted some key phrases from Bristol's address to his soldiers following the loss of two comrades.

"Young men became older. Old men became older still. Yet, in the twilight, the brotherhood that underlies combat operations remains strong," Blomgren quoted from Bristol's speech.

"This morning I had all of the men close their eyes and take a deep breath. I said to them, 'Exhale — and be glad that you are alive. I am glad. And our brothers who have departed us are glad as well. We will go on with angels watching over us.' And we shall."

Blomgren, son of Harry and Bernice Blomgren, Beaver Creek, is a 1996 graduate of Hills-Beaver Creek High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of St. Thomas. He earned his MBA in 2014.

He works as a field marketing manager with Ortho Clinical Diagnostics in Sioux Falls. He and his wife, Heather, and their three boys live in Brandon.



Lori Sorenson photos/1117 veterans day last man

Last Man Club members (from left) Warren Herreid, Helmer Haakenson, LeRoy Luitjens and Ray Anderson were honored at Friday's Veterans Day event. Earl Glaser was ill and unable to attend.

## Five remain in Last Man Club

By Lori Sorenson

There are five remaining members of Luverne's distinguished Last Man Club, and four of them attended the Veterans Day banquet Friday night in the Blue Mound Banquet Center.

Warren Herreid, Helmer Haakenson, LeRoy Luitjens and Ray Anderson were honored at the event. Earl Glaser was ill and unable to attend.

Luverne's Last Man Club organized in the summer of 2010 as

an offshoot of the Glen's Coffee Clique. Of the original 24 World War II veterans, five remain.

Warren Herreid Sr. has been spokesman for the club, and this year his son, Warren Herreid Jr., served in that capacity.

According to the articles of incorporation of the Last Man Club, the annual banquet includes an empty chair and full place setting and name card for each deceased member.

As it's been done each year, the names of the club's deceased members are read aloud followed by the tolling of a bell after each name. Herreid II's wife, Jeannine Rivet, tolled a bell for each name.

The list now includes Ted Anderson, Robert Anderson, Lawrence Akkerman, Jake Boomgaarden, Floyd Goemmel, George Gabrielson, Harvey Ball, Bill Veenhof, Darwin Rogness, Charles Mann, Lawrence Overgaard, Ray Slieter, Johnny Johnson, Robert Juhl, Tim Tange-man, Big Carrigan, Russ Swenson, Conrad Tofteland and Casey Van Engelenhoven.



Jeannine Rivet tolls the bell as the names of deceased Last Man Club members are read aloud.



Lori Sorenson photo/1117 veterans day minstrels

The Carnegie Minstrels of Luverne Street Music debuted at Friday night's Veterans Day ceremony in the Blue Mound Banquet Center. They performed a patriotic number, "America — The Spirit Lives On." The Minstrels are a community band and choir that gather to perform at local community events. Interested community musicians are encouraged to contact Luverne Street Music at 507-283-9416 to participate.



Mavis Fodness photo

Bill DeBates holds the thank-you note and packet of Swiss Miss cocoa mix he received as a member of the honor guard Friday in Luverne. The items were from sophomore Melisa Osias in honor of their military service.



Lori Sorenson photo/1117 veterans day at high school

Brent Thompson addresses the Friday morning Veterans Day gathering in Luverne High School. Thompson, a 2014 Luverne High School graduate, is a senior airman in the SD Air National Guard and talked about his early military experiences so far. "We live in an amazing country that is worth fighting for," Thompson said. "I would like to personally thank everyone in this room today that is a veteran and all military members for coming before me, setting the example and creating what the military is today."

## Hailey Remme repeats as All-BSC selection

By John Rittenhouse

A Luverne High School senior graces the roster of the 2016 All-Big South Conference Western Division Volleyball Team.

Hailey Remme, who made the honorary squad in 2015, was selected to the 12-player team for the second consecutive year.

No Cardinals secured one of the five honorable mention selections that were doled out by the league's coaches.

Marshall, Jackson County Central and Windom, teams that compiled identical 5-1 records in Western Division play, each landed three all-league selections.

Marshall seniors Ashtin Hmielewski, Anna Sanow and Bria DeRuyck made the team, as did JCC seniors Abby Benson, Lacey Wacker and Alexa Palmer.

Windom's all-conference selections include senior Madison Maras, junior Porsha Poarath and sophomore Becca Hacker.

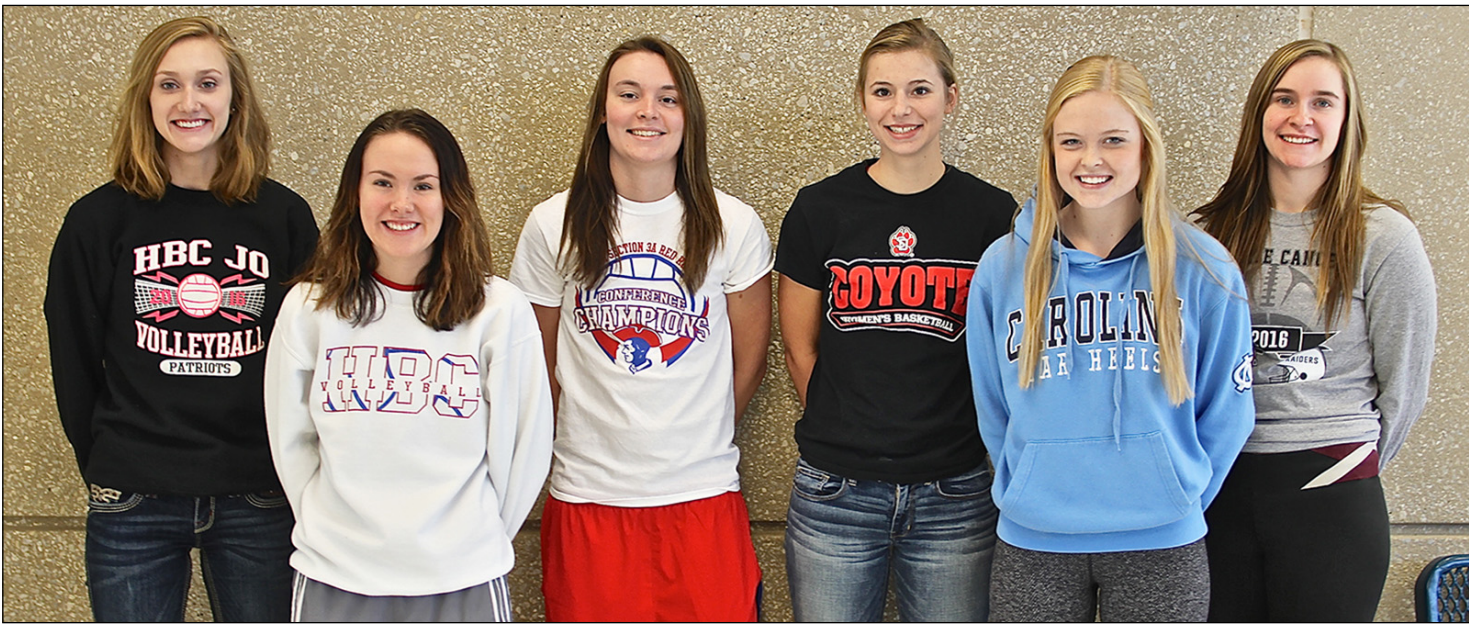
Worthington junior Anneke Weg and Pipestone senior Kiaya Alderson round out the all-league squad.

Players drawing honorable mention honors from the league's coaches include JCC junior Tiara Menke, Windom sophomore Maurissa Isaacs, Worthington seniors Abbi Mulder and Maddi Woll, Pipestone junior Shelby Bloemendaal and Redwood Valley senior Chaila Amundson.



John Rittenhouse photo/1110 lrb 2

Luverne senior Hailey Remme made the 2016 All-Big South Conference Western Division Volleyball Team.



John Rittenhouse photo/1117 hbc vb

Six members of the Hills-Beaver Creek volleyball program received postseason honors from Red Rock Conference officials last week. Mekayla Kolbrek (front, left), Avery Van Roekel (back, second left), Sidney Fick (back, second right), Avery Wysong (front, right) and Jasmine Lingen (back, right) made the 2016 All-RRC squad. Ashley Esselink (back, left) drew honorable mention.

## Area spikers draw honors

By John Rittenhouse

The Red Rock Conference officials offered a salute to nine athletes from the Star Herald coverage area last week.

Five athletes from Hills-Beaver Creek and one from Adrian were selected to the 2016 All-RRC Volleyball team.

One player each from Ellsworth, H-BC and Adrian drew honorable mention honors from the league's coaches.

H-BC, which won the league title for the first time in school history, reaped the benefits for the accomplishment by landing a league-high five All-RRC selections on the 22-player roster.

Seniors Mekayla Kolbrek, Avery Van Roekel and Jasmine Lingen, junior Avery Wysong and sophomore Sidney Fick made the squad for H-BC.

Adrian freshman Kasie Tweet made the All-RRC team as well.

Thirteen players drew honorable mention recognition from the league.

H-BC junior Ashley Esselink, Adrian sophomore Miah Kunkel and Ellsworth senior Hannah Kramer received three of the selections.

Southwest Christian, West-



Kramer

brook-Walnut Grove and Heron Lake-Okabena collected three All-RRC selections each.

Seniors Leah Buys and Emily DeGroot and junior Sydney Van Hulzen represent the E-Gals, while seniors Cassidy Mischke, Makenna Takle and Emma Woelber made the team for W-WG.

Seniors Brooke Freking, Gabrielle Stenzel and junior Kiana Leighty represent HL-O on the roster.

Red Rock Central and Mur-



John Rittenhouse photo/1117 ahs vb

Adrian's Kasie Tweet (right) made the 2016 All-RRC Volleyball Team. Miah Kunkel (left) received honorable mention.

ray County Central landed two all-league selections each.

Seniors Rachel Kedl and Ramsey Pottter made the team for RRC, while seniors Brooklyne Miller and Mallory Loosbrock grace the list from MCC.

Edgerton senior Halle Wasink, Fulda senior Kasey Hermeling and Mountain Lake Area junior Marta Stoesz round out the all-conference squad.

Other players drawing honorable mention include SWC senior Chantel Groen, W-WG sophomore Grace Woelber, RRC senior Hannah DeCock and sophomore Haley Simonson, HL-O senior Sarah Madsen, MCC sophomore Elise Rohrer, Edgerton senior Jordyn Smidt and junior Chynna Berning, Fulda junior Camryn Baumhoefner and MLA senior Emily Jahnke.

## Mike Palm is new girls' basketball coach at EHS

By John Rittenhouse

The Ellsworth girls' basketball program is led by a new head coach entering the 2016-17 season.

Mike Palm, who worked with the EHS boys' basketball program the past few seasons, is the new girls' coach this year.

Palm replaces Dean Wieck, who compiled a 15-59 record during a three-year run as the Panthers' head coach.

Palm is a 2000 graduate of Warren High School, where he was a member of the boys' basketball program.

Palm played as a forward during his two-year stint as a member of Warren's varsity basketball team, which includes one year as a starter.

After graduating from WHS, Palm attended Bemidji State University.

He graduated from the institution in 2005 with a degree in elementary education.

Palm received his first teaching opportunity in Ellsworth in



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## Former Cardinal to take over Luverne boys' hockey program

By John Rittenhouse

The 2016-17 winter sports season brings a coaching change to Luverne High School.

LHS graduate Phillip Paquette is the new Cardinal boys' hockey coach this season.

Paquette replaces Kullen Schroht, who guided LHS to a 22-6 record during his lone season as the Cardinals' head coach in 2015-16.

In Paquette, LHS has a hometown man who has spent most of his life playing in or coaching in the program. "I've been with the Luverne hockey program for a lot of years," he said.

"I started playing when I was young and kept on playing until I went to college. I basically got right back into the hockey program when I was done with college."

Paquette graduated from LHS in 2009, after completing a three-year varsity hockey career as the team's leading scorer three consecutive seasons.

He attended South Dakota

State University in Brookings after high school, where he was a member of the baseball program before graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in 2013.

Paquette worked at Avera Behavioral Health Center (and still does on a part-time basis) in Sioux Falls as a registered nurse for one year before landing a job as a school nurse at LHS prior to the 2014-15 school year.

He spent the last two winters as an assistant coach under Tony Sandbulte in the girls' hockey program and has coached in the junior high baseball program prior to being named the head boys' hockey coach.

"I'm excited about this," Paquette admitted.

"I definitely have some nerves and anxiety about it all right now, but I did a lot of work in the summer and now I'm just ready to kick it off and get into it."

Paquette feels blessed to be surrounded by a strong, diverse coaching staff that brings



Paquette

different strengths to the table.

Adam Ossefoort is the team's new assistant coach after serv-

ing as the boys' Bantam coach last year.

Ossefoort played as a goalie

during his LHS playing days, as did Matt Lais, who has worked with the program's goalies for a number of years and returns as a volunteer assistant.

Another volunteer coach returning to the fold is Paul Erickson, who brings defensive expertise to the program.

"I really like our coaching staff," Paquette said.

"Adam is my right-hand man who was a goalie and will help me work with the players and make line changes. Matt has been working with our goalies for a long time now, and Paul has also worked with this group for a long time now and knows these kids."

Paquette will oversee the entire operation, and he wants to change the team's focus in a way some may find surprising.

"I love seeing goals scored, but we want to place more of a focus on defense this year," he said.

"They scored a lot of goals last year and lost a lot of high-scoring games. We will focus on tightening things up in the defensive zone. We'll score a

lot of goals because we do have a lot of talented players and some good, younger players coming up the ranks this year."

Being groomed by a lot of LHS coaches in the past should help Paquette make a successful transition to a head hockey coach.

"When I was in school, I got to play for guys like Weninger (Mike, the LHS baseball coach), Oye (Todd, the LHS football coach) and Tony (Sandbulte), who was the hockey coach my senior year," Paquette said.

"All of those guys have been very helpful in guiding me and teaching me how to manage kids, and I'm very grateful for this opportunity because I think it's going to be a lot of fun. I've had player interviews over the last couple of weeks and to a man, they all want to get back to the state tournament. We'll have to work hard as a unit and everyone will have to be on the same page to accomplish it, but that's their goal. We have a lot of work to do to reach it."



# Star Herald CHURCH

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

**St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellsworth**

Thursday, Nov. 17: 4 p.m. Mass at Veterans Home. 7 p.m. St. Catherine PC. Friday, Nov. 18: 9:30 p.m. Mass at Parkview Manor. Saturday, Nov. 19: 2:15 p.m. Bingo at Veterans Home. 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine. Sunday, Nov. 20: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. 10:30 a.m. Mass at St Catherine; St Catherine Knights of Columbus breakfast. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving at St. Catherine. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study. 7 p.m. Cub Scouts. 7:30 p.m. St. Catherine Knights of Columbus. Wednesday, Nov. 23: No Faith Formation. 7:30 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving at St. Mary.

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

Sunday, Nov. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. 11 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes. 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. Monday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m. PERK UP at Mary Jane Brown Home. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break/Story Hour. Wednesday, Nov. 23: 7 p.m. Youth Group. Thursday, Nov. 24: 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Service.

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

Thursday, Nov. 17: 6 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 7 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Sunday, Nov. 20: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. Morning Service. 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. 4 p.m. Women's Bible Study at First Baptist Church. Wednesday, Nov. 23: No Awana. Thursday, Nov. 24: 7 p.m. Worship Service on Channel 3.

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

Thursday, Nov. 17: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MIA. 9:30 a.m. Coffee; Rachel circle. 1:30 p.m. Lydia circle. 2 p.m. Sarah circle at Mary Jane Brown Home. 4:30 p.m. Book Study. 7 p.m. Priscilla and Elizabeth circle. Friday, Nov. 18: 6:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Nov. 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion. Sunday, Nov. 20: 8:15 a.m. Worship with Communion and Radio Broadcast. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study. 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. Semi-annual meeting and potluck in Fellowship Hall. 7 p.m. Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Worship at St. Catherine. Monday, Nov. 21: 4:30 p.m. Worship on Channel 3. 5:45 p.m. Echoes Rehearsal. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 7 a.m. Dorcas Circle at The Bean. 9 a.m. Staff meeting. 7 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle. Wednesday, Nov. 23: 7 a.m. Men's Study. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Social. No Faithweavers; no confirmation.

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

Thursday, Nov. 17: 3:30 p.m. Communion at Veterans Home. Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 9:15 a.m. Bible Class. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 1:30 p.m. Worship at Mary Jane Brown Home. 2:15 p.m. Worship at Poplar Creek. Wednesday, Nov. 23: 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Vespers. No Catechism classes.

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

Friday, Nov. 18: 6:30 a.m. Community Men's Bible Study. Sunday, Nov. 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Family Education. 11 a.m. Life Group leader training. 2:30 p.m. Junior RCYF. 7 p.m. Senior RCYF. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 10 a.m. Staff meeting. 6:45 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship. Wednesday, Nov. 23: 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship.

**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.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Maggie Berndt-Dreyer  
112 N. Main St., Hills  
Ph. 962-3270  
e-mail: bethlehemluth@alliancecom.net

Friday, Nov. 18: Newsletter deadline. Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m. Worship at Tuff Chapel. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas practice. 10:30 a.m. Communion at Bethlehem. 7 p.m. Grades 6-8 Youth Group. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 2:30 p.m. Bible Study at Tuff Home. 3:15 p.m. Bible Study at the Village. Wednesday, Nov. 23: 9 a.m. Quilting. 2 p.m. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service. Christmas decorating following service. No confirmation or youth group.

**Hills United Reformed Church**  
410 S. Central Ave., Hills  
Office Ph. 962-3254  
hillsurc@alliancecom.net  
Alan Camarigg, Pastor

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship Services.

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

Thursday, Nov. 17: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Food Shelf open. Saturday, Nov. 19: 8 p.m. AA meeting. Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m. Traditional Worship. 10 a.m. Coffee Hour. 11 a.m. Come as You Are Worship. 1-4 p.m. Church Conference at Pipestone Peace UMC. 5 p.m. A.L.I.V.E. Youth Group. 7 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Catherine Catholic Church. Monday, Nov. 21: 8 a.m. Messenger newsletter deadline. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room. Wednesday, Nov. 23: 1-3 p.m. Rock County Emergency Food Shelf open. No F.U.E.L., children's ministry or confirmation classes. 5:30 p.m. Fourth Wednesday Free Community Meal. 8 p.m. AA meeting in Upper Room.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
302 Central Lane, Luverne  
Ph. 283-4787; email: Firstpc@iw.net — www.fpcluverne.com50

Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School. 10:15 a.m. Worship. 11:15 a.m. Deacons. 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at St. Catherine. Monday, Nov. 21: 5-6 p.m. Weight Watchers. Tuesday, Nov. 22: Noon Over 60's Thanksgiving meal. 5:30 p.m. Service of Worship on Channel 3. Wednesday, Nov. 23: No youth club, bells, or choir.

**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, Nov. 17: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions; History Committee meeting. Saturday, Nov. 19: 5:30 p.m. Worship. Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m. Worship. 10:15 a.m. Christian Education Hour. 11:15 a.m. Junior Choir. 11:30 a.m. Luncheon served by Youth. 12:15 p.m. Annual meeting. 4 p.m. LYF. Monday, Nov. 21: Newsletter deadline. 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 7:30 p.m. Parish Planning Council. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 9 a.m. Little Lambs Devotions. 11:15 a.m. Staff meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 23: No Little Lambs.. No Bible Study. No evening activities. Thursday, Nov. 24: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day worship with communion.

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

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

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

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

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
305 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., P.O. Box 36, Hardwick  
Ph. 669-2855; email: revmumme@gmail.com — www.zionlutheran-hardwick.com  
Mark W. Mumme, Pastor

Thursday, Nov. 17: 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3. Friday, Nov. 18: Zion Worship on Channel 3. Saturday, Nov. 19: Bus trip to Luther Exhibit in the Twin Cities. Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. 10 a.m. Mentor Program. 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Monday, Nov. 21: 1 p.m. Quilting. Tuesday, Nov. 22: 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study. Wednesday, Nov. 23: December newsletter deadline. Thursday, Nov. 24: 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service. 3:30 p.m. Zion Worship on Channel 3.

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

Sunday, Nov. 20: 9 a.m. Worship. 10 a.m. Sunday School. Wednesday, Nov. 23: No confirmation. 7 p.m. Choir practice.

**Palisade Lutheran Church**  
211 121<sup>st</sup> St., Garretson, S.D.  
Ph. (507) 597-6257 — firstpalisade@alliancecom.net

Sunday, Nov. 20: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School — Coffee Cup Sunday. 10:30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, Nov. 23: No confirmation.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
201 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. P.O. Box 73, Beaver Creek  
Ph. (507) 673-2428 – lori.1stpc@centurylink.net  
Worship Leaders Michael Blank and Andy Anderson

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

**Steen Reformed Church**  
112 W. Church Ave., Steen  
Ph. 855-2336  
Jeremy Wiersema, Pastor

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

## Thanksgiving

When you read these words, Thanksgiving Day will likely be about a week away. Have you made your plans yet for the holiday? What's on the menu? How much TV football will you watch? How long will your shopping list be for Black Friday?

Whatever else you plan to do, I hope you plan on giving thanks. Indeed, the Bible teaches us the wisdom of giving thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18). All circumstances? Yes, that's what the Bible says. However, this is more easily said than done. I've been a pastor now for 30 years. It's been my privilege to walk with people through a wide range of circumstances.

I've worked with happy couples as they planned weddings, and I've celebrated with them as they promised to love one another for a lifetime. But I've sat with other couples and witnessed the devastation unleashed by a spouse's admitting to an affair or saying, "I'm leaving. I never really loved you. I only married you because...."

I've spent time with families in the NICU and rejoiced with them as their precious prematurely born little ones grew and thrived and went home in good health. But I've also stood with families at the cemetery when the weather was as cold and bleak as what they felt, leaving behind small white caskets.

I've visited people who smiled from ear to ear because post cancer treatment medical tests came back all clear! I've also been in an ER waiting room holding a concerned woman's hand as a doctor, grim-faced, spoke a few words that weighed a ton: "I'm sorry; we did all we could."

Over the years I've

## BUILT ON A ROCK

By Pastor Roger Sparks,  
Luverne Christian  
Reformed Church

learned that in life the highs can be very high and the lows can be very low. So can we really give thanks in all circumstances? Yes, but only because there's a constant good that can't be eclipsed by life's troubles. Repeatedly — because we need to hear this more than once — the Bible says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." God is good all the time. All the time God is good. If we know this, we can trust that God has a good purpose for even the worst of our circumstances.

Long ago a man named Job learned that God has the right to give and to take as God knows best. Job also learned that God doesn't have to explain to us the good that He has in mind when God leads us through valleys of suffering. What a challenge: to believe that God is good when we don't see the good that God has in mind for us! But that's exactly what God will help us do as, with thanksgiving, we direct our prayers to Him. (Philippians 4:6)

This time of year, we may hear people greet us saying, "Happy Thanksgiving!" If you're experiencing one of life's lows, you might find this greeting irritating. So I'll tweak this greeting and wish you all a thanks-filled Thanksgiving. May we all be patient when things go against us, grateful when they go our way, and face the future trusting that "...the Lord is good, and His love endures forever."

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## Basin Electric Power Co-op public notice

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED JOINT PURPA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF CERTAIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND PETITION FOR WAIVER

Basin Electric Power Cooperative ("Basin Electric") and its Member-owners joining in this petition are Agralite Electric Cooperative, Big Flat Electric Co-op., Inc., Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc., Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association, Inc., Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc., Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc., Cam Wal Electric Cooperative, Inc., Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., Central Montana Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc., Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc., Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative, Inc., City of Elk Point, Clay-Union Electric Corporation, Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative, Inc., Crow Wing Cooperative Power and Light Company, Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc., East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., FEM Electric Association, Inc., Fergus Electric Cooperative, Inc., Goldenwest Electric Coop, Inc., Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc., H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc., Hill County Electric Cooperative, Inc., KEM Electric Cooperative, Inc., Kingsbury Electric Cooperative, Inc., L & O Power Cooperative, Lacreek Electric Association, Inc., Lake Region Electric Association, Inc., Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperative, Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative, Lyon-Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc., Marias River Electric Cooperative, Inc., McCone Electric Co-op., Inc., McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc., McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc., Mid- Yellowstone Electric Cooperative, Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light & Power Association, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc., Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative, North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., Northern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Northern Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., NorVal Electric Cooperative, Inc., Oahe Electric Cooperative, Inc., Osceola Electric Cooperative, Inc., Park Electric Cooperative, Inc., Powder River Energy Corporation, Redwood Electric Cooperative, Renville-Sibley Co-op Power Association, Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Inc., Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Sheridan Electric Co-op., Inc., Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Slope Electric Cooperative, Inc., South Central Electric Association, Southeast Electric Cooperative, Inc., Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Sun River Electric Cooperative, Inc., Tongue River Electric Cooperative, Inc., Traverse Electric Cooperative, Inc., Union County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Upper Missouri G & T Electric Cooperative, Inc., Verendrye Electric Cooperative, West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., West River Electric Association, Inc., Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. hereby give notice of their proposed Joint PURPA Implementation Plan ("Implementation Plan") to implement jointly their obligations under Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA") and under Part 292 of the Regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). Section 210 was enacted to encourage production of electric energy by qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities ("QFs"). Basin Electric and the Participating Members further give notice that on or after January 1, 2017, they will file with FERC a joint petition for waiver of certain obligations under Section 292.303 of the FERC's Regulations.

Part 292 of FERC's Regulations sets forth the requirements regarding arrangements between electric utilities and QFs. Part 292 requires electric utilities to purchase and sell energy and capacity from and to QFs. Under the proposed Implementation Plan (and subject to terms and conditions imposed pursuant thereto), Basin Electric and the Participating Members would agree to (1) permit any QF to interconnect with the transmission or distribution system of any Participating Member to the extent such QF is entitled to interconnection under Part 292; (2) permit any QF with a capacity of 150 kW or more to sell energy and capacity to Basin Electric at rates that comply with Part 292 to the extent that (a) a Participating Member would otherwise be required to purchase from such QF and (b) the QF delivers power to the Participating Member's system at a point where the Participating Member provides retail service with energy purchased from Basin Electric; and (3) permit any QF, regardless of capacity, to purchase supplementary, backup, maintenance and interruptible power on either a firm or nonfirm basis from a Participating Member at rates that comply with Part 292. The proposed Implementation Plan may be modified based on public comments, FERC's response to the petition for waiver described below, or otherwise as appropriate.

The proposed Implementation Plan is available for review by interested parties at the offices of Basin Electric. Copies will be sent to interested parties upon request. Written comments on the proposed Implementation Plan must be submitted on or before December 2, 2016, to Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Attention: Dave Raatz, Vice President Cooperative Planning, 1717 E. Interstate Ave., Bismarck, ND 58503 or by emailing [purpa@becpc.com](mailto:purpa@becpc.com). Copies of written comments will be made available to interested parties. In addition, any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed Implementation Plan by submitting a written request to the above address no later than December 2, 2016. If timely and properly requested, one or more hearings on the Implementation Plan will take place prior to the FERC filing referenced below. Details regarding the date, time and location of any such hearing(s) will be sent to each person requesting a hearing. A representative of Basin Electric and the Participating Members will be present at the hearing(s).

In connection with the proposed Implementation Plan, and pursuant to Section 292.402 of FERC's Regulations, on or after January 1, 2017, Basin Electric, on behalf of itself and the Participating Members, intends to apply for a waiver of certain obligations under Section 292.303 of FERC's Regulations which, if granted, would result in all purchases from QFs being made by Basin Electric and all sales to QFs interconnected with the Participating Members being made by the Participating Members. More information on the waiver request is provided in the Implementation Plan. Persons wishing to comment on the waiver request should follow the procedures for written and oral comments on the Joint PURPA Implementation Plan.

(11-17)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Dec. 12

### 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: April 6, 2005  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$116,000.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): David L. Olson and Rosanne Olson, Husband and Wife  
MORTGAGEE: New Century Mortgage Corporation  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: New Century Mortgage Corporation  
SERVICER: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed May 11, 2005, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 161378

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 7, in Block 5, in Charles O. Hawes' Addition to the Village (now City) of Luverne  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 317 N Kniss Avenue, Luverne, MN 56156  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0748-000  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock  
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$117,817.26

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: December 12, 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 June 12, 2017, or the next business day if June 12, 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: October 13, 2016

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates

Assignee of Mortgagee

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(10-20, 10-27, 11-03, 11-10, 11-17, 11-24)

## Mortgage foreclosure sale set for Jan. 9

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 3, 2014

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$97,000.00

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

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

MIN#: 1000312-0001222600-4

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

SERVICER: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed November 4, 2014, Rock County Recorder, as Document Number 184931

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 4 in Block 6 in Tri-State Addition to the City of Luverne

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 700 Traveling Hail Circle, Luverne, MN 56156

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-1396-000

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Rock

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$87,650.31

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dated: November 2, 2016

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Assignee of Mortgagee

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## Rock County Commissioners meet Oct. 18

Herreid Board Room

Rock County Courthouse

9:00 A.M.

October 18, 2016

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

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson to approve the October 18, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Hoime, seconded by Williamson, to approve the October 04, 2016 County Board agenda, declared carried on a voice vote.

Tom Houselog, Land Records Director presented an update of a recent conference he had attended. They had met with the Commissioner of Revenue regarding the exemption of certain properties and also attended a workshop session regarding buffer strips and determining the evaluation of those properties.

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Hoime, approve the 4-year re-appointment of Tom Houselog as County Assessor, effective January 01, 2017 thru December 31, 2020, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Assessor and Administrator led a discussion regarding the status of renewing the assessment contracts and stated that all have tentatively approved the 5-year contract renewal with the exception of the City of Hills. Oldre, Houselog and Williamson met with City of Hills Council members to discuss the 5-year contract renewal and they countered with a 10-year renewal. Motion by Boyenga, seconded

by Hoime, to deny the additional 5-year renewal due to the amount of variables involved, declared carried on a voice vote.

Eric Hartman, Land Management Office Director presented an update of the demolition permit stating that SEH consultant submitted comments to MPCA during the public comment period of the draft permit changing the 5:1 slopes to 4:1 slopes to extend the life expectancy of the demolition site. Hartman stated that they have formally requested a permit modification to MPCA.

The Administrator informed Hartman and the County Board of the need to schedule an SWCD/County Liaison meeting; the timeframe will be around the second week of November.

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

Claims over \$2,000:

| Vendor Name                          | Amount       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS INC          | 2,336.95     |
| AVERA QUEEN OF PEACE                 | 5,772.89     |
| CHS EASTERN FARMERS COOP             | 5,374.41     |
| COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS UNLIMITED INC | 6,719.00     |
| CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS, INC   | 7,353.12     |
| COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO                | 2,295.00     |
| EXPRESS AG                           | 6,837.02     |
| EXPRESSWAY-LUVERNE                   | 5,139.35     |
| KETTERLING SERVICES INC              | 8,621.74     |
| LYCOX ENTERPRISES INC                | 17,400.00    |
| LYON COUNTY LANDFILL                 | 17,701.50    |
| NELSON AUTO CENTER                   | 39,950.03    |
| NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP        | 2,911.00     |
| POWERPLAN                            | 3,504.58     |
| ROCK COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES            | 4,437.75     |
| TITAN MACHINERY-SIOUX FALLS          | 2,357.00     |
| W & N CONSTRUCTION INC               | 3,012.50     |
| 123 payments less than 2,000         | 44,523.40    |
| Total                                | \$186,247.24 |

Motion by Boyenga, seconded by Reisch, to approve the Fund Balance report, declared carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Hoime, to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to re-issue lost warrant #81117 in the amount of \$1,054.13, declared carried on a voice vote.

The Administrator informed the County Board that the City of Beaver Creek withdrew their request to MnDOT to conduct a speed study (Resolution No. 33-16) as they did not want to take the risk of losing the existing speed limit within their municipality on CSAH 4.

The Administrator presented an update of a MACA fall conference he had attended; county program aide was discussed in detail and that AMC is requesting support to amend the formula by establishing a minimum base amount factor to the formula; motion by Boyenga, seconded by Thompson, to support AMC's effort to request legislation amend the CPA formula, declared carried on a voice vote.

Deputy Administrator Susan Skattum, presented an update of the MCHRNA fall conference; workshop seminars included FLSA duties testing, creating positive work cultures and leadership training. Skattum also stated that she agreed to serve as a board member of the MCHRNA organization.

The Administrator requested the County Board to set the 2017 Cafeteria Contribution for union members at \$675.70 as previously discussed at a budget retreat; motion by Hoime, seconded by Reisch, to approve, declared carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Items:

Commissioner Williamson stated that he had met with representatives from Rural Water and Martin Township regarding a road issue.

Commissioner Hoime stated he had attended a District VIII Land Use meeting with Eric Hartman.

Commissioner Boyenga stated he had a preliminary meeting with Tom Houselog to discuss the renewal of his employment contract.

Commissioner Reisch stated that he had attended a Governor's Broadband Taskforce meeting.

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

(11-17)

## Notice of lien and intent to sell set for Nov. 18

### CLAIM OF LIEN NOTICE

Owner: Joseph Moore  
Address: 7705 W. Boulder Creek Pl. Apt. 5 Sioux Falls, SD 57106  
Invoice Number: 58341  
Vehicle Make: Kawasaki  
Model: EX 500 D7F  
LICENSE TAG: No License  
Expires:  
Vehicle Year: 2007  
VIN: JKAEXVD147A103339

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And  
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You and each of you are urged to make satisfactory arrangements to pay all charges and take possession of the said vehicle. In order to obtain a release of this vehicle you must present a personal identification, driver's license, and PROOF OF INSURANCE, (title registration, etc.) at the address below and pay all charges against said vehicle.

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## CARDS OF THANKS

The Family of Duane Pike would like to thank all who sent cards, memorials, flowers, gifts and food. Thank you to the staff at Dingmann's Funeral Home. Thanks to the Veterans Honor Guard, American Legion, Thanks to Father Tom for the Funeral Mass Services and the kind words about Duane's life. Thanks to Sanford Hospice Cottage Staff, you were a great help to us. Thanks to Dick Smook for all your visits. Thanks to the Senior center and Staff.

**The Pike Family.**  
(11.17-11.20)

Citizens of Hardwick, thank you for your vote.

**Jan Baustian**  
(11.17-11.20)

The family of Dorothy Bos would like to say thank you for the prayers, beautiful cards flowers, food, and kind words of sympathy. Your support at this difficult time was a great comfort by her family. (11.13-11.17)

The family of Linda Finke would like to thank all who sent memorials, cards and flowers. Thank you to Pastor Dorie and the staff at Hartquist Funeral Home. Thanks to all from the South Dakota Air National Guard that remembered Linda and shared stories with us. The kindness you have shown us will be remembered forever.

**Jon & Sheri Finke  
Dan & Mary Siegfried  
Dennis Erickson**  
(11.13-11.17)

Thank you for the birthday cards, gifts, and for all that came to my birthday party. Thank you to my kids for the party and the lunch, and to Ericka for having the party in the bar.

**Pete Hoff**  
(11.6-11.17)

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Applications are available online at [www.midwestfire.com](http://www.midwestfire.com). To apply, please email application or resume to [darcie@midwestfire.com](mailto:darcie@midwestfire.com). You may also apply in person at our facility located at 901 Commerce Rd, Luverne MN, office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday thru Thursday. Applications will be accepted till November 25, 2016.



**MIDWEST FIRE**



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## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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The Rock County Administrator is now accepting applications for the position of Dispatcher in the Rock County Sheriff's Office until November 28, 2016 at 5:00 pm. This is a full time position with full benefits and works on a rotating shift basis. Minimum qualifications are a High School diploma or equivalent with one year of work related experience. Applicants must possess excellent communication skills, have the ability to read a map and multi-task duties in a fast paced environment. Starting hourly wage will be \$14.54-\$15.72 per hour DOQ. A detailed job description and an application for this position can be accessed at <http://www.co.rock.mn.us/employment.html> or by emailing [susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us](mailto:susan.skattum@co.rock.mn.us) or by phone at 507-283-5065.

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